

The Trustee

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to wish you all the best for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our Saskatchewan Libraries Matter Contest was a huge success and we are so very pleased. We received so many submissions and selecting winning entries was a very daunting task!



In **Category A—Written Essays** our winners were:

1. Agata Gawron, who recently relocated from Alberta to Saskatchewan.
2. Rachel Manzon, an eighth grade student at St. Matthew Elementary School in Regina.
3. Vaidehee Lanke, a 16 year old Saskatoon resident who attends the International Baccalaureate Program.
4. Darshana Lanke, a 13 year old Saskatoon resident who loves to learn new things.

In **Category B—Video Essays** our winning entry was from Morgan Jones of Estevan. Morgan currently attends the University of Regina, majoring in Film Production, and has worked at the Estevan Public Library for the past three years.

In **Category C—Children's Drawings** our winners were:

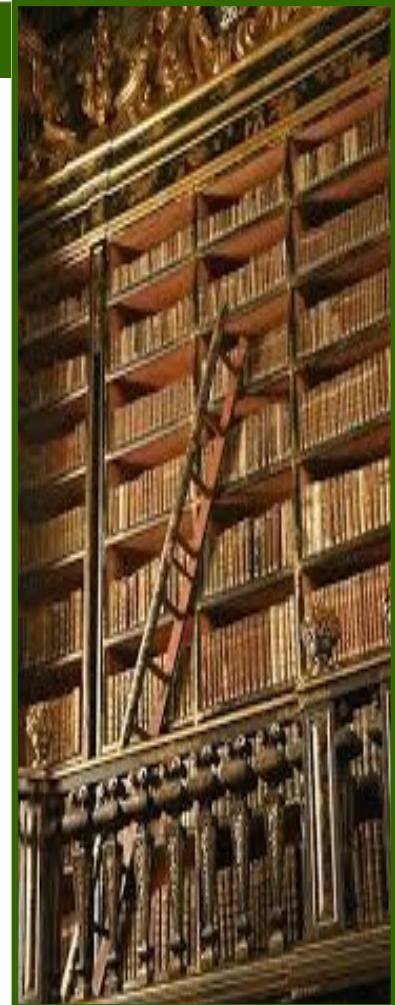
1. Kaden Schmidt, 11 years old, from Ogema. Kaden enjoys art and physical education.
2. John Paul Almodiel, who is 12 years old. Jon Paul lives in Ogema and enjoys playing outside in the summer.
3. Jose Mercano, who is 12 years old and lives in Ogema.

In **Category D—Childrens' Essays** our winners were:

1. Logan Weiman, an eight year old from Bruno. Logan loves to dance, read and be with friends and family.
2. Kaden Schmidt, from Ogema, who also won in our Category C above.
3. Chloe Thideman, a 12 year old who attends Ogema School. Chloe loves to dance and to read.

All submissions will be available for viewing on our website—www.slta.ca. We encourage you to take a look.

Lorna Black (PNLS), President



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NOTICE OF AGM AND CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The Annual General Meeting of the SLTA will be held during the 2017 SLA Conference Friday, May 5, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Elkridge.

Resolutions shall be presented only by library trustees who are active members of the Association.

Resolutions shall be sent to the SLTA Resolutions Committee Chair in writing at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions may be presented at the Annual General Meeting on any matter with

the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the trustees in attendance. The resolutions from the floor must be in writing and ready for distribution at the Annual General Meeting.

Please forward resolutions to:

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“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.”

- Anne Herbert

My Library Matters Because...

It has special toys, books, movies, the whole library is special. I like when the librarians read to me and do crafts!

Olivia (four years old), Moosomin

It is great family time. My library has programs for the kids and is a great learning environment.

Sarah and Bryson, Midale

It helps young readers' minds grow and helps them learn.

Colton, Dodsland

CHINOOK

Jean McKendry has moved from the position of Rural Branch Manager to the Director position. Andrew Moore has replaced Jean in the Rural Branch Manager position.

Grants have been received for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling for February 2017 events with Joseph Naytowhow, and for Makerspace kits for rural branches from PLLO.

