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President's Message

This edition of the newsletter highlights what is happening around the world with libraries. The importance of libraries for people, countries, and freedom of thought and basic liberty is reflected in the symbolic libraries around our globe. It is an exciting time to be a part of this resurgence and part of the cornucopia of information and knowledge available to everyone.

The Brief to the Minister has been completed and will be sent as soon as final editing and vetting is completed. This year the Trustees were fortunate to be graced with a meeting with Minister Morgan in June. This meeting provided us, as your representatives, to speak frankly about libraries in Saskatchewan. The Brief reflects the discussions and our concerns about the present and future of libraries in Saskatchewan. We hope we represent you well when we express to the government of Saskatchewan the following:

1. Libraries are an essential component for our people to attain adequate levels of literacy and ability to use technology.
2. The rest of the world has realized we have passed the "Age of Information" and we are now in the "Age of Innovation".

3. Cities, states, countries have realized that if they do not invest in this new era they will rapidly be left behind.

4. Sadly it is time to admit, our library system is not able to provide 21st century services to our people.

5. If we wish to catch up a very large investment will have to be made in our aging and antiquated provincial system.

One point is very positive, we have a Minister who listens, is supportive, and realizes the potential available through a modern, productive library system.

We move into this year with optimism that a start can be made to revitalize our libraries and make them again the envy of all.

We appreciate your support. Like us, you have to tell everyone you know.....We deserve 21st century libraries in Saskatchewan. We know we can count on you.



President Gerald Kleisinger, RPL

Libraries Do Matter—Advocate for Your Library Today

(For more see page 5.)

"The National Literacy Trust says that children who go to a library are twice as likely as those who don't to read well. It is not just picking up a book. It is the social experience of reading, talking about the books, browsing, comparing what you have read with family and friends. Librarians are gate keepers in that process. They open doors to new worlds, new possibilities. They ask library visitors to evaluate the information on offer. Most importantly, they give access to narratives. Children and adults do not just need information to thrive as thinking beings, but stories. Libraries are the temple of story. They are not in decline because of some natural, historic progression, but because of the monstrous cultural vandalism of savage cost-cutting. We will pay a terrible price for the behaviour of our masters." (Alan Gibbons)



"Libraries are not just for reading in, but for sociable thinking, exploring, exchanging ideas and falling in love. They were never silent. Technology will not change that, for even in the starchiest heyday of Victorian self-improvement, libraries were intended to be meeting places of the mind, recreational as well as educational." (Ben Macintyre, "Paradise Is Paper, Vellum, and Dust.")

Some of the World's Finest Libraries



Library of Congress Washington D.C.

The Library of Congress was established in 1800, making it the oldest cultural institution in the United States. It is arguably the largest library in the world, housing 158 million items. Collections were lost and rebuilt on numerous occasions after being lost in fires. While you are allowed to go in the library as a member of the public and browse the collections, only high-ranking officials can check out books.



New York Public Library New York City

Second only to the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library is one of the largest in the United States. The library was established in 1895 and has 88 neighbourhood branches all across New York City. Its historical collection boasts a 1493 letter written by Christopher Columbus while at sea during his first voyage.



Bibliothèque nationale de France (BNF) Paris, France

The National Library of France houses 14 million books, printed materials, and three million digital documents, with the mission of collecting and preserving France's heritage. Although the origins of the BNF date back to the 1300s, the newest library building was commissioned in 1988. The new building was criticized for its architecture and cost, but it boasts more than one million visitors each year.

Chinook

Chinook held a strategic planning session on May 10th, facilitated by Julie Arie and Kimberly Hintz from Provincial Library. This is the first session of this kind and Chinook is grateful for the help from Provincial and pleased with the results of the session, which will help in on-going planning for the future of the region. Work is ongoing with the library board now looking into ways to involve branch staff in the process. One outcome of the session was a new mission statement for the region: "The Chinook Regional Library is dedicated to providing inclusive and welcoming services that strengthen and sustain lifelong learning in our communities". Goals for the coming year are being developed and will be shared with staff for input and discussion.

