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Yutta Fricke, Executive Director of the Disabilities
Issues Office, Province of Manitoba, speaking at the
Accessibility in Libraries event on November 20, 2017
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MLA members and MLA executive board members at
the launch of *Redemption* by Anne Mahon

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President's Report

*Submitted by Alix-Rae Stefanko,
MLA President*



Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.
–Sidney Sheldon

It is both my pleasure and honour to provide this report to the Manitoba Library Association's membership. 2017 has been an exciting and eventful year for the Association. It has been very rewarding to work with such a dedicated Board of Directors so full of energy and insight. This year, MLA has worked through a number of projects. Public facing initiatives that sought the advancement of library service and direct member benefit. Also, a number of housekeeping projects related to governance, partnerships and internal operations. This work could not have been achieved without the dedicated group of individuals that was your 2017 MLA Board of Directors.

MLA provides leadership in the promotion, development and support of library and information services in Manitoba for the benefit of MLA members, the library and information community and the citizens of Manitoba. This was demonstrated this year through a number of initiatives.

In June, I was pleased to represent MLA and participate at a community meeting that was held in Steinbach, MB for the Consultation on a new Cultural Policy for Manitoba. Minister Rochelle Squires chaired the meeting with the assistance of the Assistant Deputy Minister Veronica Dyck. There were approximately 20-25 representatives present with a handful from libraries and additional from museums and heritage, health, rural arts councils, and arts and culture industries. Each representative was given time to speak to their position and points concerning the development of the new Cultural Policy. MLA sees itself as a key partner to the Ministry throughout the development of this policy and welcomes opportunity to provide feedback along the way. MLA's submission to the Cultural Review "Libraries Spark Culture" was certainly a highlight of 2017. <http://mla.mb.ca/content/mla-submission-imagine-creative-manitoba>

This year, two successful board retreats were organized. On April 2 and August 10 the Board came together outside of the boardroom to discuss MLA projects and directions.

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In 2017, MLA sponsored Anne Mahon in an application for a Community Grant through The Winnipeg Foundation. Mahon is a local writer whose books are philanthropic efforts, focusing on the marginalized. Her latest book *Redemption: Stories of Hope, Resilience and Life after Gangs* is a collection of nine personal life stories from ex-gang members. The goal of the book is to provide hope and encouragement, as well as to honour the resilient people who are making positive changes in their lives. The grant was successfully received and was used to promote and distribute 401 copies of the book to libraries and community organizations throughout Manitoba.

MLA now looks forward to 2018 for a number of reasons. The Manitoba Library Association will move forward with the Manitoba Library Trustees Association and the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians to consolidate and join together as one organization. Despite this structural change, the values of the Association: to promote awareness of library services and issues in Manitoba, to advocate for Manitoba libraries and workers and to ensure the development of diverse networks, rich learning opportunities and fluid communication remain. As a proud MLA member and someone who is dedicated to sustainable growth, development and prosperity of library services in Manitoba I truly look forward to what the New Year will bring for our provincial library association.

Wishing you all the very best for 2018 and please join us May 30-June 1, 2018 at the Delta Winnipeg for the Manitoba Libraries Conference!

The Partnership

MLA is a proud member of the Partnership: Canada's National Network of Provincial and Territorial Library Associations. The Partnership meets twice a year to collaboratively develop services and programs for members of their respective associations. It functions largely as a revenue generating program and service delivery arm for the provincial and territorial associations. The purpose is to strengthen the value of membership in each organization and to contribute to the bottom line. Representatives include the President, Vice President and Executive Director of the associations. There is much to be gained at the Partnership table. It is an excellent networking opportunity and an opportunity to learn from library associations across the country. The Partnership programs and services are in place to benefit and compliment the work of MLA which in turn has a positive effect on the greater library community within the province. All MLA members are may participate in Partnership program at the member rate. Some of the Partnership programs include: The Education Institute; Continuing Education Certificate (CEC) program; the Partnership Job Board and *Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research*.

Vice President's Report

*Submitted by Kerry Macdonald,
MLA Vice-President*



I thoroughly enjoyed my term as Vice President of the Manitoba Library Association in 2017 and I was fortunate to have worked with a passionate and enthusiastic Board. Some of the activities that took place this year are evidence of that passion and enthusiasm, including creation of the MLA Advocacy Website, delivery of numerous scholarships, presentation of the Library and Information Program student Award, hosting the Accessibility Workshop, celebration of Freedom to Read Week, participation in the provincial Cultural Review, work towards the new model for the Manitoba Library Association, and, of course, the continued success of the Prison Library Committee volunteers.

One of the key responsibilities of the Vice President is to Chair the Scholarships and Awards Committee. The Awards Committee is made up of numerous Board members and one MLA member representative. This year's Committee included Alan Chorney, Kirsten Wurmman, Svitlana Maluzynsky and Kathleen Williams (member representative). No nominations were received for the Library Service Award or the Library Innovation Award. However, many impressive applicants were received for the 2017 Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship and John Edwin Bissett Scholarship. Justin Fuhr and Meg Ellen Antoine were the successful applicants for a Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship. Four deserving applicants received the John Edwin Bissett Scholarship: Ashley Saird Panagapko, Felicia Pulo, Richard Bruneau, and Sam Frederick.

