

Subject: Weekly report 2022-11-04

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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.

We are conducting the first of what we hope becomes an annual [Northern Lights Services Survey](#). This survey is geared toward Library managers and staff but open to all our stakeholders. We want to hear from you. The survey will remain open through the month.

BOARD

- Read the [Board meeting highlights](#) from August 26th; Or the [full draft minutes](#).
- The next general board meeting will be Friday, November 25th, ONLINE (10:00am). The Executive will meet at 8am.
- [Rebecca Schulz](#), our new minister of Municipal Affairs, sent a letter to all public library boards. You can [read it here](#).

NEXT WEEK

- I will meet with the library manager in Two Hills regarding the OROS Grant on Monday
- On Tuesday at 7pm Vicky and I will be meeting with the Town of Lamont
- On Wednesday Vicky and I will meet with the village of Myrnam
- I will be out of the office on Thursday the 10th.

A blessed and reverent Remembrance Day to all. In 2016 I visited Vimy Ridge, in France, and made a connection to my great-grandfather who fought at the Somme in WWI. I find myself reminded of [the post I wrote](#) after that experience. Some of you may find it interesting. Did you know that the library and Archives of Canada has digitized the military records of those that served in WWI. You may be able to [find record of your ancestors](#) online through the LAC collections.

OPERATIONS

- In conjunction with the On Reserve on Settlement Grant Jessie Morris and I met with the council at Elizabeth Métis Settlement this week. We also met with library managers in Elk Point, Ashmont, and St. Paul about the grant.
- Over the past couple weeks emails from our Ask@nlls.ab.ca ticket system have been going to junk mail. The TSI team has been working on a solution steadily and they think they've found it and fixed it. All our tests are looking good. Please check your junk mail for the next few weeks to be sure. Thank you for your patience on this.
- We have put our Ford Transit van up for sale. An email was sent with details to libraries and staff first. If we receive no interest from our library members by November 18th, the van will be put out for tender at reserve bid.

LIBRARIES

- The Polaris upgrade took some significant work this week. TSI is grateful for your patience as they've worked to ensure everyone updated successfully.
- Did someone say CHOCOLATE? Order your Purdy's Chocolates before November 15th. [Order instructions](#).

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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
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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	
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If you have questions, concerns, compliments please direct them to the Executive Board

representative for your zone.

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