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SLTA Annual Brief to the Minister Responsible for Libraries

Each year since 1968 the SLTA has presented a Brief to the Minister responsible for Libraries to advocate on behalf of public libraries in Saskatchewan. The Minister of Learning, the Honourable Andrew Thomson, is the present Minister responsible for Libraries.

This year, the meeting with the Minister is set for November 16, 2005. The Executive will highlight the following issues:

- the critical need for infrastructure capital funding for libraries
- a separate capital fund for libraries, similar to funds provided for other Learning sector partners
- extension of funding for library services to Aboriginal peoples
- recruitment and retention of library staff

The complete Brief will be placed on the SLTA website after the meeting.

New PNLS System Representative joins SLTA Executive

Pahkisimon Nuyeyáah Library has appointed a new member to the SLTA executive. Agnes Naytowhow (Henderson) of Montreal Lake

was able to join us in Regina for our fall meeting on October 1, 2005. Welcome, Agnes!

Library Book Rate

from a press release July 21, 2005

Canadian Library Book Rates Program
Ottawa — Numerous reports have been published or broadcast in the last few days regarding the Library Book Rates Program. Upon her arrival at Canada Post, Ms. Moya Greene, the new President and CEO, reviewed the file and revised the Corporation's current position on this matter, as evidenced by a letter sent to the Canadian Library Association dated July 4, 2005, which stated:

“Canada Post wishes to announce that it has no intention of acting unilaterally in this issue. Canada Post intends to honour its long-time commitment toward the Canadian Libraries and nothing will be done without the agreement of the government, its shareholder.

“We regret any inconvenience or confusion resulting from communications over the past few days that suggested our unwillingness to honour our commitment and respect our engagement”.

This was very good news for our libraries. We were also pleased with the press release

from the Breakfast Meeting of Provincial-Territorial Ministers responsible for Culture and Heritage in Banff, Alberta on September 16, 2005:

Library book rate, tax incentives for historic places head list of issues at meeting of provincial and territorial ministers of culture and heritage

“...The issues were raised collectively at the following Federal-Provincial/Territorial meeting with federal Minister Liza Frulla, who welcomed the recommendations and agreed to look into them further.

The six issues are:

- The long-term future of the Library Book Rate;
- Federal tax incentives to preserve historic places, and proceed with the planned Aboriginal component of the Historic Places Initiative;
- support to maintain, improve and develop new and existing cultural infrastructure;
- Federal funding support for provincial Music Industry Associations;
- The impact of new technologies on cultural policies; and
- Status of the Artist

CLA, SLA and Canada Post are at present in negotiations concerning the terms of continuing the Library Book Rate. This would be a very good time for all library supporters to write to their Member of Parliament and the Heritage Minister and let them know your concerns about the Library Book Rate. Check out the CLA website for more information: www.cla.ca.

Call for Nominations: Honorary Life Memberships

Nominations for Honorary Life Memberships are once again requested.

Honorary Life Membership may be conferred by the Association upon a member or past member of the SLTA for distinguished service as a trustee in the library field at local, provincial, or national levels. Nominations should be made prior to January 31 each year.

Each nomination should outline the record of contributions of the nominee on the local library board, on the SLTA executive, and in other community activities.

Nominations made by a librarian must be supported by at least one trustee.

Nominations may be submitted more than once, but must be made each year.

Geographic distribution may be considered in making an award.

Trustees serving on the SLTA executive will not be eligible for an award during their term of office.

The selection Committee is composed of the Executive Committee.

The recipient of the Award will be invited to the annual conference banquet. Conference registration fees are waived, and the recipient is provided with one night accommodation at the conference hotel and transportation costs to the conference location at current government rate.

CLTA Award Honours Literacy Pioneer Stan Heath

The Canadian Library Trustees Association (CLTA) has changed the name of the CLTA Achievement in Literacy Award, sponsored by ABC Canada, to the CLTA/Stan Heath Achievement in Literacy Award.

The late Stan Heath was a founding director of ABC Canada and a lifelong champion of literacy, and he created the annual Mr.

Christie's Book Awards for children's literature.

CLTA/Stan Heath Achievement in Literacy Award

Generously sponsored by ABC Canada, the CLTA/Stan Heath Achievement in Literacy Award is presented annually to a public library board that has initiated an innovative program that is contributing significantly to the advancement of literacy in its community.

Any public library board in Canada is eligible for the award.

Members or employees of the public library board are eligible to nominate their own board.

Each nomination must be sponsored by at least two individuals.

Nominations must be submitted on an official nomination form, available online at www.cla.ca/divisions/clta/cltamerit.pdf, from the CLA Office, or any member of the CLTA executive, and accompanied by required documentation.

The award will be presented at the time of the annual Canadian Library Association Conference.

If, in any year, no appropriate recipient is identified by the CLTA Achievement in Literacy Award Committee, no award will be made.

For further information, an official CLTA/Stan Heath Achievement in Literacy Award nomination form, or to make a nomination, contact:

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Deadline for nominations is February 28, annually.

Looking for a Centennial Christmas gift? You've found it!

A Book in Every Hand: Public Libraries in Saskatchewan
by Don Kerr



This book is a fascinating account of the challenges and triumphs, the personalities and the issues involved in the development of Saskatchewan's public library system. Don Kerr utilizes public meeting accounts, official reports, interviews, and personal experience to document the struggles, the triumphs and the challenges.

What a wonderful Centennial keepsake!

To order yours today, contact:
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Saskatchewan Libraries Conference

The 2006 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, including the SLTA and SLA annual general meetings, will be held at the Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan on May 4, 5 & 6, 2006. The Conference theme is “Libraries: Value Beyond Words”.

This conference offers a series of workshops, meetings, speakers, and social events. Last year SLTA hosted three sessions which were well-attended, informative and well-received. We also hosted the book launch for Don Kerr’s *A Book in Every Hand: Public Libraries in Saskatchewan*.

Our representatives to the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference are hard at work planning this years workshops. We extend an invitation to all library trustees to join us at the SLTA annual general meeting and the many interesting and educational sessions that will be held at the conference and see what can be accomplished when we work together.

Mark May 4 to 6, 2006 on your calendar now and watch for conference details and registration form in the next issue of the *Trustee* and watch our website www.lib.sk.ca/slta.

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