

Report of Results

Northern Lights Library Network

Fiscal Year 2017
June 17, 2017

Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is a cooperative network of 280 library members in academic, public, school, and special libraries serving twenty-three counties in North-central, North-west, and West-central Minnesota. We work 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.

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In compliance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 3530 and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Multi-county Multi-type Library state aid requirements, an approved strategic plan with a narrative of the process used to create the plan must be submitted to the State of Minnesota MDE July 1, 2015, for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17). The Report of Results must be submitted October 1, 2017. The strategic plan narrative must include the needs assessment process and how stakeholders were consulted. The Report of Results, based on the Strategic Plan for FY16, is below.

The strategic plan includes a vision statement, a mission statement, identification of core values, and goals and objectives. A basic logic model for the Report of Results is used, which is a picture of how each program works and the measures needed to ensure that they work, such as: Inputs and activities (state aid expenditures and objective narratives), outputs, and impact. The structure of the strategic plan, Report of Results, and program and service development falls within the parameters of Minnesota State Statute 134.351 requiring multi-type systems to: Goal I: Share resources among all participating libraries; Goal II: Provide long-range planning for cooperative programs; Goal III: Develop a delivery system for services and programs; Goal IV: Development of a bibliographic database; Goal V: Maintain a communications system among all cooperating libraries. State aid expenditures align with Northern Lights Library Network's FY16 budget.

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Northern Lights Library Network represents libraries and constituents in the following twentythree Minnesota counties:

Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin



Northern Lights Library Network Strategic Plan Fiscal Year 2017

Vision Statement: Libraries are attractive, welcoming places that are friendly, open, inclusive, accessible, innovative, and a source of community pride where people can go to learn what they need to know in order to thrive and grow in their communities. When libraries work together, communities grow stronger, and the lives of Minnesotans are enriched.

Mission Statement: Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is a cooperative network of 280 library members in academic, public, school, and special libraries in twenty-three counties of North-central, North-west and West-central Minnesota. We work 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.

Core Values:

In principle and practice, libraries are at the core of a democratic society, defending the freedom of all citizens to:

- Access information to make informed decisions
- Read material that interests them
- Use technology successfully to stay current and to access resources
- Engage in learning throughout the life cycle.

We believe in inclusive library environments that are accessible to all persons.

We work together to ensure that all who use our libraries and collections feel welcome.

We create libraries and collections that are well organized and easy to use.

We support lifelong learning by determining our library users' needs and interests and then teach them how to use resources that assist them in learning what they need to know.

We build bridges among libraries and believe that libraries themselves are bridges between physical and electronic access to information -- bridges between people and technology -- and bridges between the resources available and the community needing to use those resources.

We communicate the purpose and benefits of libraries to citizens in the region.

We believe in the inherent value of books.

We advocate for on-going, sustainable, and continuous library funding at the local, state, and national level.

The main purpose of Northern Lights Library Network is to make all libraries in the region stronger.

Northern Lights Library Network Strategic Plan Fiscal Year 2017

Goal I: Share Resources Among All Participating Libraries

Objective: Deliver library materials to patrons in a timely manner.

Interlibrary loan support for Viking Library System and bookmobile service to Campbell, Minnesota.

State Aid Expenditures: \$5,600.00 budgeted. \$5,600.00 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$1000.00

Output: Interlibrary loan support for Viking Library System and bookmobile service from Viking Library System to Campbell, Minnesota. This first year of bookmobile service to Campbell-Tintah Schools resulted in 481 checkouts in 8.5 months. The total Traverse County circulation was 610, which means that Campbell-Tintah Schools almost doubled the circulation for the county. NLLN continues to support bookmobile service.

Impact: Timely access to library materials in the NLLN region results in improved literacy rates and better quality of life for citizens in the region.

State Aid Expenditures for Goal I: \$5,600.00 budgeted. \$5,600.00 expended

Goal II: Long-range Planning for Cooperative Programs

Objective: Facilitate collaboration, cooperation, and resource sharing among libraries throughout the NLLN region and the State of Minnesota.

Travel to libraries throughout the NLLN region, to attend local, regional, and statewide meetings and conferences, serve on professional library committees, and attend MLA legislative initiatives. Serve on book award committees; attend quarterly meetings with multitype, multi-county library directors; attend ITEM and MLA conferences; attend MLA Legislative Days and distribute information among constituents, librarians, and legislators; present at conferences; meet with librarians locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally.

State Aid Expenditures: \$6,500.00 budgeted. \$5,007.07 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$5,000.00

Output: Attendance at library meetings, events, and functions. Executive Director Kathy Enger attended approximately sixty-three meetings statewide during Fiscal Year 2017.

Meetings Fiscal Year 2017. The following meetings Executive Director Kathy B. Enger held or attended throughout the state:

July 1: Fargo, River Cities Literary Arts Center board meeting.

July 12: St. Cloud, MLA ITEM Legislative Forum.

July 20, 21: Marshall, Multicounty, multi-type director's meeting.

August 2: Fargo, Zanbroz poetry reading, sold Bennett broadside.

August 11: Moorhead, completed, The skills media specialists impart to students research article.

August 15: Moorhead, Audit fieldwork with Marc Collin, Carpenter, Evert, and Associates.

August 17: Moorhead, meeting with NLLN president, Wayne Ingersoll.

August 19: Moorhead, phone meeting with Factor-of-4.

August 20: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting.

August 24: Moorhead, meeting with Michele Reid to discuss consulting with NLLN and writing a grant for *Poets Across Minnesota*.

September 14: Moorhead, LAMA webinar; meeting with Manjusha professor at Minnesota State Community and Technical College to discuss developing online chemistry labs for children; interns over for supper.

September 15; Moorhead, meeting with Gina Drellack to discuss the online Destiny Training she created for Minnesota librarians.

September 16: Moorhead, online meeting with Factor-of-4.

September 21: Long Prairie, pick-up Bengtson donation of books for NLLN members.

September 27: Two Harbors, multitype director's meeting.

September 28: Two Harbors, multitype director's meeting.

September 28: Cloquet, tribal college library director's meeting.

September 29: Duluth, Minnesota Library Association annual meeting.

October 12: Moorhead, interns over for supper.

October 15: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting.

October 21: Moorhead, Factor-of-4 meeting.

October 24: Moorhead, For Books Like Chocolate Book Club meeting at NLLN office.

October 26: Moorhead, MSUM, guest speaker at 2 research methods classes.

October 27: Thief River Falls, delivered eBook Initiative check to LARL, lunch with Kristi Harms and Pauline Helgeland.

October 31: Moorhead, meeting with David Wahlberg to discuss public relations for NLLN.

November 1: Moorhead, meeting with Pam Were and Audra to discuss the organization of the Bridgeford collection.

November 2: Moorhead, meeting with Dr. Manjusha to discuss online chemistry labs and classes for children through public libraries. Federal funding is available for this initiative.

November 10: White Earth, ECI meeting.

St. Paul, Every Child Succeeds (ESSA) listening session on media specialists.

November 14: Edina, book reading of *The High Divide* by Lin Enger at Southdale Public Library.

November 17: Moorhead, Absent Narratives meeting.

November 18: Moorhead, phone conversation with Factor-of-4.

December 8: St. Louis Park, meeting with SeilerSchindel Law Firm to discuss the John Wallace Ingersoll Foundation Fund. No charge.

St. Paul, Science Museum of Minnesota, *Annual Technology Solutions for Sustainable Buildings* by the University of Minnesota.

December 10: Alexandria, meeting with Lynette Schwagerl from Campbell Schools and Glenn Heineck from Roseau Schools to plan the April 8, 2017, ITEM Regional Conference.

December 13: Moorhead, dinner with former interns at director's home (paid for by director, not NLLN).

December 15: Moorhead, webinar with MDE's state librarian to discuss state forms.

Fargo, author reading at Zanbroz.

December 16: Moorhead, phone meeting with Factor-of-4.

December 17: Moorhead, online NLLN Governing Board meeting.

December 29: Fergus Falls, Lakes Country Service Cooperative meeting with Glenn and Lynette to plan conference.

January 3, 2017: Moorhead, MSUM Planetarium with Sara to deliver Scholastic books.

January 5: Moorhead, conference call meeting MDL conference planning meeting.

January 13: Minneapolis, Convention Center, Minnesota School Board Association annual meeting presentation, "Supporting Student Success in an Electronic Era".

January 24: Cass Lake, Tribal College Library Directors meeting.

January 24 & 25: St. Paul, Multicounty, Multi-type Library Directors meeting.

February 2: Moorhead, meeting with board president; meeting with Denise Lajimoidiere for broadside signature.

February 18: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting and Library Luncheon with Legislators.

February 25: Brooklyn Center: ESSA, A Well Rounded Education meeting MDE at Brooklyn Center High School. Handed MN Education Commissioner Cassellius a three-page summary of the media specialist research.

March 14: Moorhead, Supper with former intern.

March 24: Alexandria, MDL conference planning meeting online.

Handed check to Joan Larson to cover the final expenses of Spotlight on Books to cover losses/expenses, due to low enrollment for two consecutive years.

March 30: Moorhead, lunch with Concordia Library Director.

April 6: Battle Lake, consultation with school library.

April 10: St. Cloud, LSTA five-year plan listening session.

April 12: Moorhead, taught qualitative methods to social work students, MSUM.

June 5: Fergus Falls, meeting with Glenn and Lynette to finalize plans for June 12 workshop.

June 6: Moorhead, meeting with Carol Sibley to finalize plans for June 12 workshop.

June 9: Fergus Falls, brought USBBY books to Lakes Country Service Coop. and organized material for June 12 workshop.

June 12: Fergus Falls, "Better Together" workshop, Lakes Country Service Coop.

June 16: Moorhead, meeting with Minitex to discuss Northern Lights School Library Digital Collection

June 17: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting.

Impact: Strong support of libraries throughout the State of Minnesota maintains and builds a strong library infrastructure in the state, communicates the purpose and benefits of libraries to citizens of the region, and possibly results in continued funding.

Objective: Support library advocacy activities.

The following five activities are library advocacy initiatives of Northern Lights Library Network:

1. Provide added civic support for citizen engagement activities in member libraries to activate the constituent base, increase support, and elect public officials who care about libraries. As a valued and trusted civic resource, libraries are in a key position 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 a nonpartisan way and provide them with unbiased facts in an impartial environment. As publicly supported entities, libraries are uniquely positioned to address the information needs of the people they serve through the use of physical space, technology, books, and skilled staff. Develop talking points and library stories that can be shared among libraries.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

System in-kind staff support: \$3,000.00

Output: The following civic engagement activities:

Library Luncheon with Legislators

The Fourth Annual Library Luncheon with Legislators was February 18, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 205 of the Comstock Memorial Union on the campus of Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM).

