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OVERVIEW OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association (SLTA) is a voluntary association of library trustees from across the province that have joined together in their dedication to help provide library services that will meet the needs of Saskatchewan people and thereby improve their quality of life. SLTA was established in 1967, made its first annual brief to the Minister in 1968, and was incorporated under provincial law in 1969.

SLTA represents 2,500 trustees representing libraries throughout Saskatchewan, in northern hamlets, rural communities, as well as towns and cities. All persons in Saskatchewan may access the information in these libraries, in whatever media they are provided, without a user fee. Resource-sharing and co-operation are the fundamental strengths of what is called Saskatchewan’s "one province" library system – a system that is the envy of the country.

Municipal public libraries exist in Regina and Saskatoon. The seven regional library systems in southern Saskatchewan are Chinook, Lakeland, Palliser, Parkland, Southeast, Wapiti and Wheatland. The northern part of the province is served by the Pahkisimon Nuye?âh Library.

**SLTA strives to:**

- promote and foster the development of libraries and library services in Saskatchewan;
- provide for the exchange of ideas and experiences among the library board members through conferences and library publications;
- assist members by understanding their responsibilities as library trustees;
- cooperate with associations of library trustees outside the province;
- seek improvements and foster necessary changes in the legislation affecting Saskatchewan libraries;
- work in close cooperation with the Saskatchewan Library Association.
Saskatchewan’s public libraries collectively support the literacy and lifelong learning needs of 1.1 million Saskatchewan residents. Now, more than ever, libraries play a critical role in the social, educational, cultural and economic success of Saskatchewan communities. Our libraries are an essential investment in the future of our communities and are essential drivers of success in school preparedness, reading readiness, economic and employment success, and social equity. Our public libraries are a vital link for every resident and every community ensuring success of all people of Saskatchewan, regardless of location or background.

SLTA is grateful of the government’s move to reverse its previous decision and reinstate the funding to Saskatchewan libraries. We appreciate the government taking time for consultation and look ahead to future collaboration.

SLTA will continue its work to advocate for necessary library funding and to support library workers. On behalf of the SLTA, and libraries across the province, please contact your MLA and let them know why you value your local library. Please visit our website at www.slta.ca for more information.

Saskatchewan libraries matter.

Lorna Black
President (PNLS)
AGENDA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Whitetail Room, Elkridge Resort, Elkridge, SK, Friday, May 5, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order by the President (Lorna Black, PNLS)
   1.1 Welcoming Remarks
   1.2 Approval of Agenda
   1.3 Appointment of Parliamentarian

2. Approval of the Minutes of 2016 AGM Held May 7, 2016, Saskatoon

3. Business Arising From Minutes

4. Reports
   4.1 Library System Reports Question Period (Written reports are contained in the AGM booklet with respect to each of the library systems and this time will be available for questions from the floor directed to any of the systems and their representatives): Chinook (Gail Beuhler), Lakeland (Dennis Taylor), Parkland (Sharon Armstrong), PNLS (Lorna Black), Regina (Elmer Brenner), Saskatoon (Bev Brenna), Southeast (Donna Hartley), Wapiti (Sharon Cameron), Wheatland (Sandra MacArthur)
   4.2 Multitype Library Board and Provincial Library & Literacy Office (Alison Hopkins)

5. Financial Report (Treasurer Donna Hartley, Southeast)
   5.1 Review Engagement Report and Financial Statements
   5.2 2017 Budget
   5.3 Appointment of Accounting Firm for Financial Review for 2017

6. Resolutions Committee (Sharon Armstrong)

7. Nominations Committee (Donna Hartley)

8. Election of President and Vice-President
   8.1 President
   8.2 Vice-President

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment
1. Call to Order

The 2016 Annual General meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon and was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Dennis Taylor (Lakeland).

1.1 Welcoming Remarks

President Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) welcomed everyone to the 2016 AGM.

Dennis introduced the three new SLTA board members – Lukas Miller (SPL), Elmer Brenner (RPL), and Sharon Cameron (Wapiti).

