

LIBRARY MANAGER'S COUNCIL REPORT

NLLS Board Meeting – February 24, 2023

LMC Executive

- Jodi Dahlgren, Chair (Wainwright Public Library)
- Tracy Woloshyniuk, 1st Vice Chair (Newbrook Public Library)
- Maureen Penn, 2nd Vice Chair (Lac La Biche County Libraries)
- D'Arcy Evans, Secretary (Myrnam Community Library)

Cool Library Happenings

At each meeting, we ask Library Managers to share something that is going on at their library. Here are some cool things that were shared.

- Intergenerational Pen Pal program with kids and seniors
- Food for Fines month
- Adjusting layout of their library
- Running a gardening program
- High Heels and Spurs program (teen empowerment)
- Puzzle competition
- Coffee Talks with seniors (partnership with Alberta Health)
- French book club
- Cookbook club, Spice of the Month club
- Chili and Nerf guns program
- "Check out to Win" - like Roll up the Rim at Tim Hortons
- Hosting a display called "We said yes to the dress" and displaying wedding dresses
- Recreation partnership – starting a "Library of Things" with recreational items

LMC Meeting (February 22, 2023)

- 32 Library Managers, 6 NLLS Staff and Vicky (NLLS Board Chair) attended.
- We welcomed two new Library Managers. Nicole Labrie in Bonnyville and Kira Chalupa in Vegreville.
- James shared NLLS new protocol for answering the phones and help desk tickets. Library Managers and Staff are aware of what to expect and what the best way to reach NLLS when requiring help.
- NLLS staff shared some updates of what they are working on over the next year.
 - 5-phase plan for Power BI
 - Deep Freeze launch
 - School-housed Library review
 - Bibliographic services review
 - Floating strategy review
 - Testing databases
 - Onboarding new boards/communities
 - Polaris permissions

- The Member Library Services Team has been working on some training opportunities for Library Managers and Staff during 2023 in lieu of the annual conference. They have a well-rounded plan with a combination of in-person and remote as well as a combination of external and internal speakers.
- We asked for volunteers to join the NLLS Plan of Service committee.
 - Serving a community under 3000 - Tracy Woloshyniuk (Newbrook Public Library)
 - Serving a community over 3000 - Maureen Penn (Lac La Biche County Libraries)
 - School-housed Library - D'Arcy Evans (Myrnam Community Library)
- Congratulations to Tracy Woloshyniuk who was elected First Vice Chair and to D'Arcy Evans who was elected Secretary. Both positions are 2-year terms.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2023. This meeting will be in-person and will include a speaker in the afternoon. Following that, the next meetings will be Wednesday, September 27, 2023 and Wednesday, February 28, 2024, both via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted
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