

public services

NLLS REPORT

Board Report May 5, 2018

Summer Reading Program:

Preparations for the Summer Reading Program are well under way. Prizes have been purchased and an entertainer has been booked.

Public Services chose a unique and exciting presenter this year: Reptile Parties. The tour schedule for the libraries has been set, extending over July and August.

Reptile Parties is for both children and adults, who will enjoy meeting and learning about boas, pythons, dragons, frogs and more! Ask questions such as: how long do reptiles live? What do they require as pets? What roles do they play in the environment? This hands on educational program will focus on responsible pet ownership and conservation.

Author Tour:

Don Levers author tour was a great success and the libraries loved his visit! He spoke about the writing process and the challenges of publication. We will continue to host more author tours in the future.

Conference:

We have begun working on next year's conference, and have met twice with the Conference Committee, a joint initiative of LMC and NLLS. The theme for this year is Space – Unlimited Possibilities. Our Keynote Speaker will be Debra DeWaal from Safe and Sound. The Keynote speech is titled: Mental Toughness—Unlimited Potential. Debra will also host a workshop “Safe in Your Space” and a session “Unlimited Leadership—Role Modelling—Putting Your Best Foot Forward”. Those who have heard Debra in the past will know that she is a dynamic and engaging presenter, and is not to be missed!

Additionally, there are workshops, sessions and round table discussions designed for library managers, their staff, and board members. Truly, something for everyone! Our vendors' section is promising to be diverse and enticing. The Conference brochure will be sent out soon with details.

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Consultant Visits + Training:

NLLS is very pleased that CJ Nyssen joined Public Services in February. Although much of her time has been devoted to Indigenous Services, Kayla has also been training her on Polaris, eResources, and other aspects of Public Services. Please welcome CJ in her new role at Norther Lights.

As always, the consultants in public services are happy to come to member communities 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. We hope that our member library staff are directing patrons to Niche Academy (<https://my.nicheacademy.com/v2/nlls>) for their library training needs. If you would like to see any training resources added, please let us know!

Sincerely,
Kayla Lorenzen and CJ Nyssen