

# Northern Lights Library Network Newsletter

August 2004

Minnesota Library Association Fall Conference  
**MINNESOTA LIBRARIES: Your Link to Knowledge and Recreation**  
October 6-7-8  
Duluth, MN

Duluth will be the perfect setting for this year's MLA Conference which will provide a time for education, inspiration, sharing, and renewal.



❖ Don't miss the keynote speakers or the rich array of programs provided by our colleagues all across the state.

❖ Don't miss the Minnesota Authors who will engage and entertain us, including Shannon Olson, Lorna Landvik, Ellen Hart, Linda Koutsky, and Connie Wanek.

❖ Don't miss the vendors and exhibits with their wide array of materials and resources. Network with the vendors and your colleagues over box lunches and refreshments.

❖ Don't miss Friends and Trustees Day, Thursday, October 7, with a great line up of programming.

❖ Don't miss pre-conferences on Virtual Reference and Staffing for Results.

❖ Don't miss the Silent Auction to benefit the Minnesota Library Association Foundation — there is always something fantastic you can't help bidding on!

❖ Don't miss the awards banquet or the Duluth tours. A good time will be had by all!

❖ Don't miss the opportunity to apply for an NLLN scholarship if you need financial assistance to make this conference possible.

Detailed information and Registration is available at:  
<http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/Annual%20Conf.htm>

Last month's newsletter featured the upcoming MEMO Conference in St Cloud, Sept 30-Oct 2. Please refer to the August NLLN Newsletter or visit the MEMO webpage for details (<http://www.memoweb.org/htmlfiles/conference.html>).

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## North Star Library Consortium Funded

As this issue of the Newsletter goes out, we have had the preliminary good news that the North Star Library Consortium will begin implementation as a result of a successful Enhancing Education Through Technology (E2T2) grant proposal submitted by Northern Lights Library Network in partnership with Region 1.

**North Star Library Consortium** project will provide an affordable, fully integrated library system (ILS), centrally administered, for school media centers and special libraries in the NLLN region. Member libraries of the **North Star** consortium will access the ILS via the Internet, using any web browser, and from any type of platform (PC or Mac). The software will reside on central servers at Region 1, in Moorhead, thus removing the need for local servers, as well as the need for technical support and maintenance of hardware and software in every building and at every site. Software installation, maintenance, and upgrades will be done at the central site. Each member of the consortium will pay affordable annual maintenance costs as well as membership costs.

In addition to the providing a sophisticated library automation system and creating a regional virtual union catalog, the E2T2 grant will provide an extensive series of staff development opportunities for library staff. The North Star Library Consortium Project is designed to improve student academic achievement by improving and increasing the effectiveness of school library media center programs throughout the region. Staff development will include use of the ILS system as well as opportunities to address such topics as collaboration with teachers, integrating information technology literacy standards into the curriculum, developing a love of reading in students, and successful management strategies for the school media center.

This advanced library automation system will allow increased services by providing expanded access to resources for students, teachers, parents and communities. Deployment of this library automation system in a centrally hosted manner will provide a cost effective means of not only expanding access to valuable media resources, but will allow time for media center staff to work more intentionally with students, teachers, and administrators.

The goal of North Star Library Consortium Project is to create access for every student, in every classroom and in every community, to the wealth of library information resources. Improved information and technology literacy skills will benefit students throughout their entire lifetime.

**Who should join?** The North Star Consortium is available to NLLN member libraries and media centers, regardless of size, type of library, or automation experience. This would include:

- \* Libraries/ media centers that do not now have an automated system.
- \* Libraries that are considering upgrades to their current system.
- \* Libraries that would like to have a web-based system for ease of access from classrooms, libraries, and remote locations, regardless of platform (Mac or PC) via any web browser.
- \* Libraries and districts that are looking for a centrally administrated system that eliminates the need for local servers and technical support.
- \* Libraries that are looking for cost savings relative to on-going costs for their automation systems.
- \* Libraries/media centers that would like to have a MnLINK compatible system.

