



Northern Lights Library Network Newsletter

Summer 2003

Tell me more . . .(from the Snapshot Survey)

Thank you to everyone in the NLLN region who responded to our May "Snapshot Survey". This will help us with evaluation and planning for NLLN services in the coming year.

The Newsletter, continuing education opportunities, the website, the 800 number, and delivery all ranked high in importance. These services will be continued and enhanced in the coming year. In addition, you gave us good suggestions about how to improve the Newsletter and services we should consider offering.

Since several people checked the "What is this? Tell me more" button, we'll use this space to answer some of those questions. If you gave us your name and email, we'll also respond directly to you. If you still have questions, please feel free to call the NLLN Office at 800-450-1032!

- **NLLN Electronic Discussion List:** This is an electronic subscription that allows you to receive notices, announcements, or engage in discussion about topics of interest to NLLN members via e-mail. Messages go to all subscribers. It is not a high-traffic list. You can manage your own account, subscribe or unsubscribe at any time, see who else subscribes, and post notices to the list. If you're not a subscriber — give it a try! To subscribe, go to <http://nlln.org>.
- **NLLN Member Directory:** A link to the online directory (www.mnlibs.org) can be found on the NLLN webpage. It contains information about all NLLN member libraries — academic, public, school, and special — and is a quick way to locate a mailing address, a phone number, or a contact person. Check out your library's entry and submit changes or corrections online to NLLN.
- **NLLN Brochure/Map:** A map of the NLLN region, showing locations of all NLLN libraries, by type of library, is available on the NLLN web site (<http://nlln.org>). The NLLN brochure is currently getting it's annual update and is temporarily unavailable. A PDF version will soon be available on the NLLN website or ask the NLLN Office for a print copy.
- **Spotlight on Books Conference:** *Spotlight* is a conference for adults that focuses on youth literature. NLLN has been involved in and acted as fiscal agent for *Spotlight* since its beginning 15 year ago. The 16th Annual conference will be held April 16-17, 2004, in the Grand Rapids area. This conference includes nationally known children's authors and illustrators and it is the oldest running youth literature conference in Minnesota.
- **Grant Writing Assistance:** NLLN hosts workshops on grant writing, offers to consult with individuals or libraries on grant writing, has acted as fiscal agent for grantees, and distributes information about available grant opportunities. Call or email the NLLN office for more information about how we can best help you with grants.

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People and Places:

- Governing Board elections were conducted on line this year by the Special, Academic, and Public Library caucuses. **Linda Unruh**, First Lutheran Church Library, Alexandria, was re-elected to represent workers in special libraries. **Barbara Jauquet-Kalinoski** of Northwest Regional Library System will continue to represent the public library workers. **Erika Rux**, Concordia College, Moorhead, is the newly elected representative for the academic library workers. Thanks to all who participated in the voting and welcome to Erika!
- The Minnesota Book Awards were announced in May at the Fitzgerald Theater in St Paul. Among this year's judges for the awards were **Wendy Lee** of Brainerd, **Walt Dunlap** of Fergus Falls, **Jim Hewitt** of Moorhead, **Pam Westby** of Pelican Rapids and **Ruth Solie** of Detroit Lakes. We're a very literate region in a very literate state!
- **Shirley Freeman**, long time media clerk (23 years!) at the Northwest Service Cooperative in Thief River Falls retired at the end of the school year. Shirley will be missed by all who worked with her over the years!
- **Karen Hasskamp**, Heart of the Lakes Elementary School, Perham, sent an obituary notice for **Elsie "Karen" Kivi** who passed away 11/29/2002. Miss Kivi was a professor of library science at MSU-M and well-known throughout the NLLN region.
- **Mary Martin**, Director of the Ireland Library, St Thomas University, will be leaving that position July 1 to begin a full-time chaplaincy at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis. Those in the Moorhead area will remember Mary from her time as director of the Moorhead Public Library, and many others will recall working with Mary on MLA activities and conferences.
- A strategic planning process to develop the **NLLN Strategic Plan for 2005-2007 in underway**. To help us get ready for this undertaking, library staff and trustees of NLLN member libraries are encouraged to attend the Maureen Sullivan workshop on "Learning to Thrive in Changing Times", September 8. See next column for details.
- **16th Annual Spotlight on Books Conference** will be held in a new venue! The Conference planning committee has announced that the 2004 conference will be held at Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge in the Grand Rapids area, April 16-17, 2004.
- "One Book, One Conference" — **Mary Winstead's *Back to Mississippi has been selected*** as the book for reading/discussion in Rochester at the Fall MLA Conference. Ms Winstead will also make a keynote presentation on Friday of the conference. This book is available for purchase or for loan from a library near you — and it makes good summer reading!



