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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.

Chairman's Report – June 2012

Greetings from your MLTA chair. And, "Happy Summer!" to all. It is a real delight seeing all the various libraries getting into the spirit of summer reading programs for kids. The themes, decorations and promotions are a sign of the great staff working every day in our libraries. They are also a sure sign that even though school's out kids don't stop reading. It's also a great time for adults to take out a few extra books to take with you to the beach, park and on holidays.

Your MLTA board has been busy on your behalf since our last news letter. In order to make the most out of our frugal budget we usually meet via teleconference which Trevor Surgenor of Public Library Service very graciously sponsors. We met in Brandon at the PLS location for a face to face meeting after the AGM in order for us to become acquainted with the new members as well as get a tour of the building and its workings. Thanks to PLS and Trevor Surgenor for hosting us.

Our vice chair, Ms. Donna Kormilo, represented us very well at the MLS Conference in Winnipeg both

in planning and in hosting sessions. Thank You, Donna.

We are also continuing to work on the new website. It is coming along very well. We will keep you updated as to its progress.

Also, a big thank you to Secretary Jane Fudge and former board member Al Northam, for putting this newsletter together regularly.

Finally I wish you all an enjoyable summer whether it is relaxing or actively taking part in your favourite summer activities or a little bit of both! Happy reading!

Marvin Plett
Chair, MLTA

Thank You for the prompt and timely renewal of your memberships

2012 Manitoba Libraries Conference

At the 2012 Conference the Manitoba Libraries Association awarded Rita Burgess their Volunteer Service Award.



Congratulations to Rita on her well earned award from all the MLTA members.

The 2012 Manitoba Libraries Association Conference, May 14 – 16, was a big success, with a wide range of presentations being offered. MLTA sponsored speaker Sheryl Feller and her session "Factors in Board Effectiveness". Her presentation along with others is available on the conference website.

<http://www.manitobalibrariesconference.ca/conference-presentations>

e.g. Adult Literacy in your Library, The Human Library, Readers' Choice Awards, Web Wonders for Today's Library, OverDrive, Open Source, Successful Story Time Programming, Books behind Bars, and Dr. Stan Gardner's photos of libraries in northern Manitoba.

What is WCAG?

WCAG = Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

Did you know that federal and provincial governments have legislated standards for these? WCAG 1.0 is the expectation in Canada and Manitoba for government websites, however in Ontario and Australia, for government and businesses, it's WCAG 2.0 A/AA. Accessibility considerations include design/programming features on websites that allow for ease of use for a variety of assistive technologies (e.g. for visual, dexterity, hearing, language, speech, cognitive difficulties). This is definitely food for thought as libraries (re)design their websites in consideration of the needs of a variety of users. For a quick guide to WCAG 2.0 go to

<http://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG20/quickref/Overview.php>

Manitoba Policy on Access to Government
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/dio/access/>

MLTA Website Update

Programming the site continues and we are looking forward to an early fall launch that will be announced in our next newsletter, which may be the last paper copy that you will receive as we are moving towards on-line news. Thank you to the library boards that replied to our website survey and submitted photos. Your feedback was most useful. Info requests or comments can be sent to Donna Kormilo, Vice Chair.

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Manitoba Library Associations Working Group Report

Established in 2010, the purpose of this group is to examine the current library associations structure in Manitoba, and to determine support among the library community for the creation of an umbrella library organization or some other library association model. Currently there are many

separate library associations – e.g. MLTA, MAHIP, MALT, MSLA, MLA. On May 16, at the MLA Conference, they reported on their environmental scan and member survey results. The survey results are to be forwarded to the Presidents of the various associations with the request that these Presidents call a meeting within 3 months to discuss what has been said by the library community in the survey, and to reach consensus on a course of action (i.e. does it make sense to continue the way we are). Their presentation which includes the report can be viewed at mblibraries.blogspot.ca

Successful Story Time Programming

If you want to see a dynamic quality literacy program instructor in action, then head to South Interlake Regional Library in Stonewall and watch Program Coordinator Joan Ransom in action. She offers 3 – 30 minute sessions per week, with average weekly attendance of 80 pre-schoolers. She has changed the focus from interest themes to “letter of the week”, though high interest seasonal themes are still included. Community guests provide hands-on experiences as they bring in their equipment and vehicles - e.g. dentist, fire fighter, police officer, bus driver, dump truck, and even a zamboni driver. Animal visitors are a big hit as well (e.g. rabbits, sheep, horses, pigs).

Joan has also developed programming for special needs adults and high school students in the life skills program, something that is typically not available in public libraries. For more detailed info about a typical session, songs, resources, etc. check out her presentation on the Manitoba Libraries Conference website.