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Ken Sutherland (Southeast), seconded by Jeanne Langhorne (PNLS) that the agenda be adopted.

Motion carried.

1.3 Appointment of Parliamentarian

Vice-President Lorna Black (PNLS) was appointed Parliamentarian at the SLTA Pre-AGM meeting prior to the AGM.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM Held May 9th, 2015 in Regina.

Motion: Moved by Vice-President Lorna Black (PNLS), seconded by Elmer Brenner (RPL) that the minutes be adopted.

Motion carried.

3. Business Arising From the Minutes

None.

4. Reports

4.1 President (Dennis Taylor, Lakeland)
Attendees were given the opportunity to read the report submitted by President Dennis Taylor (Lakeland).

4.2 Library System Reports Question Period
The Library System Reports were presented in the Annual Report.

Chinook (Gail Beuhler)
Lakeland (Dennis Taylor)
Parkland (Sharon Armstrong)
PNLS (Lorna Black)
Regina (Elmer Brenner)
Saskatoon (Lukas Miller)
Southeast (Donna Hartley)
Wapiti (Sharon Cameron)
Wheatland (Sandra MacArthur)

Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast) thanked out-going Director Allan Johnson for all his work on behalf of libraries in Saskatchewan.

Vice-President Lorna Black (PNLS) thanked out-going Director Audrey Mark for all her work on behalf of libraries in Saskatchewan and contributions to SLTA.

4.3 Multitype Library Board (Alison Hopkins, Provincial Library and Literacy Office)
The Multitype Library Board Report was presented in the Annual Report.

4.4 Provincial Library & Literacy Office (Alison Hopkins, Provincial Library and Literacy Office)
The Provincial Library & Literacy Office Report was presented in the Annual Report.

As of August 1 Provincial Library & Literacy Office will be reporting to a new deputy-minister – Rob Currie, former director of Regina Catholic Schools.

Motion: Moved by Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), seconded by Gail Beuhler (Chinook) to receive and file all reports.

Motion carried.

5. Financial Report (Donna Hartley, Treasurer, Southeast)
Donna Hartley, Treasurer (Southeast) presented the Financial Report.

5.1 Review Engagement Report and Financial Statements
The Financial Statements were reviewed.
Motion: Moved by Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast), seconded by Jeanne Langhorne (PNLS) to receive the 2015 financial review.  
  Motion carried.

5.2 2016 Budget  
The 2016 budget was reviewed. Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast) proudly commented that SLTA has been able to save on meeting expenses.  
Motion: Moved by Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast), seconded by Sharon Cameron (Wapiti) to receive the 2016 budget.  
  Motion carried.

5.3 Appointment of Accounting Firm for Financial Review for 2016  
Motion: Moved by Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast), seconded by Ken Sutherland (Southeast) that the SLTA appoint GWO Bookkeeping Service to complete the 2016 Financial Review.  
  Motion carried.

President Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) and Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast) thanked Executive Director Nancy Kennedy for her efforts.

6. Resolutions Committee (Sharon Armstrong, Parkland)  
The resolutions committee received no resolutions prior to the receipt deadline.

7. Nominations Committee (Treasurer Donna Hartley, Southeast/Sandra MacArthur, Wheatland)  
Lorna Black (PNLS) put her name forth for President. Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) put her name forth for Vice-President.

8. Election of President and Vice-President (Treasurer Donna Hartley, Southeast/Sandra MacArthur, Wheatland)  
8.1 President  
Motion: Sandra MacArthur (Wheatland) nominated Vice-President Lorna Black (PNLS) for the position of President.  
Motion: Moved by Gail Beuhler (Chinook) seconded by Elmer Brenner (RPL) that nominations cease.  
  Motion carried.
Lorna Black (PNLS) is elected President.

### 8.2 Vice-President

**Motion:** Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast) nominated Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) for the position of Vice-President.

