



THE TRUSTEE

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President's Message—Bev Dubois (SPL)

Welcome to the fall 2011 edition of SLTA newsletter The Trustee. I hope that everyone had a good summer and is enjoying the wonderful fall that we have been blessed with. The SLTA has had a busy time the last few months and will continue to have in the months ahead.

We have a new Executive Director (on a part-time basis). Her name is Nancy Kennedy and we are very excited to have Nancy on board with our organization! Nancy is now in "full swing" with the SLTA. I encourage you to contact Nancy anytime with any questions or comments! Her contact information is listed on the last page of the newsletter.



Summer months were kept busy with Nancy's orientation of SLTA. We held our fall meeting in September with a full agenda. We are working on the Ministers Brief. After the Provincial election it will be determined who we meet with and when. I will provide you with details on this meeting in the spring edition of the newsletter.

On behalf of the SLTA, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season and all the best for a healthy and happy 2012.

Councillor Bev Dubois, President
SLTA

Highlights from the Fall Meeting (Saskatoon, September 23/24, 2011)

- The SLTA will promote First Nations and Early Childhood Literacy for the upcoming year.
- The SLTA will request a meeting with the Minister of Education to present their annual brief.
- The board reviewed their strategic plan.
- The SLA Conference is in Regina May, 2012.
- The SLTA will address with HarperCollins their policy on the use of ebooks.
- Regional updates were provided.
- The next meeting will be held on February 4 and 5, 2012 in Regina.

What is more important in a library than anything else—than everything else—is the fact that it exists.

- Archibald MacLeish, "The Premise of Meaning,"
American Scholar, 5 June 1972

Regional Updates

Chinook

Christopher Harrow is the new Swift Current branch manager. Originally from Gravelbourg, Chris graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Master's degree in Library and Information Science. Heather Walker has been promoted to Director of Chinook Region.

Chris Harrow organized an ongoing branch presence at the city's open air market with a book sale table and display of library information. Swift Current's IT department set up wireless internet at the branch in early August. It is a success with patrons. As well, the video conferencing equipment is assembled and working. A press release, sample posters, and bookmarks to commemorate Chinook's 40th anniversary have been prepared by Wendy Muri.

The City of Swift Current hosted a session on a proposed integrated facility. Attendees were encouraged to express their concerns and comments. This session was one of several the city plans to hold. Chinook Head Quarters has expressed interest in being part of the planning process.

Lakeland

June saw the retirement of Lakeland's cataloguer, Dorothy Horrell, after 23 years with Lakeland.

A complete review of all Lakeland policies is being undertaken, all job descriptions have been rewritten, and inventory continues in three branches.

The Meota Branch held its grand opening on June 18th with a full house. Pierceland Branch initiated a sidewalk sale outside the library with local people selling crafts, baking, and home based business products. The library sold books. It was so successful that it continued during July and August. All branches participated in the TD Summer Reading Program with many holding activities throughout the summer.

Parkland

Two new blogs have been created: 1. Parkland Family literacy Hub: <https://parklandliteracyhub.wordpress.com>; and, 2. Every Child ready to Read @ Your Library 2nd edition: <https://ecrr2.wordpress.com>.

The Government and Libraries Forum early Learning committee worked collaboratively to set up three Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library 2nd edition workshops and create an application form and process for Family Spaces grants. Three workshops were held during the week of October 2nd.

A total 100 people attended the ECRR2 workshops in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina. Five Parkland Regional Library staff attended the workshops—one in Prince Albert, two in Saskatoon and two in Regina. The workshops were well received.

PNLS

With the help of Stephanie Hall, the Board and Staff spent a day in June at a retreat in La Ronge working on a new Strategic Plan for the system. They are in the process of setting actions for four strategic directions.

The Northern Library Conference is focused on getting the library more involved with its community whether that community is a town, village or reserve, or is a school. PNLS would like to give library staff the skills to promote the library and to provide their communities with relevant programming. You can check the conference at <http://pnlsconference.pbworks.com/w/page/17338398/FrontPage>.

Two new pages are being added to the webpage: the Class Room, for teacher information; and, the Help Room, for information on the catalogue, databases and E-Books.

Charlene Bosniak from Northlands College held a meeting with some of the people involved with literacy initiatives in the La Ronge area. It was agreed that there is a need to revive the Northern Literacy Network and find ways to help local people participate in discussions.