<http://www.manitobalibrariesconference.ca/conference-presentations>

CLA Conference, Ottawa

May 30 – June 2, 2012

As a first timer, MLTA Vice Chair Donna Kormilo attended this most valuable conference that showcased exemplary library practices from across Canada. Though the Manitoba contingent was small in numbers, we were mighty as we met with MP Merv Tweed (Brandon-Souris) and MP James Bezan (Selkirk-Interlake) as part of the “Advocacy on the Hill” event on May 30. On behalf of CLA we spoke to them regarding the library book rate, copyright legislation, cutting the CAP program, and

cuts to the federal library and archives. Mr. Tweed’s efforts at introducing and promoting his private members Bill C-321 Library Materials were applauded. Donna was fortunate to be in the visitor’s gallery when this Bill was further discussed on June 5th in the House of Commons. (More info about the CLA conference will be in our next newsletter)



L-R: Karen Adams (CLA President, University of Manitoba Libraries), Loraine Trudeau (Head Librarian, Jake Epp Library in Steinbach), Merv Tweed (MP Brandon-Souris), Donna Kormilo (MLTA Vice Chair, Brandon citizen rep on the Western Manitoba Regional Library Board), John Tooth (Manitoba Education Libraries, CLA Copyright Committee).

Trustee of Distinction - 2012 Nomination Form

MLTA invites nominations for the Trustee of Distinction Award for 2012. Boards are encouraged to consider who deserves the special recognition

Please complete the form (on Page 8) and return it to The Secretary-Treasurer of MLTA before September 20, 2012.

Library News from Around the Province

1. Western Manitoba Regional Library Board

The Western Manitoba Regional Library Board extends sincerest thanks to Chief Librarian Kathy Thornborough for her many years of dedicated service to our region. She is retiring effective mid-August and a replacement is currently being sought.

This year’s summer reading program for children and teens is “Dig for Treasure . . . Read for Pleasure”. Many exciting activities and events are being coordinated by Assistant Librarian Shelley Mortensen.

2. Jake Epp Library, Steinbach Manitoba

The Jake Epp Library has been closed for 6 months, during the period January to June 18

Before closure, patrons were told they could sign out as many books as they wanted for the closure period (6 months) One family has the record - 400 items. 30,000 items of the library holding were in safe keeping in patrons homes. This meant that there were many fewer books to box and store.

Patrons started returning items in mid-June, just prior to re-opening on Monday June 18th. The grand re- opening is Wed. June 20th.



This is the book chute prior to the re-opening

(Item from Head Librarian Loraine Trudeau)

3. Book Sale at South Central Regional Library

Annually, since 1993, the South Central Regional Library has held a book sale the second weekend in May. The book sale began on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm and is open until 9 pm. Friday we are open from noon until 9 pm. Saturday is our \$10 bag sale and we are open from 10 am to 2 pm.

This year's sales were as follows:

Thursday	\$8862.25
Friday	\$4462.50
Saturday	\$2868.00
Total -	\$16192.75

This year was the 20th anniversary of the book sale. In the 20 years the book sale has occurred a total of \$177,582.00 has been raised for the libraries.

There are a few library discards at the sale but most of the books are donated throughout the year by generous people of the communities.

Submitted Mary Toma of the SCRL

4, Winnipeg Public Library Update

See the attached update as page 5.

Submitted by Rick Walker - WPLB

Winnipeg Public Library Update

Facilities Updates

a) Work continues with architects on the redesign of the Fort Garry Library. Construction is slated to begin in the summer of 2012. The library will be made more accessible with upgraded and expanded washrooms, expanded meeting room space, and a new entrance. In addition, windows will be replaced, new flooring will be installed throughout, shelving and furniture will be replaced, and the library will be painted.

b) The first phase of construction on Millennium Library Park is nearing completion. The \$3.8 million project is expected to have its official launch sometime in July 2012. Two pieces of public art have recently been installed and landscaping is nearing completion. The library has begun to work on plans to create a separate entrance into park. This will allow library users to have better access to the park space and the Learning Commons area. The Winnipeg Library Foundation has played an active role helping to fundraise for the park project.

c) MCM Architects Inc. has recently started work with the library on the development of a facilities plan for Cornish and St. John's Library. This is the first phase in a planned renovation of Winnipeg Public Library's two Carnegie libraries. The final plan will address accessibility issues with these two buildings and a plan to update the libraries. The Winnipeg Library Foundation will then use this plan to help fundraise for the costs of the renovations. Both branches will celebrate their 100th birthday in 2015.