Lunch service began at 11:30 a.m. MSUM President Ann Blackhurst and Northern Lights Library Network Board President, Wayne Ingersoll, welcomed us. Executive Director Kathy Enger followed with a few words, and then seven librarians and library representatives spoke: Hannah Bucklund, Director of the Leech Lake Tribal College Library; Barb Fabre, Director of the White Earth Early Childhood Program; Kristi Hanson, Director of the Northwest Regional Library System; Liz Lynch, Director of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library System; Laura Probst, Director of the Concordia College Library; Larry Schwartz, Academic Librarian at Minnesota State University Moorhead; and Peg Werner, Director of the Viking Library System.

After the librarians spoke, following legislators talked: Senator Kent Eken, Representative Debra Kiel, and Representative Ben Lien. We truly appreciate the opportunity to share our stories.

Conversations with legislators, such as NLLN's "Library Luncheon with Legislators", form positive relationships between legislators and librarians, ensuring ongoing library support for constituents in our region. Librarians in our region actively seek ongoing support for libraries in order to improve service delivery and continue to serve citizens in the State of Minnesota adequately.

Libraries are at the core of a democratic society, defending the freedom of all citizens to access information to make informed decisions, to read material that interests them, to use technology successfully, and to engage in learning throughout the life cycle.

As valued and trusted civic resources, libraries bring people together to access knowledge through the use of physical space, technology, and skilled staff. Minnesota citizens from all

walks of life and representing every socioeconomic group come together. Libraries bring people together in a nonpartisan way, and provide them with unbiased facts in an impartial environment.

Correspondence with Legislators

A note was sent to legislators on April 11, 2017, asking them to move legislation into the Education Omnibus bill in order to ensure equity funding in the regional public library distribution formula.

See Appendix: Library Advocacy

The Life Achievement Award from Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) signifies a contribution to libraries in the NLLN region from a librarian or citizen who has given extraordinary service to libraries throughout a career. The award is given once a year upon the recommendation of the executive director or a governing board member. The Life Achievement Award for this fiscal year went to Peg Werner, who is retired from Viking Library System as director after nearly three decades of service to Minnesota Libraries.

Minnesota Loves Libraries Buttons

NLLN had 100 "Minnesota Loves Libraries" buttons made to distribute in the region and throughout the state.

Impact: Healthy rural communities.

See Appendix: Library Advocacy

2. Develop activities that bring all libraries together.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

System in-kind staff support: \$5,000.00

Output:

Hope Lutheran Church, Walker, Minnesota

Executive Director Kathy Enger and NLLN Governing Board member and retired media specialist, Adell Bridgeford, wrote a grant to Thrivent for books for young adults and audio books for seniors for the Hope Lutheran Church library in Walker.

Bridgeford Donation

Retired media specialist and NLLN Governing Board member, Adell Bridgeford, donated 584 items for children and young adults to the MSUM Curriculum Library. In addition to books, the donation included stuffed animals and characters, puppet kits, big books, card games, tapes, and posters. All relate to characters from children's literature. Items not integrated into the MSUM collection will be donated to libraries in the region. MSUM graduate student, Audra, is creating a list of the Bridgeford materials that will go out to NLLN member libraries, including pictures of the puppets, wall hangings, and storybook characters, so people can see what they look like. The materials that MSUM did not retain went to Moorhead Public Schools (non-fiction books and some storybook characters), White Earth's Maamigin Achigaazo. The last of the storybook

characters will be brought to the January tribal college community library meeting to possibly go to tribal college community libraries at Leech Lake and Red Lake.

Bengtson Book Donation

David and Marilyn Bengtson of Long Prairie, donated seven boxes of books for libraries in the NLLN region. See Appendix, **Bringing Libraries Together** for a list of the donated books. The books were donated to the Campbell School High School Library. Some poetry books and books on writing fiction and poetry were donated to the Weld Hall Library at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

John Wallace Ingersoll Memorial Fund

The John Wallace Ingersoll Memorial Fund was established December, 2016, in memory of NLLN President Wayne Ingersoll's brother, John Wallace Ingersoll, in order to honor current and past NLLN Governing Board members and to honor current and past NLLN members. Funds will be used to support the programming of Northern Lights Library Network. Donations will recognize those honored with a memorial biography in a memorial directory and special recognition when the funds are dispersed in support of programming at Northern Lights Library Network.

John Wallace Ingersoll was born December 27, 1942 in Fargo ND to John and Ada (Holmes) Ingersoll. He grew up in Moorhead, MN with 2 younger brothers, Wayne (Moorhead, MN) and Bruce (deceased). He graduated from Moorhead HS in 1961 and to college at the Moorhead Teachers College and graduated in 1965. He went to college to study German and part of the study course was going to Germany to study. During one of his study trips to Germany he met his future wife, Gretel Kleiner. They met in a Youth Hostel in Munich in the early 60's and fell in love. He brought her back to Moorhead with him a few years later and they got married in 1966. They moved to the Grand Rapids area where he got a job teaching German at the Grand Rapids High School in 1966. There he established himself as a huge part of the community, always being active in after school activities from detention to volleyball announcer to ticket taker at hockey games. You would always find him actively involved with the school, students, and the community. Later in years he joined the Grand Rapids Police Reserve and worked with them as a volunteer for traffic and crowd control as well as going on police patrols. After he retired from teaching German in Grand Rapids he went to China and taught English there for 5 years. He thoroughly enjoyed meeting people and making friends for life there and made friends for life.

When he wasn't involved with these activities you would always find him reading a book. He read 2-4 books a week, sometimes more. His passion for reading led him to volunteer at his grand-daughters elementary school library assisting in putting books away and showing children the importance of reading. Even after his grand-daughter graduated from elementary school, he continued to volunteer at the library for many more years. Every week he would be at the city library returning and checking out books. Even on trips he would visit the libraries in those cities to see what they were like and purchase a book to read.

His thirst for knowledge was never quenched. During summer breaks he would either be taking a group of his students to Germany on a school to school student exchange program or he would

be taking a summer course program to better educate himself. During his travels of education he went to Duke University, University of California, Davis and the University of Oregon to name a few. Every opportunity he had to learn something he would. He would plan trips and see as many historical sites and museums that he could squeeze in before getting to his destination. Everywhere he went he spoke with people, asked questions, made jokes and always left more knowledgeable then when he arrived.

His legacy continues within his 4 sons: John Waldemar Ingersoll (49) and 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild in Saint Roberts, MO. Mark Thomas Ingersoll (48) and 3 grandchildren in Phoenix, AZ. Michael Frank Ingersoll (45) and 1 grandchild in Richmond, TX. Timothy David Ingersoll (43) and 2 grandchildren in Luxembourg.

\$490.03 was in the fund as of June 30, 2017.

Tribal College Library Directors

The tribal college library directors met before the MLA Fall Conference in Duluth at the Fond Du Lac Tribal Community College in Cloquet on September 28th; January 24, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon at the Leech Lake Tribal College Library in Cass Lake; and via conference call, April 27.

Bemidji Middle School Library

NDSU Architect, David Crutchfield, visited Bemidji Middle School Library and suggested arrangements. A picture and email from Bemidji Middle School Library Media Specialist, Stephen Pfleger, are in the appendix. The Bemidji Middle School Library has a new circulation desk, new carpeting, and has been rearranged.

Greenbush Public Library

Architect David Crutchfield (NDSU) visited the Greenbush Public Library on November 11 to consult on cracked concrete in the floor of the library and cracked beams in the ceiling. Exterior rainwater surface and site-drainage appeared to be creating the problem. David is the principle architect with BIOME Architecture, PLLC, AND volunteers his time to libraries in the NLLN region.

Battle Lake Public School Library

Executive Director Kathy Enger spent several hours in the Battle Lake School Library on April 6, assessing needs and services and making recommendations.

The Library of the Future

A qualitative survey is underway to find out from people everywhere what will be needed in the *Library of the Future*. NLLN is undertaking this research in order to design a website that reflects the *Library of the Future*. Funding will be sought for this initiative and NLLN is working with Factor-of-4 to create a website. Access to the qualitative survey is on NLLN's website at nlln.org and at this link:

https://ndstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 3wLyQQ8538x3owt

The survey asks, "Why do people need libraries? Write as much as you like."

Impact: The ability of libraries of all types in the region to communicate freely with each other, to collaborate on projects that enhance the services of libraries in the region, and strengthen rural libraries and communities as a result.

See Appendix **Bringing Libraries Together**

3. Join together Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums and approach the organizations to become NLLN members in order to strengthen and preserve their collections, support professionals managing their collections, and make the collections more easily accessible to citizens of the region. Develop strong ties with the Minnesota Historical Society in order to consistently disseminate information throughout the region.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

System in-kind staff support: \$5,000.00

Output: Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums in the region become members of NLLN and receive the benefits of membership. Continue to meet with Lina Belar to keep the dream alive of having a regional system for historical and cultural organizations and museums in Minnesota like the regional public library systems. Lina signed her broadsides and plans to write a grant to bring the broadsides and poets to locations in the region. A directory of the cultural and historical organizations and museums in the region is on NLLN's website and continuously updated. The directory was distributed to attendees at the first "Better Together" workshop on June 12th at Lakes Country Service Cooperative in Fergus Falls.

Impact: Citizens throughout the region and beyond will increase their understanding of Minnesota rural history through access to and awareness of rural, historical, cultural, and museum collections.

4. Conduct research of the skills media specialists impart to students through a comprehensive review and analysis of the literature and interviews of library media personnel in the region

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

System in-kind staff support: \$5,000.00

Output: The Skills Media Specialists Impart to Students

Using qualitative grounded theory analysis, Executive Director Kathy Enger and Media Specialist, Glenn Heinecke, analyzed 2,240 pages of documents on media specialists in the library and information science literature to determine the skills media specialists impart to students. As media specialists in public schools have lost their positions, these skills, which focus on using information effectively, include information literacy, digital literacy, and library and information science, skills that are necessary for student success in the electronic era. In the process of learning how to access information and use knowledge effectively, students read, write, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information in the online environment. Students without access to information are at a disadvantage, creating a social and digital divide that schools can mitigate by employing media specialists. The model is grounded in Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory.

Executive Director Kathy Enger presented the research at the 96th Minnesota School Boards Association Annual Leadership Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center on January 13 with a session entitled, Supporting Student Success in an Electronic Era: "For years, schools have lost qualified media specialists or teacher librarians due to attrition from retirement. reassignment back to the classroom or lay-offs altogether. At the same time, it has been shown that students in schools with full-time certified media specialists do significantly better on standardized tests than students without certified media specialists or school librarians. This workshop will present research that shows the skills media specialists impart to students and why those skills are beneficial to the full learning experience for students."

A three-page summary of the research was handed to Minnesota Education Commissioner, Cassellius at Brooklyn Center High School on Saturday, February 25, at the ESSA listening session there. The three page summary is located on NLLN's website at: nlln.org

The article, The Skills and Knowledge Students Acquire from Media Specialists: Emerging Theory to Support Student Success to the American Educational Research Journal (AERJ) on August 26th and was rejected on September 30th. The editors felt the topic is valuable, but that the research is at an early stage and would be of most interest to a specialist audience. AERJ receives over 800 manuscripts each year, and can only publish about 7%. The article was then submitted to the journal, Learning and Instruction and was rejected. It will now be rewritten and submitted to School Library Journal.

