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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

MLTA will mail out copies at \$10.00 each available from the Treasurer upon request. The handbook is also available on the MLTA Website.

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

Editor's Remarks

All Manitoba Trustees are encouraged to attend the Manitoba Libraries Conference in Winnipeg in May of 2010. Details are available in this Newsletter and at the website URL.

MLTA is currently working to finalize details on a special workshop to be held during the Conference.

Details to follow.

Trustee of Distinction 2009

Bill Stillwell, 2009 MLTA Trustee of Distinction Award Recipient

MLTA congratulates Bill Stillwell (Neepawa) for his many years of service as advocate for Manitoba public libraries and as recipient of the 2009 MLTA Trustee of Distinction.



Bill Shackel (R) presents Bill Stillwell (L) with the MLTA Trustee of Distinction Award for 2009

Bill has given many hours of advocacy as member of the Parkland and Western Manitoba Public Library Boards. He also served as Vice Chair of CLTA and chaired the Manitoba Public Library Advisory Board.

During this time he lobbied successfully for increased funding for technology in the public library sector and for public access to technology province wide.

MLTA has nominated Bill Stillwell for the 2010 CLTA Merit Award for Distinguished Service as Public Library Trustee.

Thank you, Bill!

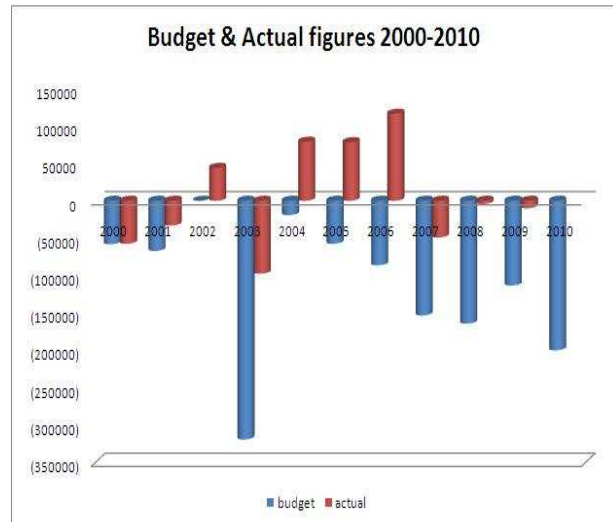
Canadian Library Association - State of the Association, February 2010

Hello fellow Trustees! Last weekend the executive of the Canadian Library Association met in Toronto Ontario after the closing lunch of super OLA! It is important that we Trustees play an integral role in deciding the future of the CLA and indeed a Trustees role in it. It is very important that I receive your comments as soon as possible on the information to follow. Thanks very much for your efforts in Manitoba on behalf of all trustees and library supporters.

Jan Harder

There was a meeting of the CLA Executive Council on February 27-28, 2010 in Toronto. In addition to the regular Executive Council meeting agenda, the main topic was a "strategic budget" discussion. Everyone associated with CLA will be aware that the association

has been in a tenuous financial position for years. The following chart is a very graphic representation of our budget situation over the past decade.



Executive Council engaged in a very positive discussion, and considered a variety of options for the structural changes required to address the chronic deficit budgets. We worked from the premise that the association's finances should be spent on serving its members, specifically, on investing in the priorities and programs that fulfill the CLA mission to "build the Canadian library and information community and advance its information professionals." It was agreed that we must create a budget that both serves the best interests of the members and indicates that CLA is re-defining itself.

It was further agreed that the main focus of CLA's activities should be to advocate for issues of cross-sectoral interest and national importance. In order to achieve this goal, Executive Council members recognized that both the organizational structure and the budget needed to be realigned to support the mission; maintaining the status quo is not an option. We need to build on our existing strengths, and concentrate our human and financial resources on those areas which CLA, as a national broad-based association, is uniquely positioned to advance.

At the meeting, Executive Council passed two motions:

Motion:

Whereas the current organizational structure of the Canadian Library Association is no longer financially viable, and

Whereas, Executive Council of the Canadian Library Association is responsible for the financial viability of the association, and

Whereas, national issues faced by the Canadian library community are of critical importance,

Therefore be it resolved that Executive Council commit itself to recreate CLA as an organization that can more effectively advance national issues critical to the Canadian library community, and

That President John Teskey form and chair a task force charged with developing a proposed structure responsive to the association's financial and strategic challenges, and That the task force present its findings and recommendations to the 2010 CLA AGM.

Moved by Ken Roberts; Seconded by André Gagnon; passed unanimously.

Motion:

To defer elections for CLA Executive positions and Division Executive positions until a decision is taken regarding the organization's structure.

Moved by André Gagnon; Seconded by Pam Ryan; passed unanimously.

Please note that CLA activities, including those of Divisions, Interest Groups, and Committees, will be "business as usual" in as much as possible until June 30, 2010. The 2010 CLA National Conference in Edmonton will continue as planned, with a very strong professional program and some new innovations in the schedule of events.

We appreciate that members will have questions about the implications of these decisions; and we will address these as best we can. We ask for your patience while President Teskey's Task Force completes its work on a new budget and organizational structure, and thank you in advance for your support.

