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STATEMENT OF BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES

1. The Saskatchewan Library Association is a province-wide, volunteer, non-profit organization designed to further the development of library service.
2. The Saskatchewan Library Association is a general rather than an exclusively professional organization that includes as members: individuals, institutions, and organizations who share a common interest in library service.
3. The Saskatchewan Library Association believes that:
 - a) Library staff recognize the diversity of viewpoints in society; they encourage the free exchange of ideas and knowledge and as such they must operate in an environment of intellectual freedom;
 - b) Library staff nurture an informed democracy and a compassionate pluralism;
 - c) Library staff are committed to literacy and lifelong learning;
 - d) Library staff possess both general and specific knowledge and are skilled in its application in an information environment;
 - e) Library staff are key to accessing library resources

- and information and to fostering new experiences and discoveries;
- f) Libraries are better supported by the unified efforts of an umbrella organization which can bring together key constituents — members, government funding agencies, other organizations, and library users;
 - g) Libraries of all kinds are fundamental to the cultural, educational, recreational, economic, and political well-being of the people of Saskatchewan;
 - h) Libraries are valuable assets to the community by adding to and reflecting the quality of life in the community;
 - i) Libraries are an essential part of a community, providing many forms of information and participating actively in community life;
 - j) Library resources must be accessible to all.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Saskatchewan Library Association is to be the voice of Saskatchewan's library communities.

ROLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association achieves this mission by fulfilling the following roles:

- a) Encouraging communication and fellowship among members, library staff, and others;
- b) Fostering continuing education for library staff;
- c) Identifying and responding to issues and situations that affect library staff and libraries;
- d) Supporting the principles, standards, and practices that are essential to the provision of excellent library service;
- e) Promoting cooperation among libraries;
- f) Promoting the awareness of libraries as integral parts of their communities;
- g) Partnering with other cultural organizations in promoting the cultural development of the province;
- h) Partnering with other library associations to achieve common objectives.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When I was elected President of the SLA I was impressed by the history of the association, the commitment of the members, and the stability of a dedicated office. This is a potentially powerful combination that I have spent the past year poking at; mostly with questions, although I am certain that at times it has felt to others like with a sharp stick.

I believe that we need to ask questions that are tough, and even at times threatening to our perceptions of who we are, and reflect on the answers so that we can do better. We may need to change – but we actually do not know this until we poke around and find out more about ourselves, the environments that we work in, and the people we serve.

This has not always been easy for the board. I commend each of them; Charles Wood, Jessica Cammer, Brett Waytuck, Regan Balfour, Lorraine Salt, Jocelyn Mark Provost, Gohar Ashoughian, Linda Winkler, Deborah Lee, Jeff Mason, and especially our Executive Director, Caroline Selinger, for not only persevering through the challenges, but for, in the end, positioning the SLA to be more resilient and responsive in serving our members.

I am convinced that this is what the members want – a resilient and responsive association (not a poke with a sharp stick).

I have sent emails or phoned 183 (out of approximately 250) SLA members and have had some frank and heartening conversations about your expectations of, and experiences with, the SLA. For the most part, the SLA is appreciated but there is concern for our sustainability, how we set directions and priorities, and our ability to understand and meet the needs of members.

Our challenge will be to move from knowing this, to taking action; not for, but with, the members.

I believe this to be doable. Looking back on my year as President, along with all the questioning, I have also experienced what the SLA can, and is, accomplishing.

As a true testament to the popularity of library themed parties, despite scheduling conflicts, both the Saskatchewan Library Week kick-off and the Government

and Public Libraries Forum were well attended and appreciated. I attended the Forum, gave greetings from the SLA, and took advantage of the opportunities to further relationships between the SLA, public libraries, and the government.

The SLA has continued with its commitment to work with others in developing and delivering the best strategies to support opportunities for library education. I was pleased to work with the Provincial Librarian, Joylene Campbell, to strengthen our shared understanding of the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary, and to connect with our potential partners in government and the private sector in exploring the possibility of an Aboriginal Library Bursary.

Minister Krawetz has shown great interest in the association and it has been a pleasure to keep the Ministry of Education up-to-date on our many activities and programs. In March, at a SILS media event, I demonstrated the new Encore catalogue to the Minister and we are delighted that he is joining us at the conference this year.

The SLA has a strong role in The Partnership, Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. In August I went to Toronto, along with Caroline Selinger and Jeff Mason, to attend the Partnership summer retreat. I represented the SLA by planning and chairing/facilitating the two days of national discussion on the state of libraries and library associations, as well as the regular Partnership business of the Education Institute, the Job Board, and the Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research. In February I attended the winter meeting of the Partnership and while I was there I took the opportunity to meet Dr. Caron, the Librarian and Archivist of Canada, and we had what I consider a lively conversation regarding the archive and library needs of First Nation communities. He responded positively to my invitation to visit Saskatchewan to familiarize himself with those needs in this province.

