

Executive Directors Report – October 1, 2018

Life Cycles Capacity Building - Update

SaskCulture brought the LifeCycles Capacity Building Teams together on September 23, 2018 to meet with the lead consultant Steve Schack from the Life Cycles Institute. At this point in the process, each team has completed a thorough organizational self-assessment and improvement plan aimed at building organizational capacity. The teams made presentations on their assessments and go forward plans. There was also group discussion and reflection on the process and the next steps to be taken for implementation. It is a great opportunity for SLA to participate in the inaugural Life Cycles Project initiated and sponsored by SaskCulture. Thank you to Alison Jantz, Linda Winkler, Michael Shires and Lukas Miller for contributing their time and insights to this important project.

November Happy Hour: Save the Date

Saskatchewan Libraries Happy Hour is November 8 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

All members, friends and stakeholders are welcome. It's a great opportunity to share stories, network, socialize, renew connections and make new ones.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to host:

Tony Murphy - Prince Albert; Megan Richards - Yorkton, Linda Winkler- Regina; Gwen Schmidt & Susan Murphy – Saskatoon.

If anyone else would like to host please let me know by October 5, 2018. Host responsibilities are: selecting the site (and advising on the estimated number of guests), order and pay for the appetizers and just be there as a host. You will be able to order appetizers/snacks for up to \$300 or up to \$10 per person that attends.

Receipts can be submitted to slaexdir@sasktel.net or mailed to the SLA office for reimbursement.

Committee Members - Welcome!

Thank you to all the returning committee members; we appreciate your continued willingness to contribute. Welcome to our new members who are: Arwen Rudolf - Palliser Regional Library, Joe Geary - Saskatoon Public Library, Shevan Ruby- Palliser Regional Library, Carla Flengaris - Luther College Library, Rachel Koteri - Horizon Library, University of Saskatchewan, Karim Tharani - University of Saskatchewan, and Amanda Zimmerman- Chinook Regional. We look forward to working with you over the next year.

Conference 2019

The conference Committees are established and work is well underway to host the 2019 Conference in Saskatoon at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Executive Committee

Tasha Maddison (Chair), Michelle Dalidowicz - Program Chair, Alison Jantz – President, Katelyn Haskell & Nina Verishagen - Local Arrangements.

Volunteer Chair – Lukas Miller (SK Health Authority)

Program Committee

Michelle Dalidowicz Chair (SK Health Authority), Becky Szeman (SK Polytechnic), Lindsay Baker (Wapiti), Harriet Roy (PNLS), Ann Liang (SK Polytechnic), Candice Dahl (U of S), Susan Murphy(U of S), Megan Kennedy(U of S) and Rachel Sarjeant- Jenkins (U of S).

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