Literacy Camp

During the summer, the Gordon Denny Elementary School used the facilities of PNLS for their Literacy Camp. This was the first time children have been hosted in the building, and it was a vibrant, exciting experience.

Regina Public Library

Exterior of the Prince of Wales Branch.



In August, RPL opened the new Prince of Wales Branch. It is the first new library branch in Regina since 1995. For more information see <http://www.reginalibrary.ca/pow/>.

Donah Littlemore was awarded the 2011 Canada Post Community Literacy Award for her volunteer work with RPL's Literacy Unit. An award ceremony was held at Central Library on International Literacy Day, September 8.

RPL saw a dramatic increase in participation in the 2011 TD Summer Reading club contest. The number of participants jumped from 3,355 in 2010 to 3,975 in 2011. The hours spent reading were also up from 30,356 last year to 43,756 this year.

This summer, RPL partnered to deliver a number of well received and attended events in celebration of the Year of India in Canada.

Edward Willett began his term as the RPL's Writer-in-Residence. He is available by appointment to consult with individuals who want advice on their personal writing projects. Further information on this innovative program can be found at <http://www.reginalibrary.ca/about/wir.html>.

RPL has launched a standardized approach to gather community feedback through its new Customer Satisfaction Survey. This is another step in RPL's work to incorporate assessment into library practice and gives them the information we need to ensure that we are meeting the community's needs.

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

Nancy Kennedy
Executive Director, SLTA

Saskatoon Public Library

Mrs. Frances Morrison, Chief Librarian at the Saskatoon Public Library from 1961 to 1980, passed away on August 14, 2011. Mrs. Morrison joined the Saskatoon Public Library in 1943 as a library assistant. During her tenure as Chief Librarian, Mrs. Morrison oversaw the construction of a new main library and two new branch libraries. She was responsible for the establishment of the Local History Room, the expansion of the Fine and Performing Arts area, and the development of a Programming Service.

Construction on the Alice Turner Branch is heading into the final phase. The expansion will add approximately 7,000 square feet to the Library's public service and staff work area, allow for an enlarged array of print and electronic resources, and provide more public meeting and study space.

SPL is pleased to announce the appointment of Holly Guran to the position of Representative Workforce Development Coordinator, effective November 1, 2011.

J.S. Wood Branch's 50th anniversary was celebrated on September 11, 2011.

The Word on the Street Festival will be held at the Frances Morrison Library and 23rd Street. The festival lineup will boast approximately 30 local and regional authors, including *Life of Pi* author Yann Martel. The festival includes a marketplace and literacy activities for children.

SPL is now partnering with Citizenship and Immigration Canada for their Citizenship Ceremonies. The Library is given the opportunity to speak at this event about resources and services offered.

Yvette Nolan, playwright, dramaturge, director and educator began her term as Writer-in-Residence September 1, 2011. Yvette's current writing projects include a book on native theatre in Canada, text for Michael Greyeyes' dance piece *for thine eyes*, and an adaptation of *The Birds* for Gateway Theatre in Richmond, BC.

This summer 6,834 kids signed up for the TD Summer Reading Club, a 50% increase over last year. Participants received a small prize for every five books they read to a maximum of 20 books. A wildly successful wrap-up party, attended by 854 people, was held at the Rusty Macdonald Branch.

A cost saving measure for Regions: rent a vehicle for a day of travel instead of charging mileage.

Southeast

During the summer, Southeast Regional Library focused on maintaining and stabilizing its service offerings now that the SILS system has been installed across the province. The block exchange system, now called mobile collections, was restarted with the exchanging of backlogged materials and the weeding of older materials. Over 59,000 backlogged books were moved this spring and summer. Mobile collections will be fully operational fall 2011.



Story time at Regina Beach.

Of particular note, is the continuing work on a new branch open hour allocation approach for non-city branches. The new approach focuses on the population being served by a branch rather than circulation levels or programming activity of that branch. The allocation is then further refined as the branch's municipality chooses the level of public library services desired for their community. The branch's service population and service levels are then used to determine the municipality's public library grant to the regional library. This new approach has resulted in an 11% increase in branch open hours effective January 2012.



LuLu and the Tom Cat— Southeast's Summer Performers.

Wapiti

A committee has been struck to begin Regional Strategic Planning Development, including implementation of the recommendations from the Committee on Staffing and Compensation Levels. The goal will be to build a strategic plan to guide policy direction and development over the next three to five year period.