Georgina Souter resigned from the position of Rural Branch Manager at the end of May. A new manager, Jean McKendry, has been hired and will start at the beginning of September.



Staff throughout the region has been very busy working on the Summer Reading Program, with special puppet shows provided in several rural branches, as well as ongoing events at the Swift Current branch. Participation in the program increased from 190 in 2013 to over 300 this year.

Summer student Jazmine Hintze has been a great addition and having her based at Swift Current allowed our regional children's programmer, Tekeyla Friday, to spend more time in the rural areas.

Swift Current branch is preparing for removal of old tiles from areas of the library. The branch will be open during the retiling but will have limited services during that time (August 28 - September 13). The tiles are being replaced because they contain a small amount of asbestos. Additional areas of the library will be retiled next year.

Lakeland

Activities and visits by the Lakeland Summer Players have seen some very good numbers in the places they have visited to date. Comments are great, with everyone saying they had fun!

Lakeland have also been advertising in local papers featuring Storybird, TD Reading Program and Tumblebooks. The paper has also been very good at featuring articles on the library prepared by several staff.

Lakeland is also actively involved with the four Summer Literacy Camps in the Battlefords and a special reading program at the branch in Loon Lake. Both these are partnerships with schools and have brought a number of new patrons to the branches.



Celebrations of 100th Anniversaries took place in the communities of Marshall and Turtleford and the libraries were actively involved. Maidstone, Hafford, and Lashburn invited Lakeland to participate in trade shows and summer fairs. The focus — new patrons.

Plans are underway for the fall branch workshop in North Battleford on October 20th. While plans are preliminary there are some exciting ideas for the day which will start at 11:00 a.m. and finish at 4:00 p.m.

This fall Lakeland is implementing Express Blocks for a few branches to see if it will help spur library browsing and give local walk-in patrons access to high demand material.

Parkland

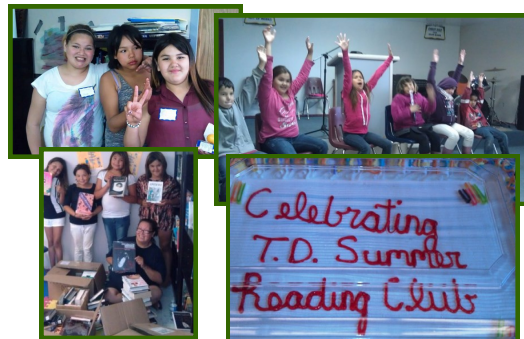
TD Summer reading programs were very busy including one Parkland ran with their new Literacy Coordinator at Cote First Nations (see pictures).

Parkland is adding content to the new website which was developed through the SILS consortia.

Parkland conducted regional training workshops for all of branch libraries throughout the summer. It was an excellent way for staff to intermingle and communicate.



Yorkton Public Library in conjunction with community pARTners gallery has an amazing collection of quilts in the gallery.



PNLS

This year, thanks to a grant from Provincial Library, PNLS provided access to the Storybird website. This site helps children (and adults) to write stories using art work from professional artists.

PNLS used the \$2,500 grant from Provincial Library for promotion of the NNELS service in three ways. They purchased some of the special equipment that people could use, including 2 Victor Reader Stream and 1 Victor Reader Stratus. PNLS is promoting this through MBC Radio. They are printing the NNELS brochure in Braille, in cooperation with the Northern

Lights School Division #113.

James Hope Howard, PNLS Library Consultant, did a presentation on services available through the public libraries for the Literacy Camp coordinators.

PNLS received a donation of materials from Judith Silverthorne and Coteau Books. These books were sent out to the member public libraries to add to their collection and to give away to children who attend their Summer Reading Clubs. There were also books sent to schools and Literacy Camps. PNLS was able to fund

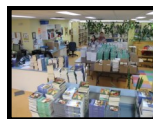


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LIBRARY SYSTEM

Serving the Information Needs of Northern Saskatchewan

attendance of public library staff to the Literacy Camp training in Prince Albert.