Impact: Leaders in schools who understand the skills media specialists impart to students will make an effort to keep media specialists employed in schools.

See Appendix: Media Specialist Research

5. Participate in the library advocacy activities.

State Aid Expenditures: \$800.00 Budgeted. \$800.00 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$1,200.00

Output: On-going, sustainable, and continuous library funding at the local, state, and national level. Continued public information and support for libraries through social media on NLLN's Facebook page and through Twitter.

Impact: Community optimism, individual well-being, and overall civic health.

Objective: Stay current on library developments.

Maintain memberships in library organizations, subscribe to library publications.

State Aid Expenditures: \$1,475.00 budgeted. \$1,075.62 expended.

Output: Memberships and subscriptions to professional library organizations and publications.

Impact: Up-to-date library knowledge among NLLN membership.

Continuing education for NLLN Executive Director.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0 budgeted

Output:

Impact: Ability of NLLN executive director to share up-to-date knowledge with NLLN

membership.

State Aid Expenditures for Goal II: \$7,300.00 budgeted. \$6,882.69 expended.

Goal III: Development of a Delivery System for Services and Programs

Objective: Support literacy initiatives among all types of libraries in the Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) region in North-central, North-west, and West-central Minnesota through the *Minnesota Literacy Initiative*. From early reading activities to advanced literary discussions, library literacy initiatives bring people together to get to know books in enjoyable and satisfying situations. Literacy promotes personal improvement and enlightenment, ensures equality, dignifies, and creates prosperity.

The following six activities are programs or services of the *Minnesota Literacy Initiative*:

1. Career development, professional engagement, scholarships, and library service funding for staff and library board member participation in continuing education programs, events, and participation at national and international conferences for library professionals in the region who may not be able to attend without the support of Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN). Continuing education scholarships are awarded as incentive for individual growth and development in order to enhance library services throughout the NLLN region. Scholarships are available to all employees of NLLN member libraries. Scholarships may be used for the following purposes: Registration or tuition; Lodging; Meals; Transportation (mileage is for the use of a personal vehicle – only one person in a vehicle may request mileage); Parking; Required books or educational materials; Cost of a substitute to cover while applicant is at an event (applicant must have paid the cost of a substitute before requesting reimbursement). Reports summarizing the benefits of receiving the scholarships are required upon completion of continuing education opportunity.

State Aid Expenditures: \$15,000.00 budgeted. \$8,905.05 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$10,000.00

Output: Twenty-five scholarships FY2017.

Impact: Library staff attendance at local, regional, national, and international conferences generates new ideas and best library practices among colleagues and library constituents.

2. Ongoing library administrative and technical support for the White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Program (WECC/ECP) and support of the Tribal College Libraries.

State Aid Expenditures: \$250.00 budgeted. \$475.00 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$6,000.00

Output: Kari Anderson of Alexandria made a quilt and donated it to the White Earth 16th Annual Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference for the Autism Foundation Silent Auction. NLLN donated an iPad Air 2 for the Annual Christmas Drive at White Earth, serving twenty-seven families and within those families provided 80 children with Christmas Gifts. Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) will support the *Festival of Fathers* on March 11th at the Event Center at Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen by sending the LARL mascot and one additional employee to the event, encourage individuals to sign-up for library cards and the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program, which is geared toward youth ages 0-3. There will also be books to read aloud and Booker activity pages. The Maamigin Achigaazo would like to offer opportunities like this, as well, and need an updated computer and scanner to do so.

Impact: A new community library at White Earth, access to literacy-rich materials for people in the region, including books and access to electronic resources, along with increased use of information sources throughout White Earth, prepares children to begin school and people of all ages will have access to reading material. As a result, literacy rates will improve.

3. "Poets Across Minnesota": Encourage the love of reading, literature, and the spoken word by sponsoring poetry readings and events for regional poets in and through libraries in the region. Sponsoring poetry in and through libraries promotes the value of libraries. "Poets Across Minnesota" is a program initiated by Northern Lights Library Network during FY13.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

System in-kind staff support: \$5,000.00

All other revenue expenditures: \$2,000.00, other grants *Other in-kind support*: \$10,000.00 poet professors

Output: Collaborative poetry readings and workshops. A Bennett broadside was sold at Zanbroz Variety Store in Fargo at Ken Bennett's poetry reading on August 2nd. NLLN printed posters that were distributed for the event. The broadsides continue to be sold at \$25/each.

Thirty-five broadsides each of poets in the NLLN region, Belar, Bennett, Dolence, Lajimodiere, Vinz, and Zepper have been created by Patrick Vincent, former professor of visual arts at MSUM and are for sale at \$25/each to raise funds for NLLN's scholarship fund. Poets will read their poetry at library and community locations throughout the region. A Bennett broadside was sold at Zanbroz Variety Store in Fargo at Ken Bennett's poetry reading on August 2nd. Patrick Vincent has since moved to Tennessee and will be printing the last two broadsides from there. The Lajimodiere broadside is nearly completed.

Impact: Poetry will become accessible to high school students and others who may not always think of themselves as potential poets, allowing them to move beyond observing and reading to actually engaging in the writing process and speaking what they write. Poetry in and through libraries extends literacy because it is linguistically rich and as a genre that is read aloud, makes literature a public event. While it is understood that poetry is currently taught, poetry holds the promise of exciting students and others about

the richness of language. Improved reading scores on standardized test in the region could be the result. The backbone of "Poets Across Minnesota" is its close partnership with libraries. The act of writing creates empowered readers and writers and promotes the value of libraries in civic life. "Poets Across Minnesota" places the value of libraries in front of citizens by teaching students to learn, write, and speak poetry. Literacy promotes democracy and dignifies, and libraries are at the core of all that.

See Appendix: Minnesota Literacy Initiative: Poets Across Minnesota

4. Training and onsite assistance for librarians in the region assists them in keeping up with the rapidly changing library environment. It has been determined that five areas of training needed to be continually addressed: 1. The Electronic library of Minnesota (ELM). 2. Electronic devices. 3. Apps. for libraries and schools. 4. The library catalog. 5. Access to public library cards for students. In addition, assistance and consultation with librarians will also include collection development and collection maintenance.

Northern Lights Library Network Training model is based on practical adult learning principles linked to skill building, whereby:

- Learning is self-directed.
- Learning fills an immediate need and is highly participatory.
- Learning will be helpful and applicable in the work setting.
- Learning is experiential whereby participants and trainers learn from one another.
- Training encompasses time for reflection and feedback.
- A mutually respectful environment is created between trainers and trainers-in-training.
- A summary of the learning that takes place will be completed at the end of the training.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0 budgeted. System in-kind staff support: \$1,200.00 Other in-kind support: \$5,000.00 grants

Output: Eighty professionals have participated in the Online Destiny Training as of December 30, 2016.

Online Destiny Training

Gina Drellack, Media Specialist and Education Services Coordinator with Northwest Service Cooperative in Thief River Falls developed an online Destiny Training program that library staff in the region can take online for continuing education credits through Schoology. So far, eighty people have participated in the Online Destiny Training.

SOLO Librarian Resources for academic, public, school, and special libraries from your Minnesota multitype systems: http://mnmultitypes.wixsite.com/mysite

Spotlight on Books

Spotlight on Books was closed, due to nearly a \$10,000 cost overrun from the 2015 and 2016 conferences. Joan Larson, former executive director of Northern Lights Library Network, managed the conference for nearly thirty years and absorbed the cost overruns through her own personal credit card account. After a board decision at the June 2016, and upon the consultation

of NLLN's auditor August 2016, Spotlight on books was closed. The amount of overrun was reimbursed to Joan Larson from the Spotlight fund and from NLLN's General Fund.

NLLN support to Northwest Service Cooperative for June 14 and 15 Workshop at MSUM (\$100), "Integrate, Innovate, Motivate, 2017: Creative Tech. for Teaching".

The first annual "Better Together" workshop was held at Lakes Country Service Cooperative on June 12, 2017:

"Better Together"

Area Workshop for Educators, Media Specialists, and Librarians
Monday, June 12, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lakes Country Service Cooperative
1001 East Mount Faith
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

There is no charge for this workshop

Bring boxes or bags for the IBBY book give-away

8:30 - 9 a.m. Registration
Coffee, tea, and rolls

9:05 – 9:45 a.m. Opening Comments

Introductions and conversation, Lynette Schwagerl, Campbell-Tintah Schools

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Ottertail County Historical Society

Library Resources and Outreach Programs Kathy Evavold and Missy Hermes

Have you ever used the Otter Tail County Historical Society's research library or did you realize that they maintained a research library and archives? Your local historical society might be a treasure you have been missing out on. Although all historical societies operate a little bit differently, they are worth knowing a bit more about. The Otter Tail County Historical Society's library is open 9-5 Monday through Friday and serves approximately 1,000 on-site visitors annually. They are set up to serve their primary user, the genealogist, but many of the same research tools can be used to help research a host of local history topics including school research papers and projects. Historical Societies offer a chance to provide direct or firsthand evidence about an event, object, or person through the use of primary sources. Curator/Archivist Kathy Evavold will give us an overview of what to expect when using their library and the kinds of resources that are available to us.

10:15 - 11:45 IBBY Seminar

Carol Sibley, Professor Emerita, MSUM Curriculum Center

Professor Sibley will discuss and present the 41 books from all genres, from toddler board books through the 12th grade, that won the International Books for Young People list that honors writers, illustrators, and translators for their literary and artistic value along with their unique cultural perspectives. The books are set in countries such as Brazil, Netherlands, India, Norway, Australia, and Canada. The theme this year was "Life's Journey" and represented in one of the titles that won, *A Family is a Family*. Books are mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors: mirrors reflecting ourselves, windows to be opened, and sliding glass doors waiting to be walked through. USBBY is a nonprofit agency whose goal is to build bridges of international understanding through children's and young adult books. Eleven of the winning books will be given away. Altogether, 282 books from IBBY will be given away to workshop participants, including picture books, novels for grades 2 – 12, nonfiction books, and graphic books. The most books are picture books for toddlers and intermediate ages. The books will be divided among workshop participants.

11:45 – 12 p.m. Break

12 – 1 p.m. Guest author Brent Olson

Super Taco Bar Lunch. \$5 suggested donation.

Brent Olson is an agriculturalist living in Big Stone County. While he has contributed much to his community (Board of Directors, Northern Growers, LLC; Board of Directors, Big Stone County Pork Producers; Chair of the Pioneerland Library Board), Brent Olson is also an author of the books: *Letters from a Peasant, The Lay of the Land, Still Whistling, Papa*, and *The Inadvertent Café*. Was a Bush Fellow in 2012 and has won various awards for his work.

1 – 1:45 p.m. Technology in the Classroom

Laurie Conzemius

Laurie Conzemius is a long-term board member of ISTE, the International Society for Technology in Education and media specialist in schools in Minnesota. Laurie is an technology expert and can show you electronic tools you never knew exited.

