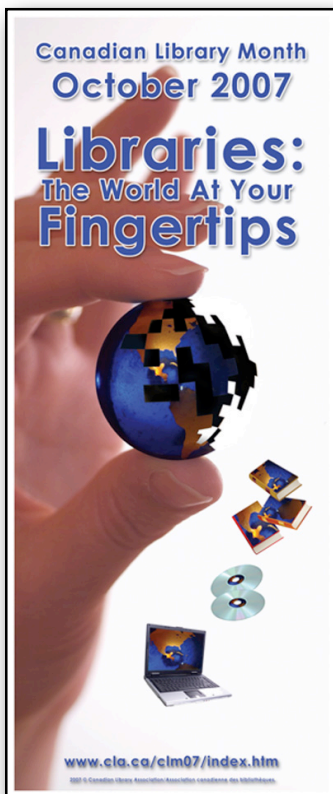


October 29 is National Library Trustee's Day

At the September 2007 meeting of the CLTA Executive, this date was declared as part of Canadian Library Month. Now each year we will celebrate the public library trustee on the last Monday of October.



This is your CLTA Executive Council at their leisure in Ottawa: Secretary-Treasurer: Elaine Kivisto, Director at Large: Donald Hamilton, Vice-President/President-Elect: Jan Harder, and President: Lawrence

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President's Report

As we continue the job of rebuilding the CLTA, it continues to be obvious that we have no small task ahead! Hopefully by now you have received information, sent to all presidents, regarding the results of our planning session held in September. If not please check with your president or contact me directly to receive this info. We are relying heavily on the president's to be our link for the sharing of info and the receiving of input from the provincial organizations. If you are interested in helping them in some way with this task please let them know. In order for a national organization to be successful it needs to have national support. At this time, we see the Presidents' Advisory Council crucial to moving the organization forward.

As mentioned on my letter to them, and is outlined from our meeting, we have a number of committees which require volunteers to assist with committee work. Again, if you have the interest and time to become involved please contact your president or me directly (llavend@telus.net).

Membership is another key factor in strong organizations. Our current membership is low. In order

to "carry our weight" within CLA and to perform well in the best interest of all trustees, we need increased support from the larger community of trustees in Canada. That can be best achieved through participation, first in your provincial group, and then at the national level - CLTA/CLA. A number of options for membership are available. Please check the CLA website (www.cla.ca) for this information.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding your organization.
Lawrence Lavender

Notes from across the country: BRITISH COLUMBIA

TOP

The British Columbia Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) has long been involved in an extensive educational program for library trustees in B.C. As they state in their literature "BCLTA's mission is to "develop and support library trustees to advance public library service in BC". Trustee education, through course development and delivery, is one of the most important ways that we serve and support our members." Key to this work is the



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Trustee Orientation Program (TOP) a full day workshop delivered at conferences and in the field. recently the Association trained several presenters to be ready to deliver the program in every area. In addition to the face-to-face program, BCLTA has developed an online version of the program featuring Dr. Ken Haycock. That program is available to anyone through the web at: <http://bclta.invokemedia.com/>

While the content of this program is focused on trustees in BC, the core elements may be of interest to trustees everywhere. You are welcome to engage this program.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association (SLTA) represents the approximately 2800 public library trustees who oversee the operation of the ten public library systems in the Province that operate about 310 public library branches throughout Saskatchewan, including Regina, Saskatoon, seven Regional systems and a library system serving northern Saskatchewan.

Over the last 15 years municipal funding for public libraries has increased by 44 percent while Provincial funding for public libraries has increased by 15.5 percent. SLTA is extremely concerned that Provincial funding for public libraries has failed to keep pace with municipal funding and has not even kept pace with the rate of inflation over the last 15 years. SLTA is concerned that many public library facilities are aging and do not meet current accessibility and/or structural standards for public buildings. Further, SLTA is concerned that equipment in the branches is aging and in need of replacement and/or upgrading.

SLTA is asking supporters of libraries to press their local candidates on their level of support for initiatives that would strengthen and return public libraries to the central place they once held in our communities across the Province. That is why the poster was created.

ONTARIO

Jan Harder, our Vice President is an Ottawa Councillor and Chair of the Ottawa Public Library Board in her real life. As part of that role she delivered a talk on October 12, 2007 to the Canadian Urban Libraries Council entitled *Increasing Diversity in Canadian Cities: The Public Library Response*. That paper is available at this link: http://bibliottawalibrary.ca/explore/board/board_e.html

CONFERENCES

Whenever library conferences are held across the country here are elements of these programs that will have interest to trustees. These are some we know about:

OLA: Toronto:Super Conference
Jan 30-Feb 2/08

BCLA: Richmond BC April 17-19/08

ALC: April 24-27/08- Jasper Park Lodge

SLA: Regina on May 1 - 3/08 A joint conference with the Manitoba Library Assn (MLA) it takes place during Regina Public Library's 100th anniversary celebration.

CLA and CLTA: Vancouver May 21-24/08 There will be an outstanding program at that event that will draw many to that Conference. There is much to discuss and debate and many great people to meet. More information will appear in later **CLTALK** issues and on the Conference website:

<http://www.cla.ca/conference/2008/index.htm>

Let us know about events in your area.

Provincial Library Trustee Associations

BC: BCLTA <http://bclta.org>

Alberta: ALTA

<http://www.librarytrustees.ab.ca/index.html>

Saskatchewan: SLTA

<http://www.lib.sk.ca/slta/>

Manitoba: MLTA Contact Bill Stilwell bills@mts.net

Ontario: Ontario Library Boards Assn. <http://www.accessola.com/olba/bins/index.asp>

New Brunswick: N. B. Library Trustees Association (related to the NB Public Library Service) Contact Claire Detheridge mcDetheridge@cbrm.ns or <http://www.gnb.ca/0003/who.asp>

Nova Scotia: Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS)

<http://www.westerncounties.ca/lbans>

Without adequate library funding, everyone gets shut out.



During the provincial election campaign, ask candidates how funding can be increased for your library.

A message from the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association.

Join the Canadian Library Trustees Association!

If you are retired, CLA offers personal membership with one division for only \$50.00. Simply join and put CLTA as your Division. Not retired? Then the cost would be \$200.00, again with CLTA as your Division. Library Boards are urged to consider taking out an institutional membership: This provides CLTA membership for all the trustees on your Board. Fees are based on the size of your Board, but it works out to about \$50.00 per trustee. Full details and membership forms are on the web

<http://www.cla.ca/membership/board.htm>

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