Summer reading program tour was July 20th to July 26th. There were about 223 participants in all the libraries. Danica Lorer is a great performer. She had the children participating in very lively songs.



More of the World's Finest Libraries



Trinity College Library Dublin, Ireland

Ireland's largest library was established in 1592. The Old Library, which houses the famous Book of Kells plus 200,000 of the library's oldest books, attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

The National Library of Belarus Minsk, Belarus



This library is the cultural centre of Belarus. Though it was founded in 1922, a new 22-floor building for the library opened in 2006. The new library's architects Mihail Vinogradov and Viktor Kramarenko designed the building's main structure after arhombicuboctahedron that lights up the sky at night.

Contributions are welcome. Please send suggestions for articles, photos, and stories to njk@sasktel.net.

Regina Public Library

The RPL board is working to strengthen its board policies and governance practices. The board has contracted the services of a local Organizational Development Consultant.

RPL is nearing completion of public engagement regarding its Central Library, its current state and its place in the future of the RPL system. A report to the RPL board is due at the end of October.

RPL recently contracted a team of architects and

engineers to review and assess the Central Library building. The team will study the mechanical, structural and electrical components of the building to establish a baseline cost.

RPL's information technology support is undergoing a review as a first step to establishing a more solid foundation of IT services within the library.

Drawings of the future North Central Shared Facility have been circulated to building



Regina Public Library

partners. The facility will house the RPL's Albert Branch, Scott Collegiate High School and the Albert Scott Community Centre as well as health and other community services. It is the first such facility known in Canada. The proposed building plans will be made public on September 5. The RPL board and Regina School Board will both consider the plans on September 23. If approved facility is scheduled to open by June 2017.

Saskatoon Public Library

Rosemary Nixon completed a very busy and successful term as Writer-in-Residence.

An array of programming was lined up for the summer for preschool, kids and teens—family story times, craft programs, junkology, puppet shows, stories in the park, performers on parade, book camp, summer reading game, discovery quest for tweens and teens, tie-dyeing, "We Dare You" teen summer challenge, summer stock theatre and Sage Hill teen writing experience. It was a

busy summer at SPL and into the community with programs such as Stories in the Park.

Programs for Adults included armchair travel and various lifelong learning programs including journal making, a financial literacy series, chocolate making, cupcake decorating, health and wellness, environmental speakers, and duct tape tote.

Book clubs, computer classes, eBook help, Writers' Open Mike Night, Seniors' Writing Challenge, and showcasing

Saskatoon writers continue to be popular programs. In May the Library celebrated Asian Heritage Month with programs for the public.

Gallery displays included a collection of paintings by Joy Mendel, charcoal drawings by Kevin Hastings, Face-isms by Tyson John Atkins, and Ania Slusarczyk's Roman portraits.

SPL is excited to again be involved in The Word on the Street event that will be held Sunday,

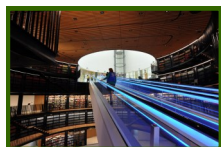
September 21, 2014 in downtown Saskatoon and at the Frances Morrison Library.

The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual fundraising Dance Party at the Hat on September 27, 2014 at the Manhattan Ballroom.



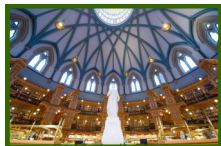
SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY

More of the World's Finest Libraries



The Library of Birmingham, England

Described by architect Francine Houben as the 'people's palace', This public library opened in September 2013 and is considered the largest public library in the United Kingdom. It houses Birmingham's collections of rare books, photographs, and archives. It also provides free access to the National Film Archive. Add to that a gallery space, theatre, amphitheatre, and performance spaces – you have got quite the cultural destination.



