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President's Message

"THERE IS NOTHING MORE POWERFUL THAN AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME"

Victor Hugo understood this historical adage and realized the power that creates new better, and meets the needs of the people. It is today changing whole countries in a matter of weeks.

With the introduction of the computer we heard many say, "Who needs libraries?". With time comes understanding and now we hear more and more people saying, "We need libraries more than ever".

In Saskatchewan we have the potential to create the new, the useful, the powerful library that meets the 21st century needs of our people.

This is the opportunity to take an aging, underfunded library system and re-think, re-design, re-build it into a modern model for the world to copy.

SASKATCHEWAN NEEDS LIBRARIES.

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SASKATCHEWAN WILL GET A NEW 21st CENTURY LIBRARY SYSTEM.

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President
Gerald
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Notice of AGM and Call for Resolutions

**The Annual General Meeting of the SLTA will be held during the 2014 SLA Conference
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, Moose Jaw, SK**

Resolutions shall be presented only by library trustees who are active members of the Association. Resolutions shall be sent to the SLTA Resolutions Committee Chair in writing at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions may be presented at the Annual General Meeting on any matter with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the trustees in attendance. The resolutions from the floor must be in written form and ready for distribution at the Annual General Meeting. Forward resolutions to: Nancy Kennedy, SLTA Executive Director, 79 Mayfair Crescent, Regina, SK, S4S 5T9.

Highlights of the February Meeting

- A SLTA Library Promotion Campaign is in the planning stages
- The 2014 Life Member Recipient was chosen (details to follow soon)

A World of Unexpected Opportunity Opens Up to a Young Person

A young 12 year old girl was in the Library and shared with the librarian how she would love to purchase some books from the school scholastics order, but was unable to do so. The librarian shared how she could order and ordered these books through the library online. She was overjoyed and now is searching for her favourite titles, ordering books on the library computers and reading with enthusiasm. The librarian realized that this young girl's life had been impacted with a priceless gift. This young girl belongs to a religious order which does not have computers and once she is high school age she will be schooled at home. Now, she is familiar with the availability of the public access computers, is comfortable initiating her own search for materials and will be able to support her personal development through the services available to her through the local library. Her world has just expanded.

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Chinook

Chinook Region introduced medical benefits for staff (dental and extended health) in addition to previously-existing life, AD&D and long term disability). Benefits apply to any staff member working more than 15 hours/week.

There was extensive weeding of the collections in some of the small to mid-sized branches and in Swift Current branch. This was needed to reduce the number of outdated material in the branches and to improve the overall attractiveness of the collection. In conjunction with this Chinook has also started a new method of rotating material among the branches along with on-going weeding of material that is out of date or no longer of interest in the branches. Each of the small branches is asked to send in certain books by category and age. These are then evaluated by staff and those that are useful rotated to a new branch to refresh the collection.

Additional material was purchased for Swift

Current branch to update several areas and increase the number of new books and DVDs in the branch.

The Region is working on producing more useful statistics for the system and increasing circulation and use of the branches. Branches participated in the system's first "typical week survey" which gathers numbers for material used in the branches but not circulated. Total numbers for the week were 1,809, which expanded to cover the whole year is 90,450 short-term use of material by patrons for a variety of reasons.

Lakeland

2013 was a fairly stable year for the region, with circulation remaining solid, the introduction to some new services like ZINIO and TUMBLEBOOKS, as well as significant increases in Library2go stats.

Lakeland saw another good increase in active patrons during 2013 and the drive to get more people carrying and using library cards will continue.

Lakeland Library Region continues to strengthen their Early Childhood collection with the development in 2013 of many new kits, including

ABC, Color and Numbers. Also developed were activity ideas for all seasons, all celebrations and occasions. The number of new pre-packaged puppet shows for story time activities have been put together, all in an effort to help the smaller libraries and schools in the region with ability to provide learning and programming sessions without having to prepare everything themselves.

Parkland

Parkland Regional Library hired a new Director, Helen McCutcheon, in September 2014. Also, the Yorkton Public Library hired a new Chief Librarian, Meagan Richards, who previously worked as a Librarian in Dauphin, Manitoba. The Director and Assistant Director have been visiting various libraries across the Region and will continue to do so.

Parkland Regional Library has added some new e-resources to their collection. Patrons now have access to an additional e-book database called Freading and patrons are now able to download music free from Freegal. Instructional pamphlets and posters were sent out to all the branches.

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling launch will

be held in February in Wynyard and several libraries within the region will be hosting a Storytelling program as well during the month.

