

**Subject:** Weekly report 2022-10-07

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**From:** James MacDonald

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

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

It is with heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Margaret Young that I convey her recent passing. Margaret was a fixture and a light at Northern Lights for more than 23 years (1995 to 2018). Her fingerprints can be found throughout our catalogue and amidst our processes. There are several current staff that still look fondly upon their time with Margaret as if it were yesterday. [Her obituary](#) speaks of a life well lived.

Those same heartfelt condolences go to the friends and family of Donald Padlesky of St. Paul who passed away on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Paul served as an NLLS Board trustee from 2014 to 2017. [Obituary.](#)

#### 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](#).
- Endorsement letters of our letter to Mr. McIver regarding library funding continue to come in. 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](#).
- Next Executive meeting is Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am
- The Policy Committee of the Board met this week and worked through a dozen or so policy updates – these will go next to the Staff and Executive for review.

#### NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday at 7pm Vicky and I will be meeting with the Town of Elk Point
- Thursday at 7pm a member of the Executive and I will meet with the Tofield library board.

#### OPERATIONS

- In response to the discussions at LMC regarding the low usage of certain digital resource subscriptions, Northern Lights has discontinued our subscriptions to the following resources:
    - Tumblebooks – End date: Sept 30 2022
    - Hobbies & Crafts Reference Centre -- End Date: December 31, 2022
    - Small Engine Repair Reference Centre -- End Date: December 31, 2022
    - Home Improvement Reference Centre – End Date: December 31, 2022
- We are exploring new service providers to replace Tumblebooks and will continue to consult with you on what resources truly meet the needs of your patrons. Updates with more information soon.

#### LIBRARIES

- Last week at the LMC we launched our new Power BI dashboards for statistics. The potential for

this tool to save you scads of time and open views into your work otherwise occluded is exciting. It will take time to grow the system. We want to do that right. We are looking for your feedback – library mangers please fill out this [feedback survey](#) on Power BI dashboards.

- Looking for social media content? Our [quarterly calendar is up](#).
- Did someone say CHOCOLATE? Order your Purdy’s Chocolates before November 15<sup>th</sup>. [Order instructions](#).

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## 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.

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