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Backyard gardening in Winnipeg

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Summertime and the livin' is easy... but there is still a lot of work to do in the library. No rest for the wicked!

We have new MALT Executive members! Find out more about Fatima, Melissa and Lisa.

Award winning library folk! There were three awards given by MALT at this year's AGM.

A double shot of 'Where We Work'! Our new Vice President writes about the two school libraries that she works in.

Technology for the Library Tech. There are many apps for iPhones that are useful in the library. See what's available!

Need a little mystery this summer? The Flavia de Luce series may just be the ticket.

And be sure to have a good summer!

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Message from the MALT President



At Ominik Marsh in Riding Mountain National Park

Catherine Taylor
MALT President

It has been a busy year for MALT and I for one am happy to have the next couple of months off! It will be good to start up again in September with our enthusiasm replenished. I'm pleased to report that all our executive positions are full and I'm looking forward to working with Lisa, Fatima and Melissa.

The biggest thing on the MALT horizon is meeting with members of the other library associations to discuss the results of the Working Group survey. We will also be consulting with our membership on the future of our association. I hope we will get lots of input and ideas from the Library Technician community.

Our Facebook page and website will continue to be updated over the summer so please check in often!

MALT Executive

President:	Catherine Taylor
Past President:	Pamela Darling
Vice President:	Melissa Moreau
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New Faces on the MALT Exec

Fatima DeMelo Secretary



Fatima began her involvement with MALT as a student representative while attending Red River College. After her 2009 graduation, she began working part time for the Carolyn Sifton - Helene Fuld Library at St. Boniface Hospital, with term positions in such places as Victoria General Hospital and Neil John McLean Health Sciences Library. Fatima now works for Red

River College at the Notre Dame campus in Media Services. When she's not at work, she enjoys reading, walking, running, and writing. You can read her blog at stacksandranges.wordpress.com/.

Melissa Moreau Vice President



Melissa graduated from the 2011 Red River College Library and Information Technician program. She entered the library work force the January before she graduated, working in the River East Transcona School Division and has enjoyed working in the school systems immensely.

In her spare time, Melissa loves reading anything and everything! Keeping up with children's literature and young adult literature keeps her busy and she loves browsing the bookstore shelves for new finds or forgotten old favourites.

Melissa hopes to integrate herself more in the library world with the taking on of this MALT position and is excited to network with fellow Library Techs.

Lisa Zvanovec Communications Coordinator



Lisa is a 2011 graduate of the Library and Information Technology program at Red River College. In 2010, she worked as a contract Library Assistant at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Research Library. She currently works part-time as a Library Assistant 1 at the Neil John Maclean Health

Sciences Library while working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Professional Arts through Athabasca University's distance education program. She hopes to earn her MLIS in the future.

At Red River College, Lisa was presented with the Betty Andrich Memorial Scholarship for top marks in Reference and still relishes any chance to hone her library reference skills.

Lisa enjoys crocheting, biking, cottaging, and reading (of course) in her spare time.

The 2012 Annual General Meeting was held on May 15th. The report and minutes may be found on our website at:

<http://malt.mb.ca/about/annual-general-meeting/>

Any MALT member who would like to see the 2011 financial statement or the 2012 projected budget can send us a request by email.

MALT Awards 2012

Library Technician of the Year

Recipient: **Cecile Lemoine**, *Winnipeg School Division, Library Support Services*

Nominated by: *Laura Cowie*



Cecile Lemoine

photo courtesy of C. Lemoine

Cecile has worked in Winnipeg School Division since 1990. Every day, Cecile demonstrates her commitment to quality cataloguing, her focus on providing the best support to school library staff, and her ongoing

enthusiasm for professional learning and growth. She has been outstanding in her efforts to migrate data successfully, to brainstorm and problem-solve, to master new processes, and to train and support staff in their learning.

Cecile brings a strong sense of innovation to the projects she tackles. She knows the cataloguing software intimately, and can tweak and harness it to take on many "outside-the-box" applications. She enabled the Division's Adult Learning School, Winnipeg Adult Education, to create records pioneering OverDrive audio and ebook collections that are integrated into the Division catalogue. She has worked for hours to find ways to enable the cataloguing software to take French accents. She has also worked intensively with Tec-Voc High School's Broadcasting and Multimedia Department, allowing them to have simple cataloguing records to process the 1000s of pieces of broadcasting equipment they

lend out to students on a daily basis. Once she identifies a problem she doesn't stop until it's solved.

Staff from other divisions, like Louis Riel, St. James Assiniboia and Pembina Trails, have appreciated her practical assistance with their library systems and with issues they may be having using cataloguing software. She also works hard with co-workers to solve problems and speed up delivery of services, especially in cataloguing the kits, equipment and professional resources of our teacher library.

She welcomes RRC library technician students and enthusiastically supports their learning during work placements. She is currently mentoring a student Library Technician who is taking courses from Dalhousie, invigilating her exams and providing her with work practicum experiences.

