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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 Government of Alberta's Community Development Unit is offering a series of free board development webinars. Topics covered in the series include; the responsibilities of Board Chairpersons and Treasurers, legal responsibilities of boards, grant writing and creating a vision and value statement for your organization. To find out more and to register see [Government of Alberta - Community Development Unit Events | Eventbrite](#)
- Vicky and I met with the following councils this week: Town of [Viking](#), M.D. of [Wainwright](#), [Beaver County](#), Town of [Bruderheim](#).
- Vicky and I are scheduled to meet with the Town of Legal (not currently members) and the [City of Cold Lake](#) in the coming week.

OPERATIONS

- We have 4 interviews scheduled for our [junior consultant position](#). The job search closes on

January 23rd – act fast.

- I met with the TRAC directors this week. We have approved a new training development committee. This committee will produce training and promotional materials for TRAC member libraries. Heather Elliot will represent NLLS on that team.
 - Finally, I think I can announce that we've struck a new deal with Parkland Regional Library System. If all goes well, starting next week our library patrons will now be able to access Parkland's Overdrive collection. This will just be items in their collection without holds on them. This cost us nothing and will expand the available content for them and us in Overdrive. An announcement with details on accessing this new content will be forthcoming.
- Cari Graus a many times summer student, and currently a contract junior consultant, resigned last Friday. Her last day will be January 28th. This is a little sooner than we'd hoped but we are excited for Cari as she puts her teaching degree into full use and heads back into the classroom. Thank you Cari.
 - Rhonda is scheduled to return from her leave February 17th and Tracy will fill the gap on our ILL processing in the interim.
- The fridge project continues...



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 85% complete with 91% of libraries booked. We continue to look to be on schedule and under budget.
- I met with the board chair of the Elk Point Municipal Library this week. We had a great brainstorming session and interesting discussion on the challenges that face public libraries.
- We continue to meet with the Tofield Library Board about the challenge of recruiting a new library manager.

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Zones

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