

## MORE Administrator's Report

November 2023 – MORE Directors Council

### New MORE Member Library

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funding has been approved for Hawkins Area Library to join MORE. We'll plan for Hawkins to go live on MORE as early as July 2024, which involves adding the library's collection to the shared MORE database, training staff on MORE policies and procedures, and shoring up patron registration, all tasks managed by MORE Project Manager Kathy Setter, who has been involved with adding all of MORE's new member libraries throughout the consortium's nearly 25-year history. Hawkins Area Library is the last IFLS-member public library to join MORE, pending timeline approval from MORE Directors Council and the IFLS board.

### Statewide Cooperative Cataloging Project

A group of ILS and technical services staff around the state, including IFLS staff, are collaborating on a grant-funded project to improve access to library materials for patrons. The group hopes to establish best practices for cataloging in a shared environment and explore improving access through more usable and accurate descriptive metadata. To this end, the group has formed a statewide bibliographic standards committee made up of professional-level catalogers around the state, with involvement from IFLS and L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library (Eau Claire) cataloging staff.

### Year-End Cleanup Tasks

Annual report time is looming! In January, libraries' reports will be pre-filled with collection, circulation, and other data compiled by IFLS staff. To prepare, please watch for messages from IFLS staff about item and patron record cleanup tasks. Tending to these tasks ensures both accurate reporting and that library's collection is accurately reflected in the MORE database.