And there is an incredible amount of work that is being done, by others, at the conference, with the website, with continuing education, and with board development. I look forward to my next role in supporting this work

and the incoming board with Jeff Mason as President. I have so many questions to ask.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kelly
President*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Did you know that the Saskatchewan Library Association has been in existence since 1942? Yes, the SLA is in its 68th year of operation. For 68 years the SLA has been part of and contributed to the success of our province's library community. Saskatchewan Library Week has been running since 1976 and the Summer Reading Program since 1977. The Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture and Award of Merit have been presented since 1967 and the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary was first awarded in 2002. Now that's impressive! The list of accomplishments the SLA has achieved over the years are plentiful. The SLA has proven to be a strong, significant and enduring part of our vital and growing library community. It is hard to image just how many dedicated board members, committee members and volunteers have contributed to the success of the SLA for all these years. And I know that many of you reading this have been part of this history. Thank you. And so it continues with many, many dedicated people who are willing to give their time and expertise to build on this success.

I would like to invite all of you to become involved in the SLA, whether it is on the Board, a member of one of our many committees or as a volunteer. It is a great opportunity to be part of our long history and continue the traditions of our association and introduce new initiatives. You'll have the opportunity to contribute to your profession, network with people from all over the province and make new friends. Give our office a call or contact one of our board members, we'll be pleased to talk to you about all the opportunities that are available.

The SLA enjoyed another busy and successful year in many areas. The Board, committees and volunteers once again stepped up and made a difference. Our successes included a new mission statement, approved at the 2009 AGM: *The Mission of the Saskatchewan Library Association is to be the voice of Saskatchewan's library communities.* A new strategic plan was implemented with the focus on communication, advocacy, programs

and professional development. I hope you have been enjoying the new SLA website. There are many people behind the scenes working on making further improvements to our website and Forum and the way we communicate with our members. New grants were established and introduced and work continued on establishing an Aboriginal Library Education bursary.

Financially SLA remains stable, unfortunately we are unable to report a surplus for 2009-10 due in part to the lack of profit for the 2009 Conference, low interest rates and shortfalls in sponsorship. SaskCulture's Annual Global Funding application resulted in a grant of \$105,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. The Cultural Advisory Committee interview was held in Nov 2009, attended by Jeff Mason, VP, Brett Waytuck, Treasurer and myself. We received good results and congratulations on a successful year. We are grateful to SaskLotteries and SaskCulture for their continued financial support that keeps the SLA operational and allows us to carry on with our many activities. Please remember that your lottery ticket purchases support SLA and many other cultural organizations.

In Oct 2009, SaskCulture Provincial Cultural Organizations received very good news with the signing of a new five-year agreement for distribution of lottery proceeds. This will mean stable funding opportunities for the 12,000 plus sport, culture and recreation groups that benefit from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

Another exciting SaskCulture initiative was planned this past year. Culture Days in Saskatchewan will be held September 24-26, 2010 and is a collaborative pan-Canadian initiative that aims to raise the awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement by all Canadians in cultural activities in their communities. SaskCulture is looking for cultural groups wishing to provide opportunities for the public to learn more about their particular cultural activity. Libraries are invited to participate in this new event and register their activities. More information is available at www.culturedays.ca.

The Partnership continues to be an important part of the SLA activities and offers great opportunities to our members through the Education Institute and Job Board services. These services also result in income

for the SLA. The Partnership is Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations (www.thepartnership.ca). The Education Institute, a program offered through the Partnership, is a national educational program that provides year-round learning through teleconference, Webcast, and on-line at economical prices. The programs support the professional development of librarians and information professionals.

Board members, Barbara Kelly, Jessica Cammer, Lorraine Salt and I attended the first *Government and Libraries Forum* held in October 2009 in Regina, hosted by the Ministry of Education. Representatives of the provincial government and members of Saskatchewan's public libraries were in attendance to discuss how they can work together to achieve common goals. The speakers were excellent and discussions very informative.

The SLA became a member of Heritage Saskatchewan, a new, non-profit, community-based organization that represents the collective voice for Heritage activity and interests throughout the Province of Saskatchewan. This will give us increased networking opportunities with the heritage community.

Thank you to our numerous sponsors and partners. We appreciate each and every one for their support in our many programs and activities.