The Parkland Regional Library Director has been asked to help set up a library in the school on Yellow Quill First Nations.

Yorkton Public Library has expanded their programming to include movie afternoons and partnering with the Yorkton Film Festival. Other programming initiatives throughout the region included: Come Read with Me at Esterhazy and Peepeekisis First Nations; Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Setting at the Yorkton Regional Health Centre; Leap with me at Kamsack; and E-Reader workshops at Yorkton Public Library.

PNLS

PNLS had a successful Northern Library Conference in October with their partners. The theme was *Stories Give You the Power of Knowledge*. Events included computer training; author Diane Young talked about what makes an author tour successful; Shaun Mason, from PNLS, talked about social networking; Dawn Suchoboki, of FunTAZM Entertainment, taught people how to work with puppets; Paul Green from Northern Lights #113 gave tips on troubleshooting and maintenance of computers and audiovisual equipment, and Sierra members had a tour of

Bernard Constant Memorial School—a Sierra user on reserve in Wapiti.



In November, Trustees and Director Audrey Mark attended the inaugural Northern Education Forum. La Loche Community School and Dave O'Hara Community Library described their literacy efforts. Cumberland

House have a successful land-based program with students learning about their environment through outdoor projects. Successful language training and assessment projects were also featured.

November saw the departure of the PNLS Business Manager. Financial reporting needed improving so Director Audrey Mark focused on rebuilding the financial databases. PNLS sent letters to Treasury Board urging members to consider improving grants to libraries.

The end of January PNLS will lose their Library Consultant.



If you received this newsletter by regular post, but can supply an email address please contact:

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Regina Public Library

An exciting new service for newcomers to Canada is now available to RPL patrons only - Family Language Kits!



These kits have been specifically designed as part of a pilot project at RPL, with the goal of helping families that are new to Canada learn

English together, while having some fun. They are currently circulated strictly through RPL's Glen Elm Branch. Kits are available in seven languages.

In December the RPL Film Theatre saw the installation of a new Digital Cinema Projection System. This new system will give RPL Film Theatre greater access to the best in world cinema.

RPL and the Regina Symphony Orchestra are pleased to partner up once again this year for a series of free performances for Library

patrons. The six-part series began in November and will run until April. A big thank you to program sponsors, Dr. Roberta McKay & Elmer Brenner.



Read Together Regina is a program designed to raise awareness about the importance of developing early literacy skills in young children. In 2013, 3,615 Read Together Regina book bags were distributed to newborn babies at the Regina General hospital. RPL is excited to continue with this program into 2014, as it's

expected that 4,600 bags will be required for the year.

The Library board will present to City Council in January to request of a mill rate increase of two percent for 2014.

The board is excited as it continues to move towards becoming the public library system that Regina citizens require. This slight increase will provide for resources that are focused in the Library's Strategic Plan.

Saskatoon Public Library

The third annual Word on the Street Saskatoon Festival was held Sunday, September 22 in the Civic Square and Frances Morrison Central Library. The event takes place across Canada and provides an opportunity for participants to interact with Canada's writing and publishing communities. The goal is to educate audiences about and promote awareness of Canadian writing and literacy.

The Friends of the Library annual fundraiser Dance Party at the Hat raised over \$6,000.00.

The Library celebrated its centennial with an array of programs and events. On November 7 SPL launched its history book. Written by Ruth Millar, author, historian, librarian and former head of Local History, and published by Coteau Books, the book highlights history through photographs, archival information and antidotal stories.

Rosemary Nixon was welcomed as Saskatoon Public Library's 33rd Writer in Residence.

This year's successful bursary

applicant was Lisa Worobec, a Branch Public Services Assistant at the Cliff Wright Branch. Lisa has been accepted to the Masters of Library and Information Sciences program at the University of Alberta. The annual bursary is intended for the professional or technical development of librarians or technical staff of SPL.

To help mark the library's 100th anniversary, organizers asked the public to suggest activities. One idea was to find resident's 100 favourite places to read.

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism held a Celebrating Services Award Banquet on October 6. At the awards event SPL received the award in the Senior Friendly Business category. Outreach & Access Services currently serves over 56 individual Home Readers, Senior Residences, 17 community organizations, the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, Interval House, and numerous people with disabilities who come into the Library or call for assistance.

We're looking for more library success stories!

Do you have a great story about some way your library has had an effect on a patron's future, a service or resource that has really made a difference, or friendly help—just when it was needed the most.

If you do and you'd like to share, please email the Executive Director at njk@sasktel.net.