Truly, Cecile is a leader in her field and a proud example of the professionalism embodied by Library Technicians.

Library Support Worker of the Year

Recipient: **Hung-Hsueh Shao**, *Sciences and Technology Library, University of Manitoba*

Nominated by: *Vera Keown*

Hung-Hsueh has been a dedicated member of the University of Manitoba Libraries for over 22 years. For the past 5 years, she has been a valuable member of the reference team at the Sciences and Technology Library. Her excellent organizational skills ensure that the reference department runs smoothly and she can always be counted on to provide great customer service to patrons.

Every year, Hung-Hsueh works tirelessly to prepare materials for the library's collection evaluations. She also maintains the library's online news and blog pages. This service provides up-to-date science and

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Where We Work

Westview School Library &
Bernie Wolfe Community School
Winnipeg, Manitoba
by Melissa J. Moreau



photo courtesy of M. Moreau

Westview School Library during the Hobbies and Collections Fair

I am lucky enough to currently work in two libraries in the River East Transcona School Division, found in Winnipeg, Manitoba. My "first school", as I will call it, is Westview, which has school ages K to 5 and is a permanent position. The school is one of the most longstanding in the division but you would never tell from the library. It was moved (within the school) and was totally re-done just a few short years ago! The new space has LOTS of natural light, tonnes of space to grow, and flows nicely. The library collection is always changing and updating. Our Teacher Librarian is always out looking for new and exciting titles to add, and weeding the oldies, but not so goodies. This means lots of processing time for me, but I don't mind, it keeps things interesting. Having such movement in the collection also makes you more aware of what you do and do not have, which is great for ready reference. The Westview library is very much a part of the schools everyday life. I read to every class, have book talks, host different events in the space (such as the Humane Society, Fire Safety and some furry friends from Fort Whyte to name a few) and we just finished our very first "Hobbies and Collections Fair" which was

a huge success! The school itself is not large in size, about 175 students giving the job a very personal touch; you get to know students, their reading levels and book tastes, as well as the curriculum taught by each teacher. The teachers are always coming and going from the space picking up books to compliment a topic or looking for new ideas. With all the movement, sometimes shelving can become a bit overwhelming for one person, even for the school's small size. I have 2 parent volunteers who come once a week to help and you can tell just by our short weekly interactions that the Westview library is not only a part of their child's school day, but it translates to the home as well. Excitement over new books, the upcoming events, or just the discovery of a new favourite get talked about at home. Every month we



Chinese Zodiac signs at Westview School Library in January

photo courtesy of M. Moreau

have a new theme in the library. Our 2011-2012 school year themes included a Chinese New Year month, complete with dragons, Chinese horoscopes, and origami; and our Poetry Corner, where students brought in their own poems and discussed the different poetry forms. The job I hold at Westview is very rewarding. It's the cliché that if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life.

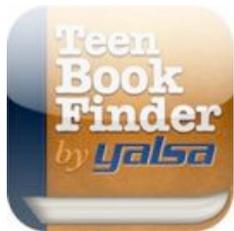
My "second school" is the Bernie Wolfe Community School and is a term position. This school has K to 8 students (over 550 of them), making for a VERY



Tech Toolbox

iPhone Apps for Library Technicians
Candice Phillips

APPS for techs



YALSA's Teen Book Finder

Great for both school & public libraries. The Teen Book Finder app allows for easy access to books that are granted awards each year by YALSA. You can search for books by title, author, genre, award, or list, as well as create a reading list using the favorites button. You can easily share what you're reading on social networking sites like Facebook & Twitter and there are three "hot picks" listed each day.



Dropbox

A free service that allows you to store & access your photos, videos, and documents from anywhere. You can share your files with others & access them from any computer, iPhone, iPad, or the Dropbox website.



TED

TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design. The speakers & presentations offered at TED conferences are always top notch & are fantastic sources of

information. However, the conferences are definitely not cheap to attend, so this app is a fabulous way to gain access to these speakers & presentations.



WordPress

A quick & easy tool for moderating comments, creating & editing blog posts while on the go. If you are a blogger who uses WordPress, download

this app!



OverDrive

Download eBooks & audiobooks from your local public library directly to your iPhone or iPad. You can use the "get books" feature in the app to find a library near you.



Goodreads

The social networking website/app for book lovers! Keep track of what you want to read, write book reviews & add subject tags to organize your reading history. You can find new & interesting books by checking out what your friends are reading, create trivia, "best books" lists, post your own writing, and create groups/book clubs.

Another thing worth mentioning is the OCLC WorldCat Mobile interface (<http://worldcatmobile.org>). This includes all libraries in WorldCat & allows users to search for library materials by title, keyword or author. You can find a library nearby by entering a ZIP/Postal Code or location in the Libraries Locator. You can also call a library by highlighting and clicking the phone number in a library listing to place a call & map a route to find the fastest way to a library using the mapping software already available in your iPhone.