Congratulations to all of our Scholarship winners and we wish you the best in your careers in the library and information science field!

Also, a big thanks to those who served on the Committee this year: Alan Chorney, Kirsten Wurmman, Kathleen Williams, and Svitlana Maluzynsky.

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IFLA Global Vision

The IFLA Global Vision North American workshop was held on May 3, 2017 in Washington, D.C. I attended this IFLA sponsored trip on behalf of MLA. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to bring concerns forward from a Manitoba perspective. Many other Canadians were also in attendance. In Summer 2017 a survey went out from the Manitoba Library Association to the library community to ask for input to advance this discussion. An online webinar provided by The Partnership and folks from the Ontario Library Association also allowed Manitobans to participate and be heard. From the data gathered from these initiatives, and similar worldwide events and discussions, IFLA identified key areas of importance in the library and information field. In order to find out what areas were most important, IFLA created a survey where members of the library and information community could cast their vote. In total, IFLA received 22,000 votes from 213 countries, including Canada! We don't yet know which issues came out as most important in the survey. The discussion is ongoing and in 2018 we will hopefully hear what IFLA's next steps are or what actions will be taken as a result of the voting.

Watch for additional information in the coming year and join the discussion online using #IflaGlobalVision, or visit the website at <https://globalvision.ifla.org/>.

In closing, it has been an exciting year and it was a pleasure serving as the Vice President for MLA in 2017. I look forward to what 2018 will bring for the Manitoba library community and the Association's Board and members.



Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General, at the North American Global Visions workshop on May 3, 2017.

Secretary's Report

*Submitted by Christine Janzen,
MLA Secretary*

I began my term as MLA Secretary in March of this year. I have enjoyed holding this position on the MLA Board, and learning more about how the MLA functions and assists library professionals throughout Manitoba.

In addition to taking the minutes for each meeting, I assisted with the Annual Report in a small way by looking into printing options for the Report.

I will be stepping down as Secretary after the December AGM, but look forward to being a member of the new Manitoba Library Association, and seeing where that takes our province.



Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by Janice Winkler,
Treasurer*



It has been a privilege to serve as treasurer this past year, and I am happy to share some highlights of our 2016-17 fiscal year.

In early 2017, the board established a standing Finance Committee. This committee meets quarterly to plan measures to reduce expenses, generate revenue, and manage financial matters.

A new budget was developed for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

In late September all documents were submitted to MLA's auditors. The audit was completed, approved, and uploaded to the website in late November 2017. MLA's record keeping practices were found to be in compliance with current Canadian standards. Total revenue for 2016-17 was \$23,363, with a surplus of \$10,307 (see page 4 of Financial Statements).

Looking forward: the 2017-18 fiscal year

In partnership with MLA member and Prison Libraries Committee volunteer Anne Mahon, the MLA has been awarded a generous grant of \$9444 from The Winnipeg Foundation. This grant is being used for the distribution of copies of Mahon's recent book *Redemption: Stories of Hope, Resilience and Life After Gangs* to libraries across Manitoba.

The coming year, I look forward to realizing the benefits that the MLA's restructuring and amalgamation will bring to the Association and its new divisions.

Financial Statements

2016-17 Audited Fiscal Year Totals:

Revenue:	\$23,363
Expenditures:	\$13,056
Surplus:	\$10,307

Accounts as at September 1, 2017:

MLA:	\$46,104.29
CM:	\$-4,174.76



Membership Report

*Submitted by Megan O'Brien,
Membership Director*

2 017 has been an exciting year for the Manitoba Library Association, and I am happy to say that this is reflected in an increase in both our individual and institutional memberships:

2017 MLA Memberships

Individual Memberships	53
Institutional Memberships	14
Total Memberships:	67

Of these memberships, 42 are renewals, while 25 new members joined our ranks.

The Manitoba Library Association has worked hard in 2017 to understand its membership and their needs, whether they are individuals or institutions, in an urban or rural setting. I am excited to continue to be a part of these efforts in my role as MLA Membership Director as we go into another Manitoba Libraries Conference year in 2018.

The Conference will be a wonderful opportunity for MLA to reach out to both returning and prospective members.

Communications Report

*Submitted by Ellen Tisdale,
Communications Director*



It has been wonderful to work with so many people who are dedicated to supporting libraries in our province this year. Below are some of our Communications highlights.

The MLA-News e-newsletter (<http://bit.ly/MLA-News>) has continued to be an important tool for reaching our members and other interested subscribers. This year, we increased the circulation of MLA-News to approximately every two weeks. We have also increased our presence on Facebook and Twitter, and worked to share and promote posts from our member libraries, as well as other local, national, and international news related to libraries.

One of our main projects during the first half of 2017 was to consider the future of the *Manitoba Libraries* journal. The Communications committee, at the time consisting of myself, MLA Director-at-Large Alan Chorney, and MLA member Danielle Hubbard, discussed the challenges and feedback received about the journal and considered ideas forwarded by the MLA board. We concluded that shifting towards a blog format may be more welcoming to a wider range of library workers, and potentially more sustainable than the large time commitment required to produce an academic journal.

