

Letter from the President

Greetings from a crazy hot and humid summer day in Regina. What a different time for us – some folks are going back to libraries and offices and some are still working from home. Planning meetings and programs seems to be a challenge. Should we plan for in-person, all virtual, or should it be a mix of formats? We have started planning our August Board retreat/meeting. In previous years, we did this in person so that Board members could get to know each other and we could plan for the upcoming year. This year, we will be having this meeting virtually. It will still be a great board orientation and meeting, but we will definitely be missing out on some of that in-person interaction. I am excited to see the plans for Saskatchewan Library Week and Culture Days. Obviously, some things will be familiar, but creativity has gotten us thinking outside the box, and we will still be supporting libraries and their staff in getting some great programming done across all sectors and across the province. Stay tuned for more information.

Dorothea Warren and I will be attending the Partnership meetings in mid August. Although this is usually an in-person retreat in Toronto, we are attending a couple of much shorter virtual meetings to discuss provincial and territorial library association business and then to discuss the Partnership business.

The upcoming year will be busy for the SLA Board and staff. We will be finalizing the communication plan that we started in 2019-2020. We will also be researching and working towards the bursary that came forward through a resolution at the AGM. Committees will be working in a new and changing time. I encourage everyone to take a look at the committees and jump on board to see what you can do for SLA and what we can do for Saskatchewan libraries and our communities. I would also encourage those of you who are a little more comfortable in the SLA world (e.g. have served on committees or in a previous Board position) to consider putting your name forward for the VP, Communications and Engagement. If this interests you, please do not hesitate to reach out for further information.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay healthy!

Amy Rankin

SLA President, 2020-2022