Southeast

The Southeast Regional Library strategic directions for 2013-15 call for initiatives in three areas:

Promotion

Increase community awareness of the regional library and its services through a reading awareness campaign.

Literacy

Support and promote literacy services through the acquisition and development of literacy tools and the promotion of literacy programs.

Community

Strengthen branch library

capacity in addressing the needs of their communities through the coordination and support of a branch specific needs assessment and action planning process.

For 2013, the promotion campaign involved wrapping delivery vans with graphic images that support reading. Posters were created using the van wrap graphics and distributed throughout the service area. For 2014, the focus will be on redeveloping the regional library's web presence.

The literacy highlight for 2013 was the development of 193

literacy kits (37 of which were designed with an Aboriginal focus). The response has been overwhelmingly positive. In 2014, the focus will be on exploring enhanced Aboriginal literacy resources and services.

The community engagement supports in 2013 continued to be focused on the multi-year needs assessment initiative and action planning. By 2015 all branches should have action plans in place. In the meantime, Southeast is looking to review branch facilities standards and document the state of branch facilities.

Wapiti

An 'ad hoc' subcommittee has been reviewing Policy Manual recommendations and updates.

The Semi-annual General meeting passed budgetary recommendations to supplement the three year rejuvenation project of the library materials budget for the 38 member RM, Town and Village branch library category.

Delegates expressed continued interest in digital database products.

Regional delegates entertained

a three year municipal grant budget plan proposal for the Rural Municipality, Town and Village category to address the need for relevant, fast, digital and streaming video content. The 2013 municipal grant rate for library service was approximately \$1 dollar per month, plus municipal facility maintenance costs.

Wapiti Regional Office new Community Services Librarian, Conor Echlin, conducted an online survey of users interested in receiving digital magazine services. Over 70%

positive interest was received.

Wapiti Regional Library hired a Financial Administrator, Ms. Beverley Lawreniuk, who began work in January. Wapiti is in the process of hiring an Assistant Regional Director.

The Wapiti Regional Assistant Director, Joan Weldon, Acquisitions Department Supervisor, Gail Anderson plus senior management from John M. Cuelenaere Library, spent time last fall working with larger vendors to pilot an acquisitions selection template

for materials ordering. The electronic ordering has resulted in placement of logo, barcode and classification information being carried out by the vendor. This holds potential hope for ensuring a faster acquisitions processing delivery timeline for rural branches.

SLTA forwarded a quick reference guide on the fundamental responsibilities for achieving effective leadership and sound governance. It was well received by Wapiti Executive.

Wheatland



Wheatland Regional Library held a workshop for Branch Librarians on October 28th. They continue to expand on training and programming support. They have recently purchased a bundle of e-reader devices for branch and patron training, as well as Lego kits and bulletin board displays for branch use.

Their fall board meeting was held on October 19th. A total of 18 new or revised policies were approved at this meeting. This was the first stage of a much needed policy review,

which will be on-going.

Wheatland have a signed agreement with the City of Warman and the Prairie Spirit School Division, and on November 1st the new Warman Community Library opened to the public. This is a joint-use facility, shared with the Warman Middle School Library, and is located in the new Legends Center. A grand opening was held on November 30th, which tied in with the 30th anniversary of the Warman Branch.

In December, the Dodsland Branch was connected to satellite internet. Dodsland was the last branch on dial-up, so this was a much anticipated change!

Provincial Library

2013 Summer Literacy Camps provided opportunities for children, youth, families and communities in Saskatchewan.

Preliminary reviews of applications for the Saskatchewan Community Literacy Fund indicate community partnerships with local libraries continue to be developed by SCLF applicants.

PLLO, in cooperation with public libraries, is developing a coordinated provincial strategy and evaluation around the Summer Reading program.

PLLO provided grants to each library system to enhance the 2013 programming in July and

August, and developed a digital programming pilot using Storybird with Chinook, Parkland, and Southeast.

Charles Ottosen, RPL and Jian Wang, PLLO presented *Multilingual Library Resources in Saskatchewan Public Libraries* at the SOHL Annual Conference.

The MLSC discussed a multilingual library services framework. The framework suggested how better multilingual library services and programs can be delivered.

PLLO initiated a mobile collection circulation pilot project with four branch

libraries in Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and North Battleford in January 2014.

Circulation of PLLO multilingual materials keeps growing.

The Committee on Aboriginal Library Services is developing a series of short training videos.

The 2014 Aboriginal Storytelling Month launch is being hosted by the Parkland Regional Library and is scheduled for February 5.

The Trustee Development Committee is nearing completion on a series of training modules for trustees.

