

**AGENDA**  
**Northern Lights Library Network**  
**September 16, 2023**  
**Minnesota State University Moorhead**  
**Comstock Memorial Union, Room 203 and**  
**Zoom Conference Call**

1. NLLN Governing Board List, Board Terms, FY2024 Board Meetings.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Review agenda, minutes, financial reports.
4. Report of Results.
5. Audit. Review and approve the following policies:
  - Conflict of Interest
  - Whistleblower
  - Fund Balance
  - Capitalization Policies for the Acquisition, Management, Sale and Disposition of Company Owned Fixed Assets.
6. New Business.
  - a. Minnesota Library Association (MLA) legislative priorities.
  - b. \$1M one-time appropriation to conduct a census and needs-based assessment of licensed media specialists and services in Minnesota and to provide tuition support to candidates seeking to attain school library media specialist licensure, along with professional development opportunities for licensed library media specialists.
  - c. NLLN support of the fall Tri-College staff development workshop on November 2 at NDSU. Focus on indigenous library collections and services. Librarians from all types of libraries across the region are included.
  - d. NWSC online course of Native American Literature with Dr. Caitlin J. from MSUM.
  - e. School Library Data Team. Sheri Levasseur.
7. Old Business.
  - a. NLLN's records are archived at the Northwest Minnesota Historical Center on the fourth floor of the MSUM library.
  - b. Historical Wesley Hospital Building and the Wadena County Historical Society. Lina Belar.
  - c. Reports from the region.

Kathy Enger is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NLLN Governing Board Meeting

Time: Sep 16, 2023 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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*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), including 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 including Minnesota State University Moorhead, Bemidji State University, Northland Community College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College on four campuses (Moorhead, Thief River Falls, Wadena, and Fergus Falls); three tribal colleges, including Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth; Maamigin Achigaazo Community Library at White Earth numerous private colleges; one hundred eighty five school libraries (including public and charter schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and private schools) in seventy-nine school districts; 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 can 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 what supporting structures are 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 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.*