Digital Signage

Over the next few months, the library will be installing digital signs in three of its branches. These signs will provide information on programs, service changes, and branch specific information. Using a new software product, Screenscape, the library will be able to offer multi-media access to information on library programming, local events, the weather and other information. It will help to enhance the library's ability to market and promote its collections, services and programs.

Printers/Copiers

As part of a city wide initiative, all photocopiers/printers have been replaced and the overall number of printers reduced in public and staff areas through a more efficient use of the technology. All public printing from computers and photocopying is now channelled through strategically located, multi-function units in each branch.

Library Amnesty

In March 2012 the library offered a two week amnesty to encourage library customers to return their outstanding material without facing fines. This amnesty coincided with changes to the library's collection agency contract. A new Small Balance program was approved that reaches out to library patrons who have between \$25.00 and \$40.00 in outstanding fines and fees.

Information and Reference Services Study

The Winnipeg Public Library Board in conjunction with the library has recently hired a consulting firm, Libraries in Transition, to prepare a report examining the current and future direction of the library's Information and Reference Services. A report with recommendations for changes is expected in July 2012.

Mobile App for Library Access

The Library has just awarded a bid for a mobile app to a company called Boopsie! This product is compatibility with all the platforms the library asked for (including iPhone, android, Blackberry). The library is now moving through the process of implementing this app.

Consumer Health Database

The Library is working with the University of Manitoba, Health Libraries on a Consumer Health website where the general public, medical professional and others can get access to reputable information on latest consumer health topics. A date for a formal public launch is to be determined.

Community News Commons

The Library is working in partnership with the Winnipeg Foundation on the development of a Community News Commons- a web based newspaper for citizen journalists. This is a partnership between Red River College, the Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Public Library and the Winnipeg Foundation. The library is playing a role in providing training space, staff expertise in information access through online resources, and public computer access for citizen journalists to file stories.

Career Opportunity

Chief Librarian - Western Manitoba Regional Library

As the executive officer of the Western Manitoba Regional Library (WMRL), the Chief Librarian will be responsible for the administration of the WMRL under the direction and review of the WMRL Board. The WMRL is a medium-sized library system based in Brandon, Manitoba, with libraries in 5 communities serving a population of 51,300.

Qualifications:

- Masters of Library Science (MLS) or Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree
- A minimum of 5 years of recent management experience related to library services, demonstrating effective leadership, management and decision-making skills
- Demonstrated success in leading and achieving innovative change
- Knowledge of current trends in library service, administration and management
- Expertise and proficiency with LIS and other IT applications
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

For more information contact

wmrlib@gmail.com

Interested applicants are invited to submit their resume, including contact information for 3 references by July 9th, 2012 to:

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May 31, 2012

The Honourable James Moore, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages
15 Eddy Street
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Dear Minister Moore

The South Central Regional Library wishes to express its dismay at the budget cuts to Library and Archives Canada. With no acquisitions budget, and no inter-library loan activities the access to information for our citizens, as for all Canadians, will be severely hampered.

Canadians expect, and deserve to have, access to the vast wealth of materials managed by Library and Archives Canada, which includes books, journals, photographs, newspapers, personal and corporate archives, government records, paintings, film and sound recordings. Why is this access being denied?

Library and Archives Canada provides Canadians with access to unique documents chronicling our collective heritage. They support our students and researchers, historians and genealogists, writers and filmmakers. Why is this being curtailed?

Libraries and archives, and particularly our National Library and Archives, must be adequately supported to collect, preserve and make available our unique history.

The South Central Regional Library calls on the Government of Canada to reconsider these devastating budget cuts and reinstate the funding to our National Library so that it may continue to preserve our heritage and provide access for all the citizens of Canada.

Yours truly,

Maurice Butler
Chair, South Central Regional Library

Cc. The Hon. Jim Flaherty, P.C., M.P. Minister of Finance, Candace Heppner, M.P. Portage-Lisgar, Trevor Surgeant, Director of Public Library Services Branch Manitoba, Marvin Plett, Chair, Manitoba Library Trustees Association, *CLA*

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ASSOCIATION DES COMMISSAIRES DE BIBLIOTHÈQUES DU MANITOBA
Trustee of Distinction Award 2012
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 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.
The deadline for nominations is September 30 of each year.
4. The award will be presented at the time of the Annual General Meeting of the MLTA
5. The award shall consist of a plaque with a suitable endorsement.
6. If in any year, no appropriate recipient is identified by the CLTA Merit Award Committee, no award will be made.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

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

> Current MLTA Member? Yes No

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> Nominated by:

> 1. Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: > _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

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Signature: _____

> 2. Name: _____

> Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: > _____

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Telephone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

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> Signature: _____

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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 2012.

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