We look forward to working with representatives from MALT and MLTA to create a new platform for sharing news, stories, and events that are important to Manitoba libraries in 2018.

One major accomplishment this summer was re-establishing the Manitoba Libraries Directory (<http://mla.mb.ca/content/manitoban-library-directory>) in an updatable format. Thanks go out to Anthony Woodward for his technical advice on this project. The data from the original map was migrated to an MLA Google account, and the map can now be updated as needed. A “Special Libraries” category was added, to allow us to encompass a broader range of library types throughout the province.

Our main project for the Fall of 2017 has been the creation of this Annual Report—a project I am happy to say has been a success! Special thanks to Alan Chorney for his work on our MLA By The Numbers pages (see p. 12-13), and to MLA Secretary Christine Janzen for exploring our printing options.



Advocacy Report

Submitted by Dee Wallace, Advocacy Director

From a growing Advocacy Standing Committee, to our new library advocacy website, to letters and endorsements lobbying for libraries, it's been a productive year for advocacy at MLA.

In April, the Advocacy Standing Committee was re-struck and new members were recruited to aid in library advocacy in Manitoba. Later in the year, the Committee updated its Terms of Reference.

In May, the Advocacy Standing Committee created mblibraries.ca – a library advocacy website intended for use by the general public.

Since its creation, the website has received 8,447 page views and had 5,655 unique visitors. The website's content initially focused on encouraging participation in the Government of Manitoba's *Imagine. Creative Manitoba!* cultural policy consultation initiative. The Advocacy Standing Committee is currently working on major content revisions on mblibraries.ca.

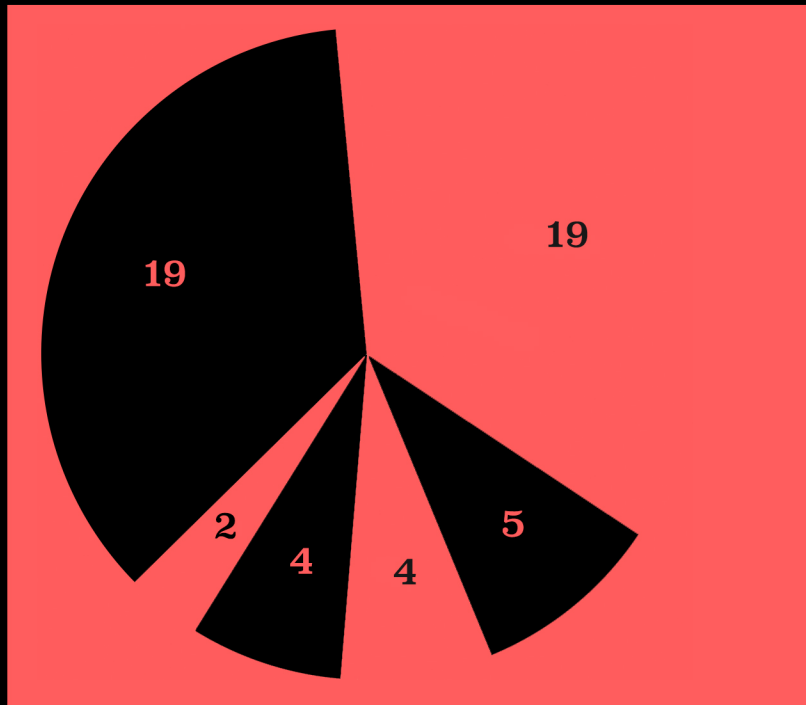
The MLA helped spread the word about two national library campaigns. In January/February over 500 Freedom to Read Week (FTRW) posters were distributed throughout the province. Additionally, the Advocacy Standing Committee collected photos of FTRW displays from libraries around Manitoba which were then shared in a news post on the MLA website (<http://bit.ly/MLA-FTRW>), as well as via social media. In September, a brief news piece (<http://bit.ly/MLA-CLM>) about Canadian Library Month (October, 2017) was posted to the MLA website and shared in MLA News, including a link to free marketing materials that OLA provided for download.

The MLA directly advocated for libraries both nationally and internationally this year. In February, the American Library Association (ALA) released a statement in response to administrative changes in the United States, defending the core library values of access to information for all individuals, the right to privacy, and freedom from discrimination. In solidarity with ALA (as well as CFLA-FCAB and BCLA), MLA posted an endorsement of this statement (<http://bit.ly/MLA-Statement>). Closer to home, after significant budget cuts were announced for public libraries in Saskatchewan in March, the Advocacy Standing Committee crafted a letter to Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall (<http://bit.ly/MLA-Letter>) urging him to reconsider the cuts. With strong push-back from the citizens of Saskatchewan, as well as lobbying from library workers and library associations across the country, the budget cuts were reversed for this year.

Finally, by invitation, the MLA submitted content regarding funding for Winnipeg Public Library for an "alternative municipal budget" to be crafted by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (MB Office). At writing of this report this document had not been released.

