

## **Executive Directors Report**

### **Thank you to Regional Library Directors**

Regional Library Directors were able to include SLA on their meeting agenda in February. The agenda included: information for meeting with Deputy Premier Wyant, potential expansion of Continuing Education Grants, support for SLA recruitment of Members by distributing information to new employees and of program administration. We hope to have regular opportunities to meet in the future.

### **Meeting with Deputy Premier Wyant on February 6, 2020**

Amy Rankin, President, Darrel Yates, Treasurer and I had a very positive meeting with Minister Wyant, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education and Clint Repski, Assistant Deputy Minister of Education. The agenda included: Information Sharing and Updates, Funding Considerations and Communications. The importance of continuing to profile the significant contribution that libraries make in communities and for individuals was noted. Libraries and their patrons are encouraged to share their stories about how libraries have impacted their lives. Testimonials from patrons are powerful messages to other potential patrons, as well as community and provincial leaders.

### **SLA to Participate in an Advisory Committee: Interventions to Enhance Social Inclusion of Older Adults with Dementia in Saskatchewan.**

A research project is being conducted through the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU), a bi university research center at the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. The research team has received a 5-year grant from the New Horizons for Seniors Program of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). The project is aimed at improving the lives of older adults living with dementia in small cities and rural communities in Saskatchewan. SLA has been asked to participate on an Advisory Committee to support and guide the project. Regional Library systems may be asked to be involved in the project.

### **Communications Strategy Development Continues**

SLA has engaged consultants to assist with development of a Communications Strategy. The Board will be joined by additional SLA members for a facilitated session in early March. We look forward to reporting results.

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