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Library Managers Council

February 28, 2018

Summer Reading Program:

The summer reading program is fast approaching, and we have started inquiries into who the 2018 SRP entertainer will be! We will send out more information once we have an entertainer confirmed.

Winter Reading Program:

The Winter Reading Program is well under way. This year's theme is Snow is Falling, Books are Calling! The last day of the WRP is February 28. Please have all your patron's ballots filled out and sent in before March 10 as that is when we are completing the draw for our grand prizes. The grand prizes are six Samsung Galaxy Tab A 8" tablets. Please also send in your Library Log sheet, however we do not need the patrons log sheets.

Author Tour:

Don Levers will be presenting an Author Tour at 20 NLLS libraries in April. He is an author from Alberta and his debut novel, *Loot for the Taking*, was released last year. He is very excited to present at your libraries. The schedule and promotional material will be sent out very soon if it hasn't already been sent out.

Public Services Group:

Kayla is has become the representative of NLLS in the Public Services Group, which consists of one representative of each library within the TRAC consortium. Previously, Colette and Robyn were NLLS representatives.

Conference:

Planning has started for the 2018 NLLS conference which will take place September 20-21. We are examining possible themes and plan to create a committee of library managers who would be willing to help with conference planning.

Baby and Childhood Program:

On February 21, we co-hosted with Vegreville Centennial Library a Baby and Childhood programming event at the Vegreville Centennial Library. It was well attended and enthusiastically received.

Indigenous Update:

Library Service started at Saddle Lake Cree Nation on May 26, 2017. Over 200 patrons have signed up for a library card since opening day.

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Library services to Cold Lake First Nation, Heart Lake First Nation, and Elizabeth Metis Settlement continue. Service also has commenced at Goodfish Lake (Whitefish Lake) and talks have begun with Frog Lake regarding service there.

If you haven't had a chance to yet, feel free to visit the "Indigenous" heading on the Northern Lights website. There are several tabs that provide information about initiatives in the area as well as Cree Language resources.

Tanya Fontaine's last day was February 15, 2018. We are sad to see Tanya leave, but are excited for her future employment endeavors.

Librarian Colleen Nyssen will be joining the NLLS team on February 27th. In addition to her Public Services Consultant role, she will be carrying forward and developing the Indigenous services that Tanya put in place. Colleen will be attending the LMC meeting and looks forward to meeting you.

Consultant Visits + Training:

Kayla continues to be the consultant for all NLLS libraries and will handle all Public Services questions and queries until the new Public Services Consultant is trained. Please accept NLLS's apology for any delays in responses. Kayla will continue to work at replying to inquiries as soon as possible.

As always, the consultants in Public Services are happy to come to your community and help with staff or board training. Please give us a call or ask us for a copy of our Consultant Form to fill out. If you would like to see broader training opportunities offered regionally or at the system headquarters, let us know that as well.

For patron training in library skills, we encourage member library staff to direct patrons to Niche Academy (<https://my.nicheacademy.com/v2/nlls>). If you would like to see any training resources added, please let us know!

Sincerely,

Kayla Lorenzen and Lois Quail

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