



NEWSLETTER

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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>

Greetings from the Chairman by Marvin Plett

Greetings all! At our AGM this spring we were very pleased to congratulate not one but two trustees with an Award of Distinction. Congratulations again to a long time trustee representing the Town of Altona on South Central Regional Library Board for many years and the trustee from the Winnipeg Public Library Board for her dedicated service. Both trustees are greatly deserving of the recognition.

After reorganization the new board engaged in a day long workshop designed to help us focus on board direction in the future. Thank you, Dr. Douglas MacEwan for hosting the board. Out of this workshop, facilitated by Punch Jackson from Alberta, came a number of initiatives the board will focus on this year.

These initiatives include enhancing our website, working on ways to increase funding to help our board more effectively support Manitoba library trustees and streamlining board functions.

ALL Boards are requested to send a copy of their 2010 Annual Report to MLTA care of The Secretary Treasurer address in this issue of the Newsletter

Introducing Members of the MLTA Executive

Rita Burgess – Vice Chair MLTA

Presently I am serving in my second year as Chair of the Winnipeg Public Library Board and I am very pleased to have this opportunity to serve on the MLTA Executive this year as the Vice President.

Over the past 4 1/2 years on WPLB, I have learned a great deal in the areas of advocacy and strategic planning. It is my goal to share what I have learnt with MLTA to assist in the growth of this most worthwhile organization. I am looking forward to working with Library Trustees throughout Manitoba."

Rita is currently a branch manager with the Scotiabank.



Rita Burgess – MLTA Vice Chairperson

Diane Bazin - Immediate Past President

I've been involved in non-profit organizations for the past forty-five years, starting with eleven years in 4-H, when I was in Elementary and High School. I've sat on most local community committees, from a Mom & Tots Committee, "Mini-franco-fun" (seven years), a children's Liturgy Committee (11 years),

the Figure Skating Committee (three years), the parents' Advisory Committee (12 years), the francophone school division (two terms / six years) and the Library Board committee (from 1988 to 1991 – four years and from 2002 to the present – nine years).

I've also been elected municipal councillor for the Village of Notre Dame de Lourdes for the past two terms (eight years).

I've sat on a number of Regional Boards, the Tiger Hills Arts Association (11 years), the Lourdeon Community Development Corporation (nine years) and a Tourism Committee (two years).

For the past 18 years, I've worked in community development for the Société franco-manitobaine – the last 13 years as manager of the Réseau communautaire (a community development network in rural francophone Manitoba), working with some 30 francophone / bilingual communities.

From our library's stand point, we're very proud of our strategic five-year plan that was completed in early 2011; our goal this year is to modernise our administration documents. One step at a time is our present motto, as we bring our library into the 22nd century. It's the same philosophy that I use when working with MLTA.



Diane Bazin accepting a departing gift from Marvin Plett the new MLTA chair

Donna Kormilo – Member at Large Western Manitoba Regional Library Board

I have been a member of the WMRL Board appointed for a two year term since January 2008 as one of two citizen representatives for the City of Brandon,

Previously (1994-1996) I was involved with the South Central Regional Library Board as a City of Morden Rep and one year as Library Board Chair when the major project was working with Morden Town Council to expand library services by relocating the library into a larger building.

My work skills/interests are in administration, researching, organizing and teaching. During the last 2-1/2 years I have been actively involved with Library Board policy development (Respectful Workplace) and policy manual revision, which will be continuing for the next year or so. A recent accomplishment has been our policy committee's work with the Library Board to develop vision and mission statements and a set of guiding principles that will guide the work of the Library Board and our staff.

MLTA STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING REPORT by J Fudge

MLTA thanks Dr. Doug MacEwan for hosting their strategic planning meeting held on April 8th, 2011.

Topics ranged from the enhancement of the MLTA relationship with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities; the continuing book rate lobby; province wide pay scales for the public service sector; harmonizing the public library service; messaging between Boards, MLTA and the Public Library Services Branch; the cost of access to broadband service across Manitoba; an annual survey conducted by MLTA to assist with projections for service enhancements and delivery; to audit costs.

