



Date: October 15, 2021

The following report is for your information. 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 general board meeting is November 27th (10:00am)
- [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. Please forward any feedback you might have prior to the meeting. We don't have the time to deliberate on each policy with the full board so now is the time to discuss issues. We only vote to accept these policies or send them back to the policy committee.
- We are scheduled to meet with the following municipal councils in November: Sturgeon County, town of Lamont, Boyle, Holden, Bon Accord, Redwater, Two Hills, and Elk Point.

OPERATIONS

- We continue to work on headquarters improvements. Equipment has been ordered for a small upgrade to our training lab which will make video conferencing with a group easier. Our board room after more than a year of idleness got some elbow grease this week too.
- One of our delivery vans has been in the shop for the last several weeks. Some of you will have noticed the old Caravan making runs. We are happy to have finally gotten the van back and in good repair.

LIBRARIES

- Our local [Value Statement](#) template is pretty much complete. We will be gathering statistics to reflect your library and I will take these with me when meeting with local councils. These are meant to assist the conversation with your local council.
- Our Member Library Services team continued their weekly webinar series. I saw on NLLSpartners a few mention a desire for Teams training. Good news, that is scheduled for October 28th under the title, "Microsoft Suite Tour." You won't want to miss that session... but if you do, recordings will be available.

I've received a number of appreciative comments this week from library managers and others in our community. Most of these are regarding the incredible work NLLS staff are doing to serve our members. It feels good to be appreciated. So, thank you. We are all working hard to serve our communities. In the spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude I'd like to say how much I appreciate those who serve in local government. It is agonizingly difficult work that comes with too little recognition. NLLS doesn't exist without our local leaders. Thank you for your service and all the best with the election!