



MLTA Newsletter

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We welcome volunteers for any Board positions. Contact Chair Andrew Robert if you are interested or have questions.

Our aim is to have representation from across the province.

You are invited to attend the

Manitoba Library Trustees Association Annual General Meeting

**Monday November 27th, 2017
5:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Canad Inn, 1125 18th Street, Brandon
Aaltos Restaurant Meeting Room**

**Held during the
Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention**



For easy access from AMM meetings use the walkway from the Keystone Center directly onto the main floor of the Canad Inn. Aaltos is at the 18th Street hotel entrance.

Municipal councilors and Citizen reps who are members of a public library board in Manitoba should attend this AGM. We will have the final vote to have MLTA become a Division of the Manitoba Library Association, effective January 1, 2018. It is critical that we have enough trustees present to conduct this important meeting.

We encourage each Library Board to select a member of their Board to join us on the MLTA Board of Directors. This was the practice years ago, resulting in many more Directors on the MLTA Board to contribute ideas and share the work.

Do you have a trustee/board member who contributes a lot to your library board?

Consider nominating him/her for an MLTA Trustee of Distinction Award to be presented at our AGM on November 27th in Brandon.

Deadline for applications is November 10th. See pages 2 and 10 for more information.

To promote and foster the effectiveness of public library boards

Manitoba Library Trustees Association
Trustee of Distinction Award

These are awarded at the MLTA Annual General Meeting in November. **Deadline for nominations is November 10th.**
Nomination form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter and on the MLTA website in the "About MLTA" section
<http://mlta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Trustee-of-Distinction-generic-application.pdf>

Send completed applications to

Andrew Robert, Chair, Manitoba Library Trustees Association, Box 590, Erickson, MB R0J 0P0
or via email manitobalibrarytrusteesassn@gmail.com

What has your MLTA Board been up to these last few months?

- Donna K. and Andrew R. continue to participate in meetings of the **Manitoba Libraries Working Group**, tasked with proposing and outlining a **restructuring of the Manitoba Library Association (MLA)** to become a federation of library associations in Manitoba, to be the organization that the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA-FCAB) will recognize for participation at their Board level. The goal is to have the by-laws and transition/operation plan approved at the MLA AGM in December 2017. MLTA and MALT, the participating associations, will also need to have final approval to join/dissolve by then. At the MLTA 2016 AGM, we received agreement, in principle, to dissolve MLTA as a stand-alone organization in order to become a Division of a reformed MLA, provided that the transition and operating terms are amenable.
- At our monthly meetings, the MLTA Board of Directors continues to discuss the proposed bylaws and transition plan for the restructured MLA, and in particular, development of the bylaw governing MLTA Division, and future fiscal planning. **At our AGM on November 27 we will be putting forth a motion that MLTA dissolve and join MLA as MLTA, a Division of the Manitoba Library Association.**
- MLTA was represented at regional public library networking meetings hosted by Public Library Services Branch in Headingley, Dugald and The Pas. A brief presentation was given of what MLTA does for libraries/boards and the resources we offer on our website.
- **Advocacy**
 - Wrote a letter to Hon. Cathy Cox congratulating her on her appointment as Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage.
 - Responded to the Provincial Cultural Review and Provincial Library Review surveys and encouraged public libraries/boards to participate
 - Participated in the Cultural Review Forum in Steinbach on June 27th and spoke about library funding, speed of internet, and professional support for library staff.

2017 MLTA Board of Directors

Past Chair – Donna Kormilo , Brandon	kormilod@mymts.net	Independent MLTA member
Chair – Andrew Robert , Stonewall	acmarob@mymts.net	South Interlake Regional Library Board
Secretary - Patricia Brown	pattibrown_3@hotmail.com	Portage la Prairie Regional Library Board
Treasurer – Dave Walker	carol.dave.walker@gmail.com	Erickson Library
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Marilyn Bayrack – Headingley	mbayrak@mymts.net	Chair, Headingley Municipal Library Board
Bud Sigurdson – Gladstone	jakri@mymts.net	Gladstone Library & Parkland Regional Library Boards Councillor, Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone
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Autumn Reflections

By MLTA Chair, Andrew Robert

I just returned from a weekend at Lake of the Woods. My wife and I like to go in September when it's not so busy, and we stay in the beautiful area of Keewatin. It usually rains...