FIFTYTHREE

Personal Memberships



- 19 Academic
- 19 Public
- 5 Student
- 4 School
- 4 Other
- 2 Government



City
47

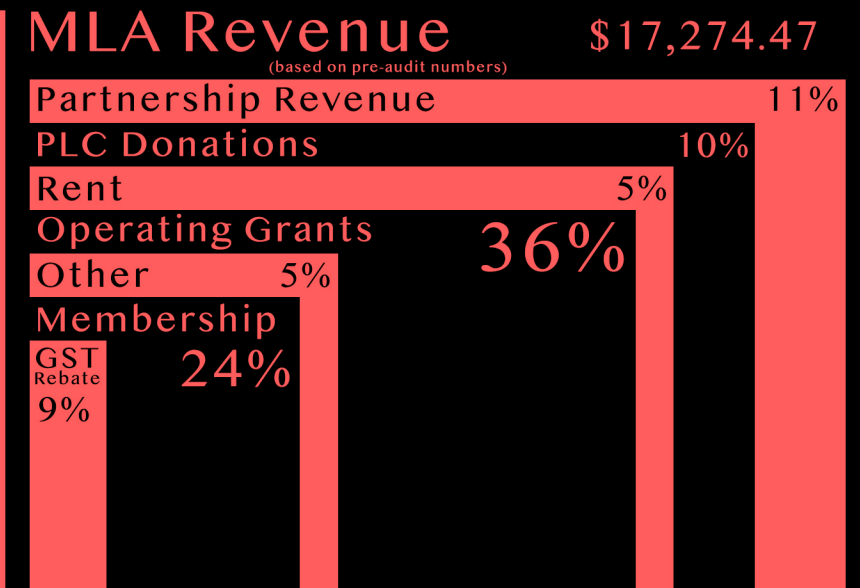
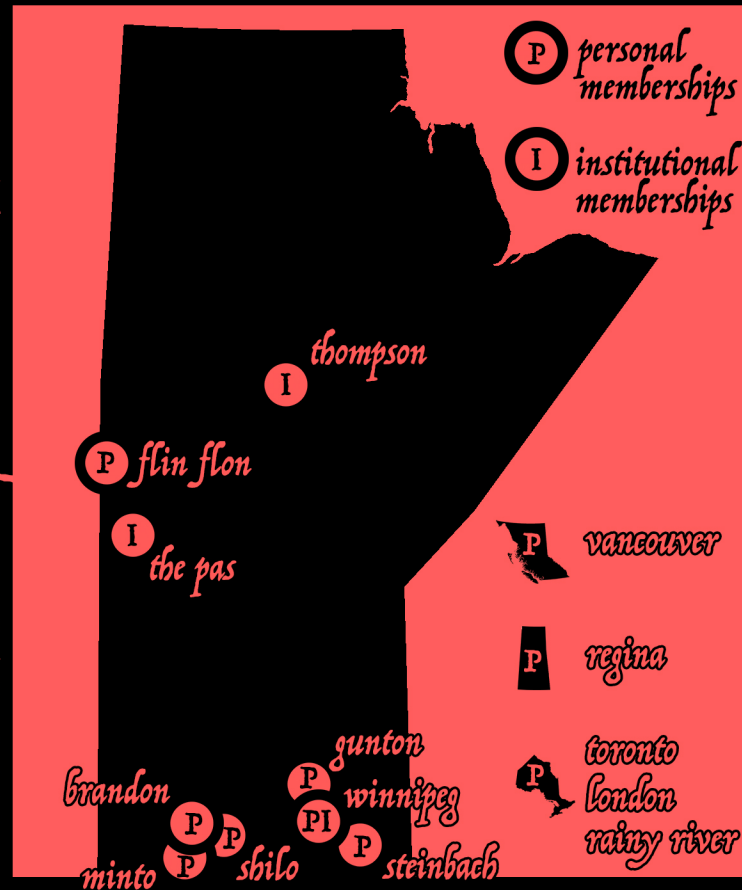


Rural
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Out of
Province
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Membership Distribution