1:45 – 2 p.m. Door Prizes

2 – 3 p.m. Conversation: Shared eBook Collection for Schools in the NLLN Region

Representatives from eBook collections will discuss the opportunity for a shared collection for schools in the NLLN region. Anna Maria from Overdrive will discuss the possibilities of a shared collection with Overdrive.

Workshop participants received:

- Altogether 282 International Children's books, including picture books, novels for grades 2 12, nonfiction, and graphic books. The greatest number of books are picture books for toddlers to intermediate age. The books will be divided among workshop participants.
- Regional Directory of Cultural and Historical Organizations and Museums
- A list of media specialists in the region

- Resource handouts
- Door prizes
- Five hours of continuing education credits

The first "Better Together" Area Workshop is sponsored by Campbell-Tintah Public Schools, The John Wallace Ingersoll Foundation Fund, Lakes Country Service Cooperative, Laurie Conzemius LLC, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Northern Lights Library Network, Ottertail County Historical Society, Overdrive, and Roseau Public Schools. Funding for the workshop was made available through the John Wallace Ingersoll Foundation Fund.

Impact: People in the NLLN region will know how to access the information they need to improve their lives.

See Appendix **Training**

5. eBook access for middle and high school students throughout the NLLN region.

Many students living within the counties served by Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) and Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) have been issued iPads or tablets by their schools. LARL and NWRL have seen a steady increase in the use of eBook and eAudiobook collections. Teachers and media specialists from across the region have contacted LARL and NWRL, asking how their students can obtain access to eBooks and eAudiobooks. LARL and NWRL are encouraging schools, teachers, and students to register for LARL and NWRL library cards to access the eBook services provided to them through their public library. The Tumblebook Library is provided for the Northwest Regional Library System.

State Aid Expenditures: \$13,350.00 budgeted. \$13,350.00 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$0.00

Output: eBooks for children and young adults in the Lake Agassiz Regional Library System and the Northwest Regional Library System.

Impact: eBook and eAudiobook access for students enhance efforts schools make to provide content rich materials to students.

6. MSUM Planetarium and Scholastic Family & Community Engagement Resources (FACE) Building Home Libraries

Access to books in the home is a key factor in determining a child's future success. Children raised in homes with lots of books are nearly 20% more likely to finish college. Through Scholastic's Family and Community Engagement Resources Building Home Libraries, NLLN was able to purchase books at a discount and will send one home each to:

Detroit Lakes 3rd graders on January 20th, *Journey through our Solar System* by Dr. Mae Jemison and Dana Meachen Rau will be distributed.

Annual Stars of PBS event on February 4th, NLLN donated books as door prizes. One World One Sky with Moorhead Kindergarten in the spring. Both events will distribute, *My Very First Space Book* by Emily Bone, illustrated by Lee Cosgrove.

Objective: Meet local library needs collaboratively, as resources and needs arise. Funding in this category covers areas mentioned in this document.

Support special programming as needs and resources arise.

State Aid Expenditures: \$2,297.00 budgeted. \$2,521.05 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$5,000.00

Output:

Impact: Grassroots efforts at sharing resources and working collaboratively are brought together to meet local needs for library and collections services.

Objective: Explore ways rural libraries can be served and enhanced in the North-central, North-west, and West-central region of Minnesota.

Conduct planning meetings with rural librarians to determine needs and to discover ways to make rural libraries a focus of NLLN's efforts. Investigate many more and more convenient technological methods for disseminating information. Met with other rural multitype directors at ITEM and MLA fall conferences to discuss ways to best serve our rural populations.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

System in-kind staff support: \$1,000.00

Output: Direct resources to meet rural library needs.

Impact: Strong libraries in rural areas of Minnesota. Improved local and regional

understanding of the needs of citizens using rural libraries.

State Aid Expenditures for Goal III: \$30,897.55 budgeted. \$25,251.10 expended.

Goal IV: Development of a Bibliographic Database

Objective: Support existing catalog structure in regional schools by providing training to library media personnel using the Destiny catalog.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00 budgeted. System in-kind staff support: \$1,000.00

Output:

Impact: Improved access to library materials by students and teachers using the Destiny

catalog.

Objective: Access online bibliographic materials using the OCLC union catalog.

Support cataloging fees for membership to the OCLC CatExpress group subscription for Northwest Regional Library, Lincoln High School Thief River Falls, Kittson School Media Center, Warren/Alvarado/Oslo High School, Breckenridge High School District, Clearbrook Gonvick High School, ADA-Borup Public School, Independent School District 435, Audubon High School Media Center, Perham/Dent Public School, Holy Rosary School, BUG-O-NA-GE Shig School, Grygla School Media Center, Bemidji Public School, Park Rapids High School, Northland Community Schools ISD #118, Circle of Life School, St. Joseph's School, Lancaster public School, Tri-County School,

Mahnomen Public School, Frazee-Vergas School, Pine River Backus Public School, Badger School, Blackduck Public School, White Earth Tribal & Community College Library.

State Aid Expenditures: \$600.00 budgeted. \$942.34 expended.

Other in-kind support: \$1,500.00 NWRL cataloging

Output: Cataloging of 1,600 records

Impact: Patron access to online catalog materials

Objective: Support existing catalogs throughout the region.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

Other in-kind support:

Output: Impact: Patron access to online catalog materials.

Objective: Assist libraries in keeping up with rapidly changing technology.

Through on-going interaction with members, determine technology resources available in the region and link those resources with libraries that need them on an ongoing basis throughout Fiscal Year 2016 and beyond. Determine supplemental funding sources available to libraries and collections in the region for hardware and software and make them available.

State Aid Expenditures: \$0.00

System in-kind staff support: \$4,000.00

Output: Up-to-date technology in area libraries.

Impact: Citizens with technology skills and ability to access electronic resources.

State Aid Expenditures for Goal IV: \$600.00 budgeted. \$942.34 expended

Goal V: Communications System among all Cooperating Libraries

Objective: Facilitate communication about the purpose and benefits of libraries to citizens of the region.

Ongoing public relations efforts based on a SMART public relations plan through public service announcements and publicity in newspapers, radio and television stations. Collect, prepare, and distribute library public relations materials through libraries and media outlets in the region and receive feedback from member libraries on their public relations needs. In collaboration with members, visit community organizations throughout the region to promote libraries. Develop consistent message and branding and develop materials that can be used locally, such as radio, television, newspapers, social media, and online samples, including Internet, phone and printing for members.

State Aid Expenditures: \$2,827.44 budgeted. \$2,405.76 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$2,000.00

Output: Ongoing Facebook and Twitter activities about libraries developed by

Consultant, Katelyn Ostby.

Impact:

Objective: Develop and continue to maintain electronic and social media methods for communicating with members.

Send ongoing emails and Constant Contact and Listbox messages to members; maintain and update webpage; maintain Facebook page and Twitter account; update Flikr; manage and introduce emerging communication technologies. Continued brochure development and distribution, annual report development and distribution, various mailings.

State Aid Expenditures: \$3,650.00 budgeted. \$4005.15 expended.

System in-kind staff support: \$5,000.00

Output: Communication between NLLN members.

State Aid Expenditures for Goal V: \$6,477.44 budgeted. \$6,410.09 expended.

Total State Aid Expenditures for Goals I-V: \$48,047.55 budgeted. \$45,087.04 expended.

Appendices

Library Advocacy



Notes sent to legislators April 11, 2017

Hello Senator Johnson,

Without changing the distribution formula for regional library systems, we will have to drastically cut library services in the northwest region of Minnesota.

Please, please, please move HF 1382 and SF 1033 into omnibus education bills HF 890 and SF 718.

Without equity funding in our region, we will experience a reduction in library hours, services, collections, and possible future library closings.

At the same time, library funding at the federal level is being cut.

We beg you to fix the distribution formula, now. Your constituents will suffer at a time they don't need to. Please make the change.

Kathy B. Enger Executive Director

Bringing Libraries Together

Bridgeford Donation

Retired media specialist and NLLN Governing Board member, Adell Bridgeford, donated 584 items for children and young adults to the MSUM Curriculum Library. In addition to books, the donation included

Hope Lutheran Church, Walker, Minnesota

Executive Director Kathy Enger and Retired media specialist and NLLN Governing Board member, Adell Bridgeford, wrote a grant to Thrivent for books in the Hope Lutheran Church for young adults and Audio CDs for seniors.

Narrative

Hope Lutheran Church in Walker, Minnesota, would like to develop the church library collection to serve young adults and seniors in the congregation better. The library has served the congregation well over the last several decades, but the collection is stressed to serve young adults and seniors, due to lack of materials for both populations.

As young adults mature and approach adulthood, they come to church to find the values they need to establish a secure foundation for their life ahead. Good books with a solid theology can provide this foundation. On the other end of the spectrum, seniors nearing end-of-life choices require strength and endurance, values that can be supported through good literature, particularly through materials they can listen to such as CD Audio books, as reading may become more difficult.

Churches provide literature people may not find through their public library. In a recent publication entitled *Spirituality in Young Adult Literature: The Last Taboo* by Campbell and Crowe (2015), it was noted that writers should address discussion about God with teenagers.

Byle (*Publishers Weekly*, August 27, 2012) says that the Christian story and faith helps young adults understand some of the issues they face on a daily basis. Religious literacy has a place for young people, particularly through church libraries.

This request includes written Christian literature for young adults, including fiction and nonfiction, and fiction and nonfiction for a senior audience in CD Audio form, along with a few published titles. It is hoped as this literature is added to the Hope Lutheran Church Library, the congregation will be enriched by the resources they find there.

Book Request for Young Adults, Hope Lutheran

Title	Author
NONFICTION	
Univited: Living Loved when you feel less than 978-1-5318-3153-0	Terkeurst, Lysa
Killing Christians 978-0-7180-3068-1	Doyle, Tom
College Bound 978-0-570-05313-2	Winkler, Kathleen
College 101: A Christian Survival Guide 978-0-7586-5035-1	Concordia Publishing
Stuff You Gotta Know: Straight Talk on Real Life 978-0-7586-0876-5	Doud, Guy Rice
Human Sexuality: A Christian Perspective 978-0-570-03568-8	Sonnenberg, Roger
Keeping the Faith: God's Truth for Inquiring YA 978-0-570-01548-2	Dittmer
Lutheran Spirituality: Life as God's Child 978-0-7586-2734-6	Baker, Robert C.
Not a Tame God: Christ in the Writings of C.S. Lewis 978-0-570-05296-8	Mueller, Steven P.
Church History Basics	Engelbrecht, Edward, et

978-0-7586-5271-3

5 Things you can do to Understand the Bible Better McIntoch, Zach

978-0-7586-4185-4

How to Read the Bible with Understanding Burgland, Lane A.