We are very excited about the possibilities for a new direction. We hope you will attend the AGM in Edmonton to vote on the future of your Canadian Library Association.

Your CLTA executive welcome your comments. Please forward any comments to

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Manitoba Libraries Conference

2010 MB Libraries Conference

The Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT), the Manitoba Library Association (MLA), and Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) will be holding the first annual MB Libraries **Conference "Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010: The Power of Many – The Power of Partnerships"**.

The Conference will take place May 17 - 19, 2010 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. Full information will soon be available via the Conference website:

<http://www.manitobalibrariesconference.ca/>

Sherri Vokey, M.A., MLIS
Vice President, Manitoba Library Association;

Co-Chair, Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010

Boards are urged to send members to this Conference!

Membership Renewal Notices for 2010

The renewal notices for the 2010-2011 year will be published soon. We try to send these out at the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2010). This year the notices are being sent **DIRECTLY** to the chairs of each board.

We expect that reminder notices will be issued mailed in early July 2010.

Library Activity in the Province

Springfield Public Library

It will be a year this May when the Springfield Public Library first opened its doors. With 2 full time staff and a many dedicated volunteers, the library has put 12,187 items on the shelves in the last 10 months.

With a municipal population of over 12,000, the library now has 1,244 library card users and offers the community such services such as library loans, computer access, printing/faxing and meeting room rentals.

Regular programming includes storytime, tech time, art demonstrations, local author readings and book launches.

Vanessa Sobkovich-Wiebe, Head Librarian
Springfield Public Library

WinnipegPublic Library Report

Private Donor Brematson and Associates help people with disabilities to gain access to funding . they have donated \$25,000 to the Millennium Library to build a collection of "adapted books" which combines images with text to help kids with disabilities to learn to speak more functionally.

For more information see Wpg Free Press
Article By Bartley Kives Feb 20, 2010

Winnipeg Public Library Board 2010



L to R: Josh Watt, Rick Walker, Christine Kolybabi-Labossière, Al Hoeft, David Hultin, Rita Burgess, Jacqueline St. Hill, Vernon DePape, Jean Mabee, Bill McDonald, Atarrha Wallace, Trevor Surgenor, Councillor Mike Pagtakhan, Douglas MacEwan, Heather Graham, Dr. Satyendra Singh
Missing: Councillor Harvey Smith

At a recent orientation for new and returning members of Winnipeg Public Library Board and its Library Advisory Committees, Winnipeg Public Library's Manager of Library Services, Rick Walker, shared some 2009 highlights.

- New West End Library at Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex opened;
- WPL is now coordinating the "On the Same Page" program – Joan Thomas' *Reading By Lighting* was selected;
- Teen Twilight Party was held;
- *Check It Out Reading Zones* program was launched at Dufferin School and Norquay Community Centre
- Materials funding was increased by \$75,000 as a result of Board advocacy;
- Free Wi-Fi was introduced;
- Agent 007 summer reading program attracted over 4,000 children
- Web site: 1.25 million visits
- Circulation: 5.7 million, a 4% increase over 2008

View more details of these and other initiatives on the WPL website:

<http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/>.

The staff winner of the 2009 WPLB Jack Montgomery Community Outreach award was Millennium Library Teen Services Librarian, Sophie Walker. The \$5,000 grant will be used to develop and implement Teen Programs in a Box. Staff will develop 15 ready-to-go kits of teen programs for use by staff in any branch. The kits will cover high interest activities for teens, such as gaming nights, crafting, board games and trivia, and whodunit mystery programs.



Fort Garry Public Library celebrates 50th Anniversary. The Grade Four Class of Oakenwald School participated in both the Library Zdditon Opening in 1967 and at the 50th in 2010

Symbols of Literacy

Well-used libraries have always been symbols of literate and progressive peoples. In the rural parts of this huge land we have not always had the opportunity to access libraries with a wide range of reading materials. This is a recent phenomenon.

Reading-hungry people have banded together in a progressive, democratic way to significantly enable their access to reading material. One result is the advent of the Regional Library system. Today there is a continuous change of reading materials, audio visual materials, MP3 and iPod player downloads.



The MP3 players, taken to the library, can download a number of items and documents, in a matter of seconds for a full book. It will even read back to you.

The Gladstone District Library is an example of an progressive rural library. The Library Regional Office at Dauphin manages a software program for the movement of books and other materials throughout the Parkland Library Region for those communities that have joined the system.

A Bookmobile constantly moves in new materials while moving out others. Canada Post is also involved in the form of the Book Rate Program. Individuals can place requests for the latest books and materials from other libraries in the region that have become part of the growth plan. This can be done by phone, over the computer, or at the library with the help of the librarian.

The Regional system amounts to a significant "value-added" factor for the community



Surrounding the Gladstone and District Library.

I recommend that communities without similar service do take a good look at what is available. It is surprising how little the expense for a much greater benefit.

Article submitted by Ralph Cibula. Ralph is a retired educator, a director on the MLTA Board, and a Councillor for the Town of Gladstone.

Parkland Regional Library Board population served in 2002 was 41,818. In 2007 Parkland's population is 38,991.

Their Provincial Grant in 2002 was \$389,690, in 2007 Parkland's was \$432,641.83

Note – Parkland has expanded its regional operations in the space and time

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