

**AGENDA**  
**Northern Lights Library Network**  
**December 9, 2023**  
**Minnesota State University Moorhead**  
**Comstock Memorial Union, Room 203 and**  
**Zoom Conference Call**

1. Call to Order.
2. Review and approve Agenda, Minutes, Financial Reports.
3. Old Business.
  - a. American Indian History and Culture Literature free online course by Dr. J. (MSUM) and Gina Drellack (NWSC). Thank you, Dr. J. and Gina.
  - b. Tri-College Library Workshop *Libraries and Indigenous Nations: Celebrating Cultures, Empowering Communities, Honoring Traditions*. November 2, 2023. Thank you, Tri-College Library Directors.
  - c. Destiny Workshop November 11, 2023. Thank you, Glenn Heinecke.
  - d. Jill Kandel's Presentation. Thank you, Jill Kandel.
  - e. Historic Wesley Hospital Building. Thank you, Lina Belar.
  - f. Library Director Luncheons. Thank you, Laura Probst.
  - g. 1M Appropriation. Thank you, Senator Kunesh.
  - h. Membership List.
  - i. 134.351.
4. New Business.
  - a. eBook support for the four regional library systems.
  - b. Hoopla support for the Browns Valley Public Library.
  - c. Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference August 14 and 15, 2024.
  - d. "Better Together" June 10, 2024, at Lakes Country Service Cooperative in Fergus Falls. Thanks to Lynette Schwagerl and Glenn Heinecke.
  - e. Meetings with lobbyist and legislators.
  - f. Selection policies subcommittee.  
<https://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/selectionpolicytoolkit>
  - g. Social Emotional Learning resources subcommittee.
5. Reports from NLLN Governing Board members. Thank you for your ongoing support of libraries in the NLLN region!

*Funded by the Minnesota Legislature through the Minnesota Department of Education, Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is one of seven Minnesota multicounty, multitype library cooperative systems. NLLN is comprised of two hundred eighty academic, public, school, and special libraries in twenty-three counties in North-Central, Northwest, and West-Central Minnesota. NLLN works at the grassroots level to bring together all types of libraries and collections in the region to discover, enhance, and share resources through administrative, technological, and educational support.*

*Northern Lights Library Network covers a geographic region of 26,950 square miles (Minnesota is comprised of 86,939 square miles), and includes the following twenty-three counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Mahnomon,*

*Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin.*

*The Northern Lights Library Network system consists of four regional public library systems; academic libraries on two campuses of the University of Minnesota at Crookston and Morris; Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System institutions on four campuses, including Minnesota State University Moorhead, Bemidji State University, Northland Community College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, all located across the region in Moorhead, Bemidji, Thief River Falls, Wadena, and Fergus Falls; numerous private colleges; three tribal colleges, including Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth; the Maamigin Achigaazo Community Library at White Earth; one hundred-eighty-five school libraries in seventy-nine school districts, including public and charter schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and private schools; and a rich variety of special libraries in museums, county law libraries, hospitals, churches, and early childhood programs.*

*Northern Lights Library Network reduces duplication of services by enhancing coordination among libraries. As resources are shared among libraries, services are expanded, and efficiency is improved. As a result, libraries offer services or programs they may not otherwise be able to afford.*

*All of the work performed by Northern Lights Library Network affects the direct service of its members, and has an exponential effect on its client base. Northern Lights Library Network exists to recognize the kinds of library services people need at the local level and to determine the supporting structures required for local library systems to function successfully, taking into account the unique needs of people at the local level and the different types of libraries served.*

*A primary goal of Northern Lights Library Network is to bring resources from the state and national level to the local level. Another goal is to discover resources within the region and to share them universally.*

*Northern Lights Library Network is one of seven multi-county, multi-type library systems in Minnesota mandated by Minnesota Statute 134.351 to develop and maintain services including, but not limited to, “referral of users, intra-system reciprocal borrowing, cooperative collection development, cooperative reference services, staff development, research and development, cooperative storage facilities, and publicity and community relations.”*

*The five goals outlined in Minnesota Statute 134.351 for multi-county, multi-type systems include:*

- Sharing Resources Among all Participating Libraries*
- Providing Long-range Planning for Cooperative Programs*
- Developing a Delivery System for Services and Programs*
- Developing a Bibliographic Database*
- Maintaining a Communications System Among all Cooperating Libraries*

*The seven multi-county, multi-type systems perform the following functions: Develop library staffs professionally; improve local library collections; sponsor and support funding for libraries; champion libraries; create, develop, and maintain library programs that enrich the lives of Minnesotans; move the discipline of Library and Information Science forward; and lead and administer their own nonprofit agencies. The seven systems are governed by regional boards.*

*There are twelve regional public library systems in Minnesota that serve public libraries, while the seven multi-type systems serve all types of libraries.*