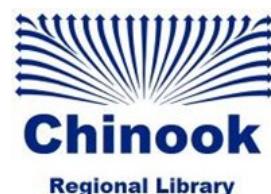
Registration for new patrons is up in the Region for 2016.

Draft policies have been created for the following new or updated policies, to be reviewed by the Policy Committee in 2017: Branch Library Standards Policy, Collections Development Policy, Library Weeding Policy, Records Management Policy, Records Retention Schedule, Timesheet Accountability Policy, Privacy Policy (SILS).

The work of the Negotiating Committee and the Occupational Health and Safety Committee is ongoing.

The Chinook Regional Library Facebook page and Google My Business listings have been updated, and the transferring and updating of content on the new website is a work in progress.

Jean and Andrew will be presenting a session on Makerspace kits and programs at the SLA Conference.



PARKLAND

Things were good for Parkland Regional Library in 2016. They saw a huge increase in patron registration (1,000 more registered than in 2015) and circulation is up dramatically in both traditional materials and online resources. Parkland did a marketing and programming workshop in early summer and as a result, many of their libraries really have pushed the envelope in terms of programming and marketing to their communities. Watson Public Library has a virtual book club and Yorkton Public did many programs including the Human Library which was packed. Many of their libraries are holding events for Literacy Day on January 27th.

Parkland launched a new look to their website on January 16th and we started circulating video games early January. Both have been well received by the public.



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RPL

2016 was a whirlwind year at Regina Public Library. Here are highlights from some of key initiatives.

The biggest project was re-opening the George Bothwell Branch at the Southland Mall. The space was created based on feedback from the community – RPL met with a variety of people from different demographics to hear what they wanted. RPL combined that information with their knowledge of library trends and innovation to construct a new kind of library for the community. The renovated library is inviting, comfortable, and readily adaptable to the community's needs – now and into the future. The Grand Re-Opening event attracted about 800 people and in the new Branch's first month of operation, it welcomed 92% more people than the previous December.

Last winter RPL issued a public call for literacy volunteers and the people of Regina came through – RPL have increased the number of volunteers helping newcomers learn English. They added resources in languages such as Urdu and Arabic, and ensured much of their basic information was available in a dozen languages now spoken in Regina.

RPL continue to offer a variety of programs covering a range of interests. Their business programming has become very popular with individuals and with the Regina business community: in 2016 RPL offered 63 business-related programs that attracted nearly 1500 people. Popular programs include career coaching and résumé writing, a small-business networking event, and a CPA financial literacy series. RPL are continuing business programming in 2017, with offerings such as retirement planning, banking in Canada and first-time home buying. The home-buying program will be offered in English and Mandarin.

RPL have added some exciting new technologies at RPL: a digitization station, which allows customers to convert VHS tape and other obsolete technology into digital formats; a laptop lending station at two branches; and two virtual reality gaming systems for users to enjoy.

The Mâmawêyatitân Centre project is on time and on budget and the capital partners (City of Regina, Regina Public School Board, Regina Public Library) expect to take possession of the building on 31 May. After a summer of move-in and prep, the Centre will be in operation by the start of the school year and a grand opening will be held shortly thereafter.

At its meeting on 24 January, the Regina Public Library Board elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. RPL's new Chair is Sean Quinlan and the Vice-Chair is Barbara March-Burwell. Elmer Brenner will continue as representative of RPL to SLTA. Due to the municipal election, Board appointments are a bit later than usual but RPL expects to hear from City Council on or around March 1st.

The RPL Board is pleased to announce that it has adopted new Vision, Mission, and Values statements. They can be found on the RPL website at <http://www.reginalibrary.ca/about/index.html> and will be backed up by a new strategic plan, currently under development. The Board has also reviewed and recently adopted a revised set of governance policies that set the framework for further policy development at both the governance and operating levels.



PNLS

PNLS hosted its Northern Libraries Conference at the La Ronge Seniors' Hall from October 11th through 14th. Session presenters included Saskatoon-based gang awareness program STR8 UP, Palliser Regional Library Director Jan Smith, and LSSAP SAS Coordinator Rae Pelletier, as well as presentations by PNLS staff. The event also featured presentations to member library staff members in recognition of their years of service.