**Motion:** Moved by Sandra MacArthur (Wheatland), seconded by Ken Sutherland (Southeast) that nominations cease.  
*Motion carried.*

Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) is elected Vice-President.

### 9. Other Business

Dennis noted that there is a current list of the SLTA board members on the last page of the Annual Report. Please feel free to contact with questions.

Sharon noted that the Executive Director, Provincial Librarian and Multitype Library Representative are not SLTA board members and are non-voting.

### 10. Adjournment

**Motion:** Moved by Ken Sutherland (Southeast) that the AGM adjourn at 10:56 a.m.  
*Motion carried.*

#### 2016 AGM Attendees

**Trustees:**  
Dennis Taylor, Lakeland  
Gail Beehler, Chinook  
Ken Sutherland, Southeast  
Lorna Black, PNLS  
Donna Hartley, Southeast  
Sharon Armstrong, Parkland  
Lukas Miller, SPL  
Elmer Brenner, RPL  
Alison Hopkins, Provincial Library and Literacy Office  
Jeff Barber, RPL  
Eleanor Crumbleholme, Lakeland  
Allan Johnson, Southeast  
Tony Murphy, Wapiti  

**Sandra MacArthur, Wheatland**  
**Carol Cundall, Southeast**  
**Jeanne Langhorne, PNLS**  
**Darlene Morin, PNLS**  
**Sharon Cameron, Wapiti**  

**Guests:**  
Audrey Mark, PNLS
To advance Chinook Regional Library’s vision of communities having access to a branch library with programming relevant to its communities, accessible services and current resources, and staff that is engaged with the community, Leader Branch Library initiated a community engagement pilot project. The purpose...to gather information about a community’s opinions, needs, assets and challenges and then using that information to help better meet the needs of that community building stronger partnerships with local organizations, cultural groups, and community leaders.

Chinook received approval from the Saskatchewan Youth Initiative Program at Carleton Trail College in Humboldt to host four part time/temporary Library & Information Technology Youth Interns – at Shaunavon, Leader, Maple Creek, and Swift Current. These youth internships were fully funded through the federal government of Canada’s Ministry of Industry and the interns offered free technology training workshops at the branches to assist the public in improving their technology and digital skills with their own personal technology devices. As well, they assisted the public with the use of public access library computers, printers, scanners and various mobile devices.

As well, Chinook Regional Library received a grant for Makerspace Kits for rural branches. These technology kits with programs on robotics and animation will circulate throughout the region.

In October, the new Chinook Information Handbook for staff was distributed and reviewed. This document was developed by a committee comprised of staff and board members. It is intended to be a “user friendly” document where staff can quickly find answers to questions they have about Chinook policy and procedures.

This year, a monthly report, outlining regional initiatives and activities, has been forwarded to the Southwest Municipal Group and reported on by a member of our Executive Committee. This has been a great opportunity for us to share information and also to answer questions as they arise.

A successful Branch Workshop was held on October 17 in Swift Current. All staff within the region was invited to attend. Staff who participated learned about new databases for health, consumer reports, and ancestry, how to have successful book sales, learned new fundraising ideas, heard about the summer reading clubs throughout the region, tips on downloading ebooks, non-print formats for available for print disabled patrons and new programming ideas.
Chinook Regional Library has seen tremendous growth in public library use. In 2016 we circulated almost 300,000 items, an increase of 2,000 items per month. We issued 1200 new library cards. Last summer 664 children participated in the Summer Reading Program and read over 8,000 books.

To highlight a few of our branch events: Thanks to a grant from Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling very successful storytelling events with Joseph Naytowhow were held in Val Marie, Ponteix, and Maple Creek.

To coincide with “One book, One Province” sponsored by the Saskatchewan Library Association, David Carpenter, the co-author of *The Education of Augie Merasty*, was a guest author and reader in Swift Current, Shaunavon and Maple Creek.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beuhler
Chinook Regional Library
2016 was a year full of learning and excitement at Lakeland. We received a lot of useful and positive public feedback from our first annual Community Satisfaction Survey. We used this information as well as staff and trustee input to develop vision and mission statements for the Region, and a set of six strategic priorities. These were launched simultaneously with our new logo and colour scheme in May. The strategic priorities were then incorporated into an Operational Plan and are being implemented as regional initiatives.

