

**ODIN Advisory Council online meeting**  
**Monday, November 30, 2020 – 1pm -4pm CST / noon-3pm MST**

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Meeting called to order – 1:03 pm. by Kelly Kornkven – OAC Chair for today meeting due to Wendy Wendt being out of town.

1) Roll Call:

Ellen Kotrba - ex-officio – Director of ODIN  
Jane LaPlante – Minot State University  
Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State University  
Susan Moberg – Dickinson High School  
Marlene Anderson – Bismarck State College  
Shari Erdman – Williston State College  
Phyllis Bratton – University of Jamestown  
Stephanie Walker – UND Chester Fritz Library  
Joe Mocnik – North Dakota State University  
Traci Lund – Divide County Library

Staci Green – Dickinson State University  
Erika Johnson - UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences  
Rita Ennen – Dickinson Public Library  
Mary Soucie – North Dakota State Librarian  
Jennifer Jenness – Valley City State University  
Catie Palsgraaf – ND Supreme Court Law Library  
Phyllis Kuno – Trinity Bible College  
Carissa Hansen – West Fargo Public Library  
Tina Nygard – ND Youth Correctional Center Library  
Hattie Albertson – Dakota College at Bottineau

Others:

Jody French – NDUS- CTS  
Linda Allbee - ODIN Office  
Cindy Clairmont-Schmidt - NDSL

Cheryl Hoffmann – ODIN Office  
Liz Mason – ODIN Office

Additions to Agenda – none

- 2) Approval of the October 2, 2020 Online Meeting Minutes  
[https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/DRAFT\\_ODIN\\_Advisory\\_Council\\_online\\_meeting-10-02-2020.pdf](https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/DRAFT_ODIN_Advisory_Council_online_meeting-10-02-2020.pdf)  
Motion to Move – Mary Soucie - Seconded – Susan Moberg - all in favor - Opposed - none
- 3) Alma Project Executive Steering Committee – Large Project Oversight Post-Implementation Report (Kotrba) -  
[https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/2020\\_11\\_30\\_PostImplementationReport\\_AlmaProject.pdf](https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/2020_11_30_PostImplementationReport_AlmaProject.pdf)
- 4) ODIN Director's Report (Kotrba)  
[https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/2020\\_11\\_30\\_DirectorsReport\\_EllenKotrba.pdf](https://www.odin.nodak.edu/sites/default/files/2020_11_30_DirectorsReport_EllenKotrba.pdf)
- 5) State Librarian Report (Soucie) – Angie Houser resigned. They reimagined position and Academic, Special & Tribal Specialist position was created and is being advertised. Abby Ebach is the Public Library Specialist. Monthly meetings are currently being held at 2:00 pm, the second Tuesday and 11:00 am the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday but may be changing in near future. The North Dakota State Library current hours are 8:00 am – 12:00 pm walk in and 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm by appointment only. STEM kits not currently being circulated. Book Club kits are still being circulated.

6) Old Business (Discussion regarding points brought up at last meeting:

