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LMC Report: May 30, 2018

Flooding in Garage and Processing Area

We arrived at work on the morning of April 16th to find water in the garage and processing area, including 10-20 feet of carpet. After the water was mopped up, fans and a dehumidifier were used to dry out the area. Paul Kosa chopped the ice in the yard to allow water to drain away from the building. Tim Smereka, who does NLLS yard maintenance and snow plowing, was also called and brought a bobcat to push away the built-up ice.

This issue has been addressed with the Building Committee and steps will be put in place to ensure this problem does not happen again in the future.

Bib Services at a Glance:

- ◆ Flooding in garage and processing area
- ◆ New Cataloguer to Start Soon
- ◆ Summer Students
- ◆ Quotes for new ILL Van
- ◆ Snips for Library Managers

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New Cataloguer to Start Soon

Ordering has remained steady in Bibliographic Services, and the backlog of items in the cataloguing queue has remained high. To address this problem and to facilitate timely cataloguing of materials going forward, NLLS is hiring a new full-time cataloguer. We have just completed interviews, and hope to be able to announce the new cataloguer very soon. Margaret will remain in her part-time role to assist with training before enjoying her long-anticipated retirement. Margaret has been with NLLS for almost 23 years and has filled many positions over the years. We thank her for her years of dedication, positive influence and depth of knowledge. She will be greatly missed!

Summer Students

To help with increased summer work-loads and to cover staff holidays, NLLS has hired two summer students. One of the students, Cari Graus, has been working with Crystal in ILL and will also take over Sue's van run as needed. Cross training in the department will assure that bibliographic services will remain consistent over this busy time.

New Van

Our Dodge Ram 1500 Promaster van, affectionately know as Quasimodo, will need to be replaced soon. With Joanne's assistance, we reviewed 4 different vehicles and obtained 5 quotes on cargo vans. The final quotes have been submitted to the Executive Committee and we hope to initiate the purchase in early June.

Snips for Library Managers

At the last LMC meeting, Library Managers expressed a concern that the zip ties used to secure the ILL and courier bins were too heavy. Cutting them resulted in broken scissors.

NLLS van drivers and ILL feel that the heavier ties are necessary for the safety of materials. The heavier ties ensure that the lid does not come open if a bin should fall. To assist library managers, NLLS has purchased snips that are sturdy enough not to be damaged by cutting the ties. Library managers can easily find replacement snips at their local dollar store.