Library of Parliament Ottawa, ON

Established in 1876, the Library of Parliament survived numerous fires in its history. In 1916, a blaze destroyed most of Parliament's Centre Block, but the library survived thanks to its iron doors, which isolated it from the fire. The library is depicted, in hologram form, on the current Canadian ten dollar bill.



Library of the French National Assembly Paris, France

Located in Paris' Palais Bourbon, the library of the National Assembly holds many treasures, including the draft French Constitution of 1791, annotated by "The Incorruptible" Maximilien de Robespierre, one of the most important figures in the French Revolution.

Southeast

This spring and summer, the Southeast Regional Library focused its efforts on collecting and verifying information on the state of its 46 branches and HQ facilities.

A data collection tool was tested at selected branches and concluded that sending the tool to communities with branches was not producing timely or accurate information.

Southeast then hired a summer university student who took the lead in data collection and cajoling others to complete their portion of the survey. Southeast also broke the survey into three separate

surveys. The municipal administrator, local library board and the summer student had their own "mini-survey" to complete for each location.

The summer student has collected objective data on every one of Southeast Regional Library's branches as well as HQ. By early August 27% of surveys were complete and verified. Of the 20 outstanding surveys, 14 municipal responses and 13 local library board responses are outstanding.

Given the current pace Southeast expects to have all surveys complete and verified

by late September or early October.



Maryfield Public Library



Wapiti

Wapiti was encouraged after the meeting with Minister Morgan. Last summer the region met with most of the MLAs. They were very interested in what Wapiti had to say but this was not reflected in the budget. Wapiti has again encouraged all trustees to talk to their MLA.

The SLTA has two representatives on the Trustee Development Committee. The success of this committee is very

encouraging.

In the fall, Wapiti will review their strategic plan that was formed a couple of years ago.

Wapiti offered instructional sessions such as learning how to use programs like Zinio and how to use your iPad. These sessions have been offered throughout the region.



Wacky Wizard entertains young readers at the Melfort Public Library during the summer reading program wrap-up party.

Wheatland

A Librarian's workshop was held on May 23rd, and another will be held on September 26th. These workshops include training and guest speakers.

In June, Aboriginal performers Jason Chamake and Robert Gladue travelled to three communities in the region and performed a number of shows.

The summer reading program was a success. Ten branches in

the region were treated to a visit by storyteller Danica Lorer. Storybird, an online Early Literacy resource to help kids write and produce their own picture books, was incorporated into the program. It was provided with funding from Provincial Library.

Wheatland has purchased Bookflix, a database that targets children up to approximately Grade three. This database partners a

classic video storybook with a matching non-fiction book.

Wheatland was saddened by the permanent closure of the Sonningdale Branch Library. This was a decision made by the RM of Eagle Creek, in conjunction with the local library board. This was the first branch closure in Wheatland's history.



Provincial Library

Literacy and Libraries

Libraries continue to be an important partner in the Summer Literacy Camps. Staff from five shared facilities and Pakhsimon Nuyeh Library System (PNLS) attended the camp training for counsellors and co-ordinators in early July. Early reports indicate that libraries are increasing their presence in the camps. Wapiti, Lakeland, PNLS, Southeast and Parkland library systems are working with camps in eight school divisions.

PLLO continues to support summer reading initiatives with the investment of \$65,000 to continue to develop a coordinated provincial strategy and evaluation.

Multilingual Library Services

In July 2014, PLLO purchased 100 additional eBooks in Chinese. The multilingual eBook collection has grown into 1343 books. Circulation of this collection continues to increase.

Aboriginal Library Services

PLLO will facilitate the yearly in-person meeting for the Committee on Aboriginal Library Services (CALS) on September 17th, near Saskatoon.

For the 2015 Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling (SAS) Project, the Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples Inc. (LSSAP) is offering a workshop to public library staff. For more information contact:

SAS.Coordinator@mail.com.

