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Conferences, Conferences!



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The following is a report on the 2006 CLA Conference submitted by MALT President, Tracy von Kuster.

CLA Conference, *Libraries Build Communities*

Ottawa, Ontario * June 14-17
President's Report, 2006-09-25

Due to a strike at the Ottawa Congress Centre, activities were split up between the Westin Hotel, the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, and the Lansdowne Park-Civic Centre (a 15 minute drive away). Shuttle buses ran back and forth all day, each day. Despite the upheaval, the conference itself was quite organized. There were a total of 1050 delegates, 70 speakers and 105 exhibitors.

As a first-time conference attendee, I decided to take advantage of CLA's new program by attending a *first-timers breakfast*. Each first-timer was teamed up with an "old-timer," introduced to others at the breakfast, and just generally made to feel welcome. There I met my "mentor" – a retired librarian from Quebec Public Library. This experience was a great way for me to ease into such a large conference.

Some of the sessions I attended were:

- Challenges and Achievements: School Libraries in Canada
- Embracing Diversity – Redressing Disparities: Opportunities and Tensions in Library Work with Today's Children and Youth
- Aboriginal Service Challenge: Improving Access through Understanding and Building Profile through Programming
- Building Communities of Lifelong Learners: A Multi-perspective Research Forum
- People, Personality, and You: the True Colours Approach
- Native Resources Alert: What's Good, What's Not, and Why
- Last One out Turn off the Lights, is this the Future of Libraries?

Resources from many of the CLA sessions are available from their website:
<http://www.cla.ca/resources/cla2006/index.htm>

For the first time, several sessions were given in French. Simultaneous translation service was available for English-speaking participants as well. A Book Salon was set up to give delegates a chance to meet with and hear readings by local authors and authors from across Canada. One of these sessions included Giller Prize nominee, Elizabeth Hay.

As President of MALT and member of CLA, I attended the CLA Library Technician Interest Group Meeting. Currently there are 70 members of this interest group. Chaired by Karen Hildebrandt, I witnessed Diane Walker receiving the CLA LTIG Award of Merit. This award acknowledges a library technician who demonstrates outstanding professional achievement and leadership in the library and information community at a regional, provincial or national level. Diane is responsible for connecting the library technician associations across Canada by implementing the "Cross Canada Library Technician Connection," of which MALT is a proud part.

It was a distinct pleasure and privilege to be able to attend this year's Canadian Library Association Conference in Ottawa. Representing MALT members and Manitoba library technicians alike, I was proud to be there as part of the larger national library community. It was good to see all levels of library professionals working together to improve libraries for all Canadian people. Sharing ideas, networking or just putting faces to names, the 2006 "Libraries Build Communities" Conference truly lived up to its name.

LOOKING AHEAD TO: CLA CONFERENCE '07

CLA Conference 07 - May 23 - 26, St. John's, Newfoundland

About the 2007 Conference Theme...

Retain - Recruit - Restructure: Regenerating the Library Community

Our profession's greatest resources are our human resources. Recent Canadian research ("The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries" ["The 8RsReport"]; "Training Gaps Analysis: Librarians and Library Technicians" by the Cultural Human Resources Council) demonstrates the need for the profession to examine the future of human resources in Canadian libraries and information services: what we have, what we are going to lose, what we will need, and how to ensure there are skilled people in place for the foreseeable future.

Delegates to CLA's 2007 Conference will come away with conceptual and practical tools for improving their libraries through focusing on people: professional librarians, paraprofessionals, other library workers, volunteers, friends and other stakeholders.

CLA 2007 CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Great interest was generated from CLA Call for Program Proposals. We received 126 submissions which, at present, are being reviewed by our Program Committee and Division/Interest Group Liaisons. The Program Committee is composed of people from across the country selected for their expertise in one of the five streams. This group will select program proposals from a streams perspective. However, since members still share practice settings, we are ensuring the type-of-library or role of the individual in the community was captured in the program sessions. The task of the Division/Interest Group conference liaison is to assist in reviewing the program submissions from their perspective. The Program Committee will be meeting in Edmonton, September 23-24, to make the final selection, create the program content and schedule.

2006 MALT Conference a Success!

President's Report, Tracy von Kuster

Our first year on the Executive Board of MALT was capped off with a very successful Conference May 5th, 2006, *Pathfinder to Success.*, held at Red River College, Princess Campus. Sixty four delegates descended on downtown Winnipeg to be inspired, educated and entertained. A tour of the Millennium Library followed the sessions.

