

# NLLS REPORT

Whitefish Lake Reserve



Richard Van Camp



Indigenous Day

## Board Meeting Report: September 8, 2018

This has been a productive term for Indigenous Services:

- CJ facilitated grant funding to bring author, Richard Van Camp, to Cold Lake in June.
- As part of setting up service through local libraries, CJ created the document: *Guidelines for Pop-up Library Service to Indigenous Communities*, intended to expedite the participation of other libraries in pop-up services on reserves and settlements.
- Discussions are underway with Bonnyville for library service to Kehewin Reserve, Two Hills for Saddle Lake Reserve, and Vilna for Goodfish Reserve.
- The MOU for Bonnyville Municipal Library to provide service to Kehewin Reserve has been completed and is awaiting approval from their board.
- MOU sent to Elk Point Municipal Library to provide service to Frog Lake; NLLS awaiting response.
- A letter of introduction has been sent to Chief Brenda Vanguard of Kehewin Reserve.
- The practice of signing out discarded materials has been replaced with signing out catalogued books from NLLS collections, using LEAP on an iPad. Discarded books are now displayed on racks on reserve and offered to residents for free.
- CJ attended a day of the Blue Quills Cultural Camp.
- CJ attended Maskwacis Cultural College for a 2-day workshop: *Beginners Conversational Cree for Library, Archives, Museum staff and board members*.

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- With assistance from Acquisitions, NLLS has purchased a collection of children's books which will be used for pop-up library service. Also, purchasing of Indigenous titles for the NLLS collection has increased, focusing on materials relevant to local Indigenous populations.
- Lois attended Indigenous Day in Bonnyville, Treaty Days in Cold Lake, and the Pow Wow at Kehewin Cree Nation.
- Kehewin Native Dance Theatre will be providing a workshop at this year's NLLS Conference: *Moving in Space: Community Theatre Workshop*.
- Meeting scheduled in September with Write to Read program to look at building learning centres in Indigenous communities.
- Exploratory research has begun on installing smartlockers on sites without full library service, to increase access to materials.
- Arrangements made for a free-book rack and an NLLS materials return bin to be set up at the Goodfish band administration office.
- Materials return bin sent to ALLB for use at Heart Lake First Nation and another sent to Whitefish Lake Reserve.
- CJ has connected with Reel Canada's Indigenous Film Program to discuss the opportunity of bringing Reel Canada films to NLLS member libraries. Reel Canada allows Canadian films from their catalogues to be publicly screened with little or no cost, and provides related programming information.