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We are seeking nominations or applications for the following position:

- Vice President



photo courtesy of the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, University of Manitoba

The 200 Level in the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, Bannatyne Campus, University of Manitoba

It's fall and everyone is headed back to school! Whether it's elementary, junior high, high school or post secondary, students will be looking to their library to help them with in their projects and assignments, or just to have a good place to study.

There is also a new MALT Executive and a new look for the newsletter! We're debuting a new look for the newsletter along with the new Exec. Tell us what you think!

What else is new? A member of the MALT executive, Eric Wesselius, is participating in the Red River College Library & Information Technology DACUM (Develop A Curriculum) workshops in November to help identify the key skills required by a library technician in today's--and tomorrow's--workforce.

And we would like to hear from you! The Manitoba Libraries Conference is returning to its biennial schedule, with the next conference to be held in 2012. MALT will be holding several education and training sessions during the 2010/2011 year. Please let us know what your interests or needs are by emailing malt_info@yahoo.ca with workshop suggestions.

A new feature we are introducing this fall is called "Where We Work". Tell us a bit about your library, send in some pictures and your library could be in our next newsletter. The first library we are featuring is the Central and Arctic Regional Library at Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). The MALT secretary, Marge Dyck, works there.

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Meet the MALT Executive



Catherine Taylor
President

Catherine is a Library Technician with more than 13 years of experience in academic and special libraries. She graduated from the Library and Information Technology program at Red River College in 1997 and has done a little of everything since then.

She has worked in 13 different positions in 11 libraries and is very thankful that so many other Library Technicians get pregnant and go on maternity leave! Catherine is now happily employed with the University of Manitoba at the St. Boniface General Hospital Library.

Catherine has completed a B.A. (Hon) from Brandon University in 2007 and is now working on getting her Master Gardener certification through the University of Saskatchewan.

She volunteers at the Orioles Community Garden as a Board Member and gardener, and is a member of the DMSM Community Association Greening Committee. Her volunteer experience within the library community includes:

- Manitoba Libraries Conference, Registration Coordinator, 2007 and 2009
- MLA Conference, Speaker, 2000
- CASLIS Manitoba, Secretary, 1999/2000
- Manitoba Association of Library Technicians, Program Coordinator, 1997/1998

Catherine lives in the West End with her partner, their dog and two cats. She spends her spare time knitting, reading and wait... what spare time?



Pamela Southam
Past President

Pamela Southam (*here dressed as Miss Scarlet*) is the unofficial MALT archive. She began volunteering as a Student Representative, and continued

on the Executive as Vice-President and then President. Pamela was also the MALT Representative on the 2007 Manitoba Libraries Conference planning committee.

She graduated from the Library and Information Technology Program at Red River College in 2005 and has worked for the University of Manitoba ever since. She now works at the J.W. Crane Memorial Library at Deer Lodge Centre.

Pamela is a self professed science fiction geek and has volunteered for various Sci-Fi events in Winnipeg including KeyCon and ComicCon. She lives in Winnipeg's West End.



Marge Dyck
Secretary

Marge Dyck has worked on a contractual basis for the library of the Central and Arctic Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) since 2001. As it is a small library, she performs a variety of duties, from cataloguing, to ILLs, to shelving as

well as helping to write two DFO reports. Marge feels that the technician's relationship with a librarian could be compared to that of an engineer to the architect. The technician executes the plans, and creates or provides the tools needed to fulfill the librarian's schemes for their libraries.

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MALT Executive

President:	Catherine Taylor
Past President:	Pamela Southam
Vice President:	vacant
Secretary:	Marge Dyck
Treasurer:	Elizabeth Stregger
Website Designer:	Donna Sanders
Membership Coordinator:	Jodi Turner
Newsletter Editor:	Eric Wesselius
RRC Library Technician	Chris Mailloux
Program Representatives:	Larry Penner

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See us online at:

<http://www.malt.mb.ca/>

Find us on Facebook!



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Marge has previously served on the MALT executive, and she also enjoys volunteering at church where she runs one of the catering groups, at her golf course where she runs the Business Ladies League, and at her curling club where she runs the Friday Night Mixed League with her husband. She is married with two girls, aged 24 and 27. She loves to read, travel, golf, curl and meet new people.



Elizabeth Stregger

Treasurer

Elizabeth Stregger graduated from the Red River College Library and Information Technology Program in 2009. She is currently employed by the University of Manitoba as the library assistant for outreach services at the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library.

