

Biographies of Past Trustee Winners

Andrew Robert volunteered on the South Interlake Regional Library Board from 2008-2017. An engaged and passionate trustee, Andrew contributed significantly to skillfully help the SIRLB through challenging issues. He has also volunteered with the MB Library Trustees Association and the MB Library Association Board.

Donna Kormilo served 8 years as a library trustee for Western Manitoba Regional Library. She was involved with strategic planning, policy review, and personnel, and also served 2 years as Board Chair. Donna provided forward-thinking and growth-minded leadership to improve and grow the service provided by WMRL. She has been involved with MLTA since 2011, including 3 years as Chair. She was instrumental in developing MLTA's web presence and representing MLTA on the Manitoba Libraries Working Group that worked to create one strong library association in Manitoba. Donna is currently the Past Chair of MLTA.

Conrad Artibise had extensive involvement in the Dauphin Public Library, the Parkland Regional Library Board, and as a Board member of the Manitoba Library Trustees Association. During his library trustee career, Conrad was most proud of being the Co-Chair of the Building Expansion Committee (1985-1988) at the Dauphin Public Library. This \$700,000 project was a significant addition to the community and the foresight and dedication of the committee resulted in a first-class facility.

Grace Schellenberg, former Councillor in the City of Winkler (3 terms), and former trustee of the South Central Regional Library Board (15 years), was instrumental in campaigning and advocating for the building of the new public library in Winkler and its neighboring Bethel Heritage Park. She was honoured as Winkler's Citizen of the Year in 1987, and in 2012 was awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for community involvement.

Sandy Hyman was the former City of Winnipeg Councillor and Chairperson of the Winnipeg Public Library Board and Director of the Winnipeg Library Foundation.

Ted Klassen, Councillor - Town of Altona, South-Central Regional Library Board – member since 1995, Chair 2001 – 2006, overseeing the enhancement of the Altona Public Library premises, successful efforts at promoting the expansion of the SCRL region, advocate and supporter of the library as not only a facility but also as "its place in the community".

Bill Stilwell, Councillor - Town of Neepawa, long-serving Vice-Chair Western Manitoba Regional Library Board, Chair of the Neepawa-Langford Public Library Board, Past MLTA President, Vice-Chair of Canadian Library Trustees Association, Chair of the Manitoba Public Library Advisory Board. Lobbied for increased funding for technology in the public library sector. Also lobbied to establish the first public Internet in Manitoba's public libraries.

Doug Deans, Dauphin. Dauphin Public Library (26 years including 9 as Chair), Parkland Regional Library Board (8 years as Chair). As Parkland Chair, he oversaw the growth of the Parkland Region to 35 member

municipalities, construction of 6 branch libraries, the purchase of the bookmobile, and the first Writer-in-Residence program in rural Manitoba. Participated in the installation of the first online public access catalogue in public libraries in Manitoba (1988), co-chaired building committee for the construction of the regional headquarters/branch library building in Dauphin.

Mike Cook, Winnipeg Public Library Board (7 years, including Chair); effective leadership in increasing library book budget, facilities study – new Millenium Library, and positive relations with the City of Winnipeg; Winnipeg Library Foundation Board.

Murray A. Smith, Flin Flon Public Library Board member – many years of service (35+) as Chair, Board member, and active volunteer (e.g. rebuilding of the downstairs area, reading to children, helping out wherever he can).

William (Bill) Shackel, Mayor - Village of Glenboro, long-serving Chair of Western Manitoba Regional Library, MLTA Executive member, very supportive of library cooperation and development, both locally and provincially.