978-0-7586-4698-9

FICTION

When Mockingbirds Sing Coffey, Billy

978-1-4016-8821-9

Storm Siren Weber, Mary

978-1-4016-9035-9

Siren's Song Weber, Mary

978-1-4016-9040-3

Siren's Fury Weber, Mary

978-1-4016-9038-0

When Crickets Cry Martin, Charles

978-1-59554-054-6

Dear Mr. Knightley Reay, Katherine

978-1-4016-8968-1

The Dead Don't Dance Martin, Charles

978-0-7852-6181-0

High Calling: The Courageous Life nd Faith of Husband, Evelyn

978-0-7852-6068-4

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy Keller, Timothy

978-1-59555-246-4

Grace at Low Tide Hart, Beth Webb

978-1-59554-026-3

Mermaid Moon Coble, Colleen

978-1-4016-9028-1

Coble, Colleen The Inn at Ocean's Edge 978-0-7180-3122-9 Fire Dancer Coble, Colleen 978-1-59551-139-0 Coble, Colleen Seagrass Pier 978-1-59554-784-2 Coble, Colleen **Rosemary Cottage** 978-1-59554-782-8 Tidewater Inn Coble, Colleen 978-1-59554-781-1 Soul's Gate Rubart, James L. 978-1-4016-8605-5 Spirit Bridge Rubart, James L. 978-1-4016-8609-3 Memory's Door Rubart, James L. 978-1-4016-8607-9 Lawhead, Stephen, et The Silver Hand al. 978-1-59554-891-7 The Paradise War LawHead, Stephen R. 978-1-59554-890-0 Sinner Dekker, Ted 978-1-59554-578-7 Saint Dekker, Ted 978-1-59554-614-2 Showdown Dekker, Ted 978-1-59554-613-5

The Martyr's Song 978-1-59554-294-6

Dekker, Ted

Butterfly Palace Coble, Colleen 978-1-59554-783-5 The Bones Will Speak Parks, Carrie Stuart 978-1-4016-9045-8 When Death Draws Near Parks, Carrie Stuart 978-1-4016-9047-2 A Cry from the Dust Parks, Carrie Stuart 978-1-4016-9043-4 Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christ Miller, Donald 978-1-4002-0458-8 Stones for Bread Parrish, Christa 978-1-4016-8901-8 Only the River Runs Free Thoene, Bodie, et al. 978-0-7852-6925-0 Of Men and of Angels Thoene, Bodie, et al. 978-0-7852-6929-8 The Clouds Roll Away Giorello, Slbella 978-1-59554-534-3 The Rivers Run Dry Giorello, Sibella 978-1-59554-533-6 The Stars Shine Bright Giorello, Sibella 978-1-59554-536-7 Giorello, Sibella The Mountains Bow Down 978-1-59554-535-0 **Shadow Chaser** Law, Jerel 978-1-4003-2199-5 Fire Prophet Law, Jerel 978-1-4003-1845-2

Law, Jerel

Truth Runner

978-1-4003-2287-9

Spirit Fighter Law, Jerel

978-1-4003-1843-8

Comes a Horseman Liparulo, Robert

978-1-58554-179-6

Deadfall Liparulo, Robert

978-1-59554-481-0

Germ Liparulo, Robert

978-1-59554-170-3

Solitary Thrasher, Travis

978-1-4347-6421-8

Gravestone Thrasher, Travis

978-1-4347-6419-5

Hurt Thrasher, Travis

978-1-4347-0551-8

Temptation Thrasher, Travis

978-1-4347-6417-1

A Sweetness to the Soul Kirkpatrick, Jane

978-1-59052-950-8

A Gathering of Finches Kirkpatrick, Jane

978-1-60142-247-7

TOTAL

Book and CD Audio Requests for Seniors, Hope Lutheran

Title	Author	Publisher
Holy Bible Giant Print		Thomas Nelson
Uninvited: Living loved when you feel less 978-1-5318-3153-0 CD-Audio	TerKeurst, Lysa	Brilliance Pub.

Blessings and Prayers for Those with Cancer 978-0-7586-2672-1	Dellinger, Annetta	Concordia
Dying to Live: The Power of Forgiveness 978-0-570-04644-8	Senkbeil, Harold L.	Concordia
The Land of Milk and Honey: Intro. To Israel 978-0-7586-0056-1	Beck, John A.	Concordia
How to Minister Among Older Adults 978-0-570-053065-7	Knippel, Charles	Concordia
Grace: More than we deserve, Greater than 978-1-4692-2561-6 CD-Audio	Lucado, Max	Brilliance
Healing Waters 978-1-59859-606-9 CD-Audio	Rue, Nancy	Oasis Audio
Healing Stones 978-1-608179544-7 CD-Audio	Rue, Nancy	Oasis Audio
Healing Sands 978-1-59859-642-7 CD-Audio	Rue, Nancy	Oasis Audio
Bonhoeffer 978-1-4417-6605-2 CD-Audio	Metaxas, Eric	Blackstone Audio
The Centurion's Wife 978-1-59859-471-3 CD Audio	Bunn, Davis	Oasis Audio
The Hidden Flame 978-1-59859-641-0 CD Audio	Oke, Janette	Oasis Audio
Through the Eyes of a Lion 978-1-5113-2317-8 CD Audio	Lusko, Levi	Brilliance
Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encount 978-1-5012-6294-4 CD Audio	Qureshi, Nabeel	Brilliance
C.S. Lewis: A Life 978-1-60981-726-8 CD Audio	McGrath, Alister	Oasis Audio

Iscariot: A Novel of Judas 978-1-4423-6051-8	Lee, Tosca	Simon & Shuster
God's Double Agent 978-1-4805-3258-8 CD Audio	Fu, Bob	Brilliance
Glorious Ruin: How Suffering Sets You Free 978-1-60981-512-7 CD Audio	Tchividjian, Tullian	Oasis Audio
Miracle on Voodoo Mountain: A Young Woman's 978-1-4915-4704-5 CD Audio	Boudreaux, Megan	Brilliance
Sanctuary of the Soul: Journey into Meditative Prayer 978-1-61045-219-9 CD Audio	Foster, Richard J.	christianaudio
The Word of Promise New Testament 978-0-7180-2424-6 CD Audio	Thomas Nelson staf	Thomas Nelson
Great Hymns Treasury 978-1-56630-022-3 CD Audio	Brentwwood Music	Brentwood Music
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978-1-56630-022-3 CD Audio A Hearth in Candlewood	Music	Music
978-1-56630-022-3 CD Audio A Hearth in Candlewood 978-1-4281-2917-7 CD Audio Refining Emma	Music Parr, Delia	Music Recorded Books
978-1-56630-022-3 CD Audio A Hearth in Candlewood 978-1-4281-2917-7 CD Audio Refining Emma 978-1-4281-6048-4 CD Audio Where Love Dwells	Music Parr, Delia Parr, Emma	Music Recorded Books Recorded Books
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Big Books Donated by Adell Bridgeford to the Curriculum Materials Center Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN September 2016

Author	Title	Publisher	Year
Berg, Ron	Eugene Field's Wynken, Blynken and Nod	Scholastic	1985
Borden, Louise	Caps, Hats, Socks, and Mittens	Scholastic	1989
Brown, Marc	Arthur's Teacher Trouble	Trumpet Club	1986
Cameron, Polly	"I Can't" said the Ant	Scholastic	1989
Freeman, Don	Corduroy	Scholastic	1968
Freeman, Don	A Pocket for Corduroy	Scholastic	1978
Gilman, Phoebe	Jillian Jiggs	Scholastic	1985
Hall, Donald	Ox-Cart Man	Scholastic	1979
Heller, Ruth	The Reason for a Flower	Scholastic	1983
Heller, Ruth	Many Luscious Lollipops	Scholastic	1989
Numeroff, Laura Joffe	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Scholastic	1985
Rowe, Erna	Giant Dinosaurs	Scholastic	1973
Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for Sale	Scholastic	1989

Curriculum Bulletins Donated by Adell Bridgeford to the Curriculum Materials Center Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN September 2016

Author	Title	Publisher	Year
	Winter Holidays Learning Through Literature Gr 2-3	Education Center	1993
	Winter Holidays Learning Through Literature Gr. K-1	Education Center	1993
	Spring Holidays Learning Through Literature Gr. 2-3	Education Center	1992
	Spring Holidays Learning Through Literature Gr. K-1	Education Center	
	Learning Through Literature Teaching Units for Favorite Children's Books Gr. 2-3 2 nd Series	Education Center	1991
	Learning Through Literature Teaching Units for Favorite Children's Books Gr. 2-3 1 st Series	Education Center	1990
	Learning Through Literature Teaching Units for Favorite Children's Books Gr. K-1 1 st Series	Education Center	1990
	Learning Through Literature Teaching Units for Favorite Children's Books Gr. K-1 2 nd Series	Education Center	1991

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Borst, Donna	Classroom Celebrations The Best of Holidays and seasonal celebrations	Teaching and Learning Company	1996
Alcorn, Jo	Art Projects with Paper: More than 20 Fun, Step-by-Step Projects that Turn Paper Into Dazzling Decorations, Treasures, and Gifts	Scholastic	1999
Artell, Mike	How to Create Picture Books A step-by-step guide for young authors and illustrators	Monday Morning	1994
Baltas, Joyce	Balanced Reading K-2	Scholastic	1996
Bernstein, Alice	Teacher's Planbook and Calendar of Year Round Activities	Troll Associates	1994
Borst, Donna	The Best of Holidays and Seasonal Celebrations Issues 1-4	Teaching and Learning Company	1999
Bullock, Doris	Designed to Delight Activities to Enhance Children's Enjoyment of Books	Fearon Teacher Aids	1986
Carey, Patsy	Literature Unit for Strega Nona	Teacher Created Materials	1993
Carratello, John & Patty	Literature and Critical Thinking Primary	Teacher Created Materials	1987
Carratello, John & Patty	Literature and Critical Thinking Primary	Teacher Created Materials	1989
Carratello, John & Patty	Literature and Critical Thinking Intermediate	Teacher Created Materials	1989
Carratello, Patty	Literature and Critical Thinking Intermediate	Teacher Created Materials	1989
Cochran, Judith	Insights to Literature	Incentive Publications	1991
Comfort, Claudette	Newberry & Caldecott Books in the Classroom	Incentive Publication	1991
Conrad, Marjorie	Our Five Senses: Theme Unit	Creative Teaching Press	1992
Cooper, Cathie	Storyteller's Cornucopia	Alleyside Press	1998
DiDominicis, Lynn	Literature Unit for Jumanji	Teacher Created Materials	1995
Elmore, Rebekah	10 Ready-To-Go Book Report Projects	Scholastic	1997
Farmer, Lesley	Creative Partnerships: Librarians and Teachers Working Together	Linworth	1993
Fiderer, Adele	35 Rubrics & Checklists to Assess Reading and Writing	Scholastic	1998
Fredericks, Anthony	Integrated Curriculum: Books for Reluctant readers, Grades 2-5	Teacher's Ideas Press	1992
Freeman, Sara	Changes-Weather: Theme Unit	Frank Schaffer	1991
Gould, Judith S.	Four Square Writing Method	Teaching and Learning Company	1999
Hechtman, Judi	Ocean: Theme Unit	Creative Teaching Press	1994
Housel, Debra	Quick and Easy Costumes and Plays	Teacher Created Materials	2000
Janeczko, Paul B	Favorite Poetry Lessons	Scholastic	1996
Kato, JoAnne	Frogs and Toads: Theme Unit	Creative Teaching Press	1991

