



NLLS REPORT

Board Report, March 2019.

- MOU's - Since the last Library Manager's Council meeting, Northern Lights have issued 3 more MOU's, one with Vilna Library Board, one with Two Hills Library Board, and lastly, one direct with the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement. We are hoping with future collaboration with the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement and Frog Lake First Nations Reserve that they will become future members of the Northern Lights Library System.
- The Advocacy Course, this time around, was well attended by members of Northern Lights. If you, your council members, your library board or your library manager and their staff are interested in taking a future course please contact Tracy at reception and she will place you on the wait list. Next course is TBA, but the course will probably be offered in the fall.
- NLLS building committee have been looking at possible renovation options to the building. Issues such as flooding, air conditioning, carbon monoxide issues and van run space are all being looked at.
- NLLS has no update on Lynda.com. TAL has given up on getting pricing for Lynda, and NLLS is waiting for a response from Lynda for individual pricing for the system
- NLLS has just gone through their audit process and it will be presented to the board on the 2nd of March.
- With the departure of Boopsie, TRAC have been hard pressed to come up with a new mobile app that will work with Polaris. However, TRAC has found one and are currently in negotiations with a company called Solus. More to follow.
- NLLS and Xerox are currently looking at partnering to bring our libraries better printer/scanner/fax contract prices. When more information becomes available NLLS will forward this to our libraries.



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- So far, the Chair and myself have presented to 9 council with 8 more on the agenda for March and April. If you require a presentation to council on system services then please contact the Executive Director.
- On behalf of the LMC, the LMC chair will be attending ALC at Jasper and IUG in Phoenix
- NLLS has purchased, on behalf of the libraries, a ventilation system for smudging ceremonies. We will announce when it arrives.
- Van Run has been changed to accommodate the needs of the libraries and to manage the time of the van drivers. NLLS van run now runs five days a week, our bigger load libraries have 2 deliveries a week.
- Yellowhead Library System have changed how they package their Interlibrary loans material. YRL will no longer be using any blue bags for ILL delivery, nor do they want any blue bags delivered to them. YRL wanted all TRAC partners to use this practice. This practice would have significant impact on staffing and the workflow of our ILL. Due to this, Marigold and Peace Library System have sided with Northern Lights to monitor the impact that change YRL have imposed.
- The HQ departments are getting together and setting up dates for training in areas of need. Training facilities will be localized with sessions running from Wainwright/Vermilion, Vegreville, Morinville, Lac la Biche and at Headquarters.
- In 2018, we have 22 libraries spend all of their book allotment money, that is 10 more than last year.
- The NAO robot has arrived, we are currently working with the software, creating policies and waiting on training before we send him out to our libraries.