Public Library Services

PLLO has been working with the public library board chairs and directors since May 2013 to explore the various initiatives of the public libraries in Saskatchewan that align with areas from the *Saskatchewan Plan for Growth: Vision 2020*. At the April 30th board chairs and directors meeting, the public library leaders were invited to support the Education Provincial Leadership Team in the areas of reading readiness and First Nations and Métis achievement initiatives.

In partnership with the SLTA, the Trustee Development Committee is developing a core suite of trustee development information for Saskatchewan: <http://slta.ca/trustee-development/in-a-nutshell>.

The National Network of Equitable Library Service (NNELS) is now available through all public libraries in Saskatchewan. It is also available in libraries in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, and Nunavut.

The Facilities Inventory was distributed to Public Library Directors in June. The inventory is designed to capture a snapshot of the current state of public library facilities in Saskatchewan.

The Library Network and Development (LND) unit's pilot project to roll out Wi-Fi access to public library patrons in small branch libraries is underway in Chinook, Palliser, Southeast and Wheatland library systems.



LND is also working on adding 11 unconnected branch libraries to the CommunityNet architecture this summer in the Parkland and Chinook library systems.

Multi-type Library Development

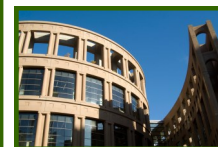
The Minister of Education appointed four new Board members to the Multi-type Library Board on March 26, 2014: Allan Johnson, Darren J. Okemaysim, Melissa Bennett, and Suzy Bear.

The MDLP will provide partner libraries with promotional material during Saskatchewan Library Week in October. The promotional material will highlight the value of the MDLP to Saskatchewan residents and several of our popular databases.

The Multi-type unit delivered a day-long training workshop at the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Summer Short Course, August 2014. The workshop highlighted the province-wide resources that can be used to support K-12 teaching and learning. Additional in-person and online sessions will be developed.

The Saskatchewan Archives Board (SAB) and Saskatchewan History Online (SHO) have launched a project which will see the digitization of Saskatchewan weekly newspapers from the 1890s through to 2010. The Saskatchewan Digital Alliance continues to investigate options for additional SHO partnerships.

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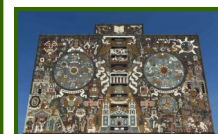
Vancouver Public Library Central Branch Vancouver, BC

Designed by architect Moshe Safdie, the exterior of Vancouver's Central Branch resembles Rome's Colosseum. "Library Square" takes up an entire city block. The decision to build Library Square was the result of a referendum held in 1990. Following the referendum, the city of Vancouver held a design competition. Safdie's design was by far the most radical and most favoured by the public. The library also boasts a rooftop garden designed by landscape architect Cornelia Oberlander.



Philological Library at the Freie Universität Berlin Berlin, Germany

Designed by world-renowned architect Norman Foster, Berlin's Philological Library was built in the shape of a human brain. Foster is also the architect behind the Hearst Tower in New York City and 30 St. Mary Axe in London, England (aka "The Gherkin").



UNAM Biblioteca Central Mexico City, Mexico

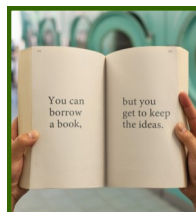
The Central Library of Mexico City's National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) was established in 1950. The building, covered in murals by Mexican artist Juan O'Gorman, is part of a group of buildings on campus that were designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Libraries Do Matter—Advocate for Your Library Today

"Our findings showed that third-grade students who participated in summer reading programs scored higher on reading tests at the beginning of fourth grade and didn't experience summer learning loss. They also scored higher on the post-tests than students who did not participate.... Students who participated in summer reading programs entered the following school year with a positive attitude about reading, were more confident in the classroom, read beyond what was required, and perceived reading as important."

