

2021 November director's report

1. Three staff members; Melissa, Sara, and Cassidy are attending the State Library summer learning training program at West Fargo Public this week.
2. The director attended the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council meeting in Bismarck on Monday November 8th. The council discussed and approved funding for the latest round of Library Vision grants. There were 45 total grant requests; 28 for collection development, 12 for local history, and 5 for marketing. It was a very interesting experiencing the grant process from the other side.
3. Director submitted the Library Vision grant for the creation of a comprehensive library marketing the end of October. It was three days work, two major revisions, but worth the effort. We have not received the official notification yet, but since I was at the meeting I know we are getting the grant.
It's a two phase grant over two years. This grant covers phase one; constructing a comprehensive plan. Phase two, the second year, is putting the plan into action and evaluating its impact. We will have to apply for each grant separately. The phase two maximum has not been finalized. The council discussed \$4000 but will not decide until 2022.