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Dorothea Warren, Executive Director Saskatchewan Library Association 15-2010 7th Avenue Regina, SK S4R 1C2

RE: SLA Conference Report

My name is Courtney Campbell and I was the recipient of the 2019 SLA Continuing Education grant to attend the SLA conference. I have been the administrator of the Flin Flon Public Library since March of 2017. As Flin Flon is on the border between Manitoba and Saskatchewan, we serve communities in both provinces and it is important for our library to stay abreast of relevant library trends and how they affect our public library.

While at the conference I networked with colleagues from Saskatchewan libraries, library associations, and business contacts that I normally do not get to see in person. It was incredibly important as it has led to easier business dealings and book donations for our TD Summer Reading Club program, which is important as our program runs entirely on donations and these books were used as prizes in our literacy camp.

The keynotes and sessions I attended were incredibly valuable as they allowed me to further my knowledge and compare the differences in governance between Manitoba and Saskatchewan public libraries. I attended sessions on public library reviews, library programming, decolonization and indigenization, and library planning. There were great opportunities to brainstorm and discuss how these important topics are dealt with in our libraries as well as excellent new ideas to bring back and implement in my own library. As Flin Flon is a small rural Northern public library, I am the only library professional in our organization so my ability to attend the conference and bring back information and ideas for my staff is invaluable. I greatly appreciate the grant from SLA to attend the conference and look forward to attending more conferences in the future.

Yours truly,

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