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Board Meeting Report: May 25, 2019

Winter Reading Program:

The Winter Reading program, “*Get Your Mitts on a Good book!*” was a complete success with 954 participants reading a total of 23003 hours. The winners of the tablets were Kya N. from Vegreville Centennial Library, Easton E. from Cold Lake Public Library, Tara S. from Chauvin Municipal Library, Kelly B. from Morinville Public Library, Cheryl O. from Holden Municipal Library, and Patricia M. from Rochester Municipal Library.

NLLS Conference:

Northern Lights will hold its next conference on May 28th and 29th 2020. We have decided to move our conference to May instead of September, when it had been held in the past, to avoid the conflict of over lapping conferences that we have encountered with other system conferences for the past few years. This will be a wonderful time celebration Northern Lights Library System’s 30 years!

Summer Reading Program:

The Entertainer this year is a magician named Steve Harmer. Steve is a teacher and principal from Calgary, who left teaching 16 years ago to pursue his dream and now combines his skills as a professional educator with his skills as a professional performer using magic, juggling, unicycles, storytelling and music to deliver messages. He has presented inspiring programs to over 3300 schools in Western Canada.

The promotional prizes have been ordered, and will be distributed to the libraries shortly. We are still waiting on the t-shirts and bags.

Block Collections:

We’ve recently recalled all of the block collections that had been out longer than a year and we’ve seen some great turn over on the block collections that our libraries have out, and we hope that more libraries will continue to borrow our resources that we have available, including our Storytime kits and escape room kits.

Consultant Visits:

As always, the consultants in Public Services are happy to come to member communities and help with staff or board training. Please give us a call or ask us for a copy of our Consultant Form to fill out. If you would like to see broader training opportunities offered regionally or at the system headquarters, let us know that as well. We hope that our member library staff are directing patrons to Niche Academy (<https://my.nicheacademy.com/v2/nlls>) for their library training needs. If you would like to see any training resources added, please let us know!

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Makerspace Collections:

A request for a quote has been submitted to Wintergreen Learning Materials for Makerspace programming kit materials. It was for Ozobots, a Gear building set, a construction set for children, and a LittleBits set. When they come in, they will be available for libraries to borrow to enhance their programming.

Indigenous Popup Libraries:

A MOU was signed between NLLS and the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement for pop-up library service on the Settlement. It will be run by Shannon Souray, the Literacy Facilitator with Acimowins Literacy. The first pop-up was held April 16, and was very successful.