

Northern Lights Library Network Newsletter

October, 2002

Libraries and Elections

This is a big year for libraries in terms of the upcoming elections. With so much changing — in the economy, in federal, state and local government, in state library structures, and in our region — these elections will have a tremendous impact on the future of all types of libraries.

Whether we contact candidates before or after the election, we need to let elected officials at all levels know what we do, what our contributions are to our communities, and what our issues are. By developing connections to our elected officials, they will see us as a vital resource and better understand both our contributions and our needs.

Some things you can do:

- ◆ Consider inviting candidates to visit your library for an informal coffee and conversation, attend candidate forums and ask questions about candidates positions, make appointments to meet with candidates or elected officials about library issues, or simply call or e-mail them about libraries.
- ◆ Be familiar with the MLA/MEMO legislative platform enclosed with this Newsletter. You can check back at the MLA and MEMO websites for further updates as well as talking points related to this platform. www.mnlibraryassociation.org; www.memoweb.org.
- ◆ Visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's webpage to find out who is running and how to contact their campaign. This site also has good information about voter registration, where to vote, deadlines, election results and much more. Be familiar with its contents before and after the elections. <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election/index.html>
- ◆ Visit the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits webpage for information about organizing a candidate meeting, checklists and report forms, general information about the elections and information about their "Reachout" campaign. www.mncn.org
- ◆ Call the NLLN Office if you have questions about holding events, contacting elected officials, copies of the platform, voters guides, or financial assistance in hosting a candidates event of some kind.

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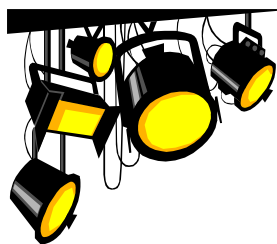
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This will be an exciting year at all levels — so make your voice heard!



Spotlight on Spotlight

The 15th Annual **Spotlight on Books Conference** will be held April 4-5, 2003, in Bemidji. Highlights of this conference will be featured in this Newsletter in the coming months and will be available on the web at: <http://nlln.org/spotlight.html>. Mark your calendars now because it will be a great conference with special features to celebrate the 15th Anniversary.

The spotlight this month will shine on the Friday afternoon workshop featuring Minnesota's own **Patrick Jones**, author and advocate for youth services. Patrick Jones runs ConnectingYA.com, a consulting firm and Website dedicated to consulting, training, and coaching YA librarians. He works with school and public libraries nationwide to provide powerful youth services. A widely published author and advocate, Jones served as Youth Services Coordinator for the Houston Public Library where he developed the Power Card Challenge program and the ASPIRE after-school program for at-risk middle school children. Jones is currently employed at the Hennepin County Library as manager of Outreach Services.

This will be a workshop you won't want to miss!

The Spotlight on Books Conference is entirely organized by the volunteer efforts of Minnesota librarians, educators, and institutions. If you would like to be involved, give the Northern Lights Office a call or e-mail (800-450-1032/rsolie@nlln.org). Watch for program schedules and registrations to arrive in the mail (and on the web page) after the first of the year.

Libraries, Minnesota Center for the Book and the Minnesota Humanities Commission

The Minnesota Center for the Book and its parent organization, the Minnesota Humanities Commission are teaming up with libraries on many exciting new projects, partnerships, and grants.

The Minnesota Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress, moved to the Minnesota Humanities Commission in October of 1999. The goal of the Center is to provide leadership, resources and programs that promote books, reading and literacy throughout the state. Through the Center, the Humanities Commission sponsors the **Minnesota Book Awards**, administers the **Letters About Literature** student essay contest in Minnesota, and cosponsors **Northern Lights**, an author television series that airs on Metro Cable Network Cable Channel 6.

New initiatives for 2002 and 2003 include **Partners for Literacy**, a statewide campaign to promote cooperation in the development and planning of literary and literacy events and activities throughout the state of Minnesota. The Minnesota Center for the Book is also creating a statewide **calendar of literary and literacy events** to be posted on their web site: <http://www.minnesotahumanities.org>.

Check out this site, too, for more information about their **Family Literacy Projects**, library programs, teacher institutes, and a full array of **grant opportunities**.

Look for the Minnesota Humanities Commission to be a partner with all libraries in many exciting ways.

<http://www.minnesotahumanities.org>

Scholarships awarded . . . Scholarships available . . .

NLLN is pleased to announce that the first 4 NLLN Continuing Education Scholarships have been awarded:

Betty Johansen, Fergus Falls Public Library, to attend MLA Fall Conference in St Paul.

Pamela Westby, Pelican Rapids Public Library, to attend MLA Fall Conference in St Paul.

Julia Browne, Detroit Lakes Public Library, to attend Internet Librarian 2002 Conference in Palm Springs, CA

Tami Skinner, Pelican Rapids Public Library, to attend MLA Fall Conference in St Paul.

