

Greetings!

I am writing this on a beautiful sunny day (I will ignore the extreme cold!). As usual at this time of year, the SLA staff and volunteers are busy. OBOP is finally here and was launched with a lovely in-person event at Government House. It is exciting to see all the hard work undertaken by Leslie and the OBOP committee come to fruition. There are so many amazing events, both in-person and virtual, for you to check out over the coming month.

There is always so much going on in libraries across Saskatchewan. I have been enjoying seeing all the social media posts from libraries about their activities during Freedom to Read week, Indigenous Storytelling month and more. It has also been fun to see Trevor Herriot's social media posts about his cooking of recipes from *Arab Cooking on a Prairie Homestead*. Trevor is one of our guest authors for the One Book, One Province project and will be doing a reading at the Lumsden Public Library on March 9.

Planning continues for the 2022 SLA conference. Speakers are being confirmed and a draft schedule will be up on the website soon. We are excited by the variety of sessions and the entertainment being planned. I am looking forward to reconnecting with you at the conference.

Dorothea is hard at work with the audit and the other planning that goes into the AGM. Work has begun on the annual report and it is amazing at how much work has happened over the last year, despite the trying times that we have been going through.

SLA staff and Board members are planning for their upcoming March board meeting. The March meeting tends to be one where focus is put towards a significant project. This year, the group, along with the advocacy committee, intends to work on SLA's diversity policy.

Finally, we have significant changes coming around the Board table. I would like to encourage you to consider putting your name forward for one of the soon to be open board positions. The open positions will be VP, Advocacy and Development (1 year term), Treasurer (1 year term), VP, Communications and Membership and President. Please consider this amazing opportunity to contribute to the future of SLA.

Regards,
Amy Rankin
President, SLA