

# NLLS REPORT

**Board Meeting**

**March 10, 2018**

## **Winter Reading Program:**

The 2017 Winter Reading Program is in full swing and going well. This year's theme is "Snow is Falling, Books are Calling". The WRP started on January 1 and will go until February 28<sup>th</sup>. The draw for the grand prizes will be done on March 10.

## **Summer Reading Program:**

The summer reading program is fast approaching, and we have started inquiries into who the 2018 SRP entertainer will be!

## **Author Tour:**

Don Levers will be presenting an Author Tour at 20 NLLS libraries in April. He is an author from Alberta whose his first novel, *Loot for the Taking*, debuted last year.

## **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.

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.

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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 CJ Nyssen will be joining the NLLS team on February 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to her Public Services Consultant role, she will be carrying forward and developing the Indigenous services that Tanya put in place.

### **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, CJ Nyssen, is trained.

As always, the consultants in Public Services are happy to come to your community and help with board or staff 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