—Carole Fiore and Susan Roman,
"Summer Reading Programs Boost Student Achievement, Study Says",
School Library Journal, November 1, 2010

"Canadians love their Public Libraries. Ontario public libraries have more cardholders than VISA, handle more items than FedEx, and have more outlets than McDonald's. Each year, 72.3 million visits are made in person to Ontario public libraries, which is 3 times the annual attendance at all North American NHL hockey games."



— Federation of Ontario Public Libraries 2011 Annual Report

Coming soon:
www.slta.librariesmatter.ca—Your source for information on library advocacy.



SLTA

2014 Individual Membership Form

SLTA is looking for support from local library boards. We would also suggest buying an individual SLTA membership for your mayor, and/or members of councils as a way to show support for libraries. Your support can help us help libraries!

Membership provides each member with this newsletter, "The Trustee". This newsletter identifies the major issues facing libraries, and allows us to work together to achieve our common goals.

If you would like more information please contact your region's SLTA representative.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

May we send you the newsletter via e-mail? YES please NO thanks

Region _____

Library _____

*Each region pays the membership for regional board members. This form is for members of local boards or anyone else who wishes to become a member of the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association. Please remit the completed membership form along with **\$10.00** payment to the address below. Thank you for your support!

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Front Row (L-R): Treasurer Donna Hartley (Southeast), Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director), President Gerald Kleisinger (RPL).

Missing: Vice-President Maureen McGirr (Wapiti), Mairin Loewen (SPL).



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Library Success Stories

We are looking for more library success stories!

Do you got a great story about some way your library has affected a patron's future, a service or resource that has really made a difference, or friendly help—just when it was needed the most?

If you do and you would like to share, please send your email to njk@sasktel.net.

We're on
the Web!
www.slta.ca

Your SLTA strives to:

- Promote and foster the development of libraries and library services in Saskatchewan.
- Provide for exchange of ideas and experiences among library board members through conferences and publications.
- Assist members by understanding their responsibilities as library trustees.
- Cooperate with associations of library trustees outside the province.
- Seek improvements and foster necessary changes in the legislation affecting Saskatchewan libraries.
- Work in close cooperation with the Saskatchewan Library Association.

Life Member Award

Life Membership may be conferred by the Association upon a member or past member of the SLTA for distinguished service as a trustee in the library field at local, provincial, or national levels. Nominations for the award will be solicited by the executive by advising Regional, Regina, Saskatoon, and PNLS System Boards each year, and that nominations should be made prior to January 31st of each year.

Each nomination shall outline the record of contributions of the nominee on the local library board, on the SLTA executive, and in other community activities.

Nominations made by a librarian must be supported by at least one trustee. Nominations may be submitted more than once, but must be made each year. Geographic distribution may be considered in making an award. In a year when no name has been submitted, no award

would be made. Trustees serving on the SLTA executive will not be eligible for an award during their term of office.

The selection Committee shall be composed of the SLTA Executive Committee.

The recipient will be notified and invited to the annual Saskatchewan Library Association convention banquet where a presentation will be made.

For more information and a nomination form please visit our website: www.slta.ca or email njk@sasktel.net.

And More of the World's Finest Libraries



**Bibliotheca Alexandrina
Alexandria, Egypt**

The New Library of Alexandria was built to capture the spirit of the original ancient library of Alexandria. In addition to space for eight million books, it houses four museums, a planetarium, art galleries, a conference centre, and several academic research centres. Some have alleged the library is, among other things, an expensive vanity project for the Egyptian government.



**Seattle Central Library
Seattle, USA**

Central Library is the flagship location of the Seattle Public Library system. Opened to the public in 2004, the 11-storey modern glass and steel building houses more than one million books and 400 computers free for the public.



**British Library
London, England**

The British Library's collection has more than 150 million items, with three million items added every year. In addition to manuscripts, maps, magazines, drawings and patents, the library also boasts eight million stamps. Treasured items include Leonardo da Vinci's notebook, the Magna Carta and the world's earliest dated printed book.