Scholarship applications and guidelines are available on the NLLN webpage (<http://nlln.org/scholarships>) and may be submitted at any time. Employees of any NLLN member library are eligible. Consider them for upcoming continuing education opportunities including TIES, MEMO Midwinter, Spotlight on Books, ALA Midwinter, or other special workshops/conferences.

Other scholarships: The Minnesota Library Association also has special scholarships available for those MLA members who work with children and young people. Three \$100 Lerner scholarships are available for attending a Minnesota Library Association Conference and two \$75 scholarships are available from MLA to attend MLA, MEMO, or Spotlight on Books. For more information about these scholarships, contact the NLLN Office.

Building Accessibility Grant Opportunity

Public libraries, or cities or counties on behalf of their public libraries, have until Dec. 20, 2002, to submit proposals for matching state funds to renovate an existing building to remove architectural barriers in public areas. Applicants may apply for up to \$150,000 per site. Applicants must match the state grant dollar for dollar with non-state funds and no in-kind match.

For more information contact Bruce Pomerantz at IT/LDS, 651-582-8890 or Bruce.pomerantz@state.mn.us

Teleconferences to be Available in the Region

Library Teleconferences of all kinds have been announced for the coming year and NLLN plans to make these teleconferences available at one or more sites within the region. Watch the NLLN Newsletter, NLLN Listserv, and NLLN webpage for details on registration and locations. In addition, a videotape will be made whenever permitted and that will be available for loan from the NLLN Office.

- Nov 15: Soaring to Excellence: Building another bridge: Equal Access to Technology for Special Populations.** Minnesota State University-Moorhead, NW Tech College-Detroit Lakes
- Dec 6: Effective Web Design for Your Institution: A Fresh Look** Minnesota State University-Moorhead
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These teleconferences are a great way to stay current with developments in the world of library service. Register for November and December events today!

Minnesota Library Association Fall Conference:

Old Friends, New Partners @ your library

St Paul's Touchstone Energy Place at RiverCentre was the site of the Fall MLA Conference. It was a great conference! Librarians, trustees, and friends from the NLLN region presented workshops, participated in panels, competed for awards, contributed to the silent auction and were acknowledged for the valuable work they do and the wonderful services they provide. Special congratulations go to Lake Agassiz Regional Library which was awarded an MLA Foundation Enhancement Grant to carry out their library marketing campaign called "Did You Know?".

Next year's Conference will be in Rochester, MN.

Minnesota Educational Media Organization Fall Conference:

Survive and Thrive

The MEMO Fall conference at the Thunderbird Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington was equally rewarding. The NLLN region was well represented at all levels of leadership, workshop presentations, award winners, and attendees. Gay Galles of Moorhead is the 2002-2003 Co-President of the organization and will be presiding at the next conference to be held in Fargo, ND. This conference will not only involve a lot of work from those of us living in the northwest part of the state, but it will also be an opportunity to meet and learn from our North Dakota and Canadian colleagues.

If you are working in a media center and are not presently a MEMO member, consider enrolling in time for the MEMO Midwinter conference in Alexandria (February 2003). NLLN scholarships are available for attending the Midwinter conference.

ELM training is available via "webinars" from MINITEX. These are half-hour sessions using your computer and telephone to learn about the ELM resources. Check out the MINITEX site for details or call the NLLN Office for information (1-800-450-1032).

School Media Center Video

Did your school district or media center receive the video, "Building Skills for Tomorrow: Minnesota School Library Media Programs Make a Difference"? This excellent video was created by MEMO to help Minnesota communities identify and understand the value of effective school library media programs.

The NLLN Office has a few copies of this video and will send out one per district to those who did not receive a copy last year.

The video is narrated by Don Shelby, is only about 12 minutes long, is very well done and can be used with school boards, parent groups, school administrators, community groups, and elected officials. It's a great way to quickly and effectively let these people understand the positive impact of effective library media programs on student achievement.

Additional information and downloadable documents for presentations can be found at www.memoweb.org.

If you did not get a copy of this video and would like one, please contact NLLN at rsolie@nlln.org or call, 800-450-1032.

Take note . . .

