

Subject: Weekly report 2022-11-25

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

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

The [Northern Lights Services Survey](#) will close after Nov 30. Please fill it out this week if you have not done so already.

BOARD

- The draft minutes of today's Executive Meeting are [available here](#).
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- 2023 schedule for Executive meetings is the second Friday of February, April, June, August, October, December (6 in-person meetings – a reduction from 12)
- 2023 schedule for full board meetings is the last Friday of February, May, August and November (with May and November in-person)
- [The 2023 budget](#) was approved by unanimous vote in today's board meeting.

NEXT WEEK

- I am looking forward to a visit with the Lamont County library board on November 30.

OPERATIONS

- A heartfelt thank you to the Public Library Services Branch. PLSB has found it in their budget to cover a significant internet bandwidth increase to a majority of our libraries. The new floor will be 20MB. [Here is a list of all the changes](#). The changes are already starting and we anticipate they'll be complete by mid next week. More information to follow from TSI.
- Also very exciting, the executive approved the purchase of Deepfreeze for all libraries. This software will allow us to better secure computers on our network, remotely image computers, and allow for timed computer sessions, among other things. We anticipate rollout in the new year. More information to follow from TSI.

LIBRARIES

- Welcome to our two newest library managers: Nicole Labrie in Bonnyville and Kira Chalupa in Vegreville. With their appointments our secondments to these libraries are wrapping up. Welcome Nicole and Kira!
- The executive voted today to adopt the [Stronger Together Conference](#) as our official annual conference. This will open the way for greater cooperation across systems and for more targeted training and professional development in system. I imagine there will be 10,000 questions about this move. Hold on to your hats – more information will be rolling out soon.
- [We are looking for a graphic artist](#) to create our SRP 2023 look. We will be prioritizing current employees in NLLS and member libraries, but we'll consider anyone from the region.

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S.V. of Sunset Beach	County of Two Hills	Sturgeon County	M.D. of Wainwright
S.V. of Island Lake	Fishing Lake	Town of Bon Accord	Town of Vegreville
S.V. of Island Lake South	Frog Lake	Town of Bruderheim	Town of Vermilion
S.V. of Mewatha Beach	Lac La Biche County	Town of Gibbons	Town of Wainwright
S.V. of West Baptiste	M.D. of Bonnyville	Town of Lamont	Village of Chauvin
S.V. of Whispering Hills	S.V. of Pelican Narrows	Town of Morinville	Village of Edgerton
Smoky Lake County	Town of Bonnyville	Town of Mundare	Village of Innisfree
Thorhild County	Town of Elk Point	Town of Redwater	Village of Irma
Town of Athabasca	Town of St. Paul	Town of Tofield	Village of Kitscoty
Town of Smoky Lake	Town of Two Hills	Town of Viking	Village of Mannville
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Village of Vilna		Village of Holden	Village of Paradise Valley
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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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