

Executive Director

NLLS REPORT



- AUMA – Thank you to all of you who stopped by the booth during AUMA, all 87+ to be exact. Compared to the other 6 systems we had the most amount of councilors drop by, approximately 30 more than the next highest system. At a recent TRAC Director’s meeting the question came up as to how valuable do you think our presence as a vendor at these conferences are? Originally, the systems were there to attract memberships, but now that the majority of the municipalities have joined, do you think our presence is still needed?

At AMUA I had the pleasure of meeting with the Hon. Shaye Anderson where we discussed some of the problems we were experiencing at NLLS

- New Databases. TALCORE - The Alberta Library announced that the TALCORE databases have been replaced. The core now consists of two new databases that are more conducive to public libraries than what the original TALCORE was. These new databases are Consumer Reports (a comparison and review database for purchasing) and Solaro, a study help and exam prep database based on the Alberta Curriculum for grades 3 to 12

LYNDA.COM – The library manager’s approved the database Lynda.com. Lynda is an online learning/training database where patrons can learn software, design, web development, be creative, and achieve business skills. I am currently waiting for TAL to come up with pricing before going ahead with purchasing

- Staffing – Due to the MLIS requirements from PLSB we currently have two job postings.
 1. Digital Archivist – Temporary Position
 2. Assistant Director – Full time position to start in the New Year
- TRAC – Yellowhead Regional Library System announced that Karla Palichuk (a former NLLS employee) has been appointed as the new Director of YRL beginning of January. Kevin Dodds, who has been with YRL for 29 years will be retiring at the end of the year
- Indigenous Update – MOU’s have been created for Vilna and Two Hills so they can start to provide service on Whitefish and Saddle Lake Reserve. Currently, NLLS is now looking at providing service to Frog Lake. A PS consultant and I will be visiting Frog Lake next week to make the arrangements