Our guest speakers included keynote, Kathy Knowles of the ****Osu Children's Library Fund** sharing her work with "Providing Hope through Literacy in Ghana." Complete with pictures of the libraries her charity is building, and children she is helping in Ghana, Africa, Kathy's presentation inspired all the attendees. Her work shows all of us that we can make a difference in bringing literacy to children everywhere. For me, her dedication reminds me of why I decided to become a library technician.

MALT also had the pleasure of welcoming former RRC Library and Information Technology instructor and Program Director, Pat Routledge, with her session, "Why Isn't it Called AACR3? Or, Everything You Wanted to Know about RDA but Were Afraid to Ask." For all of us who do cataloguing on a daily basis, this talk provided us with a glimpse into the future of this art form.

The final session of the day started on a much lighter note with a storytelling presentation by Cindy Robin with "The Magic of Make Believe." Entertaining us in full costume, puppets, and audience participation, this finale proved to be fun for all.

In addition to these sessions, MALT also held its Annual General Meeting where 30 members attended and voted on motions made. Some of the highlights included the news of our Treasurer and Past-President, Sarah Richer, stepping down from her position as Treasurer for her remaining one-year term due to family responsibilities. We appreciated having Sarah's experience on the Executive Board this past year, and we wish her continued success in her career. We then voted and welcomed in Kathy Turenne, who will fill in for Sarah's remaining term. Kathy graduated with honours from the Library and Information Technology Program at Red River College in 2005 and was the co-recipient of the MALT Award for Technical Excellence in her first year of studies. In other business, members voted to stagger the terms of Office for the Executive Board beginning June 2007 when a new Board is elected. The motion was approved unanimously and the amended Constitution is available on the MALT website.

Thank you to all who attended, and made this day such a success. Your comments on this year's conference were much appreciated, and will be used to create an even better conference experience for everyone in 2008.

****Interested in contributing the Osu Children's Library Fund? Please see the announcements on Pg. 8, for an upcoming Networking Dinner / Fundraiser to be hosted by MALT in October.**

For more info on the Osu Children's Library Fund, please go to:

www.mts.net/~kknowles

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES CONFERENCE 2006

Registration forms may be found at:
www.mla.mb.ca/docs/2006PLSConferenceBrochure.pdf

Location:

Royal Oak Inn & Suites
3130 Victoria Avenue
Brandon MB

October 19-21, 2006

Sessions at a glance:

Thursday

11:15 am

Keynote Session: Ron Robinson

It's Black and White: The Possibilities of Print in One Reader's Life

(The following is an excerpt from the PLS Newsletter, Spring 2006.)

Ron Robinson: PLS Conference 2006 Keynote

Ron Robinson of CBC Winnipeg will bring his experience as a bookseller, reviewer and radio personality to the theme Library GNP: Growing New Possibilities, October 19 – 21, Royal Oak Inn, Brandon.

This conference will have something for everyone with plenty of interactive sessions. Participants will have plenty of opportunity to highlight their best practices in open forum sessions, learn about new technologies and programming ideas. PLS and the Manitoba Library Trustees Association are working on providing sessions of interest to public library trustees, and there will be opportunity to follow up on the results of the Manitoba Public Library review process.

And now... Here's, Ron!

Ron Robinson was born and raised in Winnipeg. His first love is promoting books, and he was a founding partner of McNally Robinson Booksellers. Ron got his start at CBC in 1965 with a comedy spot on the CBC Radio's Weekday Morning Show. From there, he branched out into producing art items for Arts Encounters and CBC Radio's Saturday Morning Show and acting as the book reviewer for CBC Television's Midday, before landing in his current position as host of CBC Radio One 990's Weekend Morning Show. Ron is also the book reviewer for Definitely Not the Opera, an actor, and an instructor at the University of Winnipeg.

1:30 pm

- Open Source Library Software
- Best Practices for Teen Services

Friday

9:30 am

- Shipping Tools for Library Mail

11:00 am

- Standards for Rural Public Libraries

1:30 pm

- Using Puppets Effectively in Storytelling
- Best Practices in Grant Writing

3:30 pm

- Promotional Pizzazz
- Information Literacy

3:30 pm

- Library Programming with Volunteers
- Digital Audio Seminar

Saturday

9:00 am

Strategies for the Future: Building on the Review

11:00 am

Collaborating for New Possibilities

1:30 pm

Manitoba Public Librarians Advisory Committee

Special Projects of Library Boards

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$75.00

Saturday only: \$25.75

Registration Deadline: October 5, 2006

Each registrant must fill out a separate form. Return each registration form with the registration fee to:

Lana Jennings
Public Library Services
200-1525 1st Street South Phone: (204)726-6866
Brandon MB R7A 7A1 Toll Free: 1-888-238-6207

Conference Meals (included in registration fee)

Please make cheque payable to
Royal Oak Inn & Suites.

