



**Date: November 12, 2021**

If you have questions, concerns, compliments please direct them to the Executive Board representative for your zone.

#### **BOARD**

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- Next general board meeting is November 27<sup>th</sup> (10:00am). [The draft agenda](#) includes the Zoom link.
- [Draft Minutes](#) of the August 27, 2021 general board meeting are available.
- We are accepting feedback [on these policies](#) prior to the November 27 Board meeting.
- Vicky and I met with the following municipal councils this week: Sturgeon County, Town of Lamont, and the Village of Boyle.
- Vicky and I will meet with the councils for the Village of Holden, Town of Redwater, Town of Bon Accord, Summer Village of Island Lake South, and the Village of Myrnam this coming week.
- We received notice of these board appointments from their municipalities: **Athabasca County** – Kelly Chamzuk, **City of Cold Lake** - Vicky Lefebvre, **County of Vermilion River** – Leslie Cusack, **Town of Athabasca** - Edith Yuill, **Town of Gibbons** – Loraine Berry, **Village of Ryley** – Annette Short.
- Thus far, we welcome 40 new representatives to the board, including 8 new alternates. We are still waiting to here from 20 municipalities.
- If you are new you'll want to review our [board orientation package](#).
- PLSB will offer new board members 2 orientation webinars: December 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm OR December 16<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm. [Register here](#).

#### **OPERATIONS**

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- The [Service Catalog](#) is being prepped by the printers.
- Jessie Morris, our Member Library Services Manager, began a series of focus groups this week with NLLS staff. We are working on our customer service philosophy.
- We were closed for Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that the Library and Archives of Canada has digitized the military records and attestation papers of WWI veterans? You can [search those records here](#). I had to pay for the photocopying of my GG grandfather's some years ago – it is pretty cool they are all online now.
- We followed up on our recent proposal on changes to our van run with a survey to library manager's today. The van run is a vital system service that will change with increases in stops and library usage.

#### **LIBRARIES**

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- The MLS team now has 4 weekly webinars up on [our YouTube Channel](#): Polaris Reports, LEAP, Microsoft Office, and ILL/Relais. This is a great new training resource.
- The [spreadsheet of library anniversary dates](#), I sent out in a previous weekly report, has proven rather popular. I've had a number of calls asking if I could share it again. So, if you missed it here it is again.

I am re-reading Robert Jordan's Wheel of Time series. The Amazon Prime TV series based on the books premieres next Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 19/29 copies of book 1 available in the system right now... We've got 4 digital audiobooks (all-out) and 2 ebook copies (all-out).