1. **How to position libraries as nothing is normal or will be again?** Keep moving forward.
2. **Let's reimagine ourselves – who has ideas?** – Tina Nygard -ND Youth Correctional– mental health of students and staff is an issue – they send out daily mindfulness facts from therapist on staff – have gotten positive feedback on this. Kelly Kornkven -Mayville State– have plants in the library and having all the green in the library makes it a nicer place to be – plants are on tables to assist in deterring more than one person at each table.
3. **Handling severe budget cuts – how deep can we go?** Phyllis Bratton – U of Jamestown - cutting print journal subscriptions. Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State– when I took over as Library Director - \$40,000 periodicals budget - and now \$5,000 budget. ND Papers are not getting read – so cutting those. Staci Green – Dickinson State - been cutting as well. Jennifer Jenness - VCSU also cutting & down to about a handful of newspapers. Stephanie Walker – UND – cut most of print periodicals and maybe a dozen left - still have GF Herald and Fargo Forum. Phyllis Kuno - TBI – also cutting periodicals and will be closed for June and July, which will help with any budget cuts that might be coming. A question was asked – “Are Accredited libraries getting in trouble for not having print copies and only electronic copies? – UND says their accreditors are requesting them to have electronic copies. NDSL has eliminated most papers copies also. Minot State has been conducting a subscription audit in preparation of budget cuts – using categories – “Cancel if necessary” – “Cancel if necessary and keep at all costs”.
4. **Personal & Professional challenges – how do we survive & thrive?** – Kelly Kornkven- Mayville State – Aubrey – Asst Director has taken a job in Costa Rico and due to closeness to legislative session her position won't be replaced until after legislative session. Stephanie Walker – no one knows what the budget projections will be or the uncertainty of it. Tina Nygard – ND Youth Correctional– reconsideration in library materials have been requested and thoughtfully replying to these requests. Stephanie Walker-UND Chester Fritz – trouble with student workers due to COVID19 quarantines etc. – lost 13 students in 2 weeks – and only hired ½ of the number of students as in the past. Jennifer Jenness- Valley City State – due to quarantine of staff/students – had to close evening hours for one week. Kelly Kornkven -Mayville State - told the group that she found out that student staff are eligible for COVID sick leave until the end of December 2020. Kelly Kornkven – she also asked the group if libraries are planning to freeze or decrease hours starting in January? – Stephanie Walker – UND Chester Fritz - said that if they can't find student workers, they will be decreasing hours. Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State - planning to keep same hours and will be planning things by ear regarding staff availability. Ellen Kotrba – ODIN - highly recommend libraries use listservs to discuss things as a group. Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State– all state employees have been working extremely hard and is wondering if maybe the Governor would close things down on Christmas Eve for the additional 4 hours. Carissa Hansen – West Fargo Public – motivating staff and keep morale up is so hard. Mary Soucie – NDSL – is really hoping that the library community will respond to NDLA's call for stories/support for our testimony because this session is going to be tough. Rita Ennen – Dickinson Public – we have had 5 staff members out with COVID at various times. Carissa Hansen – West Fargo Public – Yes – it is the COVID shuffle with staff every week. Phyllis Bratton – U of Jamestown – Half of my staff has been out as close contacts. Jennifer Jenness – Valley City State – we have spent the last 3 months constantly juggling and rearranging schedules – students in and out of quarantine, staff in and out of quarantine.
5. **Re-Thinking Everything – who has ideas?**  
Phyllis Bratton - U of Jamestown – said that traffic seems to be less than before. Tina Nygard - ND Youth Correctional - said that they have noticed less traffic in the library. Mary Soucie- NDSL– is impressed by ND librarians and Library Communities and their willingness to help their community during stressful crazy times. Phyllis Kuno -Trinity Bible – chapel services are 4 days/week and that is helping student/staff to deal with things. Phyllis Bratton – U of Jamestown – fiction books are on book cart marked as free and about ½ of them are gone. Virtual book clubs through Zoom and enjoying it. Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State - asked if libraries have changed in the way online resources are being provided and have these changes helped? Jennifer Jenness – Valley City State – has noticed a huge change in online resources.

Shari Erdman – Williston State – closes at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm Monday – Thursday. Foot traffic is just not there this semester. We are going “green” starting Dec 23 – January 4<sup>th</sup>. We are expected to answer messages/emails from home.

## 7) New Business

Any comments to share on these questions/issues:

