

SUBJECT LINE

**Important Update on June 26/Summer MLA Receptions**

BULLETIN TEXT

Attention Library Board Chairs:

In speaking with many of you over the past several days, it has become clear that June 26<sup>th</sup> is not feasible as a uniform, province-wide reception date to honour MLAs and the provincial government contribution to libraries. While we still very much encourage you to try and organize a reception for your local MLA(s), we are changing the June 26<sup>th</sup> target date to the much broader Summer 2009. If you haven't already, we hope that you will be able to plan an event sometime in the coming months – either a stand-alone function as originally suggested or a reception held in conjunction with an already-planned event, such as the launch of Summer Reading Club.

The need to communicate the importance of provincial funding to libraries in these difficult economic times remains, but with the provincial budget now expected in the Fall rather than this July we have a little more time than we first thought to get the message out. Your BCLTA board will be calling around early next week to answer any questions you may have about the MLA Receptions and to update you on further provincial advocacy activities planned for the coming weeks. You are also welcome to contact BCLTA Executive Director Errin Morrison at [execdirector@bclta.org](mailto:execdirector@bclta.org) or 778-355-9979 with your questions and/or concerns.

Planning materials are still available on the BCLTA website (<http://bclta.org/mlarec.html>) – and resources such as the event invitation letters and local media release have been updated to reflect the new timeline and broader event description.