PRISON LIBRARIES
COMMITTEE



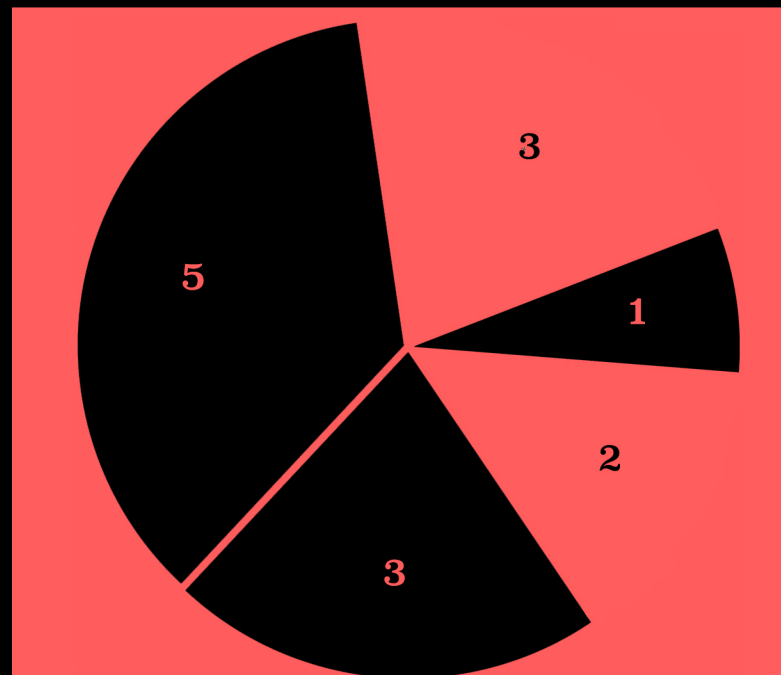
MLA BY THE NUMBERS

2017 saw the advocacy committee: launch **MBLIBRARIES.ca** which, since its release, has garnered **8,447** page views with **5,655** unique visitors; help distribute 600 posters for FREEDOM TO READ WEEK; create 5 news posts for the MLA webstie; and writing **one** letter advocating on behalf of **LIBRARIES!**

ADVOCACY

FOURTEEN

Institutional Memberships



- 5 Academic
- 3 Public
- 1 School
- 2 Board
- 3 Corporate



City
11



Rural
3



Out of
Province
0

25 Active volunteers

collect sort process

10,000 BOOKS
for inmates in...



Professional Development Report

*Submitted by Cody Fullerton,
Professional Development Director*



This year the director of professional development sought to implement a PD event for MLA members.

Partnering with the Vice President, Kerry Macdonald, a PD event was held on November 20, 2017. The event focused on Accessibility in libraries, which was identified as a topic through the PD Survey from the 2016 Manitoba Libraries Conference. Along with the event, there was also a lunch, which allowed for networking opportunities. In order to support and attract attendees from outside of Winnipeg, the event was held in the Gaynor Family Regional Library, Selkirk, MB. We sold 34 tickets for the event and 17 for the lunch. The other undertaking for the year was creating a position statement and terms of reference for the professional development committee. The position statement is on the website now and the terms of reference have been drafted, but have not been ratified by the board.



Lisa Snider of Access Changes Everything, speaking at the *Accessibility in Libraries* event on November 20, 2017.



Prison Libraries Committee Report

*Submitted by Kirsten Wurmman,
Prison Libraries Committee Chair*

The Manitoba Library Association Prison Libraries Committee (PLC) was created in June 2012 and is an active and enthusiastic group comprised of approximately 30+ passionate volunteers.

Happy 5th Anniversary to PLC!!

Our programming and activities over the past year include:

Winnipeg Remand Centre (WRC)

- ◆ PLC has been going into the Remand every week since November 2012.
- ◆ The Open Library program runs every Sunday afternoon - volunteers create a library space with books and reader's advisory for the inmates. Groups are brought down to choose books and fill bins for the rest of their units.
- ◆ A Bin Refresh also happens on a bi-weekly basis where newly donated books are sorted into the cabinets and bins that are then sent back up to some of the 13 different units.

Women's Correctional Centre (WCC) (Headingley, MB)

From the WCC CO1 Volunteer Coordinator:

"Their [PLC] services here at WCC are very valuable. If it were not for the volunteers here, our library would be a disaster! They are very reliable and knowledgeable [...] we appreciate all their dedication and hard work!"

- ◆ PLC has been going in to the WCC since March 2014.
- ◆ A Book Exchange program operates every two weeks on Saturday afternoons with the Bravo and Charlie units. A bin of books is now also left for the Alpha unit every two weeks.
- ◆ Author Julie Salverson conducted a workshop called "Writing Stories on Our Feet" coordinated by PLC volunteer Patricia Robertson (former WPL writer-in-residence) who described the following: *"We had 10 women come to the workshop, which included clapping and other physical games, writing, drawing with crayons, and a short reading by Julie Salverson from her memoir, followed by an invitation to the women to write a response. They were amazing -- very responsive to everything, and they particularly loved the games."* Julie also left copies of her memoir for the library.
- ◆ Work parties to sort and process newly donated books were held every 3 or 4 months in the WCC library. Books are weeded, and new books added to the collection.

♦ **Book Mates book club**

- ◇ Began in October 2016, and co-led by volunteers *Anne Mahon and Kathleen Williams* on a monthly basis.
- ◇ The club reads both fiction and non-fiction. Participants sign up monthly to read that month's title and are given a copy of the book to read. The club is starting to host authors too – November 2017's book and author is Theodore Fontaine's *The Broken Circle*, a memoir of growing up in a residential school. Other titles read during the year include *The Book of Negroes*, *The Rosie Project*, and *The Liar's Club*. Book club participants can suggest titles for the club anytime, often recommend books to each other during the evening, and suggest titles for the WCC Library as well. The library suggestions are passed along to the PLC collections volunteers.