Kear, Dr. Dennis J.	A Multicultural Guide to Literature-Base Whole Language Activities for Young	Good Apple	1993
	Children		
Kilpatrick, Susan	Literature Unit for Molly's Pilgrim	Teacher Created	1995
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Kilpatrick, Susan	Literature Unit for Where the Wild Things	Teacher Created	1994
	Are	Materials	
Kotch, Laura	Author Studies Handbook	Scholastic	1995
Lee, Carol K.	57 Games to Play in the Library or Classroom	Alleyside Press	1997
Lunsford, Susan	Literature Based Mini Lessons to Teach Writing	Scholastic	1998
Mallett, Jerry	World Folktales	Alleyside Press	1994
Miller, Marcia	Big Book of Ready-to-go Writing Lessons	Scholastic	2000
Moen, Christine	Teaching with Caldecott Books	Scholastic	1991
Moore, Jo Ellen	Unit About Dragons	Evan-Moore Corp	1989
Nessle, Denise	Follow the Directions!	Scholastic	1999
Newman, Dana	Ready-To-Use Activities and Materials on Woodlands Indians	Prentice Hall	1997
Palumbo, Thomas	Integrating the Literature of Beverly Cleary in the Classroom	Good Apple	1991
Palumbo, Thomas J.	Integrating the Literature of Chris Van Allsburg In the Classroom	Good Apple	1992
Perry, Phyllis	Myths Legends and Tales	Alleyside Press	1999
Phillips, Nancy	Literature Unit for Johnny Appleseed	Teacher Created Materials	1995
Porteous, Diane	Literature Unit for Arthur's Eyes	Teacher Created Materials	1996
Raines, Shirley C.	Story Stretchers for the Primary Grades	Gryphon House	1992
Raines, Shirley C.	450 More Story Stretchers for the Primary Grades	Gryphon House	1994
Raines, Shirley C.	Story Stretchers Activities to Expand Children's Favorite Books	Gryphon House	1989
Rozakis, Laurie	Laura Ingalls Wilder Activities Based on Research from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Homes and Museums	Scholastic	1993
Schroeder, Joane F.	Fun Puppet Skits for Schools and Libraries	Teacher Ideas Press	1995
Shepherd-Hayes,	Literature Unit for If You Give a Mouse a	Teacher Created	1994
Deborah	Cookie and If You Give a Moose a Muffin	Materials	
Snoddon, Ruth	Ready-to-Use Library Skills Games	Center for Applied Research	1987
Spagnoli, Cathy	A Treasury of Asian Stories & Activities for Schools & Libraries	Alleyside	1998
Steding, Laurie	Teachers' Messages and Notes Home	Troll Associates	1994
Sterling, Mary	Write All About It! Activities for the Writing Process	Teacher Created Materials	1993
Suid, Murray	Storybooks Teach Writing Little Literacy	Monday Morning	1994

	Lessons Starring Three Dozen Classics		
Sweeney, Jaqueline	350 Fabulous Writing Prompts Thought-	Scholastic	1995
	Provoking Springboards for Creative,		
	Expository, and Journal Writing		
Thompson, Greg	Step by Step Theatre Creating Plays for Class	Fearon	
	Presentation		
Tobonl, Vicki	Farm Animals Theme Unit	Creative Teaching Press	1991
Traugh, Susan	Dinosaurs: Theme Unit	Creative Teaching Press	1991
Tuten-Puckett,	Using Wordless Picture Books	Teacher Ideas Press	1993
Katharyn			
Williams, Rozanne	Transportation: Theme Unit	Creative Teaching Press	1990

Nonfiction Books Donated by Adell Bridgeford to the Curriculum Materials Center Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN September 2016

Marks, Anthony, *Romans*, Scholastic, 2005 Wheatley, Abigail, *Archaeology*, Scholastic, 2003

Puppets Donated by Adell Bridgeford to the Curriculum Materials Center Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN September 2016

Puppets	Description
Bear	12 inches
Grouchy Lady Bug	Grouchy Lady Bug (Book and Puppet); 8 inches
Moose	13 inches
Penguin	Little Penguin's Tale (Book and Puppet); 14 inches
Raccoon	Folkmanis puppet; 15 inches
Snail	Folkmanis puppet; 13 inches

Story Book Characters Donated by Adell Bridgeford to the Curriculum Materials Center Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN September 2016

Book Title	Character Name/Description
Babar	Babar Elephant (green jacket)
Babar	Celeste (Pink Dress)
Madeline	Madeline Doll
Oh Say Can You Say	Green Bird
Pippi Longstocking	Pippi Longstocking
Put Me in the Zoo	Spotted Leopard
The Grinch Stole Christmas	The Grinch
The Lorax	The Lorax
There's a Wocket in my Pocket	Orange and Pink Wocket

Bengtson Book Donation to NLLN Member Libraries

Last Name First Name TITLE	
Last Ivalie IIILE	
Hua Gu A Small Town Called Hibiscus	
Smith Lee Cakewalk	
Unger Douglas Leaving The Land	
Sandford John Chosen Prey	
White E B The Second Tree From The Corn	er
Green Kate Shattered Moon	
Atwood Margaret The Handmaid's Tale	
Trogdon William Blue Highways	
Jhabvala Ruth Prawer Heat & Dust	
Smith Lee Family Linen	
Chute Carolyn The Beans of Egypt-Maine	
Tan Amy The Joy Luck Club	
Chekhov Anton Selected Stories	
Gurganus Allan White People	
Schwandt Stephen The Last Goodie	
Follett Ken The Pillars of The Earth	
Grisham John The Pelican Brief	
Camus Albert <i>The Plague</i>	
Miller Arthur Death of A Salesman	
Boll Heinruch The Lost Honor of Katharina Blu	m
Bodycombe David Mind Benders	
Olsson Linda Astrid & Veronika	
Chavis Geri Giebel Family Stories from the Interior	
Picoult Jodi My Sister's Keeper	
Smith Alexander McCall The Importance of Being Seven	
Goolrick Robert A Reliable Wife	
Phillips Jayne Anne Fast Lanes	
Kagen Lesley Whistling in the Dark	
Davis Jill A Ask Again Later	
Dorris Michael The Crown of Columbus	
Stockett Kathryn <i>The Help</i>	
Smith Alexander McCall The Saturday Big Tent Wedding	Party
Smith Alexander McCall The Charming Quirks of Others	
Fey Tina Bossypants	
Straight Susan Aquaboogie	
Sanders Scott Russell The Paradise Bombs	
Smith Alexander McCall The Unbearable Lightness of Sco	nes
Smith Alexander McCall La's Orchestra Saves the World	
Schultz Connie Life Happens	

Simonson Helen *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*

Rush Anne Kent *Moon, Moon*

Considine David M Visual Messages - 1992
Considine David M Visual Messages - 1999

Poulin, Jr A. Contemporary American Poetry

Elder Minnesotans Never Like You Plan

MayesFrancesThe Discovery of PoetryPachecoJosephAlligator in the SkyWillisMeredith SuePersonal Fiction Writing

Florida State Univ Sundog

Wallis Jim God's Politics

Carter Jimmy *Our Endangered Values*Mortenson Greg *Stones into Schools*

Martone Michael Townships

Hamline Univ Water Stone
Magazine of Poetry Pemmican

Roberts Philip Davies How Poetry Works

Yeats William Butler Selected Poems and Two Plays of - Yeats

Bly Carol Beyond the Writers' Workshop

Almanac 2014 St Paul Almanac

Dickinson Emily Final Harvest - Dickinson's Poems

Abrams M H English Romantic Poets
Lloyd Pamela How Writers Write
Griffiths Jane A Grip On Thin Air

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden

Ehrlich Eugene Basic Grammar For Writing

Frye Northrop Anatomy of Criticism
Garrison Roger How A Writer Works
Hise Jesse Patterns (out of print)

Leggett Glenn 12 Poets

Aliesan Jody Loving in Time of War

Lawder Douglas Binoculars

Nightingale Barbra Singing in the Key of L

BorgesJorge LuisDreamtigersHasselstromLindaDakota BonesPalmerToddShadowless Flight

Christensen Elaine I Have Learned Five Things
Clement Kathryn A Common Language
Naiden James Summer Poems

Adams Sam Ten Anglo-Welsh Poets

Tillemans Rose I'm Still Dancing

Robinson Guy Do You Know? World War II

Shakespeares's Best

Lake Region Review 6 copies - 2012 (\$10. each) Lake Region Review 3 copies - 2013 (\$10. each) Lake Region Review 2 copies - 2011 (\$10. each)

Bonner Barbara Sacred Ground

Schaeffer Francis A The Church At The End of The 20th Century

SchaefferFrancis AA Christian ManifestoO'ReilleyMary RoseRadical PresenceSobczakCharlesRhythm of the Tides

KilgoreDavidaLast SummerSutinLawrenceA Postcard MemoirDeesMorrisA Season For Justice

Harris Leon Upton Sinclair American Rebel
Kohn Alfie The Schools Our Children Deserve
DeGrazia Emilio A Canticle for Bread and Stones
Bettelheim Bruno The Uses of Enchantment

Norris Kathleen *Dakota*

WaughEvelynA Little LearningKeillorGarrisonHappy To Be HereHasselstromLindaFeels Like FarBassRickOil Notes

Schaeffer Francis a *True Spirituality*Postman Neil *The End of Education*

Dorris Michael *Morning Girl*Young Al *Seduction By Light*

Mason Bobbie Love Life

Martone Michael Fort Wayne Is Seventh On Hitler's List

Bass Rick In The Loyal Mountains

McGaaEdRainbow TribeDeGraziaEmilioBilly Brazil

DeGrazia Emilio Seventeen Grams of Soul

HaynesDavidRight by My SideHribalC JMatty's HeartBukoskiAnthonyTwelve Below ZeroWillisMeredith SueDeep Revision

MoriceDaveThe Adventures of Dr AlphabetHillStanConfessions of an 8- Year-Old Boy

Walker Scott The Graywolf Annual Three: Essays, Memoirs..

Walker Scott The Graywolf Annual Four: Short Stories By Men

IorioJohnThe ShrineRabasaGeorgeGlass HousesFordRichardRock Springs

Gallagher Tess The Lover of Horses
Momaday N Scott House Made of Dawn

Cardona-Hine Alvaro The Half-eaten Angel Charles Dickens David Copperfield Lesley Craig Talking Leaves Kinsella W P The Alligator Report **Brautigan** Richard Trout Fishing In America Richard Trout Fishing In America Brautigan McMurtry Horseman, Pass By Larry Hau'ofa Kisses In The Nederends Epeli Winter In The Blood Welch James Shiloh And Other Stories Mason **Bobbie Ann**

McGuane Thomas To Skin A Cat
Smiley Jane A Thousand Acres

Shepard Sam Great Dream Of Heaven
Mortenson Greg Three Cups Of Tea
Bukoski Anthony Children of Strangers

Endo Shusaku Silence

Caveney Graham Gentleman Junkie
Findhorn Community The Findhorn Garden

Bly Robert The Sibling Society
London Jack Tales of the North
Pagels Elaine The Gnostic Gospels
Dorris Michael The Broken Cord
Carter Jimmy Talking Peace

Smith Alexander McCall The Forgotten Affairs of Youth

BassRickThe Watch StoriesIvinsMollyBushwhackedDorrisMichaelWorking Men

Burgos-Debray Elisabeth I, Rigoberta Menchu

Baker Russell Growing Up

Clark Robert Our Sustainable Table

Cook David M The Small Town in American Literature

Bragg Rick All Over but the Shoutin'

McPhee John Orangs

Neuhausler Dr Johannes What Was It Like In The Concentration Camp At Dachau?