Thank you to the SLA staff, Kirsten Hansen, Program Administrator, and John Keeler, Financial Assistant. Their expertise, interest and hard work are appreciated and keep the SLA running smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to all of our committee members and many, many volunteers who contribute to the SLA's success.

I sincerely thank the SLA Board of Directors for their dedication, enthusiasm and their time. It is always a pleasure to work with all of you in the important work of the SLA. A special thanks to SLA President, Barbara Kelly, for her support, insight and guidance this past year. My appreciation goes to outgoing board members for their contributions and I welcome our new board members. The upcoming year promises to be another busy one and I look forward to working with everyone.

*Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Selinger
Executive Director*

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I encourage all of you to take a fresh look at your association, tell us what you want from your membership, and find out ways that you can be part of this movement forward.

~ Barbara Kelly, SLA Vice-President, 2009

Our association President ended her VP report with those words last year and I think they are a great place to begin my report to you in 2010.

Challenge and change are the two words that come to mind when I reflect on this past year for SLA. Being new to the board meant I had a lot to learn, both about the association and about library issues in Saskatchewan and in Canada. I am very thankful for the support of the office staff and returning board members for sharing their knowledge of SLA with me and making my transition onto the board as smooth as possible. I am also grateful for the new and returning board members who brought their ideas and experience to the association and helped bring about positive change where SLA needed it.

Let's talk about some of those positive changes that happened this year. The website and Forum will be merging to provide better access and communication to our members. When this transition is complete I hope you will be able to easily find out about SLA programs, continuing education possibilities, volunteer opportunities and library issues. I also hope you'll be able to hear from the association in a way that works best for you, be it email, RSS, Twitter, or whatever comes next.

The association also worked very hard to make our education initiatives work better for you. I had the pleasure of working with the Education Committee to revise the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary so it more accurately meets the needs of students, employers and the association. The committee will also be introducing a new CE grant for members to promote initiatives across the province. In addition, the introduction of the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference Grant will allow a member working outside of Saskatoon or Regina to attend the conference, an opportunity that

might not otherwise be available. I hope that these initiatives are just the beginning of a renewed effort to promote continuing education to our members. Through the association and The Partnership's various initiatives I will work to make this a priority for SLA in the coming year.

Of course these changes can't come about without a lot of hard work from our members and committees and this has been where I have felt the most challenged (and challenged the most) this year.

One thing I learned is that SLA needs to communicate better with you, its members, about opportunities available to help run our programs. The association also needs to be more aware and respectful of your time when asking you to volunteer, particularly in an economy where there are fewer and fewer people left to do more and more work. I have challenged the board to think about what we do, how we do it, and how we can make it easier for you to get involved in YOUR association.

Because it is your organization I couldn't help but feel a little disappointed when I was unable to form a Nominations Committee, or find anyone willing to stand for five vacant places on the board. Without your involvement there can be no Saskatchewan Library Week, or conference, or Education Institute, or bursaries, or grants, or speakers, or awards.

In the coming year I challenge you, our members, to find ways to get involved. My commitment to you is to make this easier, less time consuming, and more task-focused so that when you choose to give SLA your time you know it is important and can see your accomplishments in action.

There is no time to spare to make these changes happen. Let's make sure SLA continues to be the voice of Saskatchewan's library communities.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Mason
Vice-President*

DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATION'S REPORT

Last year I detailed the many changes for SLA: a new open source content management system, an open journal for

Forum, and an open conference system. And, we have received some very positive comments on the direction SLA's website and other communication initiatives have taken over the past year. But, communications technology is a living, breathing thing. SLA is now entering the social networking realm, as well as making some further improvements. For instance, remember to subscribe to the SLA RSS feed to receive blog posts which will include regular *Forum* posts, advocacy information, and SLA announcements.

The **SLA website** (<http://saskla.ca>) saw a major renovation last year. With a huge thanks to Kirsten Hansen, SLA Program Administrator, existing website content was migrated. However, having more people adding content was hampered by Drupal's cumbersome interface. Therefore, by the time you read this, the SLA website will have switched to WordPress, a state-of-the-art publishing platform with a focus on aesthetics, web standards, and usability. This report comes from Sarah Sutherland, Web Committee chair:

The Web Committee has several new and some returning members. The current membership is Catherine Howett, Corene Kozey, Donald Johnson, Jeff Phillips, Kevin Stranack, Amy Rankin, Lorraine Salt, and Kirsten Hansen. They are exploring several courses of action, including a plan to develop the web presence of SLA and create a strong virtual environment for the library community in Saskatchewan. The plan will involve working with the Forum editorial board to create the new blog platform, transferring the website to WordPress to facilitate more people being able to contribute content, and exploration of the use of Twitter to enhance information sharing.

