



Newsletter



We are looking for:

- Secretary
- Student Reps for 2009-11

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Communication Coordinator's Open Letter to M.A.L.T. members

Dear MALT members,

Since MALT is an organization for the Library Technicians in Manitoba, or those who have an interest in libraries, we would like to provide an opportunity for our membership to enter into a discussion as to what you would like to see your representatives work on during the coming year.

First some background. MALT has, historically, had periods of high activity and membership and periods of low interest. Currently, our membership is strong; as is the Executive. We are proud that we have a complete Executive of active members from a wide variety of libraries across Manitoba. Many successes can be listed during this tenure:

- hosted of successful workshops;
- website is being updated and refreshed, thanks to a new webmaster;
- participated in employment forum
- strong financial position;
- membership numbers have increased

However, it was not that long ago that MALT had entered a period of dormancy; many positions in the executive were empty and our website was not being updated. Membership had also ebbed during this time. Though MALT is currently strong, we

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are concerned that we had a very small number of members at our AGM this year. Without regular contact with our members, it is difficult to stay current with your interests and concerns.

So, in this transitional year for MALT, we invite you to participate in an open forum on what the future of MALT should be. We encourage you to join our Forum

(<http://www.malt.mb.ca/messageboard.htm>) under **MALT Talk** and take part in that discussion. Or, email us (bergen2@mts.net) and we will add your comments to the discussion. We will follow, and participate in, the conversation until the beginning of September. Then we will review the conversation and provide the membership with our suggested direction in the MALT Newsletter in the fall.

The Forum is an excellent place for you to meet with other members and discuss your interests and concerns. The members of the executive do participate regularly in these discussions, so it is a great place to exchange information and ideas.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jonine Bergen
Communication Coordinator

Executive Changes

The board would like to welcome everyone back from the summer break. It's been a fair few months, with lots of rain and a few hot days. The Board of last year is back again, with a full executive as our Student Representatives from 2007 – 2009 now have assumed the roles of Vice President, Fatima Demelo, and our Secretary, Victoria Papst, was with us briefly for the summer but now is working in Alberta.

We welcome you to take this opportunity to join us on the board, we are looking for a Secretary to relieve Pamela Southam standing in temporarily. We meet once a month on usually the third Thursday of the month on the second floor of the Millennium Library starting at 5:30 pm. For new Library Technician students interested in extra curricular activities, there are two open positions as Red River College Student Representatives for the 2009 to 2011 years.

Top Five Used Book Stores (In alphabetic order...)**Aqua Books**

274 Garry Street
943-7555

<http://aquabooks.ca>

Hours: Tuesday –Saturday 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Called “Winnipeg’s Cultural City Hall”

Check out “This week at Aqua Books” Writer in Residence, Current Events, Fabulous Restaurant!
Reasonably priced books, amazing atmosphere.

Bison Books:

265 Kennedy Street
947-5931

<http://www.bisonbooks.ca>

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 PM Closed Sundays and Holidays.

Great selection, good quality books, art, history, and philosophy

Blacks’ Vintage Books & Antiques:

2059 Portage Avenue
889-0610

Hours: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM Daily, Closed Wednesday

Rare and out of print books, Sheet Music, Jazz Records, all categories of books. Very knowledgeable staff.

Burton Lysecki Books:

527 Osborne Street
284-4546

<http://www.lysecki.com>

Hours: Monday to Saturday 11:00 AM 6:00 PM. Sunday Noon to 5:00 PM.

Canadian Military, Manitoba History, Native Studies. Friendly, knowledgeable staff, great variety.

Plato’s Cave:

284 Tache Avenue
233-5048

<http://caveofplato.com>

First Nations, Oprah book club, teen, mysteries, cook books, sci-fi and fantasy.

\$1.00 bargain blow out bin.

*Closed to September 9th – 50 % Clearance Book Sale Sept. 11 & 12.

Very comfortable, homey, community run book shop.



Save the Date!

October 28, 2009
Red River College Princess Street
Campus

Time & Room Information will be ready
late September, early October. We will
keep you posted. Check MALT on
Facebook and the MALT website.

Save the date! Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010

On behalf of the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT), the Manitoba Library Association (MLA) and Public Library Services (PLS), I am pleased to announce that the Manitoba Libraries conference will take place **May 17 – 19, 2010** at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg.

The MLA has traditionally (though not always!) held conferences every second year. Beginning this year, the MLA will endeavor to hold annual conferences for its members. This is possible largely due to the partnership that has been established with MALT and PLS. It is our hope that this collaborative effort will have a positive impact on the diversity of conference programming, while continuing to foster partnerships within our provincial library community as a whole. Further information about the conference theme and other details will follow shortly.

If you are interested in a fun, challenging, and rewarding volunteer opportunity with the conference planning committee, please email either me or Vanessa Sobkovich-Wiebe (Co-Chair: vsobkovichwiebe@gmail.com).

Sherri Vokey (sherrivokey@gmail.com).

Tech Toolbox

LinkedIn.Com & M.A.L.T.

(http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=1857300&trk=anet_ug_grppro)

Submitted by Hava Salita (MALT Newsletter Editor)

This site is for those who are interested in networking professionally. There are job search capabilities, employment relevant information on local, national and international companies, groups to join such as the Special Library Association, American Library Association, various Law Library groups, various Provincial and State Library Technician and Librarian groups. Personal memberships are free, but you can upgrade an account for \$24.95 a month for a simple business account.

For current members on LinkedIn, and for those interested in an online professional networking site, we now have a formal group set up on LinkedIn for the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians, come on out and make us strong! There we can post jobs, news, events, have discussions, and connect with other Librarians and Technicians across North America, moving out to other countries.

LibraryThing (<http://www.librarything.com>) Submitted by Pamela Southam (MALT Past President)

Catalogue your books! Reviews of books by publishers and writers (FREE!). You can make up your library of 200 books for free, unlimited books for 1 year for \$10, or buy a lifetime membership for \$25. Join groups dedicated to different genres. This is a GREAT site for seeing what's new and what people are reading right now.

Shelfari (<http://www.shelfari.com>) Submitted by Pamela Southam (MALT Past President)

This site is similar to LibraryThing, but bills itself as a “social networking site for people who like books.” You can build a virtual bookshelf and put it on your blog! Lets you see what other members are reading, and lists the most popular titles, as well as the top titles in your favourite genre.

Both sites are really cool – it is really up to the individual. Give them both a whirl and see what works for you! I am on LibraryThing right now (and belong to the “GreenDragon” group. Anything scifi/fantasy. (Tolkien anyone?))



Manitoba Association of Library Technicians

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Fee Schedule:

Regular \$25 / year \$60 / three years New ___ Renewal ___

Student \$12.50 / year New ___ Renewal ___

Unemployed \$12.50 / year New ___ Renewal ___

Please make cheques payable to M.A.L.T.

OPTIONAL

What type of library do you work in?

Academic School Public Special

What is your level of education?

Library Technician Diploma or Certificate

Other - _____

When did you graduate? _____

Any information you provide to us is for membership purposes only.

It will not be shared with or sold to any other organizations.



INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INSTITUTION NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Fee schedule:

Regular \$40.00 / Year \$100.00/Three Years New _____ Renewal _____

Please make cheques payable to MALT

OPTIONAL

What type of library do you represent?

Academic School Public Special

What type of library professionals do you employ?

Librarians

Library Technicians

Library Assistants

Library Clerks

Other - _____

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M.A.L.T. Executive

President:	Vanessa Sobkovich-Wiebe
Past President:	Pamela Southam
Vice President:	Fatima Demelo
Secretary:	TBA
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