**When will this happen?** It's underway! This is a project in progress and gathering steam. Developments will be happening quickly in the coming weeks and months, beginning the first of September, 2004. Software implementation and setup of the application service will begin in Sept/Oct. Districts will come on to the system in a series of "tiers". For those districts or special libraries that are ready, we believe it will be possible to begin migration/implementation in late 2004. For some, implementation or conversion will be scheduled for the end of the school year or summer 2005. For others, implementation may be a multi-stage process, depending on the needs of individual districts. Watch for further information and details on how you can participate.

**How can I find out more?** Watch for more information as it becomes available on the North Star website at <http://nlln.org/northstar>. Or call/email Ruth Solie at the NLLN office (1-800-450-1032/rsolie@nlln.org).

## New Systems “Go Live” in Public Library Regions

Congratulations to Kitchigami Regional Library, and to Lake Agassiz Regional Library/Northwest Regional Library as they go live on their new Innovative Interfaces “Millenium” systems.

“Kitchicat”, the new online library management system for the Kitchigami Regional Library can be found at <http://kitchicat.krls.org>. In addition to a new online catalog, KRL has a beautiful new web-site (<http://krls.org>) making the resources of this system readily available to the residents of the 5 county region, and to the world at large.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library and Northwest Regional Library will be offering their resources through a joint catalog and will also be using the Innovative Interfaces “Millenium” software. To view this catalog and the websites for each of these regions, check out <http://www.larl.org> for Lake Agassiz Regional Library and <http://www.nwrlib.org> for the Northwest Regional Library

Congratulations to all three regional library systems for a successful transition to 21st Century library management systems that allow the citizens of our area to access the vast wealth of information and resources available in our public libraries. Good job!

## PUMP It Up! Survey

Last Spring, the PUMP It Up! Survey assessed the training needs of public and private school media staff throughout the entire state. The results of 602 responses allowed us to rank the needs identified in each of the 7 multitype regions as well as to aggregate these responses across the state. Of the 79 topics considered, the 10 most frequently identified training needs identified in the NLLN region were:

1. Teaching research skills & information literacy
2. Teaching others to effectively search electronic databases & the Internet
3. Teaching technology skills & technology literacy
4. Meeting State and local standards
5. Promoting the ethical use of information, including information found online
6. Selecting Books
7. Preventing plagiarism
8. Integrating technology into the curriculum
9. Promoting the use of databases (including ELM)
10. Fostering a love of reading

NLLN will be using the results of this survey as a planning tool for our staff development/ continuing education schedule in the coming year. Since most of these topics are relevant to staff in all types of libraries, the NLLN workshops, training events, publications, and websites will, as always, be available to all libraries and all staff within the NLLN region.

Watch the NLLN Calendar of Events, Continuing Education Schedule, and the NLLN Newsletter for details of continuing education opportunities available in the NLLN region, particularly as they relate to these identified training needs.

In case you missed it last month, we're re-running some of the info contained on pages 4-5!

## Maud Hart Lovelace Book Nominees 2004-2005

### Division I (Grades 3-5):

Clements, Andrew. *The Jacket*, 2003, Aladdin books.  
 Clements, Andrew. *Week in the Woods*, 2004, Aladdin.  
 DeFelice, Cynthia. *Nowhere to Call Home*, 2001, Harper.  
 Erdrich, Louise. *Birchbark House*, 2002, Hyperion.  
 Fogelin, Adrian. *Crossing Jordan*, 2002, Peachtree.  
 Gorman, Carol. *Dork in Disguise*, 2000, Trophy.  
 Korman, Gordon. *No More Dead Dogs*, 2002, Hyperion.  
 Martin, Ann. *Doll People*, 2003, Hyperion.  
 Siebold, Jan. *Doing Time Online*, 2004, Whitman.  
 Smith, Roland. *Zach's Lie*, 2003, Hyperion.  
 Stanley, Diane. *Mysterious Matter of I. M. Fine*, 2002, Trophy.  
 Vande Velde, Vivian. *Never Trust a Dead Man*, 2000, Laurel Leaf.