Library Boards are encouraged to provide MLTA with information relating to any of these topics so we may share it with others.

LIBRARIES AND NEWCOMERS by Kathleen Williams, WPL

Immigration to Manitoba is increasing significantly, driven by a goal of receiving 20,000 immigrants a year within the next 10 years. Many newcomers arrive with resources including employment or business ventures. Others arrive to reunite with family. More importantly others arrive with few initial resources, perhaps as refugees.

Regardless of how they arrive, all newcomers can benefit from their local public library.

A few highlights of recent Winnipeg Public Library newcomer initiatives:

Inform:-

- Never presume everyone knows what a public library is and how to use it, especially given the diversity of world libraries. Information at various stages of newcomer settlement is a key to making sure newcomers are aware of the extensive resources offered by their local library. A listing of many these resources are posted at

<http://www.wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/libraryservices/newcomers.asp> .

- Basic library information in several languages.
- Attractive and plain English promotional material on collections, programs and services for newcomers.
- EAL activities and classroom orientation materials provided to EAL teachers.
- Invitations made directly to local organizations and associations to host their meetings, provide presentations to their boards and members, or host tours and orientations.

Share:-

- Network with local settlement agencies, churches, immigrant associations, English and literacy programs. They will help you get the word out.
- Library program guides, pamphlets and flyers sent regularly to Manitoba Entry Program and Settlement agencies.
- Updates on resources and programs sent to local English teachers' associations.

Include:-

- Inclusive programming and collections benefit everyone.
- English Conversation Groups - for practicing new skills and meeting new friends
- Creative Writing workshops for immigrant writers
- Books and magazines in almost 40 languages
- The Human Library event - to celebrate diversity and break stereotypes
- Juvenile Dual Language - bilingual books serve many purposes
- Cultural celebrations – from art to song to dance!
- Book Club Kits for EAL learners – a book club in a bag with lower reading levels

For more information on any of the above programs and initiatives, please contact Kathleen Williams, Administrative Coordinator of Community Outreach and Marketing, Winnipeg Public Library. Email: KathleenWilliams@winnipeg.ca Phone: 204-986-4255.

Later in this newsletter is an item about Kathleen Williams's award at the 2011 CLA annual conference held in Halifax.

Recipients - Trustee of Distinction Award - 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.

Also at the AGM MLTA presented to Al Northam a life time membership in the MLTA in recognition of his noteworthy efforts bringing benefits of his word processing skills to MLTA.

Editors Note: This issue of the newsletter highlights the work of individuals in Manitoba who, have demonstrated exemplary leadership and talent in support of Public Libraries.



Sandy Hyman Trustee of Distinction 2010



Ted Klassen – Trustee of Distinction 2010

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES FOR 2011

Membership Renewal Notices for 2011- Reminder

The final notice for MLTA membership renewal is attached to this newsletter if your Board has not already renewed.

Your continued membership ensures that your library trustees are in the information loop.

LIBRARY ACTIVITY IN THE PROVINCE

Winnipeg Public Library Board News

The Board is delighted to announce that Kathleen Williams, their Coordinator of Community Outreach and Marketing, is a joint winner of the CLTA 2011 Stan Heath Achievement in Literacy Award which was presented at the CLA annual conference held in Halifax at the end of May. The award is given for the program titled Connecting Newcomers to the Public Library: Winnipeg Public Library's Photo Novels and Activities for Literacy and EAL Learners. To see further details about the program go to

<http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/libraryservices/newcomers.asp>

Congratulations, Kathleen, from your friends at MLTA.

The Board has also announced the recipients for its 2011 Community Outreach Language and Literacy grants. They are the Elizabeth Fry Society, Hampstead School, and the Centre de la petite enfance et de la famille (CPEF).

NEW CLA President *

The new 2011 CLA president is from Manitoba. Karen Adams is director of libraries at the University of Manitoba where she is responsible for a 24 million \$C budget and 280 Academic and support staff located in 19 U of M libraries.