The Pas Correctional Centre (The Pas, MB)

- ♦ PLC has been volunteering at The Pas since April 2015.
- ♦ *Lauren Wadelius* coordinates the library program at The Pas – volunteers run the book exchange every second week for male and female inmates. Books are also distributed to the youth and locked units by the recreation officer. Lauren reports that there has been a great response from the community for book donations and they are trying to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Headingley Men's Prison (HCC) (Headingley, MB)

From the HCC Education Department:

"From the first day last year where we met at the resource fair and toured our dark and dirty library to the first "work party" organized for the following month, we have had nothing but positive results from the volunteers. The new books brought in by the volunteers are a real help in trying to keep our library supplied with new titles- without their donations of 25 boxes of books per visit, we would have had a hard time keeping up with the demand. The suggestion of having the inmates choose their own titles has really been a great idea- Not only do the inmates seem more interested in the books brought in, but now they are ACTUALLY sending requests for certain titles and genres-and I've noticed that the inmates are taking better care of the books since this idea was implemented. They have taken responsibility of how the books are being treated and handled in their units and thus we do not have to throw out as many returns as we once used to. All fantastic outcomes brought about by the enthusiasm and thoughtfulness of the volunteers who take part in the quarterly work parties."

- ♦ PLC has been working with its newest institution, the Headingley Men's Prison, since January 2017.
- ♦ Volunteers process and organize donated books in "work parties" held every 3 months.

Collection Development and Book Drive

- ♦ Processing, organizing, and delivery of donated books to the Remand and Women's Correctional Centres is an ongoing program of the PLC. This year, we also began collecting books for the Headingley Men's Prison as well.
- ♦ PLC volunteer Jacquie Nicholson ran a hugely successful book/ bake sale on May 27 at the Daniel McIntyre St Matthews Community Association to raise funds for PLC and the Prison Rideshare programs. The sale raised **\$1305.00** for the PLC. There was some media interest:

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/goodwill-shown-in-book-sale-supporting-prison-libraries-424842363.html>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/fundraiser-connects-books-with-inmates-1.4107523>

Volunteer Development

- ◆ PLC Volunteer Coordinator *Terri Wiest* coordinates the new and existing group of volunteers to ensure enough volunteers are scheduled, and are trained and cleared for the respective correctional institutions. As one volunteer said: “*She makes it look easy, but it is a lot of work!*”

Other

- ◆ MLA-PLC was featured in a broadcast of CBC’s *Now or Never* program (broadcast in February and again in August 2017) <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/nowornever/bridging-the-gap-between-prisoners-and-the-outside-world-1.3983014/from-classics-to-dictionaries-the-books-that-prisoners-want-to-read-1.3985927>

In Memoriam

One of our volunteers, Kathy Brydon passed away. Kathy was one of our very first volunteers, and with her husband John delivered books to the Remand every two weeks for the past 4 1/2 years. Not only that, she came to *every* committee meeting and more often than not, she brought baking or some sort of snack. She was very proud of her daughter, Heather (who is a librarian here in Winnipeg.) We are grateful for and will not forget her generosity, her kindness, and her deep commitment to our work.

THANK YOU!

To the Manitoba Library Association for its guidance and support, both financial and otherwise – and also to PLC volunteer *Kathleen Williams* working in the role of bookkeeper and Treasurer Liaison.

To *Chad Pierson, Maxine McGinnis, and Ryan Knight* at the Winnipeg Remand Centre, *Michelle Rebenchuk, Emily Grein, and Teresa Barrault* at the Women’s Correctional Centre, *Andrew Bestland and Marcel Laurendeau* at the Headingley Men’s Prison for their support, advice and encouragement as we develop and present library programs inside their respective correctional institutions.

For the continued support of the Winnipeg Public Library in the form of storage space for our collections, donations of post-book sale books, and much more.

Last but certainly not least, an enormous thank you to our PLC volunteers whose unending enthusiasm, creativity, and passion have allowed the MLA-PLC to continue its hard work these past five years:

*Thomas Andrews
Soraya Atayee
Jane Bridle
Kathleen (and John!) Brydon
Camille Callison
Krysel Cole
Alex Eastley
Wanda-Luna Galdames
Christine Janzen
Lovey Jasysn
Serenity Joo
Nadine McCaughan
Jill McConkey
Pat McPhillips
Carolyn Minor
Kyle Mytruk*

*Jacquie Nicholson
Tabitha Nordby
Kim Parry
Patricia Robertson
Stefany Shirley
Carmen Spiech
Barb Stewart
Lori Sweeting
Lauren Wadelius
Allyson Watts
Terri Wiest
Kathleen Williams
Monique Woroniak
Isaac Wurmman
Hannelore Wurmman
Audrey Young*



Indigenous Interest Group Report

*Submitted by Dominique Taylor,
Director-at-Large*



This was my first term serving as Director-at-Large for the MLA board. While I was originally also elected to be the Chair of the Indigenous Interest Group (IIG), the group was officially discontinued at the October 12, 2017 meeting of the

MLA executive. Despite this, the IIG was able to set the stage for future developments, once MALT, MLTA, and MLA have officially merged.

Activities

Following my election, IIG met as a an official group in March 2017. The IIG was intentionally created as an interdisciplinary endeavour and, thus, consisted of 7 members (3 Librarians, 3 Archivists, and a health specialist/advisor for an Indigenous community), with a number of additional professionals and community members providing advice.