### Division II:

Bauer, Joan. *Hope was Here*, 2002, Puffin.  
 Clements, Andrew. *Week in the Woods*, 2004, Aladdin.  
 DeFelice, Cynthia. *Nowhere to Call Home*, 2001, Harper.  
 Fogelin, Adrian. *Crossing Jordan*, 2002, Peachtree.  
 Hoobler, Dorothy. *Ghost in Tokaido Inn*, 2000, Puffin.  
 Korman, Gordon. *No More Dead Dogs*, 2002, Hyperion.  
 Namioka, Lensey. *Ties That Bind*, 2000, Laurel Leaf.  
 \*Oates, Joyce Carol. *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*, 2003.  
 Smith, Roland. *Zach's Lie*, 2003, Hyperion.  
 Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Flipped*, 2003, Knopf.  
 Vande Velde, Vivian. *Never Trust a Dead Man*, 2000, Laurel Leaf.  
 Woodson, Jacqueline. *Hush*, 2003, Speak.

*\*Titles for "mature readers" are included in an effort to attract participation by more seventh and eighth graders. Media specialists are encouraged to preview these titles.*



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## Spotlight on Books

April 8-9, 2005  
Sugar Lake Lodge

*A Conference for Adults  
Focused on Youth Literature*

Featured Authors for 2005:

❖ Eric Rohmann ❖  
 ❖ Gwenth Swain ❖  
 ❖ Pete Hautman ❖

Watch for complete information as it becomes available

<http://nlln.org/spotlight>



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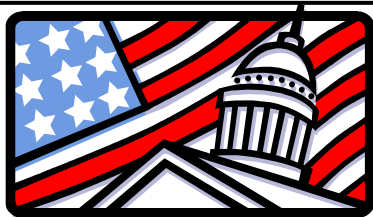
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**Children’s Book Week: *Let’s Book!***

The new school year is about to begin and the Children’s Book Council urges all librarians, media specialists, and teachers to visit the Children’s Book Council website (<http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/>) for ideas to celebrate Children’s Book Week, Nov 15-21. The site has community celebration ideas, a Children’s Book Week Kit, activity lists, party ideas, crossword puzzles, and promotional help. Also included are lots of ideas for using children’s books in classrooms and for celebrating Children’s Books Week with Students.

Check it out now — November will be here before you know it!



**Candidate Events**

If your Friends group or library would like to sponsor an event for candidates at the library, Northern Lights would like to help.

Whether you’d like to plan an informal coffee, a town meeting, or an open house, this is a great time to invite candidates— for local, state, or national office—to come to the library, to learn about the services you are providing on your campus or in your community, and for you to get to know each other on a first name basis. It is also a great opportunity for voters to meet and talk with candidates about issues, particularly as they relate to libraries, in an informal, library setting.

The NLLN Governing Board has set aside funds to provide reimbursement for refreshments, postage, or publicity for such an event.

The NLLN Office will also be happy to provide information about how to organize a candidate event in your area, provide contact information for candidates, and share some “best practices” with you.

Contact Ruth Solie (800-450-1032/[rsolie@nlln.org](mailto:rsolie@nlln.org)) for more information.

**register to vote  
@ your library®**

The American Library Association and Working Assets have teamed up on a new voter registration initiative called "Register to Vote @ your library" that makes it easy for libraries to involve their campuses and communities in the electoral process and generates funds for library advocacy.

For every citizen who registers or updates his or her voter information at [www.yourvotematters.org/ala](http://www.yourvotematters.org/ala), the American Library Association will receive funds for library advocacy efforts thanks to a generous grant from Working Assets. ALA members are strongly encouraged to visit this site and also promote it to their users

**This is truly a win-win situation for everyone. It’s certainly an easy way to help citizens register to vote in a critical election year and to raise funds for library advocacy. A “Register to vote@ your library” option is on the NLLN webpage (<http://nlln.org>) if you’d like to try it out.**

Note: in an email from ALA it was noted that this will not work in North Dakota ~ ~ ed.



