

Subject: Weekly Report
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Hello Board members, Library staff, and friends of Northern Lights Library System.

If you have questions, concerns, compliments please direct them to the Executive Board representative for your zone. Their information is at the bottom of this report.

Important general links/reminders:

- [Draft Minutes](#) of the November 27, 2021 general board meeting
- [Board orientation package](#) for new Board Members
- Next general board meeting is Friday March 4th (10:00am).

BOARD

- Did you miss the PLSB board orientation meetings in December? PLSB is offering 2-hour province wide sessions for system board members. Sessions will be delivered virtually via Zoom. Please click on the link below for your preferred date to register:
 - [Monday, January 31, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.](#)
 - [Wednesday, February 2, 2022, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.](#)
 - [Friday, February 4, 2022, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)
- The Policy Committee met this week. The draft minutes of that meeting will be forwarded to the Executive for further review of the policies addressed there.
- Vicky and I met with the councils in [Thorhild County](#), Village of [Paradise Valley](#), and the [Town of Gibbons](#) this week.
- Vicky and I will meet with the following councils next week: Town of [Viking](#), M.D. of [Wainwright](#), [Beaver County](#), Town of [Bruderheim](#).

OPERATIONS

- We are hiring! Check out our [junior consultant position](#). The job search closes on January 23rd – act fast.
- 2022 levy letters to municipalities started getting prepped this week. There is no increase in the levy this year.
- We had some icy road conditions but our vans and their drivers made it through unscathed. I hope all of you did too.
- The conference planning committee met. Our venue (the Allied Arts Centre in Elk Point) has been booked. A save the date email will be coming out before the end of January. We are planning to be in-person and online with contingencies for going fully remote if necessary.
- We have begun a fun project. At the centre of it is this old fridge. Stay tuned to learn what we'll be doing with it.



LIBRARIES

- Check out the winter reading program on [our website](#) and on most of our library’s websites.
- Microsoft Office 365 licenses (see this [announcement](#).) We are 65% complete with 91% of libraries booked. We look to be on schedule and under budget.
- We have successfully completed our acquisitions year-end rollover. We are ordering new books and receiving them again. Kudos to the team that manages that every year. It is so much math! I poked my head in the office while they were crunching numbers – it hurt to watch, even briefly.
- Fun fact: our libraries ordered 21,594 new titles in 2021 (up from 18,843 in 2020) and we catalogued 26,144 titles (up from 25,278 in 2020).

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ML = Member at Large

Zones

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Athabasca County	City of Cold Lake	Beaver County	County of Minburn County of Vermilion River
S.V. of Bondiss	County of St. Paul	Lamont County	M.D. of Wainwright
S.V. of Sunset Beach	County of Two Hills	Sturgeon County	Town of Vegreville
S.V. of Island Lake	Fishing Lake	Town of Bon Accord	Town of Vermilion
S.V. of Island Lake South	Frog Lake	Town of Bruderheim	Town of Wainwright
S.V. of Mewatha Beach	Lac La Biche County	Town of Gibbons	Village of Chauvin
S.V. of West Baptiste	M.D. of Bonnyville	Town of Lamont	Village of Edgerton
S.V. of Whispering Hills	S.V. of Pelican Narrows	Town of Morinville	Village of Innisfree
Smoky Lake County	Town of Bonnyville	Town of Mundare	Village of Irma
Thorhild County	Town of Elk Point	Town of Redwater	Village of Kitscoty
Town of Athabasca	Town of St. Paul	Town of Tofield	Village of Mannville
Town of Smoky Lake	Town of Two Hills	Town of Viking	Village of Marwayne
Village of Boyle	Village of Myrnam	Village of Andrew	Village of Paradise Valley
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