PNLS is pleased to announce the hiring of two new staff members: Library Consultant Jonathan Powell and Office Assistant Emily Sanderson.

Between November 30th and January 5th PNLS Director James Hope Howard and Library Consultant Jonathan Powell provided shelf-reading and weeding support to school libraries in Stony Rapids and Uranium City. The Uranium City visit coincided with a special concert by "The Bass Invader" Felipe Gomez.



WHEATLAND



Wheatland Regional Library is celebrating 50 years of service to the area – truly something

to celebrate! Hootie has taken on a new look for this year and will be making the rounds of many branch libraries to join in the celebrations.



WRL held the Fall General Meeting on October 15th, 2016. The half-day meeting included discussions around how to best celebrate 50 years. Numerous branches have begun planning for birthday/anniversary parties and participation in community events that tie WRL's 50 years to Canada's 150 years. In addition to the celebration discussions, a budget was adopted that included the need to transfer some funds from reserve to balance the budget. The Governance Committee identified that consideration may be given to a minimal increase annually rather than a restructuring of levies every 8 to 10 years. The request was put out for municipal feedback in this regard. Until such a time as there is ongoing, predictable and sustainable funding for regional structures there may be little option. This will be discussed further at the AGM in April.

WRL has implemented the Money Saved feature on check out receipts. A recent example showed an individual taking out 4 books (hard cover), and a movie resulting in a saving of \$155.95 when compared with purchasing these same items. So far in Wheatland, for the month of January, records reflect a savings in excess of \$600,000 for patrons by checking out physical materials instead of purchasing them! This doesn't include the savings that come from accessing all of our online materials.

As is always the case, the WRL staff is busy coming up with new and innovative ideas for patrons. In 2017 they are excited to be launching the new Create Kits. These take-home kits, based on the popular makerspace movement, are designed to foster lifelong learning on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The kits range from constructing an intricate marble maze and stop motion animation kits to beginner circuitry and arduino programming. The 40

pilot kits will be launched at branches around the region. WRL are also expanding programming supports and offering new technology based kits. These kits were made possible thanks to funding from the Provincial Library and Literacy Office's Promising Practices grants.



2017 also marks the first year that WRL will be supporting The Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Awards (the Willow Awards) region-wide by offering voting in all 45 branches. The Willow Awards aim to promote quality Canadian books for children and young adults. Kids from around the region can cast their vote at any Wheatland branch for their favourite in each of the 3 Willow Award categories.

Wheatland Regional Library, as has been the case in the past, offers branches a multitude of training opportunities with mini-training sessions. These sessions allow branch staff to tailor their learning to their personal and professional goals and interests. The most recent session saw courses on reader's advisory, e-resources, and passive programming. This has proved invaluable to the staff employed by our various municipalities in the 45 branches across the region.

WRL have a limited run of specially branded kids cards. The friendly monster cards will be available in 2017 for young readers.



SLTA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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!

If you would like more information please contact your region's SLTA representative.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Region _____

Library _____

Please remit the completed membership form along with **\$10.00** payment to SLTA Executive Director, 79 Mayfair Crescent, Regina, SK, S4S 5T9. **Thank you for your support!**

*Each region pays the membership for regional board members. This form is for members of local boards or anyone else who wishes to become a member of the SLTA.

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

- Archibald MacLiesh

SOUTHEAST

Southeast Regional Library is very concerned with the prospects for stable funding of their Headquarters in 2017.

On the one hand, the decline of the oil industry over the last few years has resulted in a population decline for Southeast. On the other hand, the Regina bedroom community population growth may offset some or all of the oil industry decline.

On balance, Southeast is expecting a reduced provincial regional library grant for Southeast. They are also expecting reduced provincial regional library grants on account of province wide fiscal restraint that all third party government agencies are being told to expect.

To prepare for fiscal tightening, Southeast has been doing a thorough analysis of support positions at Headquarters. The goal is to have accurate and useful data in place as they respond to the funding limitations



once the level of damages to regional library services is known.

did you know?

In Iceland, books are exchanged as Christmas Eve presents, then you spend the rest of the night in bed reading them and eating chocolate. The tradition is part of a season called Jolabokafloð, or 'The Christmas Book Flood', because Iceland, which publishes more books per capita than any other country, sells most of its books between September and November due to people preparing for the upcoming holiday.