## Church Library Workshop

Presented by the Carl B. Ylvisaker Library

In conjunction with the Northern Lights Library Network  
and the Concordia Call to Serve project funded by the Lilly Endowment



CONCORDIA COLLEGE  
MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

**Saturday, October 30, 2004**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
 at the  
**Curriculum Center**  
**Carl B. Ylvisaker Library**  
**Concordia College**

**Sessions on:**

- \*Establishing a Selection Policy
- \*How to select and order for your collection
- \*Cataloging and processing
- \*How to weed and handle donations
- \*Internet resources for the church librarian

**Registration fee - \$20.00 includes coffee break, lunch, 5 sessions, handouts and a 1 yr. membership in a church library association**

**\*\*For more information, contact Connie Jones: [cjones@cord.edu](mailto:cjones@cord.edu) or #218-299-3238**

Send completed registration forms and checks (payable to Concordia College Library)  
 By October 10, 2004, to:

Connie Jones, Carl B. Ylvisaker Library,  
 Concordia College, 901 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Moorhead, MN 56562

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation will be sent by email.

## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

#### LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

- Sept 6 Labor Day—NLLN Office closed  
 Sept 10 MINITEX Advisory Council, Andersen Library, Minneapolis  
 Sept 13 TechnoZap! Detroit Lakes Public Library (Voluntary Certification)  
 Sept 23 “Marketing Your Small Library”, Willmar Public Library, Sponsored by Pioneerland and SAMMIE.  
 Sept 25-Oct 2 **Banned Books Week**  
 Sept 30 Council of Cooperating Libraries, 9-5, St Cloud

### OCTOBER

- Sept 30-Oct 2 MEMO Fall Conference, St Cloud, MN (<http://www.memoweb.org>)  
 Oct 2 Association for Library Services to Children National Institute, including “Every Child Ready to Read@your library” training, Bloomington, MN  
 Oct 11 NW-LINKS Governance Council, ITV sites  
 Oct 16 NLLN Governing Board Meeting, Graystone Hotel, Detroit Lakes, 10am-Noon  
 Oct 6-8 MLA Fall Conference, Duluth, MN: “Minnesota Libraries: Your Link to Knowledge and Recreation” (<http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/Annual%20Conf.htm>)  
 Oct 17-23 Teen Read Week: “It’s Alive@ your library”.  
 Oct 28-29 Mn Rural Education Conference, Arrowwood, Alexandria  
 Oct 30 Church Library Workshop, Ylvisaker Library, Concordia College. Sponsored by Concordia College and Northern Lights Library Network.

### NOVEMBER

- Nov 11-13 Minnesota Reading Association Conference, St Cloud  
 Nov 15-21 **Children’s Book Week**: “Let’s Book!” (<http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/>)

### DECEMBER

- Dec 2 Advisory Council to LDS, St Paul  
 Dec 3 MINITEX Advisory Council, Andersen Library, Minneapolis  
 Dec 4-7 TIES Education Technology Conference, Minneapolis  
 Dec 4 NLLN Governing Board Meeting  
 Dec 24-26 NLLN Office Closed for Christmas

#### Other Dates:

- Jan 4-5 Council of Cooperating Libraries, St Paul  
 Feb 6-7 MEMO Midwinter Conference, Alexandria (<http://www.memoweb.org>)  
 Feb NLLN Governing Board Meeting  
 Apr 8-9 Spotlight on Books Conference, Sugar Lake Lodge  
 Apr 10-16 National Library Week @ your library

**MINITEX Webinars** are available for the new ELM databases. Please check at: <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/train-conf> for information about live and archived Webinars. If you would like to schedule an ELM training in the NLLN area, please contact the NLLN Office (800-450-1032) or send an email request to Ruth Solie ([rsolie@nlln.org](mailto:rsolie@nlln.org)).



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