

# *public services*

# **NLLS REPORT**



## **Board Meeting Report: September 8, 2018**

### **Public Services Staffing**

Public Services is now fully staffed and looks forward to being able to meet the training and support needs of our libraries. Structure will be implemented within the department to address coverage of Libraries for site visits and consultation. Consultants, Kayla, Anna and CJ, will be contacting libraries in September to arrange visits in October and November. Public Services aims to visit all libraries in this time frame.

Our newest consultant, Anna Scott, is an enthusiastic addition to NLLS and is progressing well with her training. She updated the Tablet Kit, revamped the Kit Inventory, and is already developing new programming kits. Stay tuned!

Summer Student, Alexis Bristow, has provided great support to Public Services, helping with the Summer and Winter Reading Programs, organizing the collection, assisting with conference preparations, and many other duties.

### **New Library Managers**

We welcome three new library managers to Northern Lights Library System: Eunhye Cho in St. Paul, Alicea Paszek in Redwater, and Kathleen Pasay in Thorhild. They have completed orientation at NLLS and have received training at their libraries. We greatly appreciate the skills and passion they bring to their roles.

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## Summer Entertainer

Reptile Parties, this year's Summer Reading Program Entertainer, has completed his tour and was very enthusiastically received by libraries and their patrons! Turnouts were far larger than expected for this educational and engaging presentation. It will be difficult to top such a great entertainer, but Public Services is already following leads to bring in someone exciting again next year!

## Author Tour

Local author, Darren Jorgenson, is delighted to visit NLLS libraries from September 24 – October 7. He will be reading from his novel, *Finding Max*, the first part of a trilogy.

## NLLS Conference

Conference preparations are in full swing with a diverse line up of workshops, sessions and presentations. The Conference is a wonderful opportunity to learn, share and network. Regular registration closes on September 13, so get the word out to purchase tickets soon.

## Polaris Training

Northern Lights extends a big thank you to Jodi Dahlgren, library manager at Wainwright, for providing Polaris training at NLLS for library managers and staff on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Her PowerPoint presentation was informative and well received, demonstrating best practices she has adopted at Wainwright Public Library.

## NLLS Collection

Public Services is overhauling the NLLS collection: old/seldom used materials are being weeded, the blocks revamped, and new resources purchased. Libraries can expect to have access to new Professional collection and Indigenous materials by September, as well as refreshed Large Print blocks.

## Winter Reading Program

The manual for the Winter Reading Program is already completed! With a theme of "*Get Your Mitts on a Good Book!*", the manual is full of great ideas for crafts, games, winter recipes and other programming ideas for both children and adults.