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The MLTA Newsletter is published irregularly throughout the year to assist and aid Library Trustees throughout the province of Manitoba in carrying out their trustee obligations.

MLTA Handbooks

We have published version 3.0 of the Trustees Handbook. This is in a three hole stapled format suitable for binder mounting. This document has been translated and is available in both official languages. Both versions of the entire document are also available on the MLA website as a PDF document if you wish to download and print it yourself.

MLTA will also mail out copies at \$10.00 each available from the Treasurer.

The Chairman's Remarks

To all members, library trustees, of the Manitoba Library Trustees Association. Well, the library year has started, by the time you read this newsletter you will probably have had your first Board meeting. I hope it went well and each of you are looking forward to planning the year so that your library goes really enjoy and are making good use of your library, be it books, talking books, magazines, videos, the

computers and all the other services your library offers as the best information centre in your region.

It is important that you are aware the MLTA Board has revised the "CONSTITUTION" and the "TRUSTEES HANDBOOK", which is now printed in both English and French (A big THANKS to the Manitoba Bilingual Municipal Association and the hard work of a member of the MLTA Board, Diane Bazin for the French version)

Your librarian has a print copy of the Constitution and Handbook(s), however, electronic copies, along with some back issues of the MLTA Newsletter can be found on the Manitoba Library Association web site, the address is
<http://mla.mb.ca/mlta>.

It is a great set up thanks to the work of Al Northam, our secretary/treasurer. Look up the site, it is worth your while.

I would really like to reinforce that our AGM is being held the afternoon startign at 2PM on Sunday November 23, 2008 at the "Delta Hotel " in Winnipeg. At this meeting the Board will be covering some of our accomplishments have been, presenting a plan for next year, including a budget, and most importantly, electing new members to your MLTA Board.

MLTA Board can have up to 12 members. We would like to have at least 8 more Members, one from each of the library board regions:-

NOR-MAN REGION
PARKLAND REGION
WESTERN MANITOBA REGION
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
WINNIPEG REGION
EAST-MAN REGION
INTERLAKE REGION

There are two region that are currently not represented i.e. Northern Manitoba and Selkirk-Interlake.

Elections to the Board which includes a new secretary/treasurer for a two year term and the appointment of a Vice Chair to complete an existing term.

Membership on the MLTA Board is for a two-year term. The MLTA Board is also looking at,

something that has not been done in a while, which is establishing committee chairs, for example, The editing and publishing of the newsletter. More on this project at the AGM.

Please mark your calendar the MLTA AGM, being held at the DELTA Hotel, 2PM, November 23, 2008.

See you then, with best regards, Conrad A. Artibise, Chair, Manitoba, Library Trustees Association

The much-worked on and anticipated handbook is NOW available.

Enjoy the rest of the Newsletter. !

From C Artibise – President - MLTA

Nomination for a Trustee of Distinction 2008

We have received a single nomination for the Trustee of Distinction for 2008. We are considering the nominee and anticipate that there will be an award presented.

The AGM will feature the presentation of this award to the Trustee of Distinction.

We are proceeding with the necessary paperwork to prepare for the presentation etc.

MLTA feels it is important to recognize and honor one of the trustees in Manitoba for the work they do for their fellow citizens in the area of library service.

MLTA AGM 2008

The MLTA AGM is being planned for 2.00 to 5.00 PM Sunday Nov 23, 2008. It will be held in Winnipeg at the Delta Hotel, 350 St Mary Avenue. It is being held in Winnipeg this year to precede the AGM of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

We hope to attract the attention of the many Municipal councillors who will be attending the annual AMM. AGM.

Joint MLA and PLS Conference 2009

Please make your calendar for the date time and place of this important event. This date is May 6 to 9 2009 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg, mark you

new calendars now to get to this event. Stay tuned to this newsletter for more information as it unfolds.

MLTA is consulting and participating in the conference. We are looking forward to the participation of our trustee members in this most important event.

MLTA Article in the AMM "Municipal Leader"

MLTA has submitted an article to the fall issue of the "Municipal Leader" which is the magazine of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

This edition with Jane's articles will be published by the first week of November. All members of MLTA are encouraged to read this article which is available online at:-

<http://www.amm.mb.ca/magazine.html>

The purpose of this article is to show local funders how three rural communities financed and benefited from their new public libraries.