- ◆ **Hot Reads for Cold Nights**, the annual adult reading program from the SELCO region is again available. Orders need to be placed by October 22. For more information about the program, and the available items such as bags, stickers, and mugs, go to: <http://www.selco.lib.mn.us/selco/hotreads03.html>
- ◆ Teen Read Week, Oct 13-19, has the theme: **“Get Graphic @ your library”**. The theme was chosen to highlight graphic novels, cartooning, graphic arts and related resources of special interest to teens. These materials are of interest all year long. Go to www.ala.org/teenread for tips, program ideas, and resources.
- ◆ **E-rate** Form 471 application filing window for funding year 2003 (July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004) will open Nov 4, 2002 and close on Jan 16, 2003. The Funding year 2003 Form 470 is available now for on-line filing. More information and on-line forms are available at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org>.
- ◆ For **MEMO** membership information, the Newsletter, and directions for subscribing to memo-l, an unmoderated electronic e-mail discussion list, check out <http://www.memoweb.org>.
- ◆ **“Safeguarding Our Patron’s Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA PATRIOT Act & Related anti-terrorism measures,”** December 11, 11-2 pm, will be broadcast in the NLLN region at Minnesota State University-Moorhead. This teleconference is sponsored by several national organizations, including the American Library Association, The American Association of Law Libraries, and others. This teleconference will provide librarians with an analysis of the implications of the recent anti-terrorism measures. This will include identifying steps that institutions need to take to comply with proper search warrants, subpoenas, and wiretap requests. Panelsist will address the key legal issues and policy implications for libraries and the impact of any legislative and regulatory proposals on the privacy and First Amendment rights of library users. For more information, visit www.arl.org/patriot/index.html.
Registration forms are available in this Newsletter and on the NLLN website: <http://nlln.org>.
- ◆ The History Museum of East Ottertail, in partnership with NLLN, has received a \$25,000 LSTA grant to index the Finnish newspapers in New York Mills. The work has begun to make these indexed, full-text resources available on the Museum’s website, <http://www.historymuseumeot.org>. Congratulations!

Maud Hart Lovelace Book Awards 2002-2003 Nominees

Division I (Grades 3-5):

Bradley, Kim B. *Ruthie's Gift*.
 Bunting, Eve. *Blackwater*.
 Casanova, Mary. *Stealing Thunder*.
 Clements, Andrew. *Janitor's Boy*.
 DeFelice, Cynthia. *Ghost of Fossil Glen*.
 Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Dovey Coe*.
 Griffith, Helen. *Cougar*.
 Koss, Amy Goldman. *The Girls*.
 Lewis, Maggie. *Morgy Makes His Move*.
 McNamee, Graham. *Nothing Wrong with a Three Legged Dog*.
 Vande Velde, Vivian. *Smart Dog*.
 Wallace, Bill. *Eye of the Great Bear*.

Division II (Grades 6-8):

Bauer, Joan. *Rules of the Road*.
 Bunting, Eve. *Blackwater*.
 DeFelice, Cynthia. *Ghost of Fossil Glenn*.
 Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Dovey Coe*.
 Griffith, Helen. *Cougar*.
 Hobbs, Will. *Jason's Gold*.
 Holt, Kimberly Willis. *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*.
 Koss, Amy Goldman. *The Girls*.
 Shusterman, Neal. *Dark Side of Nowhere*.
 Strasser, Todd. *Give a Boy a Gun* *
 Wallace, Bill. *Eye of the Great Bear*.
 Whelan, Gloria. *Homeless Bird*.

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

<http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us/lovelace/lovelace.html> or

<http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us/lovelace/myra.htm>

Betty Johansen, Children's Librarian at the Fergus Falls Public Library, was a recipient of a NLLN Continuing Education Scholarship. She requested assistance to attend the 2002 Minnesota Library Association Conference in St Paul. Below is her report. Thanks, Betty, for sharing your experience with us.



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| Oct 3-5 | MEMO Fall Conference, Bloomington, MN |
| Oct 13-19 | Teen Read Week: Get Graphic@ your library! (www.ala.org/teenread) |
| Oct 14 | NW Service Cooperative School Media Centers In-Service/Workshop, Thief River Falls, MN 8:30-3:30. Ahofstad@nw-service.k12.mn.us for information |
| Oct 14 | Northwest Memo Region meeting, 3:30 Northland Comm and Tech College Library, Thief River Falls |
| Oct 14 | University of Mn/MINITEX Reference Symposium, Earle Brown Center, St Paul |
| Oct 19 | Northern Lights Library Network Governing Board meeting, Detroit Lakes Public Library, 10:15 am |
| Nov 2 | "More Great Resources for Great School Libraries" School Library Workshop, Carl B. Ylvisaker Library, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 8:30-3:00, (cjones@cord.edu) |
| Nov 7-9 | Energizing Church Libraries! LCLA National Conference, Minneapolis, MN. (www.lclahq.org) |
| Nov 15 | Soaring Teleconference: Building Another Bridge: Equal Access to Technology for Special Populations. MSU-Moorhead, 11am-2pm |
| Nov 23-26 | TIES 2002 Educational Technology Conference, Minneapolis, MN (ties.k12.mn.us) |
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Register today only for those you know now that you can attend. Re-submit this form for later teleconferences..

Name _____

Library _____

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Telephone: _____ Home telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please indicate which teleconference you will be attending and return registration form to the Northern Lights Library Network Office by e-mail (nloffice@nlln.org), fax (218-847-4161), phone (800-450-1032) or mail (103 Graystone Plaza, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501).

Please pre-register for each teleconference you plan to attend so we will have sufficient handouts, refreshments, and can notify you of any changes dues to weather, technical difficulties, or change of location. If you can not attend a teleconference for which you registered, please contact the NLLN office. This form may be copied and submitted multiple times to register for teleconferences.



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