



# Newsletter



**We are seeking nominations or applications for the following positions for the upcoming AGM:**

- President
- Vice President
- Website Designer
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor

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We have all heard the time-worn adage that the only constant in the world is change. We know that is particularly true in the library field, and at this time, it is particularly true for MALT.

We would like to thank Vanessa Sobkovich-Wiebe and Fatima DeMelo for their hard work and commitment to MALT and its membership. The members of the MALT executive are aware of the passion these ladies have for libraries and library technicians in Manitoba, however, we recognize that there are times when personal concerns and job opportunities make it difficult to commit the time and energy to necessary to be effective.

Luckily, there is another adage that applies aptly to MALT: An organization is as strong as its members. MALT is filled with caring, committed individuals who see the value of an organization focused on the cares and concerns of Library Technicians. Two members have volunteered to serve the remaining terms of President and Vice President until the AGM. Please join with us in welcoming Catherine Taylor and Elizabeth Stregger, interim President and interim Vice-President respectively, to the MALT executive. We appreciate their willingness to serve you, our members, and the greater library community in Manitoba.

## 2010 Conference – Save the Date

MALT, the Manitoba Library Association, and Public Library Services Branch are pleased to announce the [Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010: The Power of Many - The Power of Partnerships](#), held May 17 - 19, 2010 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. Make sure you renew your MALT membership and take advantage of the discount on registration.

MALT's AGM will be held during the Conference. The date and time will be announced. This is a great opportunity to have your say and exercise your voting rights as a member. Please consider allowing your name to stand for one of the following positions at that time: President, Vice President, Website Designer, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Secretary. Descriptions of these positions are found on the [MALT website](#) under Article 3: Duties of Officers.

Awards for the Library Technician and Support Staff of the Year will also be handed out at the Conference. Nomination forms are included on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

## Executive Update

2010 is bringing much in terms of change for our Association. Two of our leaders from 2009-10 have stepped down, but we are pleased to welcome our interim President Catherine Taylor, interim Vice President Elizabeth Stregger, as well as Red River College Student Representatives, Chris Mailloux and Saffron Scott.

**Catherine Taylor** is a Library Technician with over 12 years of experience in academic and special libraries. Currently, Catherine is employed with the University of Manitoba at the St. Boniface General Hospital Library.

Catherine graduated from the Library and Information Technology program at Red River College in 1997. She received a B.A. (Hon) from Brandon University in 2007, with a major in Sociology and a minor in Geography. She is currently applying for the Masters program in Sociology at the University of Manitoba. Her volunteer experience within the library community includes: Manitoba Libraries Conference as Registration Coordinator (2007 and 2009), MLA Conference as a Speaker (2000), CASLIS Manitoba as Secretary (1999 - 2000), and Manitoba Association of Library Technicians as Program Coordinator (1997-1998).

**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.

As a volunteer, Elizabeth catalogued online resources for the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, organized a fundraiser for the Princess White Dove Library, and participated as the Volunteer Coordinator at Manitoba Libraries Conference 2009. She is currently serving as Secretary on the executive of the Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP), and is the Registration Coordinator for the upcoming Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010.

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.

**Chris Mailloux** is currently living in Winnipeg while attending Red River College full-time, and is enjoying his second semester in the Library Technician program. He has a beautiful wife and a wonderful daughter. He is an avid reader in all genres, but leans towards Science Fiction.

### **Call for Nominations**

**MALT is seeking committed and enthusiastic people from a variety of library settings to serve on our executive. MALT is made up of people just like you, passionate Library Technicians and support staff who want to make a difference in the Manitoba library community. Please let us know if one of your colleagues would be willing to serve the profession at the Association leadership level, or consider nominating yourself for one of the positions.**

**The positions up for election at the 2010 AGM are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Website Designer and Newsletter Editor.**

**Nominations must be received by April 14, 2010. Please contact: [Jonine Bergen](mailto:bergen2@mts.net) at [bergen2@mts.net](mailto:bergen2@mts.net).**

## **Tech Toolbox – Webinars & Webcasts by Jonine Bergen**

As an information hub, people come to libraries looking for information on a variety of subjects, technology issues and resources. Depending on where a Library Technician is working, one needs to be a proficient searcher of databases, know how to set up Mimio boards, and know what the newest and hottest series are to tempt young readers. And Technicians need to keep up with the changes that occur in the field of cataloguing – with databases, e-books and websites just to name a few.

With all the expectations on Library Technicians, one would think continuing education would be a necessity; with money and time provided for attending conferences, workshops and classes. Unfortunately, at a time when technology is booming and the need to stay current is so important, often budgets are following the opposite trend and are shrinking.