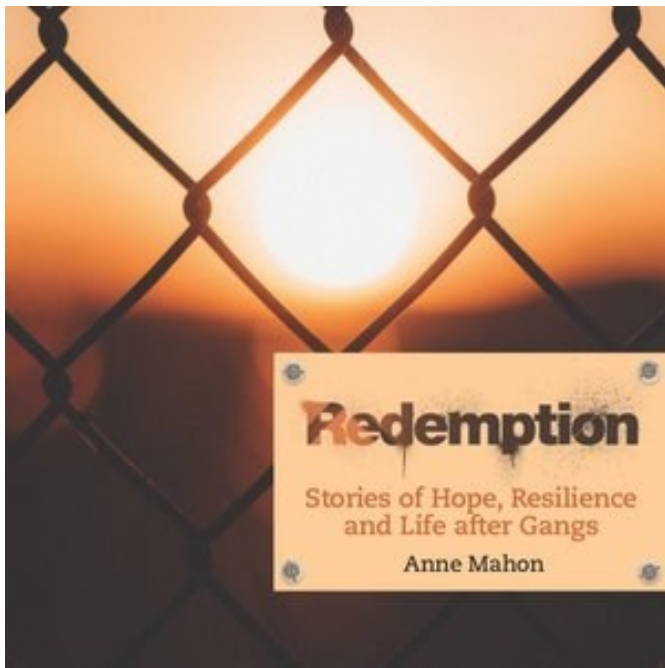
Through consultation with community members and the group, it was determined that the IIG should approach information/knowledge building, sharing, and preservation in an ambitious manner that is amenable to working with Indigenous Communities. Loosely, this meant that we attempted to comprehensively tackle issues pertaining to libraries, archives, records management, museums, cultural heritage, and language.

As a result of this approach we drafted a framework document for a strengths-based and community-led approach to building information-related capacities. This document was meant to mirror part of the CFLA-FCAB's 2017 *Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations* (TRRR: <http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Truth-and-Reconciliation-Committee-Report-and-Recommendations.pdf>), including the recommendation to “establish an online database of ‘living documents’.” (p.7). In line with this we started the creation of a database of “allies and resources” relevant to the IIG.

Looking Forward

The formation (<http://pages.citebite.com/e5i9i1k8e9yto>) of the CFLA-FCAB's *Standing Committee on Indigenous Matters* (IM) raised some questions regarding IIG's role during a number of IIG meetings (e.g., the duplication of efforts between IIG and IM). Because IM is a relatively recent standing committee and includes many members of the Manitoba library community, the MLA decided that it would be prudent to see what types of activities IM undertakes that might have an impact on Manitoba's Indigenous communities before proceeding further with IIG activities.

It should be noted that the the MLA resolved to assess the establishment of a similarly-oriented interest group in the new year. The MLA has also renewed it's commitments to support the recommendations of the TRRR. Finally, the MLA will actively liaise and engage with the Manitoba members of the CFLA-FCAB IM in order to coordinate our activities.



Redemption Grant

In early 2017, the MLA Board of Directors was approached by Anne Mahon, an MLA member and Prison Libraries Committee volunteer. Anne was seeking sponsorship from the MLA in her application for a Community Grant from The Winnipeg Foundation. The MLA board decided to sponsor Anne, who successfully received the grant. The

funds will be used to promote and distribute 400 copies of the book to libraries and community organizations throughout Manitoba. All author proceeds from this book will be donated to gang member rehabilitation and mentorship through GAIN (Gang Action Interagency Network). The book launch for *Redemption* was held at McNally Robinson in Winnipeg, on October 26, 2017.

About *Redemption*

“This triumphant collection of ten personal life stories from ex-gang members enlightens, surprises and inspires. These first-person accounts illuminate the harsh reality of living as a marginalized person, often neglected and in poverty. Unexpectedly, their stories share heartfelt commentary on topics such as peace, joy, forgiveness and hope. This book covers territory that often doesn’t get into the news media and creates connection through our shared humanity.”

From annemahon.ca/redemption/



From left: Kathleen Williams, Kirsten Wurmman, Anne Mahon, Kerry Macdonald, and Alix-Rae Stefanko, at the *Redemption* book launch on October 26, 2017.

Scholarships & Awards

The Manitoba Library Association holds two funds in trust with The Winnipeg Foundation. The annual financial standing of the *Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship Fund* and the *John Edwin Bissett Memorial Fund* are as follows:

As of December 31, 2016, the market value of the *Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship Fund* was \$75,784.76. The total capital received in the fund since inception is \$23,272.04. The 2017 recommended amount to be awarded was \$3,500.00.

As of December 31, 2016 the market value of the *John Edwin Bissett Memorial Fund* was \$679,830.03. The total capital received into the fund since inception is \$300,128.55.