The Region’s physical collections continued to improve, resulting in an increase in use of more than 12% over 2015. Online resources are also being used more as the library tries new resources and reaches new audiences.

Two of Lakeland’s city libraries celebrated milestones in 2016. North Battleford Library held events in honour of the 100th anniversary of the original Carnegie library building (now the Allen Sapp Gallery) and the 30th anniversary of the current library building. Meadow Lake threw a party in honour of the 70th anniversary of that library.

Libraries have deep roots in our communities, and while traditional book lending continues to be valued, Lakeland is changing to meet the growing demand for a wider variety of resources and programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Taylor
Lakeland Library Region
It is almost hard to believe that another great year of library and information service has already come and gone. The staff and the trustees of the Pahkisimon Nuyeʔáh Library System have put in another year of hard work, and their contributions have been invaluable to the success of our region.

I am very proud of the work that the PNLS Headquarters staff, and Assistant Director Harriet Roy in particular, put in each year to ensure that regional programming initiatives are a continued success. Both the Northern Reading Program Tour, with performer Chad Solomon, and the Summer Reading Program Tour, with performer Leah Dorion, were very well received. The Northern Reading Program celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2016, and I want to send my congratulations to Buffalo Narrows on their victory in the annual “Readingest Community” competition. The Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House was an overwhelming success this year, with more than a hundred attendees, and the Northern Library Conference held at the La Ronge Seniors’ Hall was an excellent professional development opportunity.

In the uncertain financial climate of the years to come, it is important that we explore all available options for preserving our current levels of service – and particularly so for the Northern Saskatchewan Archives, an irreplaceable resource for the peoples of the North and of Saskatchewan as a whole. To that end, the Director and I have begun investigation into potential sources of additional funding, including meeting with personnel at the federal Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada office in Regina.

I wish to thank all of the PNLS staff, member library staff, and PNLS board members for their hard work all throughout the year. I want to also send special recognition and congratulations to Audrey Mark, Director Emeritus of the Pahkisimon Nuyeʔáh Library System, on her retirement this past year and the celebrations of her spectacular career.

With a new Director, a newly revamped website debuting in early 2017, and the consistently excellent work of our staff and our communities, our Vision is as true and clear as ever: The Pahkisimon Nuyeʔáh Library System will lead the North to information.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna Black
Pahkisimon Nuyeʔáh Library System
Parkland saw 2392 new patrons registered in 2016 – 1043 more patrons registered than in 2015.

Total checkouts and renewals were 296,853 in 2016, another substantial increase over the past years.

Parkland Region ran branch workshops on marketing and programming and all but 2 branches attended.

Parkland continues to add new e-resources including another magazine subscription - FLIPSTER.

Parkland Region held a “Pawstively Purrfect” pet picture contest and we had many entries and choose 3 winners from around the Region.

Electronic resources usage doubled over 2015 – 89,232 downloads or streams.

Parkland Website had 58,168 sessions with an average duration of 5.31 minutes along with 280,714 page views. 61% of the individuals accessing the website are between the ages of 18 – 34 years of age.

For 2017 Parkland Region started circulating video games and are in the process of initiating mobile maker space.

Another excellent year for Parkland Regional Library!

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Armstrong
Parkland
2016 saw the advancement of many exciting new initiatives for Regina Public Library, as we continued to inspire lifelong learning and literacy within our community.

**George Bothwell Grand Re-Opening**
RPL renovated the George Bothwell Branch in 2016. The changes to the branch will improve our ability to meet community expectations and support delivery of programs and services well into the future. Opened in 1994, the branch is one of our busiest with about 200,000 visits per year. It serves the growing population of South Regina as well as many people who travel from other parts of the city and the surrounding area to the Southland Mall. The new branch is functional, flexible, inspiring, inviting, and welcoming to all.