On a similar theme, the Open Journal System (OJS) used for *Forum* proved to have a difficult interface – editors and authors both found it challenging. As well, peer-reviewed content was a condition of free hosting for the site. However, no peer-reviewed articles were submitted in the more than a year that SLA was using this system. This report is from Phil Jeffreys, *Forum* editor:

Forum produced 4 issues as usual in 2009, but the journal did not advance in terms of content, volume or membership engagement. The journal also suffered with the losses of one editor, reviewer, and columnist, and several missed columns. OJS software will no longer be used, and the frequency of publication will

alter from a quarterly journal to a blog. The proposed blog will incorporate many existing columns, news, and have the ability to include articles and letters, and posts from readers. I am hoping that the change will result in an easier format for contributors and for readers to access. Present SLA *Forum* staff are, journal managers and editors: Phil Jeffreys, Kevin Stranack, Caroline Selinger, Kirsten Hansen, Sarah Sutherland; section editors: Jennifer Shrubsole, Charlene Sorensen, Amy Rankin, Cara Bradley; columnists: Jennifer Shrubsole, Brett Waytuck, Theresa Slind.

And, this report is from Kirsten Hansen, SLA Program Administrator:

The **conference website** software has been changed from OCS to WordPress blog software. The programming committee decided against using OCS's main features of online submission and archiving of abstracts as it was thought to be possibly too detailed or cumbersome for some of our potential presenters. Also, after talking with Kevin Stranack, it was clear that the existing registration form is too complex for the registration tools within OCS. At Kevin's suggestion and with his help, a new site was set up using free WordPress software. The change was made quickly after Exhibitor/Sponsor packages were sent out to ensure that the most up-to-date information was available. The OCS site for 2009 still exists as an archive.

Unfortunately, online registration was not possible this year as the SLA registration form requires certain calculations that would require the hiring of a web coder to design specific functions and modules which would be prohibitively expensive.

So, with the changes from the OJS and OCS, our official relationship with the Public Knowledge Project (<http://pkp.sfu.ca>) is ending. We believe that PKP is doing valuable work, enabling non-profit organizations around the work to publish their own journals. The software was simply more than SLA requires at this time. SLA is pleased, however, to continue working with Kevin Stranack, a PKP reSearcher.

Library advocacy remains my main interest. The *Libraries Matter* campaign will continue and be particularly well served by the new blog interface. Our *Libraries Matter*

buttons were a big hit at the 2009 SLA conference. And I had the great good fortune to attend a day-long conference session with Pat Cavill who presented the updated CLA *Library Advocacy Now* program.

One major advocacy issue this past year involved the Library Book Rate. However, before we could respond to rumoured changes, the following message was posted on the Canada Post website: "the current Library Book Rates will remain unchanged through 2010. There has been no increase in the Library Book Rates since January 2005, despite the fact that the inflation rate has risen by 8.7% since then." Following this announcement, Provincial Librarian Joylene Campbell pointed out that this "still does not deal with the key issues [which are] sustainability of the program through assigned funding from a federal department, and, extending the book rate to a broader range of materials especially materials for the print disabled (not just the blind)."

And, the SLA Advocacy committee is responsible for the *Libraries Matter* column in each issue of *Forum*, and this will continue with the new blog format. Column contributors in the past year were: Theresa Slind, Jason Hammond, Jenny Ryan, Lorraine Salt, Joe Geary, Maha Kumaran. Other Advocacy committee members are: Stephanie Hall, Audrey Mark, Corene Kozey, Phil Jeffreys, Kim Hebig, and Ann Foster.

And finally, I would personally like to thank Phil Jeffreys, Sarah Sutherland, Kirsten Hansen, Caroline Selinger, and Kevin Stranack for all of their input, hard work, and technology wrangling over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Salt
Director for Communications

DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION'S REPORT

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the Continuing Education Committee for all of their valuable work and input over this past year. Continuing Education is vital to SLA, the library community and most importantly to the people we serve in our libraries. A work force that stays abreast of the trends in libraries and information is vital to excellent library services in Saskatchewan.

The Committee focused on three main initiatives this year. First, we proposed and had accepted at the board level, a continuing education grant for members. Members will be invited to apply to receive funding towards a CE workshop or activity for the Saskatchewan library community. Applications will be available in the coming months.

Secondly, after awarding this year's Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary and meeting with the Multitype Library Board, the committee is making some revisions and improvements to the documents and the process for awarding the bursary. Revisions to the Bursary will reflect the current climate of librarianship in Saskatchewan while staying in line with its original intent.