Pearlman Mickey A Place Called Home
Schaeffer Francis A A Christian Manifesto

Dachau Concentration Camp

Schoenman Ralph IRAQ and KUWAIT: A History Suppressed

BartonPauleThe Woe ShirtCostanzoWilliamDouble Exposure

Bly Carol Changing The Bully Who Rules The World

Pitt William War on Iraq
Bonhoeffer Dietrich Life Together

King Tim A Stranger In This Place But Once

Givens Bill Film Flubs

Holm Bill Coming Home Crazy

Copland Aaron What To Listen For In Music
Salinger J D The Catcher In The Rye

Davis Terry *Vision Quest*Lake M D *A Gift For Murder*

Schwartz Morrie Morrie: In His Own Words
Sassoon Siegfried Memoirs of an Infantry Officer

Weatherford Jack Indian Givers

Peplow Michael The New Negro Renaissance: An Anthology

Brox Jane Here and Nowhere Else
Eliot George The Mill On The Floss
Bronte Emily Wuthering Heights

Asian American Voices

DeGrote-Sorensen Barbara Six Weeks to a Simpler Lifestyle

Mortenson Greg Three Cups Of Tea

Vort Kay Vander Walking in Two Worlds

MartoneMichaelA Place of SenseFinkIdaA Scrap of TimeOlsenTillieTell Me A Riddle

Ozick Cynthia The Messiah of Stockholm
Kafka Franz Parables and Paradoxes
Schulz Bruno The Street of Crocodiles

Walker Alice You Can't Keep A Good Woman Down

Flagg Fannie Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café

Smith Alexander McCall The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds
Sato Hideaki Requiem World Trade Center

Cooper Roger Impressions

Fabun Don The Dynamics Of Change
Elkins James How To Use Your Eyes
Roth Susan A The Weekend Garden Guide

Robinson Randal Unlocking Shakespeare's Language
Barron Ron A Guide to Minnesota Writers
Haynes Susannah The Women's Heritage Scrapbook
Rygiel Mary Ann Shakespeare Amoung Schoolchildren
Fox Roy F Images in Language, Media, and Mind

HeifetzJulieOral History and The HolocaustDavisJames ETeaching Shakespeare TodayPetersonWilferdThe New Book of the Art of Living

Faulkner William *The Georgia Review*Logan Ben *The Land Remembers*

Beaty Jerome The Norton Introduction to the Short Novel

McManus Patrick The Deer On A Bicycle

McGhee Alison Shadow Baby

Earley Tony Here We Are In Paradise

Calvino Italo *The Watcher*Schmidt Annie M G *Minnie*

Wallis Jim The Great Awakening The Da Vinci Code Brown Dan Humphrey William The Spawning Run Bundy Peter P Finding The Forest Keillor Garrison Homegrown Democrat Faulkner William The Sound and the Fury Faulkner William Three Famous Short Novels

Camus Albert The Stranger Conrad **Heart of Darkness** Joseph Kawabata Yasunari Beauty and Sadness Melville Herman Four Short Novels Buddenbrooks Mann **Thomas** The Sibyl Lagerkvist Par Steinbeck Tortilla Flat John Flaubert Gustave Madame Bovary Schreiber Vernon My Servant Job

The Martian Chronicles **Bradbury** Ray Hawthorne Nathaniel The Scarlet Letter L'Amour Louis **Borden Chantry** Chandler Raymond Farewell, My Lovely Updike John Assorted Prose Parks Gordon The Learning Tree Camus Albert The Plaque

O'Connor Flannery Three by Flannery O'Connor
Kay Terry The Year The Lights Came On

LakeM DPoisoned IvyMorrisonToniSong of Solomon

Malamud Bernard The Fixer

Singer Isaac Bashevis The Magician of Lublin

L'Amour Louis Sackett's Land
Orwell George Ninteen Eighty-four

Wells H G The Invisible Man/The War of the Worlds

Uris Leon *Exodus*Doctorow E L *Ragtime*

Email from Stephen Pfleger, Bemidji Middle School:

I am very pleased with how things turned out. I really like the circ desk. It is just beautiful.

The carpet is growing on me. Would not have been my first choice, the lines get to me a little. I really like the shelving at a slant. It breaks up the lines in the carpet and it just looks great! I am very pleased with the remodel thus far and look forward working with you as we continue.

Stephen Pfleger Bemidji Middle School Library Media Specialist 218-333-3215 x57201 spfleger@bemidji.k12.mn.us



Training

Online Destiny Training

Email to School and NorthStar Users List September 15, 2016:

We have a new online Destiny Training through Schoology for you, designed by Gina Drellack, Education Services Consultant with Northwest Service Cooperative. Some of the videos include direct instruction on the Destiny Catalog, which has been approved by Follett. It's an integrated system, designed to be interactive, and based on the principles linked to skill building for NLLN's Train-the-Trainers model, whereby:

Learning is ... self-directed fills an immediate need and is highly participatory will be helpful and applicable in the work setting is experiential whereby participants learn from one another encompasses time for reflection and feedback is mutually respectful.

To participate,

- Go to https://www.schoology.com
- Sign up
- Or login if you already have a Schoology account
- Go to "Courses"
- "Join"
- Join the Destiny Training course by entering the course number: C37RB-M8TGX

Once you access the Destiny Training course, you will have online Destiny training for:

Circulating Library Materials

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Building Your Catalog

Configuring Library Manager for Your School

Managing Library Fines

Conducting an Inventory

Updating the Calendar, Setting the Calendar for the School Year, Updating Homerooms and Grade Levels, Adding Kindergarteners, Deleting Seniors

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An added benefit of the course are the .pdf instructions you can print following each module and the CEU Certificate.

Return to the course at any time!

Media Specialist Research

Media Specialists or School Librarians are Essential for a Well-Rounded Education

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Students in schools with full-time, certified media specialists do significantly better on standardized tests than students in schools without certified media specialists (Bleidt, 2011; Farmer, 2006; Francis & Lance, 2011; Hughes, 2014; Hughes, et al, 2013; Kuon, Flores, &

Pickett, 2014; Lance & Hofschire, 2012; Montiel-Overall, 2009; Neuman & Celano, 2001; Small & Snyder, 2010; Strong, 2014).

Media specialists: "are uniquely qualified to teach the information literacy skills that are paramount in a knowledge-based economy" (Francis & Lance, 2011, p. 65).

This study used a grounded theory, qualitative approach to examine sixty-seven full-text scholarly articles in the literature of Library and Information Science on the terms "Media Specialist" and "School Librarian" from 1997-2016, including sixty-eight Internet documents from state education websites and district education websites totaling 2,240 pages of documents, to determine the skills media specialists impart to students. Charmaz (2014) recommends the use of documents as a source of data, particularly in developing grounded theory. Findings,

Media Specialists teach the following skills:

Information Literacy

Digital Literacy

Library and Information Science Skills

Throughout the Information Literacy, Digital Literacy, and Library and Information Science skills acquisition process students are:

Analyzing, Synthesizing, and Evaluating

the information they find and use.

Analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating are higher-order thinking skills, Bloom (1956).

Information Literacy Skills

The Need to Access Information is Realized

In school environments, students are required to complete assignments that necessitate access to knowledge to validate their work and meet academic standards for course completion. Media specialists discuss students' information needs, ask questions, and define the problems students seek to solve.

• The Information or the Knowledge Needed is Located

Reference questions for simple information needs are retrieved by a simple Google search.

Access to knowledge requires connecting students to peer-reviewed research articles in databases and library collections through online catalogs and interlibrary loan links. Media specialists teach the difference between popular and scholarly publications, current vs. historic documents, and the difference between primary and secondary sources.

Students access and process knowledge rather than information. Knowledge is accessible through the scholarly work academics perform in journal articles, books, and reference materials. These resources are rarely free and require the knowledge of someone to know about them, to purchase them, and to make them accessible by organizing them and teaching students how to use them.

Google search = Information Access to Databases + Books = Knowledge

• The Accuracy, Value, and Relevancy of the Knowledge Located is Determined

Students evaluate the sources they find in terms of accuracy, bias, relevancy, currency, credibility, purpose, validity, and social and cultural context. Online reading comprehension is important and material from a variety of sources is synthesized. Students need to determine what they will use and not use from what appears to be limitless sources of material.

The Knowledge Located is Organized

Material located is organized into a manageable and understandable form. A student imposes structure on the knowledge located. Students need to learn about plagiarism and how 'cutting and pasting' what they find is illegal. If they are writing a paper, they need to understand what style the paper will be written in and the bibliographic format they will use (i.e. APA, Chicago Style Manual, MLA, etc.)

• The Knowledge Located is Put to Use

Students have the resources they need to create a paper, a presentation, or project. Students have integrated the knowledge found and acquired into their own personal knowledge base and learning occurs.

Schools without media specialists do not employ anyone whose explicit job it is to impart the understanding of knowledge acquisition to students.

In addition to analysis, synthesis, and evaluation,

Reading and Writing

are required throughout the information literacy process, providing a well-rounded learning experience for students.

Digital Literacy Skills

Media specialists teach along a spectrum of digital literacy skills,

from developing usernames and passwords, manipulating a mouse, learning keyboarding, using email and websites, and practicing digital etiquette,

to the more advanced skills

of navigating social media sites such as wikis, blogs, evaluating websites, manipulating data with spreadsheets, creating multimedia presentations with digital imagery, digital audio, digital video, and using smart phone and tablet technology

to understanding how subsystems fit together to form systems or networks.

Digital literacy focuses on the technological skills required to learn, rather than the knowledge seeking behaviors associated with information literacy. Media specialists teach students about the information/knowledge resources they need, then how to use the appropriate access technology to find and use these resources.

Library and Information Science Skills

Reading, reading, reading, reading, reading, reading, reading, reading, reading ...

The first and primary skill related to the library and information science skills media specialists impart to students is simply reading. Students become interested in books, learn about genres, grow as readers, develop individual tastes, and learn to appreciate the content books represent, such as the natural world, science, literature, and the arts. Students also become independent and critical readers and begin to realize that reading can become an integral part of life. Throughout the enrichment reading provides, students can improve academic achievement and reading comprehension. The media specialist

It has been widely shown that literacy levels improve as access to reading material and literature increases (Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding, 1988; Crosnoe & Cooper, 2010; Duke, 2000; Krashen, 2016; McQuillan & Au, 2001; Neuman & Celano, 2001; Saenz & Felix, 2007; Sanacore, 2006; Sanjana & Krolak, 2015).

her/himself represents reading to students and is a role model for reading.