MINITEX and NLLN
are pleased to
present a workshop by

Maureen Sullivan
"Learning to Thrive in
Changing Times"

Monday, September 8
2-5 PM

NW Technical College—Moorhead
Auditorium (Rm 122)

Audience: Library staff who want to explore how their roles and responsibilities are changing and who want to be better prepared for their future work and contribution.

Description: *As libraries undergo transformation to survive and thrive in these turbulent times, librarians face many challenges. trends and developments in technology, telecommunications, education, economics, access to and the use of information, public policy, the workplace, etc. are some of the forces that will change the role of the library in its community. This means new and evolving roles for library staff. Participants in this workshop will explore the many ways in which the work we do in libraries is changing.*

Objectives:

- Identify the new roles and expectations of library staff
- Explore ways to embrace these changes
- Learn about effective ways to prepare for change
- Develop a personal plan for learning and development
- Understand and appreciate the value of collaboration with others

This is an opportunity open to the entire library community in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Library staff at all levels are invited, as well as trustees and library board members.

Registration information will soon be available online. Contact the NLLN with questions or for further information.

CALENDAR

- June 5-6 MLA/MEMO Legislative Forum, St John's University, Collegeville
<http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/Legislative/Forum/Forum.htm>
- June 10-11 1st Annual Symposium on Small Towns, University of MN-Morris.
<http://www.mrs.umn.edu/services/cst/>
- June 16-17 24th Annual Children's Literature Workshop, Holiday Inn, St Cloud.
<http://lrts.stcloudstate.edu/cim/clw>
- June 17 Pelican Rapids Public Library Dedication
- June 21 NLLN Governing Board, Detroit Lakes <http://nlln.org>
- June 19-25 ALA National Conference, Toronto, ON <http://www.ala.org/>
- July 16-18 MEMO Leadership Conference, Minnesota Humanities Commission, St Paul
<http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us/memo/SLR03.htm>
- July 24 Library Day at the Twins, <http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org>
- Aug 1 Deadline to submit Minnesota Library Association Foundation Enhancement grant applications. <http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/Foundation.htm>
- Aug 13 "Branch Out: Grounded and Growing", Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, MN
<http://www.branchoutmn.org>
- Aug 16 NLLN Governing Board Meeting, 10:00 AM, Graytsone Hotel, Detroit Lakes
- Aug 19-21 2003 Communities Collaborative Conference, Brain Development: "Responding to Difference". Mahnomon, MN. <http://www.whiteearthchildcare.com/>
- September is Library Card Sign-up Month
- Sept 20-27 Banned Books Week (<http://ala.org/bbooks>)
- Sept 8 Maureen Sullivan: "Learning to Thrive in Changing Times", 2-5 PM, NW Technical College—Moorhead, Room 122. You won't want to miss this! Online registration will be available in August on the NLLN webpage.**
- Sept 24-26 Mn Library Association Fall Conference, "Leadership, Learning, Literacy@Your Minnesota Library, Rochester, MN <http://mnlibraryassociation.org>
- Oct 2-4 MEMO Fall Conference "Celebrate the Challenge", Fargo, ND <http://memoweb.org>
- Oct 19-25 Teen Read Week: "Slammin' @your library". www.ala.org/teenread
- Oct 22-26 American Association of School Librarians Conference, Kansas City, MO ala.org/aasl
- Nov 17-23 Children's Book Week: "Free to Read" <http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

Would some \$\$\$ help ?

The Northern Lights Continuing Education Scholarship Fund just completed its first full year and it has been a great success. NLLN endorses career development by supporting staff in member libraries who wish to attend continuing education programs in library/media or other job-related fields. Scholarships fund are awarded as an incentive for individual growth and development.

In the first year, NLLN scholarships enabled 12 library staff to attend such events as the Minnesota Library Association Fall Conference, the MEMO Fall Conference and the MEMO Midwinter Conference, Spotlight on Books, the Minerva Conference, Internet Librarian Conference 2002, a course in Teaching and Technology, and the Technology in Education Conference. Each recipient has submitted a written report that has been shared via the Newsletter or Annual Meeting.

As the Fall Conference schedule begins to appear (see Calendar above), it's time to think about professional development. Scholarship funds may be used for registration/tuition, lodging, meals, transportation, and the cost of hiring a substitute, if necessary.

Scholarship applications are reviewed on a monthly basis and may be submitted at any time. The review committee looks forward to receiving your applications!



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Visit your local library or check out its website for details about programs in your neighborhood.

Library Day at the Dome

July 24
12:05 PM

Minnesota Twins vs Kansas City Royals

For more information contact your regional public library system.