**Mâmawêyatitân Centre**
RPL continued to provide leadership for the unique partnership and ongoing construction of the Mâmawêyatitân Centre, the new home for Scott Collegiate, a child care facility, a number of multipurpose recreation spaces, Regina Public Library’s Albert Branch, a community policing centre, and community-based organizations currently working through the Albert Scott Community Centre. Scheduled to open in fall 2017, the building’s unique design will allow each tenant access to shared space and amenities, making total usable space more than if each partner were to build stand-alone facilities.

**New Board Members**
The Regina Public Library recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors, one of whom is a familiar face at RPL:

- **Elaine Kivisto** was first appointed to the Regina Public Library Board in 2002 and elected Deputy Chair in 2004. She has served as President of the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association and as Secretary-Treasurer to the Canadian Library Trustees Association. Elaine left the Board in 2014, and we are happy to have her back!

- **Marj Gavigan** was appointed to the Regina Public Library Board in February, 2017. Marj has contributed to the board of the Sherwood Co-op Association for 18 years and the University of Regina Alumni Association board for six years. Her community volunteer experience includes events such as Grey Cup, the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and the Centre of the Arts’ (now Conexus Arts Centre’s) 25th anniversary.
Elaine and Marj join current Board Chair Sean Quinlan, Vice Chair Barbara March-Burwell and members Mayor Michael Fougere, Councillor Sharron Bryce, Elmer Brenner, Starla Grebinski and Cindy Kobayashi.

**Refreshed Governance Policy Manual**
RPL’s Board of Directors has been reviewing and updating the Board’s governance policies. Review of the original governance policies from 2014 are now complete, and work continues on more recent additions.

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer Brenner
Regina Public Library
SPL is proud of their key achievements in 2016:

- The Round Prairie Branch was opened in Stonebridge;
- SPL released a five year strategic plan (2016-2021);
- SPL joined Reconciliation Saskatoon;
- SPL opened a Reconciliation Reading Area at the Frances Morrison Central Library;
- SPL installed mobile charging lockers at two locations;
- SPL partnered with Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) to pilot an outreach worker program at the central library.

For further information please see SPL’s 2016 Report to the Community – [https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/report](https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/report).

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Brenna
Saskatoon Public Library
Southeast Regional Library has had a tremendous 2016. We celebrated 50 years of library service by hosting a barbecue at each of our 47 library branches. Over 5,200 patrons came out to be a part of these milestone events.

We launched two new library services in 2016. In February, we launched a video game collection with over 400 games in six different formats. In March, we launched mobile makerspace kits which were a first in the province. Twenty different kits were created to be program-in-a-bins for our branch librarians to encourage DIY spaces where patrons can gather to create, invent, and learn. Adding video games and makerspace kits to our growing list of content has helped establish the neighbourhood library as a third place, a community gathering spot between home and work or school.

Our Aboriginal Storytelling month was our best year ever! Aboriginal Storytelling month honours the age old tradition of the elders of storytelling in the cold winter months. This year, 22 branches participated in offering events with a total of 31 programs being offered at libraries and schools throughout the region. A total of 2,243 people attended the presentations.

Lastly, our Library Director, Allan Johnson, retired after serving us for over 25 years. Kate-Lee Nolin has recently taken over and will continue to lead Southeast by offering our patrons the best in the library service and making Southeast a viable region.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hartley
Southeast Regional Library
2016 was a year of extremes for Wapiti Regional Library. On the one hand, Wapiti lived up to what may as well be its new motto: “Always Moving Forward” (the title of sorts for the Regional Director’s 2016 Semi-Annual Meeting presentation), with service innovation and operational and fiscal efficiency at the fore.

Wapiti moved to almost 100% pre-processed (or “shelf-ready”) materials for our branch libraries, which creates both budgetary savings and operational efficiencies in the turn-around time to get materials out on the branch shelves. Wapiti also saw in 2016 the financial dividends that came from staff cuts, at both the in-scope and management levels, out of the 2016 Regional Office Budget.