Thirdly, the CE committee works with the Education Institute to provide online courses, online audio and web conferences for library and information workers. Library workers in Saskatchewan are not limited by geography when seeking professional development! Thank you to the previous committee for developing our Fall Semester session for the Education Institute and stay tuned for more sessions from the SLA in the coming months.

In addition to the CE Committee activities, I have also served on the program committee for the 2010 SLA Conference, the national committee for the Education Institute and the Mary Donaldson Committee.

Future directions for the committee include: increasing and improving our web presence, the roll-out of the CE Grant, as well as improving our marketing and promotion of the Education Institute sessions.

My first year as your Director for Education has been both personally and professionally rewarding and I look forward to serving you in the second year of my term.

*Respectfully submitted,
Regan Balfour
Director for Education*

DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

The Membership Committee is made up of the Executive Director for SLA, the Director for Education, the Director for Public Libraries, the Director for Academic Libraries,

the Director for Special Libraries, the Director for Membership and Carol Munro as the representative for rural librarians. The committee only meets as there is a need. This year the committee worked on a reorganisation of the membership benefits and writing content for the Membership page of the website.

Another way the Membership Committee could work would be for the sector representatives to be from the general membership of Saskatchewan Library Association. This would allow more people to volunteer and get involved with SLA without a lot of time commitment. Having Carol Munro, who is not on the SLA board, be on the committee has been valuable and taught me how much more we need to invite our membership to participate.

This year I was also the representative on the Saskatchewan Young Readers Choice Award board. It was another successful year with the number of children voting growing a further 1000, bring the total votes to 11 134. This is another exciting group that needs volunteers for short periods of time.

I hope that our membership feels welcome to connect into the different opportunities to volunteer. Volunteering on committees and boards is an enriching experience that also happens to look good on the resume. I hope to hear many new voices this next year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyn Mark
Director for Membership*

DIRECTOR FOR FUNDRAISING'S REPORT

In the past year the fund raising activities continued to focus on support for the Aboriginal Library Education Bursary. Together with the Aboriginal Library Education Bursary Committee (Deborah Lee, Gohar Ashoughian, Brett Waytuck, Linda Winkler, Gregory Salmers, Caroline Selinger) we worked on securing support letters from several First Nations and Métis organizations and preparing letters to three ministries to garner initial funding for the Aboriginal Library Education Bursary. The letters were submitted to the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations, Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education. Although the first attempt with ministries did not meet the desired

outcome, the SLA Board discussed the approaches to re-evaluate the fundraising strategy and to develop a fresh new directions and fundraising plan.

The 2009 conference fundraising efforts under the leadership of Amy Rankin, Fundraising Chair, Saskatchewan Libraries Conference 2009 were very successful.

The SLA has numerous sponsors and partners and we appreciate each and every one for their support in our many programs and activities.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gohar Ashoughian
Director for Fundraising*

DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES' REPORT

As Director of Public Libraries, I was kept very busy this year working on the Membership Committee and the Continuing Education Committee.

The Membership Committee undertook the task of reviewing SLA membership benefits and fees when compared to other professional organizations across the country. We also have begun looking at the renewal process for members in the hopes of increasing membership renewals and making the process more streamlined.

The Continuing Education Committee has been very busy this year. We awarded the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary, and have been looking at ways to acquaint bursary winners with the Saskatchewan library community. We have been active in the Education Institute, and have been discussing ways of promoting these professional development opportunities across the province. One of the most exciting things the committee did this year was work on a new Continuing Education Grant that I think will be very helpful for smaller centres trying to organize professional development opportunities for their staff.

Both the Membership Committee and the Continuing Education Committee were busy working on creating content for SLA's new website.

In my role as Director for Public Libraries, I was fortunate

to be invited to the Government and Public Libraries Forum. This forum brought together members of the public library community and members of government to identify common objectives. The day and a half agenda was made up of breakout sessions on different service concentrations, and I took part in the Rural Services and Services to New Immigrants sessions. These sessions were quite informative, and I appreciated having the opportunity to see how libraries across Saskatchewan are innovatively serving their patrons, and to be part of a dialogue identifying the importance of communication between government and libraries to best serve these communities.