What is a Library Technician to do? One possible avenue to explore includes the myriad of webinars that are being offered by vendors, associations, and schools. Many of these are free and can provide information on the issues that affect you and your specific clientele.

Some webinars are informational. “The future of the library – how the library ecosystem is evolving to support 21st century information demands” is an example of a webcast I attended in November sponsored by Serial Solutions and Library Journal. This webcast included three panel members using PowerPoint to present their respective topics. Participants could ask questions via a chat box routed to a moderator who, at the end of the presentation, asked the panelists the questions compiled. Participants were able to download the PowerPoint presentation for future viewing. This webinar presented information about the emerging technology trends and how these changes have impacted the expectations of patrons using libraries.

Other webinars are much more interactive. I attended another training webinar provided to members of the Manitoba Library Consortium on the topic of EBSCOadmin. Using Cisco’s WebEx, the trainer was able to show the participants her desktop as she navigated through the different aspects of EBSCOadmin. Participants could participate via the telephone or using their computers. Questions were asked in real time which the trainer answered while navigating the website. As a result of this webinar, I have personalized my users experience on EBSCOhost to their expectations and searching level – they can even email me directly from the EBSCO platform if they require assistance. Many webinars are archived so that if a participant was unable to attend during the live presentation, the material is still accessible at a later time when it is convenient for her or him.

Where does one find webinars? Associations, journals, vendors and schools offer webinars. Check the websites of the organizations you are interested in or ask. ALA, Follett, EBSCO, School Library Journal, Library Journal, and Mandarin are just a few examples of hosts. It is worth your time to continue your education – and it won’t cost a dime.

## **A Message from Vanessa Sobkovich- Wiebe, President of MALT 2008-09**

I am writing this as a formal resignation of MALT President. It is with great sadness and regret that I will be unable to continue my duties on the MALT executive at this time. I will be officially resigned from MALT as of January 1, 2010. I have enjoyed my time with MALT members, opportunities and executive. I believe everything that MALT does for the advocacy of Library Technicians in Manitoba is important and do hope to be part of the executive in the future. It has been an honour and a privilege working on this Association.



# L.I.T. Forum

## Networking with School Libraries across Manitoba

Come hear what other teacher-librarians are doing across  
Manitoba and learn how to use the latest social  
networking tools, Skype and Twitter

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

7:00pm - 9:00pm

St. James Professional Development Centre  
150 Moray Street



Admission is free for MSLA members and \$5.00 for  
non-members (payable at the door). Bring a friend or a  
colleague. Refreshments served. If you've got a laptop  
or mobile devise, bring it along.

Please register by February 15<sup>th</sup> to [pleclerc@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:pleclerc@retsd.mb.ca)

## Library Technician of the Year 2009-10

- Intent:** To recognize the efforts of a Library Technician who has made a major contribution to the library field in Manitoba.
- Guidelines:** The individual must be a student or graduate of a recognized Library Technician program.
- Nominations:** A nomination form must be submitted which includes a short outline of the nominee's specific achievements or contributions.

## Library Support Staff of the Year 2009-10

- Intent:** To recognize the efforts of a Library Support Staff member who has made a major contribution to the library field in Manitoba.
- Guidelines:** The individual must be currently working in a library without a Library Technician Diploma or Master's of Library Science.
- Nominations:** A nomination form must be submitted, as well as a short outline of the nominee's specific achievements or contributions and a brief biographical sketch.
- Submissions:** Please send the completed form and any additional information to:

**Manitoba Association of Library Technicians**  
P.O. Box 1872  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3C 3R1

- Deadlines:** All nominations must be received no later than April 12, 2010. The MALT Executive will review all nominations and make a final selection by April 19, 2010. Winning nominee and nominator will be contacted by April 23, 2010.
- Presentation:** The award will be presented during the MLA Conference Awards Presentation in May at the Delta Winnipeg. The Library Technician of the Year will be awarded full registration to the 2010 MLA Conference (excluding preconference registration), or, if unable to attend, \$100.







**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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## MALT Executive

President:	Catherine Taylor
Past President:	Pamela Southam
Vice President:	Elizabeth Stregger
Secretary:	Jonine Bergen
Treasurer:	Alyssa Campbell
Webmaster:	Donna Sanders
Membership Coordinator:	Jodi Turner
Communication Coordinator:	Jonine Bergen
Newsletter Editor:	Hava Salita
RRC Representatives:	Chris Mailloux Saffron Scott

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### **We're on the Web!**

*See us at:*

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[Manitoba Association of Library Technicians - Proboard](#)

[Manitoba Association of Library Technicians on LinkedIn](#)

[Canada's Library Technicians on Facebook](#)

[MALT on Facebook](#)

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