

# Manitoba Association of Library Technicians 2015 Annual Report

## President's Report – Theresa Szkwarek

**Executive personnel.** Members that served on the board this year are: Amanda Gajausky, Mervin Koscielny, Ebony Novakowski, Diana Saunders, Theresa Szkwarek, Darren Wesselius, Cassandra Page, Alice Klumper, Katie Kilgour, Mikaela Oldencamp, and Heather Mathis. 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 participates as 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 2015.

**Red River College Advisory Board:** President and past president are MALT representatives for the Red River Advisory Board. During the past year, it was decided that intake for the library information technology program will increase to every year from every second year.

**Continuing Education Workshop:** The workshop has been postponed to fall of 2014.

**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 last met in 2013, with Catherine Taylor (then MALT President) and Mikaela Oldenkamp (then MALT Vice President) at the table.

This fall Camille Callison (MLA President) invited representatives from the original library communities to revive the work of this group. Alice Klumper (MALT Treasurer) has volunteered to join the Working Group which will meet on May 14, 2015. Additionally, Mikaela Oldenkamp (MALT Past President) will attend the May meeting to provide continuity. 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 responsible for sitting on the board and to participate in developing the conference program by selecting and recommending future presenters.

**Web Presence.** The effectiveness of our image and social network was a focus over the past year. Changes to the website are underway. It was decided to reward our MALT members by sharing the job postings exclusively with the membership. We thank and encourage all members and hope that the web presence helps to increase membership and involvement in the library community.

**Rural Outreach:** An additional member, Rural Outreach Membership Coordinator, has been added to the MALT executive. The focus for this position will be to engage the rural community

in Manitoba. Rural library contact information has been added to our email list. An outreach letter will be issued once changes to the MALT website have been made.

**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 2015/2016 MALT Executive was put out in March 2015. 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 were:

- President
- Vice President/President-Elect
- Membership Coordinator

Nominations were received and all positions have been filled.

### **Treasurer's Report – Alice Klumper**

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

### **Newsletter Editor's Report – Darren Wesselius**

Another year has passed for me as newsletter editor. MALT has been fortunate to receive some great submissions for the 'Where We Work' portion of the newsletter. We have had a look at several kinds of libraries, from different areas of the province. It is great to see the many locales in which we can find library technicians. I hope we continue to have such great input from our diverse library community. I look forward to the coming year and to providing the MALT membership with an interesting and useful newsletter.

### **Membership Coordinator's Report – Heather Mathis**

As of May 11, 2015 MALT has 52 personal memberships and 9 institutional memberships. This is down slightly from May 2014. Our membership breakdown shows that we have 6 Academic, 2 Public, 11 School, 8 Special, 11 Student/Unemployed, and 6 unknown. PayPal is a well-used option but it does not give members the option to include their address and what they're current working status is.

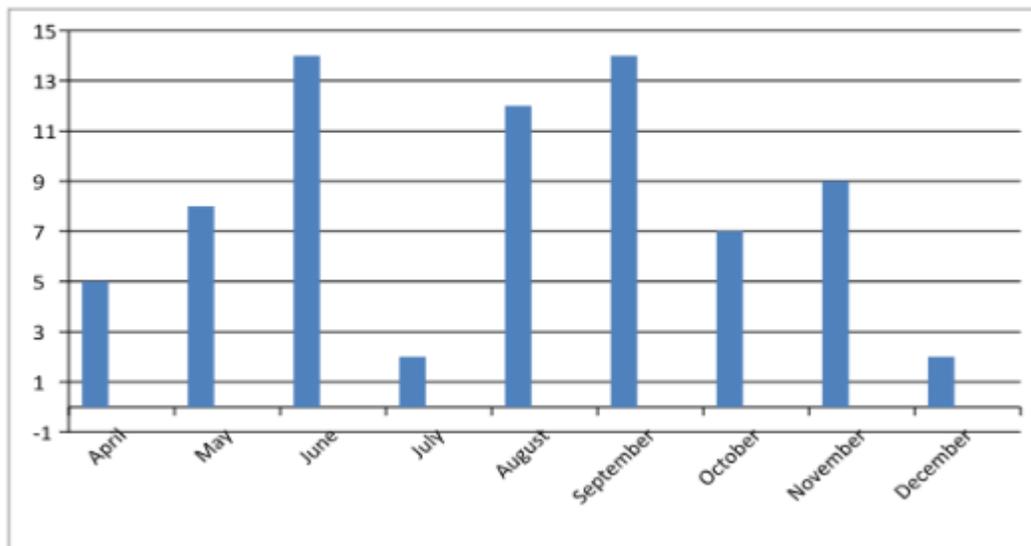
## Communication Coordinator's Report – Ebony Novakowski