A Message from Carolyn Minor President of the MLA:-

Conference Partnership with Public Library Services (PLS) Branch:

"The Manitoba Libraries Conference dates have been set for May 6 - 9, 2009 at the Delta Hotel Winnipeg. We are very excited to be working with PLS who are supporting the planning of a spring conference in lieu of their annual fall conference. We feel this will provide new opportunities for a strong conference program. Pat Routledge is chairing the conference programming committee and plans are well underway."

Excerpted from a letter by Carolyn Minor directed to MLTA membership dated October 9, 2008.

Membership Renewal Notices

These notices were mailed DIRECTLY to the Board Chairs. Some of the boards have not

submitted the renewal fees because they have not had a meeting to motion and authorize the expenditure. Others may have simply forgotten, and yet others seemingly do not realize the importance of being a member of MLTA.

Your membership fee guarantees that you will receive the **MLTA** newsletter as well as having the right to vote on items brought up at the AGM.

Membership also gives you access to a body of information on how to be a good and valued member of a library board.

These funds are used to carry out the work of MLTA and it is your membership fees that make our objectives achievable.

Library Activity in the Province

1. The Springfield Public Library

This is now a fully functioning library with an active sitting board. The chair is Jack Stafford.

MLTA intends to assist the Board as they begin their executive work. We extend our congratulations to the Board, Community and its patrons on another fine library being established.

2. WPL launches Adapted Books Collection

On October 7, 2008, Winnipeg Public Library launched a new collection of children's books, all of which were adapted by the addition of Picture Communication Symbols. This process allows children who cannot read traditional print text to acquire skills to read stories with their families and caregivers.

Using Boardmaker software, the staff of the Rehabilitation Centre for Children worked to ensure that each word of text was represented by a symbol. Now children who are not able to read or verbalize printed text will be able to share and enjoy favourite titles such as *Where the Wild things Are*, *Goodnight Moon* and *The Mitten*. The collection currently has 47 titles.

Sandy Hyman, social worker, and Chair of Winnipeg Public Library Board said: "We are

delighted to launch the Adapted Books Collection during Canadian Library Month. This public collection provides a tremendous opportunity to engage those with exceptional learning needs, such as communication problems, those who do not have a voice of their own, and those who are leaning English as an Additional Language, so that they can be active participants in enhancing their literacy skills... The project partners were the Winnipeg Library Foundation, the Rehabilitation Centre for Children, Winnipeg Public Library, and The Winnipeg Foundation's Literacy for Life Fund. Collaboration at many levels was the key to the successful completion of this innovative project."

For further information on this collection, contact Karin Borland, Administrative Coordinator of Youth Services, Winnipeg Public Library, 204-986-6459, kborland@winnipeg.ca.

(Source: Winnipeg Public Library release, produced by Karin Borland and Bruno LeGal, and two articles by Sandy Hyman.)

3. MTLA Congratulations.

The St. James Assiniboia Branch of the WPL. On Oct 11, 2008 they celebrated 50 years public library service to the St. James-Assiniboia Communities.

Library Trustee's Handbook V3.0, March 31, 2008.

MLTA was the recipient of the wonderful windfall this past summer. As you are aware we distributed the Handbook in English originally because of the high cost of translation.

We were extremely grateful to and with our profound thanks in having the Manitoba Association of Bilingual Municipalities offer to translate the handbook as a summer project for free.

The MLTA has distributed the francophone version to the entire bilingual Libraries in Manitoba by mail. If your Board would like a copy of the francophone version please advise the Treasurer, MLTA, together with

\$10.00 and we will send your Library Board a copy.

Additionally, both language versions of the handbook are available on the MLTA site of the MLA portal for no charge. These versions are in PDF format and can be printed directly to your computer printer. As an aid to the users, the handbook has been divided into three sections to make printing less costly.

Please go the MLA website portal and have a look at our offering. The URL is

<http://www.mla.mb.ca/mlta>

The MLTA thanks Carolyn Minor, President of the Manitoba Library Association, for extending MLTA this privilege of making the handbook and our other information available on the MLA Web site.

Additionally, MLTA would like to hear from you, the users, of what and how it has been improved or will affect the way your board does its business.

If there are parts that could be further explained or even shortened please advise us? If any trustees have an idea or concept they feel would improve the Handbook do not hesitate to contact the Treasurer-Secretary.

We have been working on this handbook for five years now, it has gone through many iterations, forms and language styles before we settled on this particular format.

But familiarity creates boredom and it is likely that we may not be aware of the most glaring error(s)

As always, drop us an e-mail if something is REALLY wrong. Similarly we would like to have feedback on how it has been used by your library board and how it has helps you do the business of the board.

Please send articles and comments to The Editor

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