Wapiti has volunteered to take part on a committee to follow up on the recommendation from the joint Library Chair/Directors spring meeting, regarding library trustee education options.

Local library personnel training sessions are planned for late September. Five workshops will be held in branches with multiple computer terminals to facilitate hands-on demonstrations on the main topics of database searching techniques, Library2Go education and procedures, and SILS policy, procedures, questions and updates.

The Wapiti Regional Library semi-annual meeting will be held in Prince Albert, November 19th to consider budgets for the three library categories: i. Rural municipalities, towns and villages - 39 branches; ii. Prince Albert – John M. Cuelenaere Library; iii. Five area resource centers.

The John M. Cuelenaere Public Library has opened a community branch in Prince Albert, at the Bernice Sayese Center. The governance and services required are currently under discussion with Wapiti Region.

Wapiti Regional Library management has hired a design consultant and solicited quotes for extensive renovations to the upper, lower levels and exterior of the Marion Gilroy Building, regional headquarters since 1962.

Wheatland

Both the TD Summer Reading Club and Wheatland's Teen Summer Challenge ran successfully this summer along with branches running programs throughout the region. Performer Bonnie Logan toured the Wheatland region this summer and performed stories and songs in ten branches.

The Wheatland Regional Library continues to see increasing interest in use of Library2Go. Usage of both ebooks and audio books available at Library2Go increases monthly. Library branches report that patrons are coming to their libraries to apply for library cards specifically to use Library2Go.

Central Services bid farewell to Liz Morrison who worked at Central for 15 years. As well, long-time community librarians Lydia Hare (Rosetown) and Val Pidlisney (Colonsay) retired this fall from the region.

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association Honorary Life Membership Nomination Criteria and Nomination Form

Life Membership may be conferred by the Association upon a member or past member of the SLTA distinguished service as a trustee in the library field at local, provincial, or national levels.

Nominations for the award will be solicited by the executive by advising Regional, Regina, Saskatoon, and Pahlkison Nuye Ah Library System Boards each year, and that nominations should be made prior to January 31st of each year.

Each nomination shall 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.

In a year when no name has been submitted, no award would be made.

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

Selection Committee shall be composed of the Executive Committee.

The recipient will be notified and invited to the annual convention banquet. The recipient's registration fee will be waived, one night accommodation at the convention hotel, and transportation costs paid at the current government rate.

Past SLTA Honorary Life Members		
1975:	Jessie Robson Bothwell, Regina Dr. Carlylye King, Saskatoon Marion Sherman, Prince Albert R.H. MacDonald, Saskatoon	1991: Allan Bailey, Yorkton Harry Derbowka, Borden Harvey McNaught, Colonsay
1978:	George Anderson, Melfort Phoebe Bunnell, Swift Current	1992: Robert Diltz, Saskatoon 1993: Elma Jahnke, Herbert John Yung, Pangman
1979:	Baden Campbell, Swift Current	1995: Lori Isinger, Saskatoon George Bothwell, Regina
1980:	Elizabeth E. Davis, Regina	1996: Nick Gabruch, Paynton
1981:	Jean And Willard Kallio, Dinsmore	1997: Stu Petlak, Bushell Park 1998: Bessie Darrach, Aberdeen
1984:	Jack Pierce, Humboldt	2000: Noreene Ross, Grenfell
1985:	Frank Meakes, Touchwood	2001: Dorothy Saunderson, Vanguard
1986:	Jean Murch, Lancer	2002: Mary Beitler, Tisdale
1987:	Isabelle Butters, Weyburn	2004: Gloria Mehlmann, Regina
1988:	Dr. Morris Anderson, Regina	2005: Lester Jorgenson, Abbey
1989:	Mrs. Leola Moore, Swift Current George Gelmich, Estevan	2006: Karen Basky, Moose Jaw 2007: Rose Hoffart, Tribune
1990:	Mrs. Violet Spencer, Craik	2008: Louise Cochran, Radisson

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association Life Member Award Nomination Form

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Name: _____

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Signature: _____

TRUSTEE ENDORSEMENT (if Nominator is a Librarian):

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

**Please include the following information
with the completed nomination form:**

Biography of Nominee
History of Nominee's Involvement
Photograph of Nominee

**Please forward your nomination no
later than January 31 to:**

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Missing: Brett Waytuck, Nancy Kennedy.