In order to represent the public sector of the province, I made efforts to contact the directors of the public and regional libraries before each board meeting. Although this year was quite hectic with SILS, I would like to extend my appreciation to all the directors who took the time to speak with me.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Cammer
Director for Public Libraries*

DIRECTOR FOR ACADEMIC LIBRARIES' REPORT

As Director of Academic Libraries I am responsible for encouraging a strong link between the SLA and the post-secondary library sector in the province. In this role I provide liaison between academic libraries such as those at the Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan and SIAST through regular member contact. I report to the SLA Board about initiatives and events at these libraries that are of interest to the provincial organization. Currently I am in my second term as a Board member and I look forward to serving SLA and academic libraries to the best of my ability in the coming year. In 2009-2010 I have served on several sub-committees at SLA including the Bursary Committee that provides annual financial assistance to a selected library and information school student who will be committed to working as a librarian in Saskatchewan. The Bursary Committee is a part of the education initiative of the SLA. I also served on the Aboriginal Bursary Committee which has been investigating the requirements for establishing a similar bursary program for Aboriginal library school students in Saskatchewan. The Committee is seeking to recruit seed funding and financial as well as other

support on an ongoing basis for the establishment of such a bursary in the future. We are committed to this venture, recognizing that library education plays a vital role in meeting provincial literacy objectives established by the government. I have continued to serve as the SLA representative on the Saskatchewan Book Awards Board. As a member of the Book Awards Board for the past year I also served as Chair of the Book Awards Gala Committee and on the Awards Criteria Committee. Recently I agreed to serve as Secretary to the Board for the coming year. As a member of the Saskatchewan Book Awards Board I have made contributions to the criteria for the annual awards particularly in the scholarly award category reflecting my experience as an academic librarian. I have also contributed information concerning electronic books and publishing to the Board. In my role as liaison between the two boards I will continue to serve as a conduit of information linking the two organizations.

In the academic library sector at both provincial universities there have been university budget issues that have had, and will continue to have, considerable impact on its libraries. The University of Saskatchewan has indicated that it wants to find a \$10 million dollar reduction in operating expenditures over the next two years. This has resulted in cuts in all units at the University; at the library a 3% cut in budget is being carried forward. Combined with a loss of anticipated increases plus losses incurred in its acquisitions endowments, the purchase of subject discipline materials is expected to be at 60-65% of 2007/2008 levels. Some relief to 80% levels may be effected in 2010, The Dean of Libraries has struck a working committee to identify services and areas in line for additional budget trimming.

The University of Regina Library has also experienced similar budget cuts with an anticipated loss of 5% to its operating budget for 2010. In real terms it is expected that the budget reduction will be more likely in the neighbourhood of 10%. This reduction is expected to severely impact acquisitions such that a near zero book budget is anticipated for the coming academic year. The library is also reviewing its database packages with the expectation that cuts will occur. Vacant positions will not be filled with the exception of one position in Collections. Other areas where cuts have been announced include such items as travel for librarians for professional development. No funds will be provided

for conference or workshop attendance this year. The equipment budget is similarly on hold.

In 2009 the University of Saskatchewan Library completed a formal external review of its data services unit. The results of the review are being implemented and as a result the Data Services unit is beginning to undergo renovation, and to recruit a permanent full time Data Services librarian and a GIS Librarian.

At the University of Saskatchewan the Murray Library has undergone extensive renovations to its ground and first floors in the past year. The new University Learning Commons was completed by Fall 2009 and there was a grand opening ceremony last October.

The University of Regina Library had a new interim administrative structure appointed in 2009 with Dr. George Maslany as Acting Library Director. This structure is to remain in place for another year at which time it is anticipated that a new University Librarian will be recruited. The Library has implemented new planning incentives and has established various committees to carry forward operations in reference and research services. Library instruction is also under revision. Librarians' liaison with faculty is increasingly important as traditional reference desk service within the Archer Library declines and subject library instruction increases. Space in the Archer Library remains a severe problem and a Space Planning Committee has undertaken to investigate where space options are available.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Winkler
Director for Academic Libraries*

DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL LIBRARIES' REPORT

In the past year as Director for Special Libraries, I have tried to create connections within the special library community, with other library communities and with other communities. I feel that the creation of a province-wide network for special libraries will encourage greater involvement and consequently, further special library goals. I hope that the SLA can play an important part in such a development.

This year, I have been in contact with Luella Newman, the director of the Western branch of the Special

Library Association. We have organized two “library crawls” in Regina in order to allow for greater contact between library professionals. These have consisted of library tours of various special libraries so that we get a chance to see first hand other special libraries. The evenings ended with a social event that allowed for the participants to network. We are also planning a social event for special libraries at the SLA Conference. In April, I will be meeting with members of the Special Libraries Network in Saskatoon to discuss ways in which the two organizations could work together both for networking and professional development.

I will not be continuing as the Director for Special Libraries. I hope that collaboration between the various special library associations in Saskatchewan will continue in order that we may better serve members of the various associations.

