

**Director's Report
Northern Lights Library Network
December 15, 2018**



Executive Director Kathy Enger attended the following meetings between October 25 and December 15:

October 25: Moorhead, meeting with Representative Ben Lien.

November 14, 15: St. Paul, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits annual conference, “Choosing Hope in Times of Disruption”.

November 26 – 28: Roseau, weeding Roseau School Library collection.

November 29: White Earth, brought quilts and books to White Earth for the Holiday Drive.

December 6: Moorhead, telephone conversation with Taylor Putz, Public Policy Advocate, Minnesota Council on Nonprofits for NLLN’s, “Get Out and Vote in Minnesota 2020”.

December 11: Minneapolis, TIES conference presentation, “Tweet Truth”.

December 15: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting.

NLLN gave **Viking Library System (VLS)** \$15,000 for a new bookmobile. The VLS bookmobile has approximately eighty stops in the VLS region a week.

Strong support of libraries throughout the region and the State of Minnesota maintains and builds a strong library infrastructure in the state. Timely access to library materials in the NLLN region improves literacy rates and results in a better quality of life for citizens in the region.

Thanks to Debra Keena for developing the new 2019 Minnesota Legislative Directory.

Get Out and Vote in Minnesota 2020. Executive Director Kathy Enger is working with Taylor Putz, Minnesota Council on Nonprofits Public Policy Advocate, to design methods and library materials to direct college students on where to vote for the Fall 2020 election.

As valued and trusted civic resources, libraries are in key positions to empower citizens to become actively engaged in the democratic process. Community engagement programming leads to optimism, individual well-being, and overall civic health. Libraries bring people together in nonpartisan ways and provide them with un-biased facts in impartial environments.

Roseau School. Executive Director Kathy Enger worked at the Roseau School Library November 26 – November 28, assisting with collection weeding, weeding approximately 1,500-

2,000 titles in the nonfiction and reference collections. A special thanks to Glenn Heinecke for the work he is doing with students at the Roseau Community School.

ITEM Strategic Planning. NLLN sponsored the Willow Meeting Room at Grand Casino in Hinckley for the strategic planning meeting for Information and Technology Educators of Minnesota (ITEM) on Saturday, January 12, 2019 (\$150).

Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) supports libraries, librarians, and library programs throughout the twenty-three county region and the state of Minnesota, strengthening rural libraries and communities.

Eighteen scholarships have been awarded for academic, school, and public librarians for the following continuing education opportunities: a presentation at the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) conference in Greece; course work toward a Master's in Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree; a presentation at the International Literacy Association (ILA) conference in Austin, Texas; higher education research and visits in China; the fall Minnesota Library Association (MLA) conference in St. Cloud, the TIES winter conference "Just Imagine" in Minneapolis, and the fall Information and Technology Educators of Minnesota (ITEM) conference in St. Cloud. Total awards amount to \$8,625.90. NLLN received a thank you card from Jenna Pettit from the Brainerd Public Library for the scholarship she received to attend the MLA fall conference:

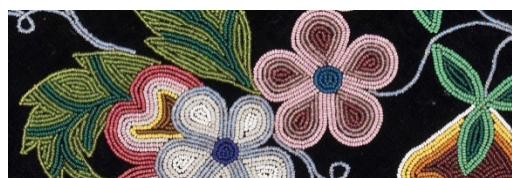
"Thank you for the scholarship award! It was such a wonderful opportunity to attend the Minnesota Library Conference. I'm very grateful to you for making that possible."

Executive Director Kathy Enger attended the **Minnesota Council on Nonprofits** fall conference in St. Paul, November 14 and 15. The conference title was, "**Choosing Hope in Times of Disruption**".

Continuing education scholarships are awarded as incentive for professional growth and development in order to enhance library services throughout the NLLN region. Attendance at local, regional, national, and international conferences generates new ideas and best library practices among colleagues and library constituents.

NLLN is providing a child's and adult Kindle Fire for the **Holiday Book Drive with White Earth Early Childhood program**. Executive Director Kathy Enger and friend, Kari Anderson, made two quilts for the drive. NLLN is also providing twenty-three Ojibwe titles for the book drive. Thank you to Jean Kramer, MSUM; Carol Sibley, MSUM; Barnesville Public Library staff; LARL Director, Liz Lynch; and Concordia College Library Director, Laura Probst for donating books. NLLN received a special thank you from Casey Francis from White Earth:

"MIIGWECH!!! Thank You! All the books and quilts are so beautiful! Our office staff is so amazed and impressed. Again thank you so much! Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"



Making reading materials available throughout Ojibwe communities in the NLLN region prepares children for success at school and gives people of all ages access to reading material.

Executive Director Kathy Enger presented a session on Twitter at the TIES/Sourcewell winter conference called, “Tweet Truth”.

Carol Sibley requests \$3,000 from NLLN for “Minnesota Remembers Vietnam: The Many Voices of the Vietnam Era”.

Minnesota Remembers Vietnam: The Many Voices of the Vietnam Era
Projected Budget for Thi Bui and Bao Phi visit
April, 2019

Thi Bui honorarium, \$4000.00

Illustrated Memoir by Thi Bui: *The Best We Could Do*

Bao Phi honorarium, \$3000.00

Books by Bao Phi: *Thousand Star Hotel; Song/Sing; A Different Pond*

Marketing (Social Media, Fargo Forum, other), \$1000.00

Hotel, \$300.00

Food, \$200.00

Airfare/Travel, \$1000.00

Communication Director, Aleta Sanford, sent a Public Service Announcement (PSA) about **Ebooks Minnesota** to all of the media outlets and newspapers in the NLLN region.

Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is a cooperative system of two hundred eighty academic, public, school, and special libraries in twenty-three counties in North-central, North-west, and West-central Minnesota, that 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 is funded by the Minnesota Legislature through the Department of Education.

Northern Lights Library Network covers a geographic region of 26,950 square miles (the State of Minnesota covers a total of 86,939 miles) that includes the following twenty-three counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Mahnommen, 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; 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, and early childhood programs.