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The Governing Board of Northern Lights Library Network approved the fourth year of the strategic plan June 2016.

The design of questions for both the qualitative and quantitative data collection was based on Northern Lights Library Network's need to further develop its strategic plan by identifying core values, determine library needs in the region, and discover how the multi-type library system could uniquely address those needs.

An electronic survey system was used to gather qualitative data from twenty-three NLLN members attending the 2012 annual meeting. Qualitative data was collected using twenty-two questions to determine core values, environmental scan, SWOT analysis, and needs analysis (see Table 1).

A phenomenological approach was used to analyze the qualitative data, following the Giorgi and Giorgi method of analysis (Giorgi & Giorgi, 2008). Enger and Lajimodiere (2011) outlined the phenomenological method used in this study:

- 1. The entire description written by the participant is read to discover the psychologically relevant lived meanings in the data and get a sense of the whole.
- 2. The text is reread and the research places a slash in the text each time a transition takes place to break the data into "meaning units".
- 3. With the "meaning units", the researcher begins the process of analysis: revealing meanings that are lived, but not necessarily clearly articulated or in full awareness; making the implicit explicit; moving from concrete lived situation as an example of something, to clarify what it is an example of; rendering and articulating psychological meanings as they are experienced and become visible.
- 4. The "meaning units" become the basis for writing the experience. The researcher dips into the subjective world of the participant as much as possible. The resulting analysis refers to the key constituents and to the relationships among them (p. 185)

Once responses to the qualitative data were analyzed, a survey was developed. The survey was pilot tested with NLLN Governing Board members (11) at the November, 2012 meeting. When the pilot was completed and the survey edited, the online survey containing thirty-nine questions was sent to the entire NLLN membership during the month of March, 2013, using the Dillman (2007) method to encourage good response rate. Responses were based on a simple Lickert scale of Strongly Disagree; Disagree; Undecided; Agree; Strongly Agree. Out of 232 members sent the survey, seventy-two members completed the survey (nearly a 40% response rate) and fifty-eight members answered all of the questions (a 25% response rate). The population used for this survey was the entire population, not a sample of it. See Table 2 for survey questions.

A Cronbach's Alpha was run on the questions to determine reliability of the survey design and it was found that reliability ranged from 0.835348 to 0.852987. A value between 0.8 and 0.9 is the ideal range, showing that the questions were reliable. Reliability means that scores from an instrument are stable and consistent and that respondents consistently answer closely related questions the same way (Creswell, 2012). See Table 3 for the Cronbach Alpha results.

From the survey results, the vision statement, a mission statement, identification of core values, and the development of goals and objectives of the organization were developed. To determine program development and implementation that arise from goals and objectives, a logic model was developed for each for planned work and intended results, including: activities, outputs, and impact.

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Table I

Qualitative Questions Asked 23 Participants

Ouestions

CORE VALUES

- 1. Please take some time to think about the history of libraries in the United States. What have libraries accomplished since they began in the mid-1880s? Take your time in responding to this question.
- 2. What are libraries accomplishing today?
- 3. Name five words you might use to describe libraries.
- 4. What do you see as the role of libraries in the future?
- 5. What impact does your organization have on its community?
- 6. What makes libraries valuable?
- 7. What are the core values of your organization?
- 8. In as few words as possible, how would you describe the Northern Lights Library Network to a family member or neighbor?

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN and SWOT ANALYSIS

- 9. Please describe the difficulties or problems libraries face today. Take your time in responding to this question.
- 10. What actions have you taken to overcome your organizations obstacles?
- 11. What obstacles are beyond your control?
- 12. What does your organization do well?
- 13. What could your organization do better?
- 14. As you consider your experience and think about the education you have received, What would you envision to be the best possible library?
- 15. Will you be able to be part of the meeting April 20th?

NEEDS ANALYSIS OF MULTI-TYPE LIBRARY SYSTEM REGION

- 16. What is a multi-type library system?
- 17. What service provided by Northern Lights Library Network have been beneficial to vou?
- 18. Why are multi-type library systems important to the residents of your community?
- 19. What services could multi-type libraries provide that are not currently provided?
- 20. Please describe problems you may have experienced with multi-type library systems and/or with the Northern Lights Library Network.
- 21. What is the purpose or role of multi-type library systems in Minnesota?
- **22.** What would you like your neighbors to know about multi-type systems?

Table II

Quantitative Survey Questions asked 232 Members

Responses base on Likert Scale: Strongly Agree, Disagree, Undecided, Agree, Strongly Agree

ialitative Questions

- 1. Libraries are a place for people to access information through the collaborative efforts the professionals who manage them.
- 2. Libraries are a bridge between physical and electronic access; a bridge between people and technology; a bridge between the resources available, and the community needing to use those resources.
- 3. Libraries are attractive, welcoming places that are friendly, open, inclusive, accessible, and innovative.
- 4. Libraries are a source of community pride where people go to learn from educational experts who teach them what they need to know to thrive and grow in their community.
- 5. Libraries are a place where stories join all our hands.
- 6. Unlike teachers who teach what they think students should know, librarians teach by learning what library users want to know, then teach them how to use the resources that will educate them. All the while, librarians organize these resources so they are accessible.
- 7. In principle and practice, libraries are at the core of a democratic society, defending the freedom of all citizens to: Access information to make informed decisions; read material that interests them; use technology successfully, engage in learning throughout the life cycle.
- 8. The population using our library is increasing.
- 9. The people I serve or represent are requesting more services.
- 10. Our library's physical facilities are adequate.
- 11. Our library receives adequate funding.
- 12. If people knew more about the service our library provides, funding would increase.
- 13. We need to learn how to activate our client base to increase our support.
- 14. We need elected officials who care more about libraries.
- 15. Libraries need better public relations.
- 16. Our library staff has adequate customer service skills.
- 17. Libraries are struggling to keep up with rapidly changing technology.
- 18. The technological infrastructure to manage library resources is adequate.
- 19. Our library staff has adequate technological skills.
- 20. Libraries are no longer needed because everything is available on the Internet.
- 21. Paper books are no longer needed because everything is available electronically.
- 22. At some point, we may no longer have access to paper books in libraries.
- 23. Our library collection is excellent.
- 24. Our library staff receive adequate training.
- 25. Our library needs more staff.
- 26. Our library needs more volunteers.

- 27. Our library should be open more hours.
- 28. We need to learn how to write grant proposals.
- 29. The main purpose of multi-type library systems is to make all libraries stronger.
- 30. There needs to be more cooperative collection development among libraries of all types.
- 31. There needs to be more shared subscriptions among all types of libraries.
- 32. There should be an annual best practice session among all types of libraries, related to common interests, such as technology, remote access, and collection management.
- 33. Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) should support libraries to facilitate better communication about the purpose and benefits of libraries to citizens of the region.
- 34. NLLN should find ways to share costs among all types of libraries in the region in order to lower costs to individual libraries.
- 35. There is a need in our region for all library types to advocate together, with one voice.
- 36. Please rank in order the importance of services provided to libraries by multi-type library systems, with 1 as the most Important and 15 as the least important.
- 37. Please rand the mission of Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN), with 1 as the most relevant, and 5 as the least relevant.
- 38. I would like to see Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) do more of the following:
- 39. I represent the following type of library:

Table III

Cronbach Results on Each Survey Question

Survey Qı 35 Variabl		Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
	-	Q9 Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
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	(Q33 Q34	Q35					
			Simple :	Statistics				
Variable	N	Mean		d Dev	Sum		Minimum	Maximum
Q1	58				55.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q2	58				59.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q3	58				69.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q4	58				42.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q5	58				42.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q6	58				55.00000		3.00000	5.00000
Q7	58				69.00000		3.00000	5.00000
Q8 00	58 50				97.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q9 01 <i>0</i>	58 58				14.00000 93.00000		1.00000	5.00000 5.00000
Q10 011	58 58				35.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q11 Q12	58				93.00000		1.00000 2.00000	5.00000
Q12 Q13	58				22.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q13 Q14	58				52.00000		3.00000	5.00000
Q15	58				32.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q16	58				35.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q17	58				25.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q18	58				83.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q19	58				05.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q20flip	58				77.00000		3.00000	5.00000
Q21flip	58				77.00000		3.00000	5.00000
Q22flip	58				17.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q23	58				83.00000		1.00000	4.00000
Q24	58				77.00000		1.00000	5.00000
Q25	58				86.00000		1.00000	5.00000
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Q27	58	3.25862	1.0	96886 1	89.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q28	58				94.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q29	58	4.10345	0.0	61243 2	38.00000		3.00000	5.00000
Q30	58	3.65517	0.	84918 2	12.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q31	58	3.58621	0.	79548 2	08.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q32	58		0.	72735 2	25.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q33	58				28.00000		2.00000	5.00000
Q34	58				16.00000		2.00000	5.00000
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Q2		0.634116		810807	0.6378		0.835	
Q2 Q3		0.458745		815018	0.454		0.846	
Q4		0.501558		812416	0.5048		0.839	
Q5		0.528274		812083	0.5269		0.838	
Q6		0.181906		822603	0.1986		0.847	
Q7		0.445681		817246	0.469		0.839	
Q8		0.357504		817586	0.357		0.842	

Q9	0.552530	0.810395	0.557673	0.837562	
Q10	0.074782	0.829154	0.073091	0.850425	
Q11	017039	0.832495	027519	0.852987	
Q12	0.308084	0.819264	0.298785	0.844543	
Q13	0.452758	0.815877	0.451315	0.840461	
Q14	0.573988	0.812647	0.590959	0.836646	
Q15	0.383825	0.817048	0.406027	0.841682	
Q16	0.344960	0.818455	0.355863	0.843026	
Q17	0.122512	0.826371	0.136426	0.848793	
Q18	0.140974	0.824921	0.140606	0.848685	
Q19	0.170031	0.823655	0.176905	0.847743	
Q20flip	0.294775	0.820503	0.306495	0.844339	
Q21flip	0.330065	0.819887	0.335872	0.843559	
Q22flip	0.182136	0.825177	0.186650	0.847489	
Q23	0.175563	0.823768	0.159249	0.848202	
Q24	0.109386	0.826234	0.106681	0.849562	
Q25	0.142324	0.826371	0.153420	0.848353	
Q26	0.289482	0.820396	0.285771	0.844888	
Q27	0.308125	0.819686	0.337352	0.843519	
Q28	0.238433	0.821572	0.227183	0.846430	
Q29	0.482820	0.815509	0.479579	0.839695	
Q30	0.453750	0.814493	0.456310	0.840326	
Q31	0.336022	0.818424	0.341199	0.843417	
Q32	0.532051	0.813045	0.544122	0.837934	
Q33	0.503854	0.814660	0.519266	0.838614	
Q34	0.356141	0.817730	0.370093	0.842646	
Q35	0.385270	0.817051	0.407311	0.841648	

The survey and results used to determine needs assessment, how stakeholders were consulted, and the environmental scan and SWOT analysis to create Northern Lights Library Network Strategic Plan is attached.