*Respectfully submitted,
Charles Wood
Director for Special Libraries*

DIRECTOR FOR ABORIGINAL LIBRARY SERVICES’ REPORT

There was a lot of activity for Aboriginal library services across the Province over the last year, starting with the opening of the Library on 20th St. Branch of Saskatoon Public Library in the summer of 2009 and the hiring of two Aboriginal staff for this Branch. The Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) Committee was also active throughout the year, particularly with their sponsorship of Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling events at libraries across the province in February. Also, the Provincial Library’s Committee on Aboriginal Library Services (CALs) group needs to be acknowledged for sponsoring its third annual Round Dance, successfully organized by Southeast Regional Library System, and held in Lebret at the end of February. There was keen participation by library staff from around the province, including Parkland Regional, Saskatoon Public Library, Wheatland Regional, the Provincial Library, and Pakkisiimon Nuye?ah Library System. Incidentally, PNLS is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this spring – congratulations to all the good work being done for library services in the North! As well, the Indigenous Studies Portal of the University of Saskatchewan Library has been growing daily, linking to more than 21,000 full-

text records related to Indigenous Studies. The iPortal also strives to add unique content through digitization projects, the latest being Aboriginal content in the *Prairie Forum*, published by the Canadian Plains Research Centre. Other achievements this year for the iPortal were the addition of such technical enhancements as a U of S Authors search option and a Google maps search option for finding research resources specific to reserves across Western Canada.

As for the work of the Aboriginal Library Bursary Project Sub-Committee, we worked really hard on a draft and then final funding proposal and gathering letters of support from a wide range of community stakeholders. This package was sent to three Provincial government ministries and unfortunately funding was turned down by all three ministries. Since then, the SLA Board has mandated the sub-committee to come up with a strategic plan for fundraising for the bursary. To this point in time, we have not been able to meet with professional fundraisers to help us develop a plan but hope this will be possible in the near future.

Due to a procedural error, it was determined that the position of Director for Aboriginal Library Services will be coming forward for election again in May, 2010. Please let Caroline Selinger know if you have an interest in stepping forward for this position.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Lee
Director for Aboriginal Library Services*



SLA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD (MLB)

All formal communiqués, minutes and documents of the Multitype Library Board are available on Saskatchewan Libraries web site at <http://www.lib.sk.ca/MultitypeLibraryBoard>

Board Highlights

Current Multitype Library Board Members

- Bryan Wilson was elected to serve as Chair of Multitype Library Board and Joanne Beltramini was elected to serve as the Vice-Chair.
- Wendy Sinclair-Sparvier, Regina, representing Aboriginal Libraries.
- Jon Jeffrey O'Brien, Saskatoon, representing Archives.
- Charlene Sorensen, Saskatoon, representing Post-Secondary Education Libraries.
- Brad Doerksen, Caronport, Director, representing Post Secondary Education Libraries.
- Joylene Campbell, Regina, Provincial Librarian.
- John Murray, Prince Albert, Library Director, representing Public Libraries.
- Gohar Ashoughian, Prince George, BC, representing Saskatchewan Library Association.
- Karen Basky, Moose Jaw, representing Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association.
- Bryan Wilson, Chair, Weyburn, representing Saskatchewan School Boards Association.
- Joanne Beltramini, Vice-Chair, Regina, Director, representing School Libraries.
- Vacant, representing Special Libraries.
- Pat Kolesar, Regina, representing Special Libraries Staff.

Provincial Library Secretarial Support to Multitype Library Board

- Vacant, Director, Library Planning and Administration
- Jack Ma, Manager, Multitype Library Development
- Elgin Bunston, Coordinator, Multitype Library Development

Board Sponsored Sessions at SLA

The Board has once again given the Saskatchewan Library Association a grant of \$3500 for the 2010 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, *Diverse Communities, One Voice*. The Multitype Library Board is very pleased to sponsor the first peer-reviewed session to be presented at the conference, *The Power of Our Voices: Public and School Libraries Acting on Behalf of Marginalized Adolescent Youth*, presented by Dr. Barbara McNeil.

AMICUS

Library and Archives Canada is in the process of adjusting to a reduced budget and the library community was informed that AMICUS was one of the services under review. The Provincial and Territorial Public Library Council initiated a letter writing campaign emphasizing

the crucial role AMICUS plays in a variety of libraries, especially for cataloguing and interlibrary loans. The National Librarian and Archivist has since assured the library community that AMICUS is not at risk.

