

**The Saskatchewan Library Association
welcomes
Bill Waiser
as the 50th Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecturer**

Author and historian Bill Waiser specializes in western Canadian history. He has published over a dozen books—many of them recognized by various awards. His most recent book, ***A World We Have Lost: Saskatchewan Before 1905***, won the 2016 Governor General’s Literary Award for Non-Fiction. Bill is a frequent public speaker and contributor to radio, television and print media. He has also served on a number of national, provincial, and local boards. Bill has been awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, named a distinguished university professor, and granted a D.Litt.



“From its first page, Bill Waiser’s ***A World We Have Lost: Saskatchewan Before 1905*** surprises the reader with its reconsideration of Canada. In a sweeping blend of narrative, historical detail, and compelling images, Waiser refocuses the country’s story by putting Indigenous peoples and environmental concerns in the foreground.” – From the Jury Statement on the Canada Council for the Arts website.

As Canada celebrates its’ 150th birthday, the Saskatchewan Library Association commemorates 75 years of service to libraries, library workers, and the people of Saskatchewan, while honouring the memory of Mary Donaldson with the 50th Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture.

“I’m humbled and proud to be President of the Saskatchewan Library Association as it celebrates milestone achievements in 2016-17. Over many decades the association has established a rich legacy of programs for people of all ages throughout the province. This has been a foundation to support SLA’s vision of building and engaging a library and information community that is an active force in the province’s social, economic, and cultural development.” – Michael Shires, President, Saskatchewan Library Association

The Mary Donaldson Memorial Trust was established in 1966 to honour the memory of Mary Donaldson, who was Saskatchewan’s first Provincial Librarian from 1951 until her death in 1966. SLA established the Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture Series in May 1967. The lectures are given annually by leaders in the field of library science or related fields. While the lectures are designed primarily for librarians in the province, they are open to the public in the belief that library trustees and friends of the libraries will also find them thought-provoking and challenging.

May 3, 2017 Elk Ridge Resort, Waskesiu Lake, SK
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture (Elk Ridge Wapiti Room)
8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. SLA President’s Welcome Reception