

Welcome to Elaina St. Onge, Member at Large

Biographical Information

I grew up in Regina and completed an undergraduate degree in English at Luther College at the U of R. After convocation, I relocated to Montreal to obtain a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies at McGill University, where I undertook an independent research project exploring the attitudes of anxious library students toward chat reference services. I also completed an MA in English at Concordia University in Montreal with a specialization in Victorian literature. After finishing my studies, I returned to Regina to work for the federal government and then Luther College Library before taking on my current role as Librarian at Campion College in 2014.



In my role as the librarian of a small academic library, I carry out collection development, information literacy instruction, reference services, administrative duties, and oversee circulation, and as a result, I am familiar with issues in a variety of areas of library services. Beyond this knowledge, I have plenty of experience volunteering for committees, including the SLA Conference Committee, and I am now interested in becoming more involved in our organization. I am an organized and dependable team member with strong communication skills, and hope to bring these attributes to the Board of Directors to further strengthen our voice for libraries in the province.

Elaina's goals for participating on the SLA Board of Directors

My hope would be to connect the University Library to the broader library community in meaningful and mutually rewarding ways. As an engagement specialist and non-librarian, I hope to bring a unique, community-oriented perspective to board discussions, and a focus on how to increase investment in the SLA and its activities, financially and through partnership generally.

I also hope to grow my knowledge of librarianship and libraries in the province. Community engagement is a crucial part of my role, and in a successful university library is a community engaged one. Bringing the wider library community closer to the University library and the university generally will enhance both my professional work and, I hope, the work of the board.