When we were leaving, someone asked whether we knew that Kenora's name came from the three adjoining towns of **Keewatin**, **Norman** and **Rat Portage** (back in 1905). This reminded me of when I lived in university residence and the people we knew from Kenora were fiercely proud of the area they came from. Similarly, the various cities, towns and rural municipalities of what now constitute the City of Winnipeg merged in 1972 to become the Winnipeg we now know. More recently, municipalities of less than 1000 residents were required by provincial legislation to join with other municipalities to form larger entities.

Mergers and amalgamations such as these are not always welcome by their constituents, who have and retain a sense of pride and connection to their respective area. These changes, however, are generally made for the overall good of the communities and to bring an economy of scale to the area.

After much thought and deliberation, the Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA) and the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT) are each proposing for their Association to become a Division within the Manitoba Library Association (MLA) to create a new Manitoba Library Association that would begin operation on January 1, 2018. Over the past year and a half, representatives of the organizations have met, had consultations (including a 'town hall' meeting on September 20, 2016) and developed a strategy to work together in a new organization that will speak for all libraries and library personnel in Manitoba in one voice.

The executive of the MLTA strongly believe this will be an effective way to mobilize our volunteers and save costs and work. We will still be able to advocate on behalf of the Boards and trustees who speak on behalf of public libraries in Manitoba, from all areas of the province, including rural, urban, northern, small and large, regional or municipal.

At our upcoming AGM, Monday, November 27 at 5:30 pm at the Aalto's Restaurant in Brandon's Canad Inn (in conjunction with the AMM convention in Brandon), we will be presenting a motion to dissolve the MLTA and join the new MLA effective January 1, 2018. For the first five months an inaugural board will manage the MLA until a new Board is elected at the first AGM at the end of May (held in conjunction with the 2018 Manitoba Libraries Conference).

On both the inaugural MLA board and on all boards in the future, MLTA will retain a Director position. The new MLA will have a mandate to speak on behalf of all libraries in Manitoba, including public libraries, boards and trustees. We will endeavor to continue to advocate on issues important to our members, provide and promote trustee education and training, and continue our communication through newsletters, website and other means.

. . . Autumn Reflections contd. . . .

While it's important that MLTA will retain a spot on the board, that is not the only way that Trustees and public libraries will have a voice. However **in order to have more than simply a seat at the table, public library boards need to join the new MLA as member boards, and have their trustees participate and speak up on public library issues.** An active MLTA Division will allow public libraries and trustees to take a leadership role within the MLA, and our membership (i.e. dues and voting) will have an influence. We continue to seek representation from library boards from across the Province. Library staff should be encouraged to take out personal memberships in MLA so that additional library voices from around the province can be heard.

Our AGM will be an important opportunity for library boards to continue the strong representation that MLTA has brought over the past 40 years in the new MLA. In addition to holding the AGM along with the AMM convention, we will endeavor to make telephone attendance available in order that distance does not prevent our members from participating in this important meeting.

Please take the opportunity to attend our AGM in Brandon this November and participate in the MLTA and MLTA Division (under the new Manitoba Library Association) in the future. As before, in order for us to effectively speak on behalf of library trustees (and therefore public libraries), we require your participation.

Andrew Robert, MLTA Chair

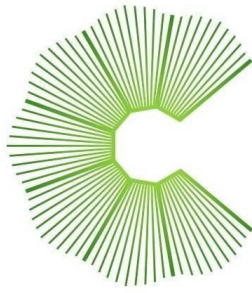
Canada 150 Summer Reading Fun in South Central

1462 children and 288 teens and adults took part. The wind-up was a special event at each branch with the Flatland Theatre Company creating and presenting a play just for SCRL called "Unpacking Canada: A Journey Across Time and History."



Above: Morden Branch Library takes it outdoors to Confederation Park for the Flatland Theatre Company's play.

Left: The Confederation Tunnel of Winkler Branch



South Central Regional Library

With branches in
Altona – Manitou -Miami – Morden – Winkler

Press Release

On September 21, 2017, members of the South Central Regional Library and representatives from the Municipality of Pembina **signed an agreement for Manitou Regional Library to become the 5th Branch of the South Central Regional Library system.** The process was very cooperative and was fully supported by the SCRL Board and the Municipality of Pembina Council.

