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Message from Catherine Taylor, MALT President

It has come to our attention that Melissa Moreau's article *LIT Course Overview*, which was published in the Fall 2012 issue of the MALT Newsletter, contains several errors about the courses she attended as a student in the Red River College Library and Information Technology Program. MALT fully supports Melissa's right to freely express her opinion, but as Library Technicians, attention to detail and accuracy are fundamental to our work. This supplement is intended to correct these errors. Thank you to Tabitha Nordby and Brian Rountree, Instructors in the RRC LIT program, for bringing this to our attention and our apologies for publishing false or misleading information.

On that note, I would like to explain that the role of the Newsletter Editor is to coordinate, publish and distribute the newsletter. It is their responsibility to edit for grammar and spelling but not to fact check articles. Eric has done a stellar job as Newsletter Editor and I truly appreciate his hard work and creativity.

Melissa's article was originally conceived as a joint article with our student representative, Diana Saunders, about the changes the LIT program is going through. Due to the length of the piece, Melissa and Diana decided that it would be better to split it into two articles. Diana will be interviewing Larry Partap, Chair of Creative Arts, Tabitha Nordby and Brian Rountree about the process of program renewal and upcoming changes. This article will be in our winter edition. In our spring newsletter, it is tradition to have an opinion piece from a graduating student on their experiences in the program and their plans for the future. We are also planning to publish an opinion piece from a Library Technician who has worked in the field for many years about the LIT program and how it shaped her career. We hope you enjoy this ongoing series.

MALT always welcomes feedback. Email your suggestions or concerns to malt.mb.ca@gmail.com.

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Statement from Melissa Moreau

I am sorry for my oversight in course titles, and appreciate Tabitha's quick response to correct those mistakes, I do not wish to mislead or offend. Those were never my intentions and I take ownership of the article's mistakes. I hope that those who enjoyed the article enjoy the added information provided by Tabitha and for those that did not find the article held value, that they can find corrected and perhaps more valuable information in the follow up. It is moments like these that make us human, mistakes happen. I am glad such a quick response to the mistakes was made. It means that the MALT newsletter is actively being read and that it will continue to grow through corrections and new article additions.

Response from Tabitha Nordby and Brian Rountree, Instructors Red River College Library and Information Technology Program

As the instructors of the LIT program at RRC, we were disheartened to read Melissa Moreau's overview of the program. We want to state clearly that it is not her personal opinion that rankles, but rather the misinformation presented within her article. As noted in Moreau's introduction, the program is in the process of change; many of the courses are being redeveloped, and most of the redevelopments did not occur during Moreau's time in the program.

Although Moreau states that, "the current curriculum for the program is not something [she is] familiar with," she fails to identify that the course names used in her review are the names of current courses (that have changed by title and content) and were not running during her time of attendance at RRC. For example, Moreau gives her opinion on the courses "Readers' Advisory for Children" and "Readers' Advisory for Young Adults". While in the program, Moreau would have taken "Children's & Young Adult Literature," which was an amalgamation of the current two RA courses. Furthermore, Moreau did not take the RA course for Young Adults, as it did not exist then; at the time, the course offered was "Canadian Literature". Along with that discrepancy, Moreau confuses the "Multimedia Services" and "Non Print & Electronic Resources" courses. The current "Multimedia Services" course is the former "Non-Print Equipment & Services" where you learned about DVD players etc. "Non-Print & Electronic Resources" is actually the third cataloguing course Moreau would have taken, now renamed "Cataloguing: Multimedia Resources."

We appreciate that MALT celebrates and gives a voice to Library Technicians, and are strong encouragers of sharing an articulate and well informed opinion, whether we agree with it or not; however, an opinion that is based on false information runs the risk of informing others inaccurately, leading to the abuse and misuse of information. As professionals in the library field, it is very important that we present information accurately.

We appreciate Melissa Moreau's note of correction on the course titles. No offense was caused, rather, it is our intent to provide clarification on the courses currently offered versus those that Melissa attended during her time at Red River College.



DON'T FORGET!

**Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am
on Sunday, November 4TH.**

Set your clocks back 1 hour.



MALT is Seeking a New Vice President / President Elect

MALT is seeking a new Vice President / President Elect for **November 2012 to June 2014**. This is a two-year commitment, serving one year in each position. The Vice President / President Elect must hold a Library Technician certificate or diploma and be a current member of MALT. They can be located anywhere in Manitoba but need to be able to attend monthly meetings (in person or electronically) from September to June, and must be present at the Annual General Meeting in May.

Duties include:

Vice President 2012/13

- 1) Assume the duties of the President in her/his absence or upon request
- 2) Responsible for chairing the planning committee for activities and workshops. Planning has already started for the next workshop, to be in March 2013. This job takes a few hours a month, with more time needed immediately before the event. Other members of the Executive will assist as needed.
- 3) Is in charge of nominations for the Executive during the Annual General Meeting. This happens in March to May and takes between five and ten hours of time over a three-month period. The Vice President and one Executive member shall serve as the Election Committee. Duties of the Election Committee are as follows: Send out the call for nominations; receiving the nomination forms; creating and disseminating ballots if more than one person is nominated for a position; receiving and counting ballots; notifying the membership of the elections results.

President 2013/14

- 1) Preside at monthly meetings from September to June, as well as the Annual General Meeting in May.
- 2) Prepare the grant application for Public Library Services Branch funding. This occurs annually in November and takes six to ten hours of time over a one-month period. The Treasurer and Membership Coordinator assist with the application. Previous applications may be used as a template.
- 3) Is in charge of the biennial MALT survey. The next survey will be conducted in October 2013. The President sets up the online survey using the previous survey as a template, widely distributes the link to the survey, analyzes survey results and prepares a report. This takes six to ten hours over a three-month period.
- 4) Is in charge of nominations for the annual MALT Awards. This happens in March to May and takes between five and ten hours of time over a three-month period. The President shall send out a call for nominations, distribute nominations to the Executive, inform nominees of the results and present the awards to the winners at the AGM or joint library conference.
- 5) Acts as MALT's representative on the Red River College Library Education Advisory Committee. This committee meets once or twice a year.
- 6) When financially possible, the President represents MALT at the Canadian Library Association Conference.

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