

## **Letter from the President**

Greetings from Regina during what feels like winter already. I hope you are keeping safe and healthy these days. I am sure many of you are well into your new routines with kids back in school and in activities – be that online or in person. I hope that you are taking care of yourselves during what can be a stressful time.

October was a busy month. I hope everyone had a good Saskatchewan Library Week. I think it is even more important during this time to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, flexibility and good cheer of library workers across the province (and country and around the world). You have stepped up to be a beacon in your community – a steady presence continuing to offer resources and services. I appreciate all that you do and am impressed by how well you continue to do your work so well even during a pandemic. Kudos!

Saskatchewan Library Week programming looked different across the province than in previous years, but I am happy to report that the videos that were produced to support programming in our libraries continue to get attention both in and out of the province. These videos will continue to be available to you beyond SLW, so I encourage you to consider using them in your communities as a program starter.

To help libraries and Saskatchewan residents prepare for the upcoming provincial election, the SLA Advocacy Committee, along with SLA staff, produced letters that went out to MLAs regarding the importance of libraries and asked for a position statement. They also prepared a document that included many short statements about the value of libraries. This was shared to our members by email and through Social Media. I was very happy to see libraries and library systems share this out to their supporters, board members and via their own social media as a way to continue to raise awareness about libraries. I also managed to join the CBC Blue Sky chat with NDP candidate Ryan Meili to ask a question about libraries. This was an excellent way for us to get a value statement out into the public's eye, but also to raise awareness with the party leaders.

We had a board meeting on October 27 and we continue to work on exciting programs and planning for the upcoming year. Please consider reaching out to see how you can volunteer your time and efforts with SLA.

Have a great month!

Regards,

Amy Rankin

SLA President