

Darrel Yates

Darrell is a recent transplant from the Maritimes, having moved from Halifax to North Battleford in December 2017 to accept the position of Executive Director and CEO of the Lakeland Library Region. He received his Master of Library and Information Studies from Dalhousie University and his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Commerce degrees from Saint Mary's University. Besides a love of cats and *Star Trek*, Darrell brought with him experience in Public Libraries, Community College Libraries, Music Libraries, University Libraries, and Secondary School Libraries (albeit for the latter, the primary search tool was the card catalogue).



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

Recognizing and valuing diversity in today's library landscape is a critical component of library service provision, regardless of the type of library to which we have all been called to serve. It is my sincere hope that my current contributions to public libraries in Saskatchewan enables the transferability of skillset necessary to advance the province-wide vision and mission of SLA.

My volunteer contributions within my community will, hopefully, further enhance the ability of SLA to engage with – and further cultivate the relationships of – the many volunteer organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to improving literacy throughout the province.