Letter from the President

Greetings!

I am writing to you from my desk while looking out on the snowy streets of Regina. Although I am not yet ready for winter, the snow is beautiful.

The SLA Board met in Regina on October 27 and 28. The first day was a facilitated discussion to inform the development of a Communication Plan. A report from the facilitators will help guide SLA in the development of a full Communication Plan. The second day covered many topics, including the funding submission to SaskCulture, SLA's Diversity Plan, programming, publications, intellectual freedom and the Toronto Public Library's recent decision to provide space to a controversial speaker, and more.

I had the privilege of representing SLA at the launch of Saskatchewan Library Week. We were fortunate to partner with the Dr. John Archer Library, University of Regina and the Aboriginal Student Centre, University of Regina to host a reading by Joshua Jordan G.H. Joshua, along with his guardian, Sheila, read from two of his books, including - *Shopping Cart Boy: Poems of My Life*. Joshua is a Cree teenager from Regina who writes poetry to tell his truth, including his life with his mother, homelessness, and his experience with the foster care system. It was an incredible experience to share in this reading. Our thanks to the University of Regina, Dr. John Archer Library for providing leadership for this Saskatchewan Library Week launch event.

I want to remind folks of the upcoming SLA socials. Board members will be attending all three fall socials on November 6, so I encourage you to also attend to visit and to ask questions. I, along with other board members will be attending the social in Regina at the East Regina location of Mr. Mikes. Nicole Bergen will be hosting the Saskatoon social at Hudsons Canada's Pub and Amber Daigneault will be attending the social in La Ronge at Kostas. I hope that all who can attend enjoy the opportunity to network and visit.

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