The National Network for Equitable Library Access is available through libraries with a press release scheduled February 13.

A facilities inventory tool is under development at PLLO.

The Multitype Library Board AGM will be held April 2.

The Saskatchewan eBooks initiative moves into production in February in order to make eBooks available to the MDLP partners later this spring. PLLO is working with an intellectual property lawyer to finalize the contracts before the digitization begins.

Minister' Brief Update

On November the 18th, your President, Vice President and Executive Director met with Minister Don Morgan.

Over 45 minutes we relayed the current state of Saskatchewan Libraries. Vice President McGirr gave a clear picture of the inadequate funding for library operation and lobbied very diplomatically for a catch up grant.

The case for fifty/fifty funding for libraries, similar to schools, would be deeply

appreciated by municipalities and recognized by all volunteers and staff in Saskatchewan.

The point was made that libraries are the perfect vehicle to actualize the goals the Province has set. The valuable asset of library doing this is dependent on funding.

E-readers were recommended as a way to improve literacy, and the development of the 21st century library system in Saskatchewan was

recommended as a way to better this province.

It was a very pleasant meeting with a Minister who is bright, personable, dedicated and appreciative of the people who volunteer and work in our libraries.

We look forward to the future with expectations of a positive change in library funding, programs and status.



2014 SLA CONFERENCE

The 2014 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference "Learning for Life" will take place at the Temple Gardens Mineral Spa in Moose Jaw from Thursday, May 1 to Saturday, May 3, 2014.

For more information see: [HTTP://SASKLA.CA/SLACONFERENCE/2014-CONFERENCE](http://SASKLA.CA/SLACONFERENCE/2014-CONFERENCE).



Left to Right: President Gerald Kleisinger (RPL), Minister Don Morgan, Vice President Maureen McGirr (Wapiti), Provincial Librarian Brett Waytuck

The SLTA appreciates and encourages individual membership in the Association. A form is located on page six of this newsletter.



SLTA

2013 Individual Membership Form

SLTA is looking for support from local library boards. We would also suggest buying an individual SLTA membership for your mayor, and/or members of councils as a way to show support for libraries. Your support can help us help libraries.

Membership provides each member with this newsletter, "The Trustee". This newsletter identifies the major issues facing libraries, and allows us to work together to achieve our common goals.

If you would like more information please contact your the SLTA representative in your region.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

May we send you the newsletter via e-mail? YES please NO thanks

Region _____

Library _____

*Each region pays the membership for regional board members. This form is for members of local boards or anyone else who wishes to become a member of the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association. Please remit the completed membership form along with **\$10.00** payment to the address below. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Missing: Sharon Armstrong (Parkland).





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Your SLTA strives to:

- Promote and foster the development of libraries and library services in Saskatchewan.
- Provide for exchange of ideas and experiences among library board members through conferences and 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.

Saskatchewan Library Association Conference

Friends of the Library—How You Can Get Involved

Join us for this SLTA sponsored informative spotlight session which will provide you with all the information you need to form a Friends of the Library group in your region. Learn what friends of the library do, how you can become involved, and how to form a group in your region.

Presenter Christine McKay has played an integral role in Saskatoon Public Library Friends of the Library for many years. Come and draw from her experience!

From Gatekeeper to Gardener: The E-Publishing Revolution

A revolution in publishing challenges presents either a tremendous opportunity—or

tremendous threat—to the viability of libraries. Will libraries be victims or victors?

Through presentation and dialog, attendees will gain a clear understanding of three trends, three business problems and a fundamental shift in the orientation of libraries to emerging content.

Under the leadership of presenter James LaRue, the Douglas County (Colorado) Libraries moved from the worst library in the state to the top-rated public library in the United States.

Come to this SLTA sponsored session to hear this dynamic man speak—gain an awareness of key trends influencing publishing, a knowledge of one entrepreneurial solution, and a call to action.

For more information on the conference, and session times, locations and dates please see [HTTP://SASKLA.CA/SLACONFERENCE/2014-CONFERENCE](http://saskla.ca/SLACONFERENCE/2014-CONFERENCE).



Learning for Life

Public Library Continues to be Relevant to All

Head librarian Kam Teo proudly shows the facility of the Weyburn Public Library in this view from the upper level over the main floor. As he explained, the library has had to "reinvent" itself in some ways, but it continues to be a community centre that is responsive and relevant to the residents of Weyburn and area. Besides continuing to offer books for readers of all ages, there are books on CD and DVD, programs of interest for all ages of people, and many community groups make use of the facility.



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