

**Subject:** Weekly report 2022-09-30

**Date:** Friday, September 30, 2022 at 1:01:34 PM Mountain Daylight Saving Time

**From:** James MacDonald

**To:** NLLS Libraries, Staff-NLLS, Library Board Chairs, NLLS Board

Hello Board members, Library staff, and friends of Northern Lights Library System.

A blessed and contemplative Truth and Reconciliation Day to all. I hope you had an opportunity to reflect and to participate in any number of programs in your area.

#### BOARD

- Read the [Board meeting highlights](#) from August 26<sup>th</sup>; Or the [full draft minutes](#).
- The next general board meeting will be Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, ONLINE (10:00am). The Executive will meet at 8am.
- The Public Library Services Branch is conducting a series of 7 board basics webinars. For a synopsis of the sessions and to register [click here](#).
- Ken Allen will be our new Legislative Advisor from the PLSB starting October 1<sup>st</sup>; Ken Allan - [ken.allan@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ken.allan@gov.ab.ca), 780-641-9363
- A number of our municipalities have written endorsement letters of our letter to Mr. Mc Iver regarding library funding. A big thank you to:
  - Counties of Athabasca and St. Paul
  - S.V. of West Baptiste
  - Towns of Mundare, Smoky Lake, Elk Point, and Wainwright
  - Village of Boyle

It is not too late to send your own letter. If you missed my email to CAOs or Library Board Chairs with the request to send these letters [see here](#).

#### OPERATIONS

- October 1<sup>st</sup> marks Dolores Zacharuk's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment with Northern Lights. Dolores has been a stalwart and tireless member of the team. Congratulations Dolores!
- With the change to our approach to the administration of the On Reserve On Settlement grant our part-time contract for an Indigenous Relation Advisor is coming to an end. Mary Dustow has served our community well these past 18 months. She will be with us until October 12<sup>th</sup>. We wish Mary the best and hope that we can work with her on upcoming projects on a contract basis. Thank you Mary.
- I met with the system directors of all Alberta's systems this week. These are always enlightening meetings as we compare our approaches to the work and often find ways to strengthen partnerships and work together.
- The TSI team wrapped up their last site-visit of the season. They have now been out to every single library! Tim will be contacting library managers soon to go over the reports everyone will get.

#### LIBRARIES

- Library Manager's Council (LMC) was this week. As always it was great to see everyone and to hear of all the exciting things happening throughout the system. Maureen Penn, Library Director in Lac La Biche, was voted on as the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair of the council. Congratulations Maureen.
- During LMC I asked everyone to help us with the development of our annual services survey. If you didn't have a chance to complete the survey please do so now, [click here](#). The survey will likely go out again and modified. Our main interest at this point is to be sure we are capturing the right information – any feedback on the survey itself would be appreciated.

- Looking for social media content? Our [quarterly calendar is up for October](#) and more content for November and December will be added soon.
- Did someone say CHOCOLATE? Order your Purdy's Chocolates before November 15<sup>th</sup>. [Order instructions.](#)

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NAME	ZONE	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Vicky Lefebvre	Zone 2 - Chair	<a href="mailto:gillesvicky74@gmail.com">gillesvicky74@gmail.com</a>	780-573-1926
Curtis Schoepp (ML)	Zone 1	<a href="mailto:curtisschoepp@gmail.com">curtisschoepp@gmail.com</a>	780-220-4897
Larry Tiedemann	Zone 1	<a href="mailto:casperti@telus.net">casperti@telus.net</a>	780-975-0508
Barb Smith (ML)	Zone 1	<a href="mailto:bsmith@boylealberta.com">bsmith@boylealberta.com</a>	780-213-0099
Maxine Fodness	Zone 2	<a href="mailto:mfodness@county.stpaul.ab.ca">mfodness@county.stpaul.ab.ca</a>	780-645-4778
Matthew McLennan	Zone 3	<a href="mailto:mmclennan@sturgeoncounty.ca">mmclennan@sturgeoncounty.ca</a>	780-974-4713
Dwayne Spicer	Zone 3	<a href="mailto:dspicer@redwater.ca">dspicer@redwater.ca</a>	780-942-3519
Jennifer Anheliger (ML)	Zone 3	<a href="mailto:jennifer.aneliger@morinville.ca">jennifer.aneliger@morinville.ca</a>	780-340-7296
Leslie Cusack	Zone 4	<a href="mailto:div7@county24.com">div7@county24.com</a>	780-787-0600
Josh Crick (ML)	Zone 2	<a href="mailto:jcrick@md.bonnyville.ab.ca">jcrick@md.bonnyville.ab.ca</a>	780-545-5961

#### 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
Village of Vilna		Village of Holden	
Village of Waskatenau		Village of Ryley	

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

**James MacDonald MLIS, DAS**

**Executive Director** | Northern Lights Library System

E [jmacdonald@nlls.ab.ca](mailto:jmacdonald@nlls.ab.ca) | [www.nlls.ab.ca](http://www.nlls.ab.ca)

P 780.545.5072

Our workplace is situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis peoples.