My Library Matters Because...

People need a place to access reading material and videos they would not normally purchase for themselves.

Barb, Lampman

As a new immigrant to Canada, the library welcomed me as a patron, eventually as a part-time employee and ultimately as a board volunteer. I love libraries!

Teresa, Radville

I can pick up books twice a week. I meet with friends there every week for coffee and "book talk".

Lily, Mistatim

I was able to print off resumes when I did not have a computer. I also enjoy free movies at the Prince Albert branch.

Brenda, Prince Albert

I love reading and there is no bookstore here so the library is a wonderful source.

Taylor, Estevan

It's local and we need things in our community. Plus it gives us resources easily accessible.

Laura, Vibank

It is an integral part of our community. It provides an important focal point, access point for a wide range of ages. It provides vital programming that contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of our community—children, young adults, mid-life, and seniors all benefit.

Patty, Glenavon

I like reading books and watching movies.

Philip, Grenfell

SPL

Services

SPL opened a unique Reconciliation Reading Area at the Frances Morrison Central Library. It contains the Indigenous Collection, as well as information and education about the history of residential schools in Canada and the vision for Reconciliation in Saskatchewan.

SPL are having a grand opening celebration to open their newest branch, Round Prairie on January 19. The name was chosen through an Elders consultation process, and was selected to honour the Round Prairie Métis people who lived on the land nearby before they were forced by the Crown to relocate.

SLP continue work on developing a new staffing and service model.

SPL also announced the re-naming of the Library on 20th Street branch to be named Dr. Freda Ahenakew. She was an author and scholar who worked to preserve the Cree language. The ceremony will take place February 10.

SPL partnered with SIIT (Saskatchewan Institute of Technologies) to have practicum students in their social work program as field support workers at Frances Morrison Central Library. This pilot proved to be very beneficial, and SPL are working to expand this program.

Governance

SPL launched their five year strategic plan (2016 – 2021) in November. They created both a printed document, as well as a short video version. This can be found on the website: <http://www.saskatoonlibrary.ca/strategic-plan>.

SPL are working with an architect and the City of Saskatoon on creating a program and business case for the development of a new central library. They will be doing public consultation over the next 6 months.

Leadership & Staff

SPL change leadership project is progressing. The project team is coordinating and facilitating employee focus groups.

SPL recruited a new Manager, Information Technology Services.

SPL created a new position, Manager, Central Library Services.



LAKELAND

Throughout the second half of 2016 and into 2017 Lakeland staff and trustees have been working toward the goals set out in their strategic priorities.

In October, all regional staff and managers attended a workshop with sessions on Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and Violence Prevention/Mental Health in the Workplace. Several branches were awarded grants towards programming and facilities upgrades. The annual Winter Reading Program launched at the beginning of 2017, and readers of all ages are participating in the reading challenges. Programming staff at HQ are putting together a set of STEM maker kits, and administration is preparing to launch the second annual Community Satisfaction Survey. Regional participation in Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling month is increasing, with many more events planned than in previous years. The updated website, designed by SILS staff, has gone live and is helping to promote new services, such as Flipster.

Statistics from 2016 show strong increases in use of many library services, including circulation of the collection. 2017 is anticipated to be even busier.



WAPITI

The most impactful issue for Wapiti remains the City of Prince Albert's move to try and become a municipal library. As reported in Wapiti's last report to SLTA, the City and the Saskatchewan Provincial Government are currently engaged in a boundary change process from within *The Public Libraries Act, 1996*, under which the City can propose a boundary change to create a third municipal library in Saskatchewan. The City's initial deadline of January 1, 2017 was clearly premature, and the process continues toward the Saskatchewan Municipalities Board. As part of the process, letters of objections have flooded into the City, with all five of Wapiti's largest municipalities other than Prince Albert, and a number of RMs, local library boards, and private citizens voicing their objection to the City's attempt to leave the region. As well, two of the nine library agencies also submitted letters of objection. It is worth repeating that *Wapiti Regional Library continues, and will continue to provide the same level of innovative service excellence that we have been providing to the Wapiti library region for almost seventy years.*

The Job Search Centre established in 2015 at the Nipawin Public Library by the Ministry of the Economy was renewed for a second year. Wapiti and the Nipawin Public Library Board are pleased that the library can provide such a vital economic service to that community, in partnership with the Ministry of the Economy. Public libraries have always been job search centres within their communities, and it bodes well for all libraries in Saskatchewan that the Ministry of the Economy recognizes that intrinsic value.