She was the Registration Coordinator at the 2010 Manitoba Libraries Conference and Volunteer Coordinator at the 2009 Conference. Other volunteer work includes cataloguing online resources for the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources and organizing a fundraiser for the Princess White Dove Library. She is currently serving her second term as Secretary on the Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP) executive.

Elizabeth has a B.Sc. in Physical Sciences and a B.Sc. in Geoscience, both from McMaster University. Her previous employers include the Deep River Science Academy, Ontario Power Generation, McNally Robinson Booksellers, and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources.

She has lived all over Canada and the world, but now calls Winnipeg home. She is a knitter extraordinaire, a committed yoga student and owner of two lovely Humane Society cats.



Donna Sanders

Website Designer

Donna Sanders hails from Thompson. She is employed at the Burntwood Regional Health Authority Staff Library in the Thompson General Hospital. She graduated from the Red River College

Library and Information Technology program in 2008, and is currently enrolled in the University of the Fraser Valley Library Technician Continuing Studies program.

Donna is very active in the library community. In addition to her MALT position, she is a Director-at-Large on the Manitoba Library Association executive and has served on their Scholarship,

Nominations and Awards subcommittees. She also volunteered on the 2010 Manitoba Libraries Conference as the Website & Publicity Coordinator.



Jodi Turner

Membership Coordinator

Jodi Turner graduated from the Library and Information Technician program at Calgary's Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in 1996. She is currently the library manager for the Department of Justice, Prairie Region, Winnipeg Office.

She is also the co-chair of the Department of Justice/Attorneys General libraries special interest group for the Canadian Association of Law Libraries.

When she is not doing library work, she obsesses about knitting.



Eric Wesselius

Newsletter Editor

Eric Wesselius graduated from the Red River College Library and Information Technology Program in 2007. He is currently employed by the University of Manitoba as a reference assistant at the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library.

Eric worked in health care for 18 years before taking the library technology program, both as a health care aide and as support staff. He also worked in a variety of media jobs, among them as part of the layout and design staff at the Brandon University student newspaper, The Quill. He also worked for local media company doing layout and design, disc duplication, acting as a technician for conferences and assisting in filming events and commercials.

During the 1990s, Eric was a volunteer and board member of the Brandon Folk Music and Art Festival. Originally a farm boy from near CFB Shilo, he currently lives in the West End of Winnipeg with his wife and their three cats.

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**Library Technicians
in Canada
on Facebook**



<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2295803362>

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Chris Mailloux
RRC Library Technician Program
Representative

Chris Mailloux is one of the Red River College representatives. He is currently situated in Winnipeg, but longs for the southern climes that he formerly resided in. He is attending Red River College full time, and enjoying his third semester in the Library Technician program. He has one beautiful wife, one wonderful daughter and one spanking new son. He is an avid reader in all genres, but with perhaps a leaning towards SF.



Larry Penner
RRC Library Technician Program
Representative

Undoubtedly, the greatest pleasure in my life is being the father of my two beautiful children, Eric and Dharma. I've also been blessed with a beautiful and soulful wife, Roberta. I enjoy such activities as reading, gardening, and walking. I've also felt at one with the library environment since I was a young child, so being in the Library and Information Technology program at RRC gives me the tranquil feeling of being at the right place at the right time.

MALT Awards for 2009/2010

Library Technician of the Year



Recipient: **Edna Johnson, Acadia School**
Nominated by: *Helen Vidovic and Linda Gay*

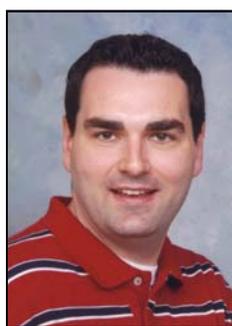
Edna began as a school volunteer, who spent so much time in the library that she decided to make a career of it. Edna has been a big part of Pembina Trails School Division for the past 14 years. She has a passion for her library, students and staff, always looking for ways to support them in their learning journeys.

She has served on the executive of C.U.P.E. (now the Pembina Trails Association of Non-Teaching Employees) and on four negotiating committees. Edna has been actively involved in the Winnipeg Children's Literature Roundtable for 10 years, serving on the steering committee, hospitality committee and acting as co-chair. She has also assisted in the organization of the Amelia Read-In, the Information Book Award and Round Table sessions.

Lifelong learning is a big part of Edna's philosophy. She has attended conferences, hosted and presented at meetings, and helped organize workshops. Edna is always willing to share her knowledge with any one in need of answers. She is the champion of the division for having library volunteers – over 80 students at last count!

Congratulations to Edna for her outstanding work, commitment and attitude. And thanks to Helen and Linda for nominating her.

