



MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CHRISTINE JANZEN

Executive personnel. Members that served on the board this year are: Cassandra Page, Ebony Novakowski, Darren Wesselius, Leslie McDonald, Alice Klumper, Mervin Koscielny, Brad Rogowsky, and Cody Deserranno.

I would like to thank everyone that I worked with this year for their guidance, support, and hard work.

Manitoba School Library Association SAGE Conference

Newsletter Editor Darren Wesselius is the MALT representative for this committee. This is a positive partnership that MALT is pleased to be part of. MALT was granted a display booth at the SAGE Conference. Please see Newsletter Editor's Report for SAGE 2016.

Red River College Advisory Board

The President is the MALT representative for the Red River Advisory Board. Because of a scheduling conflict, the President was not able to attend the meeting this year.

Continuing Education Workshop:

The workshop was held in February of 2016, and was a great success. Please see the Vice President's report for more information regarding the workshop.

Manitoba Library Associations Working Group.

As stated in its Terms of Reference, the Manitoba Library Associations Working Group was created in 2010 to "investigate the feasibility of creating one umbrella library organization within the province of Manitoba". The Working Group has been having meetings once a week since December 2015, with Cassandra Page (MALT Vice President) and Christine Janzen (MALT President) at the table.

A report of the meeting will be provided at the MALT AGM, with opportunity for discussion.

PLANS FOR 2015/2016

Manitoba Libraries Conference.

The MALT Vice President is typically responsible for being a part of the MLC Planning Committee and to participate in developing the conference program by selecting and recommending future presenters. Because of some changes within the executive in the fall, Christine Janzen (MALT President) was the representative for MALT at the Planning Committee meetings.

Web Presence

The effectiveness of our image and social network was a focus over the past year. Changes to the website are underway. We hope that the web presence helps to increase membership and involvement in the library community.

Rural Outreach

The position of Rural Outreach Membership Coordinator had been added to the MALT executive last year, but with other changes in the executive, and difficulty communicating with the Rural Membership Coordinator it was decided to put this position on hold until more attention could be given to this position. We hope to be able to approach this again in the coming year.

Manitoba School Library Association SAGE Conference

MALT participation at the SAGE conference will be represented by our Newsletter Editor Darren Wesselius.

Elections Committee.

The call for nominations for the 2016/2017 MALT Executive was put out in March 2016. The call was distributed by email, and on MALT's website and Facebook page. Position descriptions were included in the call. [A reminder email was sent out in April 2015.](#) The positions to be filled are the Secretary and Communications Coordinator.

Vice-President's report – Cassie Page

Duties Upheld:

- MALT workshop, February 5th, 2016
 - Makerspaces in the library (Focus on Schools and Public)
 - Marketing and communications for your library
 - 14 people attended (including 4 executive members)
 - Survey was conducted after the workshop to gauge the relevance of the subject.
 - **Makerspace presentation:** Everyone enjoyed the Makerspace presentation but there was a few comments about it being too focused on young children. They would have liked to see something geared toward teens as well.
 - **Communications and Marketing:** Had the same positive review as the Makerspace. Everyone seemed to really enjoy hearing what other libraries were doing to Market their space.
 - **Suggestions for the future topics:** Programming for adults and teens, Other employment opportunities with the LIT diploma, engaging reluctant readers, Graphic novels (And how to get schools on board with them).
 - **Suggestions for future locations:** A lot would prefer if the workshop was in Winnipeg, but they all enjoyed seeing Selkirk's new library and liked that it was not too far from the city.
 - Cost of the Workshop for MALT was **\$598.63**
 - Amount made at the Workshop was **\$495.00**
 - MALT spent **\$103.63**
- MLA Working group towards a consolidated Library Association. Vice-President to sit in on meetings as required.
 - All the Library Associations have been meeting once a week to work out the details of how "One Library Association" Would look and work.
 - MALT has provided the working group with information to help but is still undecided on joining.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – THERESA SZKWAREK

No report provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT – ALICE KLUMPER

The 2014/2015 budget and proposed 2015/2016 budget are attached.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT – DARREN WESSELIUS

This was my third year as newsletter editor. I have learned a great deal from the other members of the executive and have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people in the library community, through my work as the newsletter editor. The 'Where We Work' portion of the newsletter has continued to be popular. Recently we added a new column, featuring articles that may be of use to the library community, written by Tabitha Nordby (Library Technician Instructor at Red River College). We are always on the lookout for new and interesting additions to the newsletter and welcome suggestions from our members. I hope to be able to continue to provide the MALT members with a useful and interesting newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT – LESLIE McDONALD

Personal Memberships: 70 (increase of 18 members from May 2015)

Student/Unemployed – **16**

One Year – **39** (of these, 25 registered via 2015 SAGE Conference)

Three Year - **15**

Institutional Memberships:

Paid – **8**

Complimentary – **8**

*2 institutional members switched to personal memberships due to being the only employees at the institution.