As of January 2018 the Manitou Branch will have extended opening hours, and will offer more resources such as large print books, DVDs, audio books and Playaways that SCRL shares among branches on a rotating basis. Manitou library will also offer the same online resources to their patrons, such as EBSCOhost Research databases and NNELS – an audio book service for people with print disabilities. All patrons of the 5 Branches will be able to access Kanopy, a free, online film service offering more than 26,000 films, Mango, which offers online foreign language learning courses, and Tumble Books, an online collection of animated, talking picture books that help teach kids the joy of reading. The staff of SCRL are excited to have Manitou Branch join us as we can share ideas for programming and develop innovative ways to improve the patron experience in all of the Branches.

As Board Chair and Director of South Central Regional Library, we would like to thank the steering committee for their efforts to facilitate this merger and bring us to this new partnership. We feel that the Manitou Branch has a lot to offer. We look forward to this exciting time of transition and change.

Marvin Plett, Board Chair & Cathy Ching, Director of Library Services



Signatories to the agreement (L-R):
Harry Dahl (SCRL Finance Chair) ; Marvin Plett (SCRL Board Chair) ; Wes Unrau (CAO Municipality of Pembina) ; Glenn Shiskoski (Reeve, Municipality of Pembina)



Representatives from the SCRL Board, the Municipality of Pembina, Manitou Regional Library (now know as the Manitou Branch) and Cathy Ching, Director of Library Services (center).

MLTA'S Thoughts – Culturally Speaking



MLTA submitted a response to the Provincial survey on cultural policies. Below is an excerpt.

MLTA reviewed the 2017 Provincial Discussion Paper regarding **‘trends, issues and the current state of government support for culture and creative industries in Manitoba’**. Culture is an important component of our daily lives, and just as certain as it takes varied forms and can have different meaning to different people and groups of people, it can also bring together citizens of differing backgrounds, ages, interests and ethnicities. While culture can serve to achieve other public benefits, the intrinsic value of cultural participation is invaluable to the greater community; the identification of the “spillover effect” is appropriate. Of course it would be naïve to not consider that current and future governments must give heed to fiscal restraints and concerns, however good government necessitates appropriate support for the necessary infrastructure underlying this important part of our society.

We are pleased to see Public Libraries identified as an important sector of the Cultural and Creative Industries. If there was a particular theme that resonated within this part of the Discussion Paper, and in our considerations, it was **how public libraries are viewed as a natural hub within their communities for many other cultural endeavours**, and as an existing (or conceivable) **linchpin for future collaboration and development**. Certainly public libraries in Manitoba remain at the forefront of interaction with the residents of the communities they serve, and still remain an underutilized resource that should be available to all Manitobans.

In June, **MLTA submitted a written response** to the Province’s request for input about Manitoba’s culture policy, particularly as it relates to public libraries. Our **key points** included **funding, collaboration, internet access, resources for rural public libraries, effective promotion, Municipal and Indigenous engagement, and public libraries as cultural hubs**.

Our complete response can be found on our website <http://www.mlta.ca/news-2>

Art at the Library

Art at the Library is a new initiative that consists of curating, installing and promoting four exhibitions of local art per year at the Erickson Public Library (Parkland Regional). The goal of Art at the Library is to increase public awareness and interest in local art and artists, and to enrich visitor’s experience in the Erickson Public Library. Art at the Library will put on four exhibits of art per year beginning October 12, 2017.

The project aims to improve the professional status of emerging and established artists by providing an opportunity to participate in a juried public show, and to help them overcome the isolation often experienced by rural artists by providing an opportunity to meet one another and engage with the public through an opening reception event. For local artists it is an opportunity to gain exposure, exhibition experience and feedback on their work, and meet and network with other local artists. Works will be juried and work deemed inappropriate will not be accepted (including but not limited to quality, content, space restrictions, safety, ease of hanging).

The exhibits will also benefit the Erickson Public Library and the surrounding community by providing an additional experience to library patrons, improving the look of the library and enriching the visitor’s experience, and hopefully increasing the overall number of visitors and library users. Members of the surrounding community will also have an opportunity to see great art year-round in an accessible location.

Submitted by Maggie Ross, Artist



Art at the Library gratefully acknowledges the Manitoba Arts Council for its support through the Community Connections Grant.

AS ONE SEASON ENDS . . .

The Headingley Municipal Library had its busiest summer season on record with 2039 patron visits in the month of July and 2294 in August, which was an increase of 728 visits compared to August 2016.

Much of the excitement was due to the energetic TD Summer Reading Program which included participants from ages 2-12 for a total of 27 programs with attendance of 131. The summer program was topped off with a magic show by Ryan Price.