Wapiti has been steadily increasing its marketing and promotions throughout the region since 2015, with campaigns specific to promoting products, services, and programming. As well they have strategically increased and re-targeted communications and the regional library's brand visibility through the use of newsletters and other stakeholder communications, and higher visibility within communities via a newly "wrapped" delivery van. 2017 will see new promotional campaigns aimed directly at RMs and other communities, as well as continued marketing of products, services, and programming around the region.



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Front Row (L to R): Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), President Lorna Black (PNLS), Vice-President Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast)



YOUR SLTA STRIVES TO:

- Promote and foster the development of libraries and library services in Saskatchewan.
- Provide for exchange of ideas and experiences among library board members through conferences and publications.
- Assist members by understanding their responsibilities as library trustees.
- Cooperate with associations of library trustees outside the province.
- Seek improvements and foster necessary changes in the legislation affecting Saskatchewan libraries.
- Work in close cooperation with the Saskatchewan Library Association.

Contributions are welcome. Please send suggestions for articles, photos, and stories to njk@sasktel.net.

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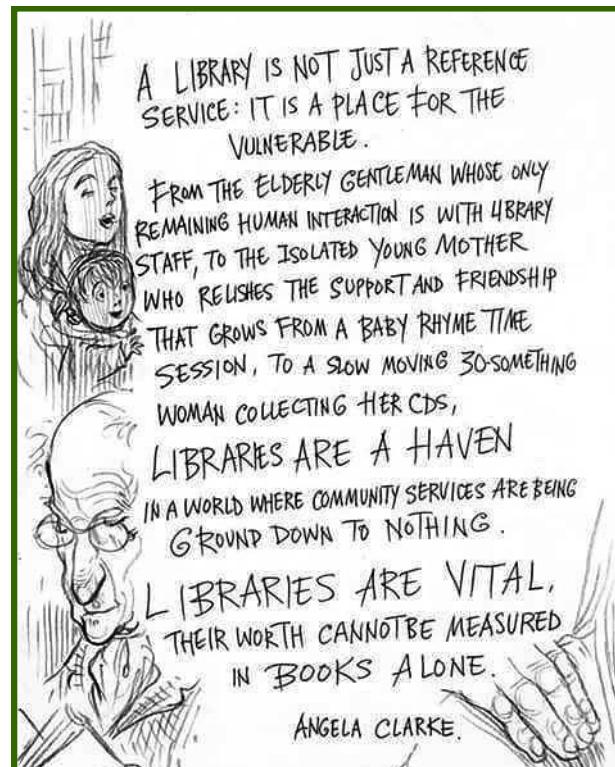
SLA 2017 CONFERENCE—SLA 75TH ANNIVERSARY—MAY 3-5, 2017, ELKRIDGE RESORT, WASKESIU, SK



A native of the city of Windsor, Kathleen (Kitty) Pope has been working in the library sector for nearly 40 years. She began her career in 1976 as the Family Resource Librarian at the Owen Sound Public Library. Between 1976 and 2014 Ms. Pope has held numerous library roles spanning administration, teaching, directing and lecturing.

SLTA is pleased to sponsor two sessions facilitated by Ms. Pope at this year's conference. The first session is called "Crisis Management in Libraries", and the second is a continuation of the first with a focus on "What Keeps You Awake at Night".

For further information and details on the conference please see <http://saskla.ca/programs/conference>.



LIBRARY SUCCESS STORIES

We are looking for more library success stories for our website.

Do you have a great story about some way your library has affected a patron's future, a service or resource that has really made a difference, or friendly help—just when it was needed the most?

We encourage you to share. Please visit <http://slta.ca/advocacy/story-submission> to upload your story.