Book Talk

Flavia de Luce Mystery Series
by Catherine Taylor

Have you met the delightful Flavia de Luce yet? Summer is the perfect time to make her acquaintance or, if you're already a fan, to catch up with an old friend.

Flavia is the 11-year old heroine in Alan Bradley's mystery series. She is a deliciously macabre and resourceful girl with a passion for chemistry (poisons are her specialty), plotting revenge against her older sisters and getting caught up in murder mysteries. Set in the village of Bishops Lacey in the years after the Second World War, Flavia is surrounded by a cast of colourful characters: her philatelist father, sisters Ophelia and Daphne, the loyal Dogger, Mrs. Mullet the cook, Inspector Hewitt, Canon Richardson, and various other eccentric village locals.

I am especially fond of Flavia because she reminds me of the characters from my favourite childhood books, such as Pippi Longstocking and Harriet the Spy. She spends her days largely without adult company and those adults she does come across completely underestimate her since, after all, she's just a girl. Because of her invisibility she is able to get into (and out of) all kinds of trouble.

The books have won a pile of awards with *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* winning the Dagger Award for Debut novel. These fun, suspenseful and charming books are definitely worth checking out! Find out more at:

<http://www.flaviadeluce.com/>

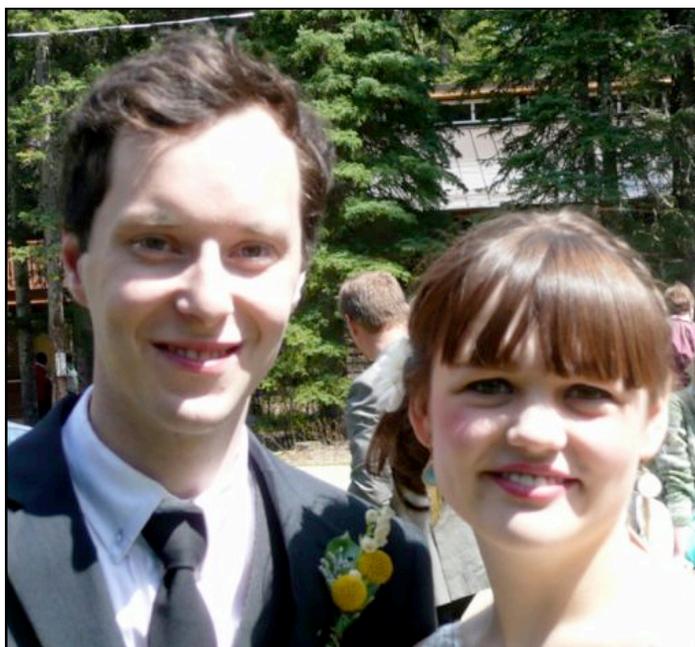
The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie (2009)
The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag (2010)
A Red Herring Without Mustard (2011)
I Am Half-Sick of Shadows (2011)
Seeds of Antiquity (forthcoming)
The Nasty Light of Day (forthcoming)

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library information to patrons. Hung-Hsueh has also been instrumental in the organization and delivery of graduate student workshops and other library instruction sessions. She takes care of the advertising, registration, follows-up with registrants, prepares materials, and processes evaluations. Thanks to Hung-Hsueh, the library staff and patrons can feel confident that all the details have been looked after.

Red River College Library & Information Technology Student Award

Recipient: *Justin Fuhr*



Justin Fuhr & his wife, Meghan Thiessen

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. Congratulations to Justin on his outstanding academic achievement. And a big congratulations on his recent marriage!



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diverse library collection. You go from the easy reads like "Clifford the Big Red Dog" on one side, to the Non-Fiction "Brain Cells and Nervous Systems" on the other side! I have story time with the grades K to 4 and the older grades come for book exchange and study



photo courtesy of M. Moreau

Easy reads section (my favourite half of the library) of Bernie Wolfe

time. There is a "Reading Buddy" program in place, where students from the older grades mentor the younger ones through reading and storytelling. This program ties together the age gap in the school, and makes the library a central place. Bernie Wolfe Community School is also very committed to

Aboriginal learning. There is a very large collection of Aboriginal books both Fiction and Non-Fiction, one of the most impressive in the Division. Unlike Westview, where I am more hands on with classes and non-technical work, at Bernie Wolfe my job consists and focuses mainly on the technical side of things. I spend the majority of my days processing new books, re-shelving, and circulation. Although I am not as involved with the classrooms as I am at my first school, the second school keeps my Technician skills sharp, or at least I like to think so!

Working in two school libraries definitely has its pluses and minuses. Having to take care of two year-end inventories, two year-end report files, two budgets and two coming-year theme sets all in the last month of school can be very stressful! Then I remember the two months off for summer... like I said pluses and minuses!

If you are interesting in working in a school library the Divisional websites are the best places to look for postings. Luckily, under the "Job Bank" link on the MALT webpage all the provincial School Division sites are conveniently listed under "employers".

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Where We Work

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