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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>

Nomination Committee Encourages you to come to the AGM

The Manitoba Library Trustees Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Portage Regional Public Library March 19, 2011, beginning at 1.30 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to;

1. *review the activities(including the financial activities) of your MLTA Board for the year 2010*
2. *to propose activities and actions for the year 2011 and the future*
 - 1 to review and authorize a proposed budget for 2011
 - 2 to discuss and vote on any revisions to the MLTA Constitution and its by-laws

3. to elect members to the Executive and any new members of the Board to bring the membership of the Board up to 12 members, but at least 8, one for each of the 8 regions as identified by the MLTA (Note: MLTA Constitution: Article 7 (THE Executive) and Article 8 (THE Board of Directors).

To the Chair Persons and membership of each library board member of MLTA

I am suggesting that each chair of librarian make a copy of this material available to all members of the Library Board, REGIONAL or INDIVIDUAL and the information following is important in order to ensure the up coming AGM is a success.

A. Voting Rights;

ALL members of a library board which is a member of MLTA have the right to vote at an AGM, so I believe it is important that as many members as possible attend the meeting slated for March 19th at the Portage Regional Library.

B. Becoming a member of the MLTA Board of Directors

Any member of a Library Board which is a paid up member can be elected to the Board of Directors. (Note **Constitution Article 8.1**)

To be elected a potential member must be nominated by another MLTA member in attendance at the AGM. (NOTE: The nominee does not have to be in attendance but must present a letter to the Chair, stating the person is willing to be elected as a member of the Board.

Membership on the Board is a TWO YEAR TERM.

Membership at present on the Board, are 4 executive members and 4 members-at -large... According to the Constitution the Board can be as large as 4 plus 12.**Art. 8-1)**

The present Board is hopeful that the Board will, after the AGM, include 4 Executive and at least 8 members-at -large, one member to represent of the MLTA Regional District as indicated in the 2010 version of the MLTA Brochure.

It is hoped by the present Board that members of the Board of Director increase to include representation of each of the MLTA GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS as shown on the MLTA BROCHURE

NOTE: Article 8.4;

If after the end of an AGM, the Executive of the Board may appoint MLTA members to fill board vacancies, and the appoint becomes effective immediately and the term can be up to two years, ending with an AGM

As your past-Chair, I am hopeful every MLTA member possible has a chance to read this material. I encourage each member, at least every Board; ensure that a representative is present at our March AGM.

For the past three years the present Board of Directors has worked hard to improve the activities, such as communications with library board of Manitoba. also your Board has developed strong relationships with other groups involved with Libraries in Manitoba and Canada, for example, the Minister's, office, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, the Manitoba Public Library Services, the Canadian Library Trustees Association and many of the other Library Trustee Associations in Canada.

We feel at this point we must have full membership of the MLTA Board of Directors in order complete the tasks we set for ourselves.

See you at the MLTA AGM in Portage, March 19th 2011

Conrad Artibise
Past Chair, MLTA

Award Recipients Trustee of Distinction 2010

This is the first year there has been a tie and so two award winners will be recognised. Join us in celebration of the work of Sandy Hyman, nominated by the WPLB and Ted Klassen, nominated by the South-Central Regional Library Board.

MLTA Meets with Minister Marcelino

On January 20th Minister Marcelino hosted a meeting with MLTA Chair Diane Bazin along with Past Chair Conrad Artibise and Secretary Treasurer Jane Fudge. A wide variety of topics were discussed

A brief was presented by Chairperson Bazin addressing the funding needs of MLTA relative to its goals; the ongoing hardship of auditing fees for governing library Boards in Manitoba;

regionalization efforts; addressing the imperatives of delivering library service to both immigrant and First Nations; software and license issues, trustee training and the MLTA Annual General meeting.



Minister Marcelino and her staff meet with MLTA members



Minister Marcelino and MLTA Chair Diane Bazin

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MEDAL FOR LITERACY

Call for Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the 2011 Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy
Nomination Deadline: March 23, 2011

The Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy recognizes exceptional achievement in literacy through two award categories:

- Leaders in Literacy Education
- Partnership for Literacy

For further details please see the information at
The following URL

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/all>

Or call the Adult Learning and Literacy Branch, 204 945-8247 or toll free 1-800-292-9069 Ext 8247

: Geocaching at Red River North Regional Library

Red River North Regional Library in Selkirk, MB is one of these libraries viewed as the new community commons where individuals can gather and have any number of intellectual experiences. One of their endeavours that has gained them a very popular response is the relatively new sport of **Geocaching**.