Wapiti also moved forward in the area of marketing and promotions in 2016, with the scheduled new van purchase being “wrapped” in vibrant, hard-to-miss combination of eye-catching graphics and the always handsome Wapiti logo and colours. The new van is highly visible on the highways and byways, and the communities of our vast region, and, as a bonus, has become an instant “float” for parades in Wapiti communities; for example, Canwood’s 100th Anniversary Parade and the PA Ex parade in summer 2016. Wapiti also created in 2016 a series of marketing campaigns, beginning with the region’s RM offices, to be implements in 2017, and which are already being rolled out in Q1 of 2017.

For more good news, and as a positive endorsement of public libraries as community hubs and contributors to our province’s economy, the Ministry of the Economy renewed the contract for the Job Search Centre in place at the Nipawin Public Library. After closing employment centres across the province in 2015, Wapiti and the Nipawin Public Library won a contract to help our provincial government meet the employment needs of job seekers in the Nipawin area. Wapiti hopes to see more such positive partnerships with provincial Ministries in the future, where public libraries can help fill service gaps created by government cuts.

At the opposite extreme, since spring 2016 Wapiti has been dealing with Prince Albert’s move to attempt to become a municipal library. The process has moved to one involving a “boundary change” within the terms of The Public Libraries Act, 1996, and is in a “holding pattern” as Wapiti waits for the City of Prince Albert and the Province to move the process along. After
receiving a flood of objection letters, the City of Prince Albert held a “public meeting” in January of 2017, but has yet to submit a boundary change proposal to the Saskatchewan Municipalities Board (the next step in the legislated process). This move on the part of the City of PA has created a number of operational problems that have created challenges for Wapiti, but Wapiti continues to focus on what we do best, which is to provide support services for our 46 branches, and bring evolving and innovative library services to our communities and our library users. Wapiti looks forward to an eventual resolution to the Prince Albert situation, so that our community libraries can continue to have our undivided attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cameron
Wapiti Regional Library
Wheatland Regional Library celebrates 50 years of service to our local libraries and residents. Unfortunately the festivities will be dampened by the recent announcement with respect to provincial budget cuts to the library system. However, the object of this report is to provide some highlights of the past year, and dwelling on this unfortunate situation in a report to the Saskatchewan Library Trustees’ Association would certainly seem like singing to the choir.

On the note of ensuring that the correct information is readily available to SLTA and others, WRL would like to take this opportunity to provide a fact sheet which was just recently compiled:

**Wheatland Regional Library Fact Sheet**

- WRL has seen our physical borrowing increase year over year. Last year Wheatland circulated 409,358 physical items – 26,044 more items than 2015!
- Patrons enjoyed access to a multitude of online materials through Library2Go, Hoopla, and Zinio Magazines. In total there were 99,052 items borrowed online in 2016 and we were on track to exceed that in 2017 with over 28,000 items borrowed already this year!
- Wheatland branches signed up 548 new card holders since January 1st, 2017. In 2016 we had 3303 new cards created! We had over 20,000 users of our free public computers. This is in addition to those who accessed our free wireless internet which is available in all 45 of our branches.
- Wheatland is on the forefront of many unique and innovative initiatives. Our Create Kits, unique in Saskatchewan, offer patrons the ability to experiment with robotics, coding, engineering, and artistic projects using our take home kits.
- WRL programming keeps getting bigger and better! A sample of some of our programs offered around the region include:
  - Early Literacy Story Times for children from birth to age 6
  - Tech Time to help teach everything from email basics to help with government forms and digital media
  - Science and art based programs
  - Classroom visits and research support for public school students
  - A vibrant summer reading program – in 2016 we had 2204 children participate.
• Wheatland Regional Library remains committed to providing our patrons with the best experience possible in these challenging economic times.

