

Director's Report
Board Meeting
Saturday 11th June, 2016

F/T Staff:

Kayla Lorenzen – Public Services – Consultant

Robyn Gray – Public Services – Consultant

Rhonda Cusack – Bib Service – ILL

Students & Contract:

Alexis Bristow – Summer Student

Dayna Wallington – Summer Student

Heather Elliott – Contract Position

Bib Services Manager position to be posted

TALOnline: Will be changing the way they search for materials. Service may be interrupted during the changeover, but should be resumed by 30th June.

Funding for Indigenous Populations: We have been given a grant of approximately \$155,000 for services for our Indigenous populations. This grant will be sustained for years to come through Government funding. We have already had a focus group with libraries that will be servicing these areas and more focus groups will follow after a meeting on the 9th of June with Public Library Services Branch. Colette Poitras will be spearheading this project to provide sufficient and specific services to this population.

Library News:

- 2 Basement renovations – Vermilion and Wainwright.
- 3 moves – Paradise Valley, Edgerton and Boyle.
- 1 new library to the system – Village of Andrew – retro-conversion of about 8,000 to 12,000 items will be completed by the beginning of September by NLLS staff.

New for the System:

- 3 new databases, Cypress Resume, Tumblebooks, Niche Academy.
- Circulating for programming is the 3D Printer.
- At the last LMC, all libraries received an IPAD Air with Polaris Leap installed and training.
- New telephone system will be installed at HQ on the 13th June, all extension will be changed to a 4 digit number.
- HQ received all new computers.
- Deep Freeze virus protection was installed on all public computers.
- We are still currently looking at new anti-virus software.
- HQ is currently testing office 365 before it gets rolled out to the libraries.
- Also being tested is Window 10
- Supernet upgrade will happen on the 7th of July. Due to this upgrade we have had to update our Fortigates and our packet shaper (exinder box) to deal with the traffic.
Fortigates for all our libraries will have to be replaced next year.
- IT are also looking at changing our internet provider. Currently we are with Platinum using 80mb, we are in negotiations with Axia to supply us with 150mb for similar pricing.
- PS have now opened two new social media accounts: Twitter and Pinterest

PD and Training:

- 2 day FOIP training was a great success with 44 attendees, very informative and crucial to have. Here is a link to the online course.
<http://www.servicealberta.ca/foip/training/online-training.cfm>
- HQ had a team building day with Kathryn Hotte
- LMC had Polaris Leap session
- New Training database called Niche Academy
- NLLS one day conference September 16th
- In service education day in the fall for all library board members, library staff and managers.