Geocaching is a "game of high-tech hide and seek", it is an outdoor activity. Participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver and other navigational techniques to hide and seek little containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world. The geographical coordinates (latitude/longitudes) of a cache are posted on any number of geocache websites. The participant or geocacher will follow the coordinates to the cache location. The **geocacher** typically, will sign a log book located in the cache and take/leave a small item (token) from the box. They will then update their "finds" list on the website where the coordinates were posted.

A geocache location can be setup quite easily. Most geocache websites offer step-by-step instructions. Hide the container and then post the coordinates and your library can become part of a new trend. Some libraries have gone so far as to hallow out older books to hide their cache.

The cache at Red River North Regional Library was started over four years ago but they have an interesting twist. Their cache is known as a "mystery" which sends geocachers to an outside location where they will find a clue that points them to another location inside the library. The clue is not easy and library staff are often directing geocachers to the internet (another use for the library terminals) or the library catalogue for answers. Either way, there is a library connection that helps with the experience.

Here is one post from the Red River North Regional Library cache website that explains the experience and highlights the benefit.

Location: Manitoba, Canada

Entropy 33 found Library

Log Date: 4/7/2009

One of the coolest caches I've seen/heard about thus far. I found the outdoor portion quite quickly, but the quiz was REALLY difficult. (It was borderline embarrassing, since I'm a history major, and *Wagonmaker* is a history buff), I guess our built-in excuse is that neither of us were alive to see experience the answer/clues! The library staff were extremely helpful even before they knew what we were there for, once we told them we were caching, they jumped into action to give us great hints that wouldn't totally give away the answer. The only downside? I now have a massive pleasure-reading list for the summer, too big for only four months!!!

K. Anderson

Red River North Regional Library

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a national event instituted by parliament in December 1995. Public libraries are encouraged to collaborate with local schools to plan and promote programs and events. Manitoba is composed of people from diverse linguistic and cultural origins. It is important that all Manitobans have some basic knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the richness of our human diversity, our roots and our people's stories.

The Jamaican Association of Manitoba, Inc. is coordinating Winnipeg's Black History Month 2011. This blog details a variety of programming ideas including a domino tournament, history lesson workshops, and concerts. Book displays are a simple and effective way to increase awareness and cultural diversity in your community. For a bibliography of relevant fiction, non-fiction and audiovisual materials, visit Black History Canada - a promotional poster is available for download through Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Public Library Services Branch looks forward to hearing about the creative ways your library has partnered with organizations in your community to celebrate cultural diversity through Black History Month.

Trevor Surgenor

Director, Public Library Services Branch

Membership Renewal Notices for 2011

The renewal notices for the 2011-2012 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

1. On page 5 see an example of good library publicity compliments of Maurice Butler, Chair of SCRL Board.
2. Winnipeg Public Library Board is proud of their recent renovations accomplished at Henderson and Osborne Library Branches. Other branches are to be renovated in the future.



**Re-opening of the Henderson Branch,
Rick Walker officiating**



Re-opening of Osborne Branch

Letter from the Minister of State for Transport Regarding the Book Rate

See attached pages 6 & 7 regarding a letter from M.P. Ron Merrifield dated Dec 1, 2010

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Warm and cozy

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The typical January temperatures have arrived, and even the statues in front of the Winkler Library have geared up for the weather. Environment Canada was predicting a fairly decent weekend for the area earlier this week, with highs in the mid to low minus teens, although the wind chill will likely make it feel much colder.



DEC 1 2010

Ms. Diane Bazin
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Dear Ms. Bazin:

The Prime Minister's Office has provided the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, with a copy of your correspondence of June 28, 2010, regarding the Library Book Rate. I am pleased to respond in my capacity as Minister of State (Transport).

Our government and Canada Post recognize the importance of the Library Book Rates to Canadian libraries and will continue to support the community by maintaining the current reduced postal rates for mailing printed library materials. The Library Book Rates will remain unchanged through 2011.

There has been no increase in the Library Book Rates since January 2005, despite the fact that the inflation rate has risen by 10.9% since then.

Libraries are required to use the electronic shipping tool to continue to access the Library Book Rates.

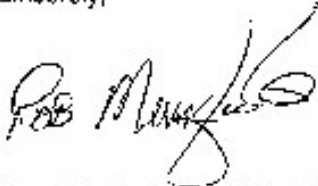
The reduced rates remain well below Canada Post's costs to ship library books, and Canada Post receives no Government appropriation or compensation of any kind for the reduced Library Book Rates.

- Our government and Canada Post are committed to continue working with the library community, through the Canadian Library Association and the Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation, to ensure that the library community's concerns are understood and that their needs are considered in the future.

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Thank you for writing to the federal government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Merrifield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "K" at the end.

Hon. Rob Merrifield, P.C., M.P.

c.c. Mr. Stewart Bacon