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Board Report: Sept. 8, 2018

Margaret Young Retires

We were sad to say goodbye to Margaret Young on July 11, 2018. Margaret had worked with NLLS since 1995, the year after the system relocated to Elk Point from Vegreville. At that time, the system name was the North Eastern Library Association, and had only four employees. Everyone helped with all aspects of service. Margaret has held a wide variety of roles in NLLS over the years, including Acquisitions, Receiving and Cataloguing. Her wisdom and experience will be greatly missed.

New Cataloguer

We are very pleased to welcome Ashley Weisbeck to the Bibliographic Services team as our new cataloguer. She is a recent graduate of Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and holds a Diploma in Library and Information Technology.

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Courier Bag Statistics

At the LMC meeting on May 30th, NLLS Executive Director, Julie Walker, reported that there was concern from Service Alberta regarding the high cost of courier deliveries between TRAC libraries. Since that time, the NLLS Shipping Coordinator, Crystal Boorse, has kept track of the number of items received in each courier bag. She found that of the 65 bags received between June 13-July 31st, over half of them were only partially full. Delivery charges are per bag. A report on this was submitted to PLSB on August 1st, but as of this report, there has been no response.

New Van

The Executive Committee approved the purchase of our new ILL van, a Ford Transit, from Zarowny Motors in St. Paul. In addition to a competitive price, Zarowny offered good trade-in value for our Dodge ProMaster, and will be able to provide local servicing for the vehicle.

The Ford Transit van has arrived at Zarowny Motors ahead of schedule, and is awaiting the ordered accessories: divider, heater for the cargo area, and heated driver's seat. We hope that the new van will be in service by the first weeks of September.

Collection Codes

At the LMC meeting, it was discussed that collection codes for libraries should be limited to simplify processes at NLLS. There was considerable concern expressed by libraries regarding this idea.

Instead, NLLS will give libraries a choice on what they would like to do. If they are happy with their current collection codes, they will be fully supported in continuing to use them. A survey has gone out to member libraries to see which collection codes they feel are essential to their libraries. From the survey, a recommended list of collection codes will be compiled, which can be adopted by a library only if it chooses to simplify its collection codes.

In-Person BSG Meeting

As NLLS TRAC Bibliographic Services representative, Lois attended an in-person BSG meeting at Yellowhead Regional Library on July 20th. An important outcome of the meeting was the development of "Preliminary Recommendations for Implementing "One-Bib" Cataloguing. The intention of the recommendations is to clean up the bibliographic record database and facilitate the processing of holds.