**Website:** In November 2012, the Rich Counter plug-in was installed on the MALT website. We maintain statistics of each website visitor, identified by IP address. Statistical data is separated by month and year. The website was accessed an average of 1700 hits each month. This is an increase in activity of 200 hits per month from figures reported at last year's AGM. Updates to the Rich Counter plug-in software were made at the end of December 2014. This may result in future changes to our site performance based on our past statistics, but the update will result in increased accuracy of tracking web page access in relation to use of the page features.

**Job Bank:** A formal graph document was established to track the number of posts to the job board. This document is updated monthly with members of the executive able to access the document to ensure that accurate statistics are maintained during future transitions of the Communications Coordinator position. See the below graph for a monthly record of job postings made to the MALT job bank for 2014.

### MALT Web Page Stats

#### Job Postings 2014



**Social Media:** MALT makes social media posts to their Facebook account weekly. As of April, 2015 the page has 178 likes – an increase of 19 from last year. We are excited by new features that Facebook has created to better reach our audience. We have experimented with the post "boost" feature to increase awareness of Award Nomination Requests and found the feature to be useful in generating online engagement.

## **Past President's Report – Mikaela Oldencamp**

The most important role of the Past President is to pass on institutional knowledge and help the new President understand her role. I hope Theresa found my advisory help useful. This year I also trained Heather Mathis on the Membership Coordinator role. Finally, I will be attending the May 2015 Manitoba Libraries Working Group meeting with Alice Klumper (report to be made at the AGM).

As my formal involvement with MALT winds down I would like to thank:

- Catherine Taylor for her invaluable guidance during my time as President
- Theresa Szkwarek for making the commitment to MALT and continuing on to be President
- Members of the Executive for their hard work and support
- The MALT membership for their involvement – you are why we are here

When I volunteered to be MALT Vice President in late 2012 I didn't realize how many skills I would use and learn over the next three years. I've learned about chairing meetings, writing agendas and minutes, and handling resignations. The communications strategies I learned during my LIT diploma were put to work in writing emails and a grant application, preparing an annual report, and making presentations. I met many wonderful people from the MALT Executive and membership and from across the library community. Thank you all for the experiences!

## **Student Rep's Report – Katie Kilgour and Mervin Koscielny**

Two students are chosen from the LIT program to sit on the MALT executive. Katie Kilgour and Mervin Koscielny were the student representatives the 2014-2015 class. They met monthly with the MALT executive, providing feedback from the students as well as passing on information from the executive to their classmates. They published an article in the Spring 2015 MALT Newsletter. The past year has been enlightening for the student reps and we thank them for their participation.

## **Election Results**

President – Karly Swain

Vice President / President Elect – Christine Janzen

Newsletter Editor – Darren Wesselius

Membership Coordinator – Leslie McDonald and Brittany Maguet

Communication Coordinator – Ebony Novakowski

Secretary – Cassandra Page

Treasurer – Alice Klumper

Past President – Theresa Szkwarek

## **Awards**

The Rising Star award was presented to Dana Van Aert Pattrosson.

The Support Worker of the Year award was presented to Gaitree Boyd.

The Library Technician of the Year award was presented to Darren Wesselius.