Award to a former MLTA Chair*

Bill Stillwell has been awarded Tourism Westman's 2011 product development award sponsored by Travel Manitoba. Bill is the author of "Manitoba Wild" published by William Street Publishing.

*Wpg Free P – Section B June 13, 2011

Congratulations to everyone!

MLTA recognizes the leadership of the Winnipeg Public Library Board who, on its own initiative, undertook a review of its own membership fee contribution to MLTA. As a result this review, the WPLB voluntarily increased its contribution to the work of MLTA by an increase in its membership fee in the amount of \$1500.

These increased funds allowed MLTA to investigate the cost of having its own homepage and a webmaster to keep it updated. Further information about this incentive will be in the next issue of the MLTA newsletter.

Accessibility Project Funding Call for Proposals

By Trevor Surgenor, Director of Public Library Services, Govt of Manitoba
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Trustees,

With the support from Manitoba's disability community, the Taskforce on Library Accessibility

improved upon the accessibility component of the draft Municipal and Regional Libraries Standards and Guidelines document, attached for review and consideration by the Manitoba Librarians' Advisory Groups.

There are many important components in this section of the draft guidelines and libraries may find the information timely to review considering Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) has recently launched a call for applications regarding a related funding opportunity:

Small Project Component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund is calling for applications between July 22, 2011 and September 23, 2011.

Eligible projects valued up to \$50,000 include:

- Constructing an interior or exterior ramp,
- installing wider doors or installing automated door openers, •raising or lowering sinks and/or counters,
- improving lighting and increasing colour contrast,
- building an accessible washroom,
- installing accessible door handles and light switches,
- installing an elevator or lift,
- providing computer enhancements such as interactive speech capability,
- installing a wheelchair lift to a community-based vehicle, and
- any other activities that contribute to creating or enhancing accessibility for people with disabilities and deemed acceptable by HRSDC.

The application form and guidelines can be found on the HRSDC Web site. All applicants are encouraged to read the guidelines before completing the application. For further information regarding the call, please visit the HRSDC Web site at:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/cfp/index.shtml.

Should you have any questions about the Small Projects enabling accessibility please contact HRSDC by e-mail at: eafcall-appelfa@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca or through their toll free number at: 1-866-268-2502 or TTY: 1-800-926-9105.

Municipal and Regional Libraries are encouraged to consult with local organizations and library clients with disabilities to determine local priorities and include partnerships in project submissions. If you require guidance or assistance, please contact the Public Library Services Branch, Denise Weir can be reached by email at: Denise.Weir@gov.mb.ca or by phone at 1-888-841-3326.

MANITOBA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION DES COMMISSAIRES DE BIBLIOTHÈQUES DU MANITOBA
Trustee of Distinction Award 2011
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

The MLTA Award recognizes outstanding participation in the advancement of public library trusteeship in Manitoba.

Criteria:

1. Nominee must be a current or past member of MLTA, who has given service as a library trustee in the Province of Manitoba.
2. Each nomination must be sponsored by at least two other members of the MLTA
3. Nominations must be submitted on the Official Nomination Form, below.
4. The deadline for nominations is September 30 of each year.
5. The award will be presented at the time of the Annual General Meeting of the MLTA
6. The award shall consist of a plaque with a suitable endorsement.

NAME OF NOMINEE:

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

> Telephone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

> Current MLTA Member? Yes No

NOMINATED BY:

1. Name:

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code :> _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

E-mail address: _____

Signature: _____

2. Name:

> Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: > _____

> Telephone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

> Signature: _____

Please include the following documentation in support of your nomination:

Statement about the outstanding leadership of nominee (any two levels).

Resumé of activity/achievement record of nominee as:

- i. a member on a local and/or regional library board;
- ii. a member of a provincial library trustees' organization;

Summary of other relevant community leadership activities.

Nominations and supporting documentation must be received by September 30 2011.