Library Support Staff of the Year



Recipient: **Colin Oakes, J.W. Crane Memorial Library**
Nominated by: *Pamela Southam*

Unexpected illnesses affected two of the four staff at the Crane Library. Thanks to the contributions of Colin Oakes, they were able to get through a difficult period of change and upheaval. The responsibility for the duties of these two staff fell to Colin, both of whom experienced long absences from work, and who were responsible for similar duties. Taking on these new duties meant a temporary change in Colin's employee status and required him to get a "crash course" in document delivery and other services that he previously had no exposure to. Colin took on the challenge of these new duties with grace and aplomb, and was grateful for the opportunity to learn.

Pamela was pleased to nominate Colin for being responsible, reliable and a pleasure to work with. MALT is delighted to honour him with this award for his outstanding contributions during a difficult time.

Red River College Library & Information Technology Student Award



Recipient: **Mikaela Oldenkamp**

This award is presented every other year to the student with the highest mark in the library related courses in the first year of the program. On top of being an excellent student, Mikaela is the student representative for the LIT Advisory Committee and she volunteered at the 2010 Manitoba Libraries Conference. Congratulations to Mikaela on her outstanding academic performance.

Where We Work



Tell us about the library you work in. Send us a brief description and some pictures and your library could be featured in the next MALT newsletter!

Manitoba Legislative Library launches 2 digitized collections



Manitoba Archives Building at 200 Vaughan Street

The Manitoba Legislative Library would like to announce the launch of two new collections of digitized material for your information and research.

Digital Collection of Manitoba Government Publications

- A new service bringing together more than 4,000 full-text PDFs of publications issued by Manitoba government departments, boards, agencies and offices of the Legislative Assembly.
- The collection is growing daily with additions of new and historic reports, studies, annual reports, bulletins and pamphlets.
- Browse by department and subject
- Search by keyword in full text and controlled metadata fields
- Visit the Digital Collection website [here](#) and click 'Enter Here' to search the database.
- Browse our [FAQ](#) and [Search help](#)

Legislative Reporting in Early Manitoba Newspapers

- Published accounts of Manitoba Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council activities from 1873-1886 from the Winnipeg Free Press and Daily Times newspapers.
- Browse by Parliament and Session, and newspaper

- Search by keyword in full text and controlled metadata fields
- Visit the Legislative Reporting website [here](#) and click 'Enter Here' to search the database.
- Browse our [FAQ](#) and [Search help](#)

NOTE: When you have finished searching in one database, and wish to begin searching the other, please remember to click the 'Sign Out' link in the Search menu. Then you can launch your next search session in the other database.

For additional information, please contact the Legislative Library at 945-4330, or e-mail at legislative_library@gov.mb.ca.



Legislative Library's Reading Room, located in the Legislative Building

MALT photograph

photo courtesy of the Manitoba Legislative Library



Tech Time Capsule

This article is reprinted from the Volume 17 Number 2, March 1993 issue of the MALT Newsletter. Spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected.

Two-Year Library and Information Technology Program at Red River Community College to Commence in September, 1993

Workers of the future will require superior communication, numeracy and computer skills. They must also possess a commitment to customer service and satisfaction.

To properly prepare Library Technician students for these future expectations and to train them in library and information technology-related skills and techniques, the Library Technician Program at Red River Community College has been expanded to two years commencing September, 1993. Students will initially be accepted into the program every two years. Graduates will receive a Diploma in Library and Information Technology.

The two-year program will provide students with a solid generalist background. All types of libraries will be covered in most courses and students will be able to pursue a specialized area of study in

the Special Library Topics course offered during the last term in the second year of the program.

The generalist background encourages graduate Library Technicians to be flexible in their choices of library employment and to adapt to work environments in any type of library in their future careers.

Some new courses included in the curriculum are: Business Communications, Organizational Behaviour, Reference Theory and Effects of Automation, Derivative Cataloguing and MARC Coding, On-line Searching, Marketing the Library and Information Services, and Paraprofessional Management. Academic courses have been chosen to expose students to economic theory, Canadian political science, children's and Canadian literature, and cross-cultural interaction.

Should you wish to receive more information regarding the two-year curriculum, please contact Jo Ann Brewster, Paula Noyes or Pat Routledge.

Please note that, with a two-year program, Library Technician students will be eligible for summer employment through the STEP and other similar programs beginning in July, 1994. Start planning your special projects now!



Where We Work -

Central and Arctic Regional Library,
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)



The Central and Arctic Regional Library, Winnipeg

The Central and Arctic Regional Library provides services to the largest region of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Our client base extends from Alberta in the west to Nunavut and Northwest Territories in the North and the Great Lakes region in the east. Our library has one of the largest collections of Arctic data and publications.