If you are unable to attend or send a substitute, please notify PLS at least 10 working days before the Conference date, Oct. 19. We will then be able to offer the opportunity to another individual. Unfortunately, registrants canceling less than 10 days who do not have a substitute will be charged the full fee.

Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements.

**Note: All registration fees
must be sent in by
October 5, 2006 to PLS.**

***Please Note:** Fragrance Free Conference

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Royal Oak Inn & Suites
3130 Victoria Avenue
Brandon MB
Phone: (204) 728-5775
1-800-852-2709 (reservations)

Conference room rates are:

Standard rooms - \$94.99 + taxes (58 available)

Junior Suites - \$124.99 + taxes (22 available)

Each room receives a maximum of two complimentary breakfasts from the onsite restaurant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Manitoba Rural Public Library Listserv

Manitoba rural public librarians have another professional, information sharing tool – MLA-RURAL. Hosted by the University of Manitoba and powered by Mailman, the GNU Mailing List Manager, the Manitoba Library Association's rural email list is an easy way to ask questions of your colleagues. To access the list serve, please see the Manitoba Library Association's website at <http://www.mla.mb.ca/maillists.cfm>.

Other sectors of the Manitoba library community have access to their own email lists from the Manitoba Library Association website. These email lists include:

- **MLA-News:** A general forum to discuss current and general issues of interest to Manitoba libraries.
- **MLA-NP:** A listserv for information professionals who are either new to the profession or new to Manitoba or both. Seasoned professionals are also welcomed as mentors and people in-the-know.
- **MLA-TRUSTEES:** A platform for discussion of best practices in library board management issues. The above email lists are all available at: <http://www.mla.mb.ca/maillists.cfm>.

(-excerpt from PLS Newsletter, Spring 2006)

It's time for another **Networking Dinner**, and this year we would like to combine a fundraiser, for **the Osu Children's Library Fund** with socializing with our colleagues!
****Some of you may be familiar with Kathy Knowles' foundation to promote literacy and libraries in Africa.****

We hope to enjoy great food, great company and helping a great cause close to our hearts!!

Where: Tomi Tola's - 641 Sargent
When: Thursday, Oct. 26 @ 5:30 pm

For more info on this event, please contact Tracy von Kuster at:
maltpres@mts.net

If you would like to attend, please contact Connie van der Zweep at:
appletorte@hotmail.com

Library Technicians working in school libraries are asked for their input for the revision of "Qualifications for Library Technicians Working in School Systems". To access the document, please go to <http://www.cla.ca/about/libtech.htm> . Send your revisions to Karen.hildebrandt@concordia.ab.ca as soon as possible.

Plans for updating of the "Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians" have begun. Program Coordinators from the various institutions offering LT programs will be meeting and working on this document.

-EXCERPT FROM CLA LTIG Update June 20, 2006

CASLIS (CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES)

CASLIS Special Issues - July 2006 Edition - Vol. 17, No. 2

is now available for review under highlights at:

http://www.cla.ca/caslis/special_issues.htm

The Canadian Library Association has announced that October has been established for the

Canadian Library Month.

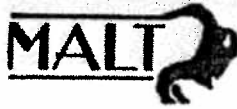
The idea for a month dedicated to library and information services in Canada was developed by provincial and territorial library partners from across the country to help raise public awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in local communities. Canadian Library Month will be launched October 3, 2006 and will celebrate the theme "Libraries:- the world at your fingertips/Les bibliotheques : le monde au bout des doigts."



Remember that **Membership**
has its **Privileges!!**

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And click the **MALT Benefits** link
to view the many businesses that offer
MALT members discounts for
simply presenting our **Membership**
Card!!



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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4R1

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FEE SCHEDULE:

REGULAR \$25.00/YEAR
 \$60.00/THREE YEARS NEW _____ RENEWAL

STUDENT/UNEMPLOYED \$12.50 PER YEAR NEW _____ RENEWAL

Please make cheque payable to MALT.

OPTIONAL:

What type of library do you work in?

- Academic
- School
- Public
- Special

What is your level of education?

- Library Technician Diploma
- Library Technician Certificate
- Other - _____

When did you graduate? _____

Any information you provide to us is for membership purposes only.
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INSTITUTION NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FEE SCHEDULE:

REGULAR \$40.00/YEAR
\$100.00/THREE YEARS NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Please make cheque 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/Clerks
- Other - _____

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