

Northern Lights Library Network Governing Board

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 18, 2005

Meetings/Activities

May 3	White Earth Early Childhood Initiative Community partners meeting, White Earth
May 4	Reader's Advisory Round Robin Workshop, Detroit Lakes
May 5	<i>Destiny</i> Implementation Planning Meeting, Park Rapids
May 10-11	Minnesota Multitype Library Directors meeting, Rochester
May 12-13	<i>Destiny</i> End User Training Days, Region I, Moorhead
May 18	Lakes Literacy Council, Detroit Lakes
May 19	E2T2 Evaluation process meeting, Lori Thompson, Detroit Lakes
May 24	Mahube Head Start Policy Council, Detroit Lakes
May 25	NLLN Executive Board meeting, Detroit Lakes
June 1	Retrospective Conversion workday, St Joseph's Catholic School, Moorhead
June 3	MINITEX Advisory Council meeting, Andersen Library, Minneapolis
June 7	White Earth Early Childhood Initiative Community partners meeting, White Earth
June 9	Planning meeting for "Nuts & Bolts of Library Management" Workshops Region I, Moorhead
June 9-10	<i>Destiny</i> End User Training Days, Region I, Moorhead
June 13	Retrospective Conversion workday, Holy Rosary Catholic School, Detroit Lakes
June 18	NLLN Governing Board meeting, Graystone Hotel, Detroit Lakes

1. North Star Library Consortium/Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant

- ❖ The project is going well. We currently have 50 sites that are active on the system. They represent 26 different school districts and special libraries.
- ❖ We have 591,123 items in the catalog representing 286,404 unique titles.
- ❖ The estimated value of the entire collection is \$11,111,558.
- ❖ We have 25,463 users on the system, to date, though not all schools have their patrons entered as yet.
- ❖ We have begun helping 3 unautomated libraries with a retrospective conversion process – adding barcodes to materials and entering the items into the North Star Catalog.
- ❖ Chris McArthur of the Waubun/Ogema School district has been assisting with this training and retrospective conversion.
- ❖ Planning is underway for additional "Nuts and Bolts of Library Management" workshops and other staff development opportunities for all media center staff in the NLLN region.

2. Early Childhood Education and Libraries

- ❖ We have begun the preliminary work for the implementation of the statewide training grant (LSTA) awarded to the Children's and Young People's section of the Minnesota Library Association. Due to the legislative session delays in ending, the grant can not officially begin as planned, July 1.
- ❖ I have been working with the White Earth Early Childhood Initiative as a community partner. They, along with White Earth Child Care Program, are interested in providing community library service via the Circle of Life School and/or a Bookmobile service to childcare providers.
- ❖ I have been participating in the Ready4K Board. This statewide coalition addressing school readiness issues has a complete legislative agenda that is currently stalled in the legislature.
- ❖ The McKnight Foundation awarded Ready4K a 3 year multi-million dollar grant to continue their work.

3. Communication

- ❖ A new listserv has been developed and implemented for the members of the North Star Library Consortium. It has proven useful and easy to use. It provides a forum for Destiny users to discuss issues, share information, and provide support for each other.
- ❖ NLLN established a listserv for the Minnesota Multitype Library Directors' use.
- ❖ The print Newsletter has been delayed while I explore online Newsletter options.
- ❖ Webpage is still under construction and will hopefully be implemented July 1.
- ❖ The other forms of communication (e-mail, listserv, USPS mail, and telephone) continue to be heavily used. Electronic communication and cell phone access allow me to keep in touch with the office and with members at times when I am out of the office.

4. Staff Development

- ❖ Planning is underway for the 2005-2006 year.
- ❖ Connie Jones, Gay Galles, Chris McArthur, and others have begun planning for the 2 remaining "Nuts & Bolts" workshops associated with the E2T2 grant.
- ❖ The North Star Library Consortium is co-sponsoring the summer MEMO Leadership Conference featuring Joyce Valenza.
- ❖ Destiny Users Group meetings are being scheduled.
- ❖ Teleconferences will be put in place that are appropriate for different staff levels.
- ❖ Ruth and North Star Library Consortium members will present a 2 hour workshop at the Fall MEMO Conference. Planning is underway for that.
- ❖ Training on the Electronic Library for Minnesota will be scheduled for various times in the Fall. They will take place in different locations.

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