DFO Central and Arctic Region maintains scientific research

facilities across the region including the Freshwater Institute (Winnipeg, Manitoba), Bayfield Institute (Burlington, Ontario), Sea Lamprey Control Centre (Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario), Experimental Lakes Area (Northwestern Ontario), and the Resolute Bay Laboratories (Resolute Bay, Nunavut). We provide library services to all of these research facilities.

We have approximately 50,000 monographs and electronic access to approximately 200 journals as well as numerous print journals. Our focus is fish and water resources. We have one full time and two part time technicians and are currently looking for a full time librarian.

- Marge Dyck has worked on a contractual basis for the library of the Central and Arctic Region since 2001.



Don't forget!

Daylight Saving Time ends

at 2:00 am on

Sunday, November 7.

Set your clocks back 1 hour.



Tech Toolbox -

Top Consumer Health Websites

from the September 2010 issue of

Info-Rx: Newsletter of the Health Sciences Libraries



The professional associations that represent health sciences librarians across North America have just released their lists of the top consumer health sites on the web.

CANADA

The Consumer Health Information Providers Interest Group (CHIPIG), an affiliate of the Canadian Health Libraries Association <http://www.chla-absc.ca/> lists these top 10 Canadian Consumer Health Websites.

- AboutKids Health - <http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/>
- Canada Safety Council - <http://safety-council.org/>
- Canadian Cancer Society - http://www.cancer.ca/Manitoba.aspx?sc_lang=en
- Caring for Kids - <http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/>
- Dietitians of Canada - <http://www.dietitians.ca/>
- Heart and Stroke Foundation - <http://ww2.heartandstroke.ca/splash/>
- Here to help - <http://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/>
- PasseportSanté - <http://www.passeportsante.net/Fr/Accueil/Accueil/Accueil.aspx>

- Sexualityandu.ca - http://www.sexualityandu.ca/home_e.aspx
- Women's Health Matters - <http://www.womenshealthmatters.ca/>

UNITED STATES

The Consumer and Patient Health Information Section (CAPHIS) <http://caphis.mlanet.org/> of the Medical Library Association in the United States released its top 100 list <http://caphis.mlanet.org/consumer/> of recommended websites. These resources meet strict quality criteria for currency, credibility, content, and audience.

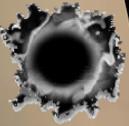
Why These Recommendations Are Needed

Access to reliable health information on the web is vital for health literacy, which can be defined as "the ability of individuals to access and use health information to make appropriate health decisions and maintain basic health." (p. 3) Initial results from the **International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey** reported in *Health Literacy in Canada* (2007) indicate that the "overall average level of health literacy in Canada is low; with 60% of adult Canadians (ages 16 and older) lacking the capacity to obtain, understand and act upon health information and services and to make appropriate health decisions on their own." (p. 5) Although there are thousands of health-related Internet sites available to consumers, many lack the skills necessary to critically evaluate the information they find there.

The U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) <http://www.ahrq.gov/data/infoqual.htm> developed the following criteria for evaluating health information on the Internet:

- **Credibility:** includes the source, currency, relevance/utility, and editorial review process for the information.
- **Content:** must be accurate and complete, and an appropriate disclaimer provided.
- **Disclosure:** includes informing the user of the purpose of the site, as well as any profiling or collection of information associated with using the site.
- **Links:** evaluated according to selection, architecture, content, and back linkages.
- **Design:** encompasses accessibility, logical organization (navigability), and internal search capability.
- **Interactivity:** includes feedback mechanisms and means for exchange of information among users.
- **Caveats:** clarification of whether site function is to market products and services or is a primary information content provider.

Reference Health Literacy in Canada: Initial results from the International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey (Ottawa: Canadian Council on Learning; 2007) <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/ccl/Reports/HealthLiteracy.html>



WANTED



or



MALT Vice President

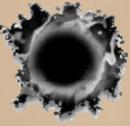
MALT is seeking a committed and enthusiastic person to serve as Vice President.

- The Vice President:
- *is responsible for chairing the planning committee for activities, workshops and meetings*
 - *acts as one of MALT's representatives on the joint library conference planning committee*
 - *is in charge of nominations for the Executive for the AGM*
 - *President-elect*
 - *can live anywhere in Manitoba*

The term of the position is until May 2012.

REWARDS:

- **Work with a great group of people**
- **Connect with Library Technicians across the province**
- **Make a difference in the Manitoba library community**



Please email malt_info@yahoo.ca to find out more.