

LIBRARY MANAGER'S COUNCIL REPORT

NLLS Board Meeting – May 26, 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)

Library News

- Our libraries are all busy planning our summer reading programs. There is an awesome committee comprised of Kat Ellison - Chair (Bonnyville), Alliah Krahn (NLLS), Maureen Penn (Lac La Biche County), Emily Sjursen (Tofield), Eunhye Cho (St. Paul). These committee members have planned some great activities for NLLS libraries and their patrons to participate in. NLLS hosted an in-person programming day on April 24th with a focus on this year's program. One popular program repeating this year is the Summer Pen Pal. Patrons will be paired up with patrons in other NLLS communities to exchange letters over the summer.
- NLLS has held some training sessions in April that several Library Managers and staff have attended. There have been in-person sessions on grant writing and Simply Reports and virtual sessions on marketing your library and community engagement.
- We have three Library Managers who volunteered to join the NLLS Plan of Service committee. Maureen Penn (Lac La Biche County Libraries) representing larger libraries, Tracy Woloshyniuk (Newbrook Public Library) representing smaller libraries and D'Arcy Evans (Myrnam Community Library) representing school-housed libraries.

LMC Meeting (May 24, 2023)

- 37 Library Managers, 5 NLLS staff and Vicky (NLLS Board Chair) attended.
- Some cool things happening at our libraries
 - Many reported increase numbers in usage and program attendance
 - Starting a circulating art collection with local artists
 - One library adopted a chameleon
 - Lots of gardening classes including starting a seed library
 - Alice B. Donoghue Library and Archives celebrated their 75th anniversary
 - Newbrook Public Library is celebrating their 65th anniversary all year long by hosting a party every 65 days
- Welcome to Ariel Johnson at Alice B. Donahue Library and Archives who is replacing Cynthia Graefe as Library Manager at Alice B. Donahue Library and Archives in Athabasca. We wish all the best to Cynthia on her well-deserved retirement.
- Thank you to Vicky for serving on the NLLS Board and as the Board Chair for several years. You have been a conscientious chair, always following up to make sure things were completed and never missing a meeting whether it was a board, committee or LMC meeting.

- Voted to cancel the subscription to Library Aware due to lack of use and that we have a free alternative in Canva.
- Discussed the changes to the purchasing and cataloging guidelines. Managers were able to give feedback to this document.
- Voted to recommend that for 2023, NLLS use the population numbers that were used in the budget that was approved in November 2022. (Option #1)
- Voted to recommend that NLLS continues to use the same population figures as PLSB for the levy. The managers expressed that the most important was consistence and advance notice.
- Voted to evenly divide the 2023 surplus funds in the budget amongst the member libraries so that they could use the money as they saw fit. Some examples of use were to add the money to the book allotment, purchase program materials and replace aging computers.

Respectfully Submitted
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