



Date: March 19, 2021

The following report is for your information. Your service to the Northern Lights Library System is valued and appreciated. If you have questions, concerns, compliments please direct them to the Executive Board representative for your zone. Contact information is found on page two of this report.

BOARD

- Next executive board meeting April 9, 2021 (10:00am)
- Next general board meeting May 29, 2021 (10:00am)
- The board sent a letter of gratitude to the provincial government regarding our recent move to phase 2 and the reduction in quarantine time for materials. The letter is on page three of this report.
- The Executive passed a motion on Friday evening to extend the salary budget to accommodate two new staff positions in our technology services area. Our organizational restructure is taking shape – stay tuned.

OPERATIONS

- We welcomed back Rhonda Cusack on Monday the 15th. Rhonda is taking on a new role as Member Library Services Clerk. This position will allow our consulting librarians greater time to focus on the needs of our libraries.
- The TRAC directors met this week. Our Polaris system is set for a big upgrade on Monday, April 19th. This will require a system outage on that day as the index is rebuilt. Library managers will soon receive a document outlining the changes and enhancements with this upgrade.

LIBRARIES

- I met with Library managers from a number of our libraries this week, including: Bonnyville, Athabasca, Holden, Bon Accord, and Innisfree.
- Our Member Library Services department has assigned specific consultants to each library. [This map](#) outlines who is assigned where.

I am currently reading: *Leading with Emotional Courage* by Peter Bregman on loan from Chestermere in Marigold Library System. (So far it hasn't captured my imagination... perhaps it will get better)

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Zone 1

Athabasca County
 S.V. of Bondiss
 S.V. of Sunset Beach
 S.V. of Island Lake
 S.V. of Island Lake South
 S.V. of Mewatha Beach
 S.V. of West Baptiste
 S.V. of Whispering Hills
 Smoky Lake County
 Thorhild County
 Town of Athabasca
 Town of Smoky Lake
 Village of Boyle
 Village of Vilna
 Village of Waskatenau

Zone 2

City of Cold Lake
 County of St. Paul
 County of Two Hills
 Lac La Biche County
 M.D. of Bonnyville
 S.V. of Pelican Narrows
 Town of Bonnyville
 Town of Elk Point
 Town of St. Paul
 Town of Two Hills
 Village of Myrnam

Zone 3

Beaver County
 Lamont County
 Sturgeon County
 Town of Bon Accord
 Town of Bruderheim
 Town of Gibbons
 Town of Lamont
 Town of Morinville
 Town of Mundare
 Town of Redwater
 Town of Tofield
 Town of Viking
 Village of Andrew
 Village of Holden
 Village of Ryley

Zone 4

County of Minburn
 County of Vermilion River
 M.D. of Wainwright
 Town of Vegreville
 Town of Vermilion
 Town of Wainwright
 Village of Chauvin
 Village of Edgerton
 Village of Innisfree
 Village of Irma
 Village of Kitscoty
 Village of Mannville
 Village of Marwayne
 Village of Paradise Valley

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Government of Alberta

February 26, 2021

Dear Ministers,

The Northern Lights Library System would like to thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of all Albertans in our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your service, and your swift and thoughtful actions to protect Albertans, the economy, and our most vulnerable populations.

The general board of the Northern Lights Library System met February 26th and resolved to send a letter of support for the many letters you undoubtedly received from libraries throughout the province. These letters asked the government to reconsider the classification of libraries within the current path forward framework to move libraries to stage 2. Though we worked swiftly to draft that letter it was announced by the end of February that libraries would move to stage 2. We were delighted that the province heard and responded to the concerns of libraries across the province. We are grateful for your responsiveness and your willingness to listen.

In early March a town hall meeting was held and concerns were delivered regarding the mandatory 72 hour quarantine of materials. Again, our concerns were heard, and available data and scientific literature was consulted on the need for quarantining library materials. Subsequently, that quarantine period was reduced from 72 to 24 hours.

These are difficult times, with immense pressures on our public servants. We thank you for listening and for acting in the best interest of Albertans.

Respectfully,

Vicky Lefebvre
Board Chair
Northern Lights Library System