The Create Kits mentioned above have been and continue to be a highlight for our libraries. Most of these kits are booked through the summer and into the fall. Some of the kits can be borrowed and taken home; others are circulated to the libraries for use as local library programming. Local librarians are thrilled with the kits, providing them with yet another unique and innovative programming tool.

One of our local libraries took the time to have the children indicate what they love about their libraries – as part of a show of support after the recent budget announcement. I am including this picture at the end of my report as I believe it tells a lovely story about the importance of libraries.

The WRL AGM will take place on April 22nd and has been scaled back to an afternoon meeting. Discussions will take place regarding the major change that will have to be made to the 2017 budget and the ramifications this will have on our local branches. Elections will take place for new SLTA board members. My term on the WRL Executive is up and I would like to take this opportunity to thank WRL and SLTA for the wonderful learning experience of serving on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra MacArthur
Wheatland Regional Library
1. Literacy and Libraries:

**Summer Reading Initiative (SRI)**
PLLO continues to work with the Summer Reading Initiative Working Group; a practitioner group with participants from each library system that provides provincial leadership in collaboration and capacity development.

- In early 2017, the nine library systems who applied for grants were provided with $7,500. Many systems created traveling STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) kits to expand programming capacity in rural branches, and test provision of equitable access to an expanded array of engaging summer learning experiences.
- Initial reports from regions show that materials and technology were purchased, compiled and catalogued; and initial staff training was undertaken. Kits were designed for an all-age approach to STEAM/Maker programming, with options ranging from low-tech (origami) to simple robotics to 3D drawing and printers. More than 70 kits and technology projects were designed and are ready to be shipped as the highlight of summer 2017 programming in rural systems.

2. Aboriginal Library Services

- The Committee on Aboriginal Library Services (CALS) met on February 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2017, at Round Prairie Branch Library in Saskatoon. This two day session covered Truth and Reconciliation calls to action, sound practices, overcoming challenges, terms of reference, and 2017-18 action planning. Analyzing the level of cooperation that Saskatchewan public libraries have taken in past years provided a comprehensive picture of library service development for Aboriginal people in the province.
  - Committee members, along with library staff from Wheatland Regional Library and Saskatoon Public Library, participated in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise on February 22\textsuperscript{nd}. The
workshop traces the 500 year history of the relationship between European and Indigenous peoples in Canada.

- A number of library systems (Southeast Regional Library, Palliser Regional Library, Regina Public Library, and Saskatoon Public Library) have taken the opportunity to facilitate and participate in the Blanket exercise.
- CALS is looking forward to compiling a Blanket Exercise facilitation guide for distribution.

- On March 9, 2017, the Provincial Library and Literacy Office held a One Book, One Province event at the George Bothwell Branch of Regina Public Library. Thirty-four attendees from the Ministry of Education watched the film, *It Had to be Done*, a story of two women, Doris Bellegarde and Anita McLeod, who not only attended the residential school in Lebret, Saskatchewan as children, but also chose to return to work at the school as adults. Special guests at the event included Doris, Tessa Desnomie (filmmaker) and Tessa’s parents, May and Gerry Desnomie. The panel shared their knowledge and perspectives on the legacy of residential schools and the path to reconciliation.

- Saskatchewan Libraries celebrated another fantastic Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month. Palliser Regional Library hosted the kickoff event in Moose Jaw on February 2, 2017. Across the province, 329 sessions were held in 138 locations, with a grand total attendance of 21,249! The Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) have organized the storytelling project since 2004.

3. Public Library Sector Support

- Provincial Library and Literacy Office now provides access to both NNELS (National Network for Equitable Library Service) and CELA (Centre for Equitable Library Access) material for patrons with print disabilities. More information on these services is available here: http://sils.sk.ca.campusguides.com/printdisabilities
- All SLTA members are eligible for a card to access the Library Science Collection at Provincial Library and Literacy Office. This collection has been developed to support the staff development, continuing education, library research, and policy development needs of all library staff in Saskatchewan. Please see more information here: http://sils.sk.ca.campusguides.com/SKLibraries/collection
- Provincial Library and Literacy Office staff is working with SLTA staff and executive to produce additional modules for Trustee Development. The first new module will be on Early Learning and the importance of the Early Years and the second is on Aboriginal Engagement.
- In 2016, PLLO received 590 multilingual block requests (for 23,445 items) from 38 branches across the province, of which 54 per cent from Saskatoon Public Library, 21 per cent from Regina Public Library and 25 per cent from regional library systems.