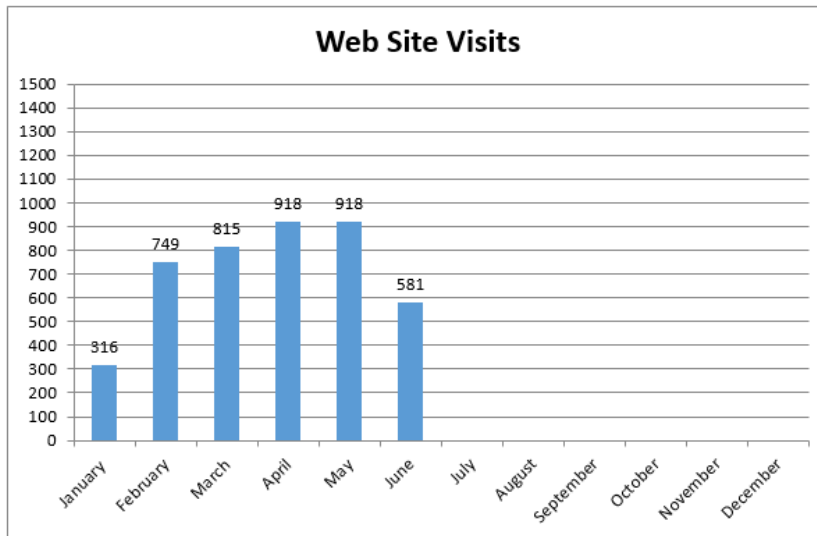
A new membership coordinator's email address has been set up for members to contact the Membership Coordinator directly: malt.mb.membership@gmail.com.

Steps are being taken to change the PayPal contact person and contact information so that the Membership Coordinator can access the account. This will help to streamline the membership registration process and declutter the main MALT email account.

COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT – EBONY NOVAKOWSKI

Website

Updates to the Rich Counter plug-in software were made at the end of December 2014 and additional patch updates were made again in January 2015. We were only able to maintain partial statistics for the 2015 year due to unforeseen service provider interruption and subsequent software difficulties that resulted from the outage of service. Our 2014 update to our statistics software plug in is expected to increase the accuracy of the reporting of our website usage. Full stats will be once again available as part of the Communications report at the 2016 AGM. Partial stats prior to service interruption are available on the graph below. Regular statistics gathering resumed January 2016.

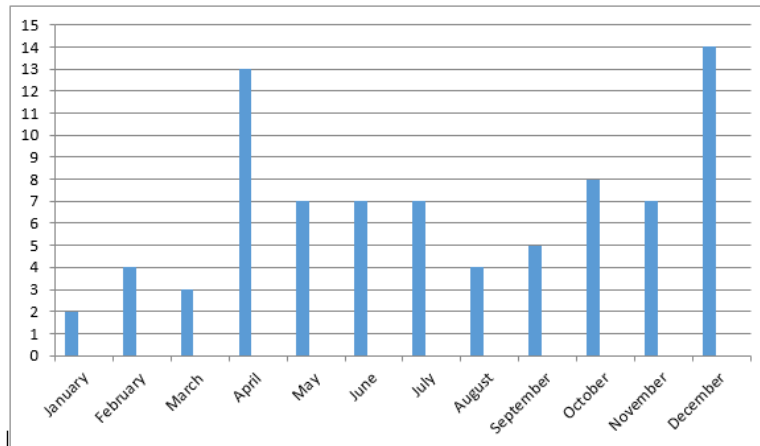


**** Data lost for part of January due to plug in upgrade

Job Bank

A formal graph document was established to track the number of posts to the job board in 2014. The Job Bank in 2015 was restricted to member access only, and is now a password protected service exclusive to the membership. This year we were able to post 76 local job opportunities for our membership. See the below graph for a monthly record of job postings made to the MALT job bank for 2015.

Job Postings 2015



Social Media

MALT makes social media posts to their Facebook account three times weekly an increase of two posts per week from 2014. As of April, 2016 the page has 215 “likes” – an increase of 37 from last year which is double the amount of additional “likes” from 2015. We have increased our Facebook posts to better interest and connect to the Manitoba Library community. Monday we feature local news post where possible, Thursday we target posts of interest to the Archival and historical community, and Friday we feature posts of current interest to the Library Technician profession.

Workshop

As part of the MALT workshop this year we were able to release the presentation slides to our members Via Facebook and our webpage and provide access to some of the presentation material for those who were unable to attend and to demonstrate quality of material with hopes of attracting increased attendance to future MALT workshop events.

STUDENT REP’S REPORT – BRAD ROGOWSKY AND CODY DESERRANNO

No report provided.

ELECTION RESULTS

President – Cassie Page
Vice President / President Elect – Ebony Novakowski
Newsletter Editor – Darren Wesselius
Membership Coordinator – Leslie McDonald
Communication Coordinator –
Secretary –
Treasurer – Alice Klumper
Past President – Christine Janzen

AWARDS

The Rising Star award was presented to Sara Wilson.

The Support Worker of the Year award was presented to Eva Fleming.

The Library Technician of the Year award was presented to Gisele Robin.

The Red River College Library & Information Technology Student award was presented to Erin Lougheed.