1. **How to encourage smaller libraries to engage in discussion & take a seat at the OAC table?** –  
Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State - asked Tina Nygard (ND Youth Correctional) – Tina Nygard replied to get input and help with questions/situations and concerns – one issue is trouble finding the time to attend the meetings is hard and also want to participate to help get the voice of the smaller libraries heard and feel welcome to attend and participate – Mary Soucie - NDSL – another issues – smaller libraries don’t always understand the relevance of the smaller libraries being part of the group. Another positive thing to encourage the participation of online meetings are easier for smaller libraries to attend. Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State – is wondering if we design the meetings to have time for some of the libraries to attend – Approval Minutes/ODIN Director/State Librarian- general discuss open to all and then maybe split into Polaris/ALMA groups in breakout rooms. Tina Nygard – ND Youth Correctional – Breakout Rooms have worked well on my end, then they can choose where they go to continue. Carissa Hansen – West Fargo Public – I agree with that because this can be a long meeting otherwise. Phyllis Bratton – U of Jamestown – suggest a wrap up after the breakout sessions. Tina Nygard – ND Youth Correctional – agreed, then if there are questions that can’t be answered in the breakout session they can be proposed to the whole group. Ellen Kotrba – ODIN - will get a survey together to poll libraries to see if this would be something that libraries large and small would be interested in and attend.
2. **We have two new systems (Alma & Polaris) – what else is at the top of your “I want” lists?**  
Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State – ILL is at beginning stages and are things improving? – ODIN Staff working to get two systems to work together. Linda Allbee - ODIN – Resources Sharing Group have been meeting and working together to get things working as the libraries would like. ExLibris setup was done to have things done by the system and libraries have requested to be able to be involved and look over things before requests are sent out – this is an issue that is being looked at and worked on by ExLibris. Options are available but does cost a lot of extra money. ODIN office is trying to get a solution in place without costing extra money to accomplish it. Jane LaPlante – Minot State - are any libraries using Tipassa? – NDSU is using It, but still working on configurations to get it working as they would like it to work. Traci Lund - Divide County – Request Manager using all options would benefit smaller libraries. Linda Allbee – ODIN and Traci Lund – Divide County will talk about this and see if something could be figured out.
3. **Cooperative purchasing of electronic resources has been a wish for some time- who is ready to serve on a taskforce & help define the direction?** Mary Soucie – NDSL – 5 libraries buy same electronic resources – would it be beneficial to purchase as group purchase instead of individual and would the consortium benefit – not sure. Stephanie Walker – UND Chester Fritz – suggesting at this time it’s not worth spending time to look at this since a lot of the libraries are already involved in some group purchasing options. Ellen Kotrba – ODIN - suggested to Mary Soucie that this might be a good thing for the Tribal College Libraries to look at. Mary Soucie – NDSL - suggested that maybe this is something for the schools/public libraries to look at also. Mary Soucie stated that if ODIN Office coordinates this, then state procurement policies have to be followed and if public libraries do on their own those policies don’t have to be followed.
4. **User Groups – is there still a commitment by ODIN Directors to allow staff to participate, share ideas/issues and make policy decisions to be funneled in the OAC and adopted or rejected?** - Ellen Kotrba – ODIN - would like to encourage libraries large or small to participate and that all libraries are welcome to participate. Ellen Kotrba asked the group if libraries feel that User Groups are useful and beneficial – multiple libraries stated that staff feel that meetings are useful. Ellen wanted to thank all groups for their comments because it truly helps the ODIN Office staff.

8) Other Business -

9) OPEN Forum – what else is on your mind?

10) ODIN Member Highlight

Mary Soucie – announced that Ellen Kotrba – ODIN - was awarded the NDLA 2020 Librarian of the Year award.

Marlene Anderson - BSC – applied for a Book Talk grant and it was awarded.

Stephanie Walker – UND Chester Fritz – hiring 3 vacant positions, hired web librarian who started during pandemic and renovation is very close to finish and should be done in January.

Jane LaPlante- Minot State – Patty Hunt retired and working on filling that position. Hired Kristen Meyers/User Services Consultant to help the library to rethink their ways of communicating with students. Library has really noticed a difference by listening to wants/needs of students.

Staci Green - Dickinson State - working on some pilot courses using Leganto/Blackboard for students/instructors.

Phyllis Bratton- U of Jamestown – response to COVID – students would bring in children to play while they are studying - staff put together bags of toys that were then assigned to each child – they seemed to like having a bag of toys with their name on it.

Kelly Kornkven – Mayville State – Kelly has finished her Creative Commons Certificate Course, funded by NDUS OER Grant. She highly recommends the certification – especially those who get OER funding.

- 11) Next meeting (online) planned for February 2021 – doodle poll will come out sometime in January. Currently planning to have In Person Meeting in May if things with COVID settle down.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm. Stephanie Walker moved to adjourn and seconded by Jennifer Jenness

**Electronic Packet** – <http://www.odin.nodak.edu/oac-meeting-docs-113020> for links to view documents prior to the meeting (must be logged in)