The 2017 recommended amount to be awarded was \$15,000.00. The Scholarships and Awards Committee of the Manitoba Library Association were pleased to issue a number of scholarships to deserving recipients in 2017. These included:

Justin Fuhr	Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship	\$2,000
Meg Ellen Antoine	Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship	\$1,500
Felicia Pulo	John Edwin Bissett Scholarship	\$3,000
Ashley Saird Panagapko	John Edwin Bissett Scholarship	\$4,000
Richard Bruneau	John Edwin Bissett Scholarship	\$4,000
Samantha Frederick	John Edwin Bissett Scholarship	\$4,000



From left: Alix-Rae Stefanko, Sarah Stettinger, and Christine Janzen, at the Red River College Creative Arts Awards Reception on April 26, 2017.

The Manitoba Library Association also sponsors the Red River College graduation award, presented to a student in the Library and Information Science Technology program who demonstrates academic excellence and career promise. This year's recipient was Sarah Stettinger, pictured to the left.

**Congratulations
to all scholarship and
award winners!**



CFLA-FCAB Prairie Provinces

*Submitted by Alix-Rae Stefanko,
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Prairie Provinces Board Member

Founded in 2015, the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) is the national voice of Canada's library communities.

Through its member associations, including the Manitoba Library Association and the Saskatchewan Library Association, the Federation advocates for libraries on issues such as Indigenous library services, copyright, intellectual freedom, and accessibility. Our purpose is to: advance library excellence in Canada; champion library values and the value of libraries; and influence national and international public policy impacting libraries and their communities.

Building on the vision articulated in the document *Towards a Federation of Library Associations in Canada* that was finalized in December 2015, the founding Bylaws of the new Federation were developed during the first quarter of 2016. In advance of the first AGM which was held on February 1, 2017 in Toronto, Ontario, CFLA-FCAB got to work with an interim Board that was named by the founding members. In February 2016 MLA and SLA endorsed me as the Prairie Provinces representative to the interim Board. CFLA-FCAB was formally incorporated in May 2016 and celebrated its first anniversary on May 16, 2017.

The first elected Board was formed on February 1, 2017. SLA and MLA endorsed the nomination of Alix-Rae Stefanko as the Prairie Provinces Board member for a 1 year term and this was ratified by the members at the AGM. Throughout 2016 and into 2017 MLA has worked closely with the SLA Executive to develop a foundational policy and procedures for nominating and endorsing a Prairie Provinces board member as required. In addition, establishing a terms of reference for the Prairie Provinces Board member. At the 2018 AGM, MLA and SLA will nominate someone from SLA to assume the Prairie Provinces seat on the Board.

CFLA-FCAB has now established four committees: the Copyright Committee, Indigenous Matters Committee, Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee and in late November the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

In August, CFLA-FCAB announced Katherine McColgan as Executive Director. The Board is preparing for its 2nd AGM which will be held in Toronto on January 31, 2018. Please view the CFLA-FCAB website

(<http://cfla-fcab.ca>) for more information about Advocacy and Programs.

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View the CFLA-FCAB 2016 Annual Report here: <http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CFLA-FCAB-Annual-Report-2017.pdf>

The 2017 Annual Report will be prepared in time for the CFLA AGM in the New Year.

On May 2-4, 2018 in Regina, Saskatchewan, librarians, library workers and library supporters will gather for the inaugural National Forum of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA- FCAB). CFLA-FCAB is the national voice of Canada's library communities. The National Forum is taking place in conjunction with the annual Saskatchewan Libraries Conference and the bi-annual meetings of the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL).

We are pleased to be moving forward with the consolidation of MLTA and MALT into MLA.

The new by-laws will take more time to fully develop. The Manitoba Libraries Working Group took them as far as they could, putting in over 50 hours of work into the adjustments and ideas we wanted to convey. Many areas required significant updates. Once finalized, the intention is that the named board for new MLA will endorse in principle and make additional adjustments if required leading up to the first AGM of the new MLA, which will take place prior to the sessions beginning in the morning of Friday, June 1 2018 at the Manitoba Libraries Conference. At the AGM the new by-laws will be confirmed, rejected, or amended by the members of the Ordinary Resolution.

At the 2017 MLA AGM on December 14 the new membership structure and fees will be voted upon. The new Board will be elected.

Two particular projects that are of high priority for this new board include:

- ♦ Financial Working Group who will continue to work on the transition, new budget and special needs.
- ♦ Memberships Working Group who will focus on the necessary updates, outreach and communications.

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MLA 2017 Board of Directors



From left: Dee Wallace, Alix-Rae Stefanko, Alan Chorney, Kerry Macdonald, Kirsten Wurmman, Ellen Tisdale, Megan O'Brien, Janice Winkler, and Svitlana Maluzynsky. Not pictured: Christine Janzen, Dominique Taylor.

Alix-Rae Stefanko	President
Kerry Macdonald	Vice-President / Awards
Christine Janzen	Secretary
Janice Winkler	Treasurer
Megan O'Brien	Membership Director
Ellen Tisdale	Communications Director
Dee Wallace	Advocacy Director
Cody Fullerton	Professional Development Director
Kirsten Wurmman	Prison Libraries Committee Chair
Alan Chorney	Director at Large
Svitlana Maluzynsky	Director at Large
Dominique Taylor	Director at Large

See you at the
2018 Manitoba Libraries Conference

May 30 - June 1
at the Delta Winnipeg!

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