

The TRUSTEE

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News from the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association



Ken Krawetz, Saskatchewan's minister in charge of libraries (second from left) received a briefing on library issues (including a thank you for the funding his government has provided for the long-awaited Single Integrated Library System) from the SLTA's executive members, including treasurer Donna Hartley, president Bev Dubois and vice-president Darryl Lucke, on Nov. 26, 2008. Minister Krawetz was very receptive and interested in the issues presented by the SLTA, and we are encouraged by his receptiveness to the upcoming Government and Libraries Forum.

I hope this communiqué finds everyone well!! The library world (as all of you very well know) has been busy and hectic this last while... but exciting.

There are some events coming up that I hope many of you will be able to participate in. The Saskatchewan Libraries Conference will be held this year in Saskatoon, on the first weekend in May. In addition to our AGM, we invite you to attend the three SLTA-sponsored workshops, designed specifically for library trustees.

We are bringing Ms. Pat Cavill from Calgary in for the conference to speak about advocacy, in preparation for the Government and Libraries Forum on October 19-20 at Queensbury Downs in Regina, for which planning is currently underway. The forum will give the library community (both staff and trustees) a unique opportunity to interact with senior government officials.

Even if you are not attending the upcoming forum, I am sure you will find these workshops very informative and educational for your role as a library trustee.

If you have any questions on the activities of SLTA or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact your regional board representative, or contact me directly at (306) 260-2360.

See you in May!!

- Councillor Bev Dubois, SLTA President

**2009 Saskatchewan Libraries
Conference
TCU Place
April 30 to May 2, 2009**

SLTA sponsored sessions:

Thursday, April 30th, 2:30 p.m. - Pre-conference meeting (for board members only)

Friday, May 1st, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - **SLTA Annual General Meeting** (open to all library trustees - voting rights reserved for SLTA members)

Friday, May 1st, 1:30 p.m. - Post-conference meeting (for board members only)

Saturday, May 2nd - "Library Advocacy Now! - Creating a Common Agenda" - 3-part workshop series (sessions S4 9:30-10 a.m., S10 12:00-1:00 p.m., and S15 1:15-2:15 p.m. - Gallery D)

Workshop description:

Learn how to become a better advocate by altering how we draft and deliver our messages to those who make decisions about us. "Library Advocacy Now!" is a combination of information-sharing, storytelling and participation in training exercises. An extensive workbook and other resources are provided. The workshop is inspiring, invigorating, thought-provoking and fun!

Did you know...

that the SLTA has been serving the library community in Saskatchewan since 1967? The association made its first annual brief to the Minister in 1968, and was incorporated under provincial law in 1969.

Find us on the Web at www.lib.sk.ca/slta and read our 2008 brief to the minister!

The SLTA relies on support from Saskatchewan trustees! We are trying to increase our membership base so that all board members and “library friendly” individuals in our communities have an opportunity to participate in our organization and strengthen our voice as library advocates. Please encourage any trustee who does not currently hold an individual membership for 2009 (effective until Dec. 31) to fill out and mail in this form.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
Individual Trustee Membership Application - 2009

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The Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (SLTA) is a non-profit organization incorporated under provincial law to represent the interests of library trustees across the province. Individual membership in the SLTA is open to anyone who is interested in libraries for a nominal \$10.00 membership fee.

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 a periodic newsletter, “The Trustee”, and voting rights at the Annual General Meeting. The 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 region’s SLTA representative or me at the above address. Also check out www.lib.sk.ca/slta for more information.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Region _____

Library _____

Please note: Each region pays the membership for regional board members. This form is for members of local boards to join as individual trustee members, and for anyone else who wishes to become an associate member of the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association.

Please remit the completed membership form along with **\$10.00** payment to the above address.

Thank you.

The SLTA represents 2,500 trustees, who in turn represent libraries throughout Saskatchewan, in northern settlements, hamlets, villages and towns, and southern rural communities, 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 Saskatchewan’s “one province” library system. The SLTA seeks to be a united provincial voice, advocating for continual improvement for our libraries. **Your 2008-09 board:** Bev Dubois, president (Saskatoon); Darryl Lucke, vice-president (Regina); Donna Hartley, treasurer (Southeast); Gail Beuhler (Chinook); Dennis Taylor (Lakeland); Carmen Pauls Orthner (Pahksimon Nuye?áh); Sharon Armstrong (Parkland); Maureen McGirr (Wapiti); Kae Campbell (Wheatland).