4. Multitype Library Development (MLB)

- The Multitype Library Board spent much of February and March preparing for the annual Community Meeting originally scheduled for April 13, 2017 in Regina. This meeting was
cancelled following the provincial budget announced on March 22\textsuperscript{nd}. The MLB subsequently sent an email to the Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP) partners expressing its support for the program and partners, and foregoing its community meeting in recognition of the time required to discuss the MDLP.

- The MDLP partner meeting has now been rescheduled for May 24\textsuperscript{th} in Regina.

5. **Library Accountability and Administration**

- Provincial Library and Literacy Office said farewell to Souksanh Viravong on March 17\textsuperscript{th}, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.
- Before his departure, Souksanh was able to prepare Counting Opinions for the 2016 statistical reporting. As the library systems input their data, Calvin Sadowski has been available to provide support for any technical difficulties with Counting Opinions.
## 2017 BUDGET

### Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association

**Budget - January 1 - December 31, 2017**

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| **Expenditures**     |             |             |               |             |
| Financial Review     | $550.00     | $453.60     | $96.40        | $500.00     |
| Bank Charges         | $75.00      | $49.94      | $25.06        | $75.00      |
| Executive Director Contract Fees | $15,350.00 | $15,350.00 | $0.00         | $15,600.00  |
| Executive Director Expenses | $500.00    | $524.07    | -$24.07       | $1,000.00   |
| Executive Expenses   |             |             |               |             |
| Spring Meeting       | $4,500.00   | $2,879.89   | $1,620.11     | $4,500.00   |
| Fall Meeting         | $4,000.00   | $4,238.09   | -$238.09      | $4,500.00   |
| AGM                  | $1,000.00   | $949.72     | $50.28        | $1,000.00   |
| SUMA/SARM            | $0.00       | $0.00       | $0.00         | $0.00       |
| **Life Member Award**| $750.00     | $1,114.87   | -$364.87      | $1,500.00   |
| Minister's Brief     | $1,500.00   | $1,276.77   | $223.23       | $1,500.00   |
| Newsletter/Annual Report | $2,000.00   | $1,662.39   | $337.61       | $2,000.00   |
| Office Supplies and Services | $1,250.00 | $1,185.41 | $64.59        | $1,250.00   |
| Postage              | $1,250.00   | $1,180.27   | $69.73        | $1,250.00   |
| Promotion/Advocacy   | $1,763.18   | $2,827.50   | -$1,064.32    | $1,500.00   |
| Web Maintenance      | $1,250.00   | $756.24     | $493.76       | $1,000.00   |
| Member Education     | $2,500.00   | $2,141.95   | $358.05       | $1,500.00   |
| Corporate Registry   | $10.39      | $0.00       | $10.39        | $10.39      |
| Trustee Development  | $5,018.20   | $0.00       | $5,018.20     | $1,500.00   |
| **Total Expenditures** | $43,266.77  | $36,590.71  | $6,676.06     | $40,185.39  |
| **Projected Surplus 2016** |             |             |               | $3,947.16   |

*Institutional Membership do not include Palliser’s or Prince Albert’s (Wapiti) membership dues.

*The SLTA has one $10,000.00 GIC with the Royal Bank of Canada.
January 26, 2017

Attached please find the SLTA 2016 Financial Statements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me (306-533-3389).

Thank you.

Polly
# Balance Sheet

**As of December 2016**

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Saskatchewan Library Trustees Assoc.
79 Mayfair Crescent
Regina, SK
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Profit & Loss Statement
January 2016 through December 2016

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