Our library has gone onboard with Zinio, an opportunity for patrons to view a world of magazines from the comfort of their tablet or computer at their choice of place and time. It is in its early stages but already has committed readers.

We are joining the Spruce Cooperative and will be migrating our circulation system to Evergreen Sitka in early November. Training has commenced for the head librarian and both assistants.

We have been fortunate to have a board member volunteer to read to the two pre-school programs in the past, and this year a new board member has agreed to take on the once-a-month visits.

AND A NEW SEASON BEGINS . . .

Our next-door neighbour, Phoenix Elementary School, is enduring ongoing construction which was not completed before the September school start date. Being the neighbourly sort, we have agreed to have their library programming moved to our building for the next few months. Therefore, we now have up to 3 classes per day, based on a school-day calendar, visiting our library and borrowing our books.

Marilyn Bayrak, Board Chair
Headingley Municipal Library



SIRL 50th Anniversary Saturday November 4th

South Interlake Regional Library is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with an Open House at the Stonewall Branch from 1 – 4 pm followed by a Wine and Cheese Reception at 7 pm. Tickets for the evening reception are \$15.00 each.

CANADIAN LIBRARY MONTH

OCTOBER 2017

A Visit Will Get You Thinking.





Winnipeg Public Library

Construction Update

The new **Windsor Park Library** is anticipated to open this fall. It is being built at 1195 Archibald St, north of the Bonivital Pool. This new 8000 sq. ft. building will have many new amenities for Windsor Park customers including study and leisure spaces, greenspaces, and a bright, open and airy design.

The new **Transcona Library** has an estimated completion date of summer 2018. This new library features expanded meeting spaces, a Family Literacy Playground, a "living wall" and is designed to meet Universal Accessibility and the City's Green Building Standards. It will be located at the intersection of Plessis Road and Transcona Blvd. The ground breaking was on June 26, 2017.

The vintage **St. John's and Cornish Libraries** are undergoing needed repairs and will receive complete redesigns of their layouts with new entrances and additions to make these libraries fully accessible.

St. Vital Library will reopen in early 2018 following extensive renovations.

Info about WPL building and renovation projects can be found at

<http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/whats happening /renorenewal/pewns p.asp>

Reno plans for 102 year-old St. John's Library





Mark your calendars

**Wednesday May 30 – Friday June 1, 2018
Winnipeg – Delta Hotel**

Engage and Inspire Communities

What sessions would you like to see offered?

- For Boards and trustees
- For library managers and staff

The program committee will soon be starting its work. Let Donna Kormilo, MLTA Past Chair, know what you would like to see as part of the program. In 2016 MLTA organized the Success Stories and Transformers sessions that were well received. In 2014 we hosted Staff supervision, evaluation and how to achieve higher results from staff. Contact her at:

kormilod@mymts.net

Did you know that . . . ?

- **The new Minister for Sport, Culture and Heritage is Hon. Cathy Cox.** Public libraries are within the Culture portfolio. She can be reached via minsche@leg.gov.mb.ca or at her office
Room 118 Legislative Building
450 Broadway Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8
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What has the **Canadian Federation of Library Associations** (CFLA-FCAB) been doing lately? Check out their news updates

<http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/news/>

Manitoba Library Association

Latest news bulletin

<http://mailchi.mp/f6085f302a1d/mla-news-october-5-2017-accessibility-training-available-with-mla-this-november?e=e3e6bfbfcb>

Includes Accessibility in Libraries Session, Nov. 20 at Gaynor Family Library in Selkirk

Manitoba Libraries Conference Call for Proposals – deadline November 10

<http://www.mla.mb.ca/content/call-session-proposals-manitoba-libraries-conference-2018>

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Library Activity in the Province

What is your library/board proud of? What projects are underway/just completed? Send your info and photos to

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**MANITOBA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION DES COMMISSAIRES DE BIBLIOTHÈQUES DU MANITOBA
Trustee of Distinction Award
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 serviced 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 November 10th.

4. The award will be presented at 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 MLTA Award Committee, no award will be made.
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NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Work/Cell): _____

Current MLTA Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

NOMINATED BY:

1. Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Work/Cell): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOMINATED BY:

2. Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Work/Cell): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include the following documentation in support of your nomination:

- a. Statement about the outstanding leadership of the nominee (any two levels).
- b. Résumé 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;
- c. Summary of other relevant community leadership activities.

Nominations and supporting documentation must be received by October 15. Send to MLTA Chairperson.