Provincial Panel on Student Achievement

The Panel has created 15 draft recommendations to the Minister to improve results and a 16th recommendation on how to implement the others. The recommendations are centered on the 6 foundational components for developing a culture of learning; First Nations and Métis education, community engagement, early learning and child care, sustainable learning organizations, effective practices and equity for all students. Differences in achievement based on geography, cultural background, poverty and gender will be examined in detail in order to help find solutions. Another important theme discussed is the professional development for educators. The final report is expected to be completed in the first week of February and the Minister will make his announcement on February 15.

Digitization Project

At the time of the last Multitype Library Board meeting on January 26, 2010, fourteen partners had agreed to join the revised digitization project for this year, "the Saskatchewan War Experience." Partners will work with a technical coordinator hired by the University of Saskatchewan with the grant from the Ministry to add their collections to a CONTENTdm repository. The Board was very pleased that the interested organizations include a diverse range of partners, including rural public libraries, universities, archives, museums and other information providers, which proves the Multitype concept again.

Strategic Plan

The Multitype Library Board continues the work on the renewed Strategic Plan. The updated draft was presented to the Board for comments at the meeting on January 25, 2010. The Board members worked on prioritization of the goals and objectives under each strategic direction to identify the ones that would require most attention over the next 12-18 months.

Saskatchewan Libraries Website

The existing Saskatchewan Libraries Website website was created in 1999. It became imperative to redesign

the website to ensure a more modern structure and navigation environment. The redesign was contracted out to ADX Studios, the web development company who created the Government of Saskatchewan's content management system. Karen Der, the webmaster, has been working with the IT Office on migrating the content to the new site and to ensure its functionality. The new website will be available as soon as the migration is completed and the new environment is tested.

MLB Presentation at OLA Super Conference

Ontario Library Association had expressed interest in Learning about Multitype Library Board and Multitype projects. Elgin Bunston attended the OLA conference and delivered a very successful presentation that drew attention of representatives from organizations like SOLS (Southern Ontario Library Services.)

*Respectfully submitted,
Gohar Ashoughian
Past SLA representative to MLB*



Summer Reading Club

A joint initiative with Library and Archives Canada

2009 TD SUMMER READING CLUB REPORT

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The Saskatchewan Library Association was pleased to present the 2009 TD Summer Reading Club this July and August with 244 branches participating. The TD Summer Reading Club promotes the fun of reading with young Canadians and encourages library usage during the summer months. Participation rates have grown each year.

Key Statistics for the 2009 program include:

*17,547 children registered for the TDSRC 2009

*2,165 programs or activities were organized around the theme

*38,992 children attended programs or activities

*113,851 books were read

The TDSRC is made possible thanks to the joint initiative between the TD Bank Financial Group, Library and Archives Canada and the Toronto Public Library. Their valuable support is very much appreciated.

Mission briefings were held in Regina at the Sunrise

Branch Library on May 19th, and in Saskatoon at the Cliff Wright Branch Library on May 22nd. The objective of these sessions was to review the main elements of the program, highlight the 2008 results, review the staff manual, and try out programming activities related to this year's theme.

As in previous years, Children's Storyteller and Performer Tours were planned in conjunction with the TD Summer Reading Club. The tours were held in nine of the library regions with performances in more than 60 branches, and they drew children and their families to the libraries and helped foster enthusiasm for, and interest in, reading. We appreciate the ongoing support of SaskTel, who provides financial support for the Children's Storyteller and Performer Tours. We were also fortunate to once again partner with the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association (SWNA), who published weekly, theme-related puzzles in their newspapers (complete with prizes for the lucky winners!), and who also provided free advertising for the Saskatchewan program.

We were proud to discover that two Saskatchewan libraries were among those named for TD Summer Reading Club Library Awards for 2008. Reid-Thompson Public Library in Humboldt, a branch of Wapiti Regional Library, received 2nd place in the national competition, with a prize of \$2000 to invest in their library. Govan library, a branch of Parkland Regional Library, received an honourable mention. The awards were officially presented in Montreal on June 1st at the closing session of the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association.

My compliments to the libraries of Saskatchewan for their enthusiasm in the planning and delivering of the TD Summer Reading Club, and for making this program an overwhelming success in our province.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kirsten Hansen
Program Administrator*

2009 SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY WEEK REPORT

Saskatchewan Library Week (SLW), held Oct 19th to 26th under the theme of "Connecting Communities," was a resounding success! All materials were printed in French and in English and were distributed to all library sectors throughout the province. Some libraries also ordered

SLW promotional items that were made available again this year: pens, balloons, and totes. SLW celebrations included Canadian Library Month, Education Week, and School Library Day.

The week was started with the annual launch, held at Luther College Library on the University of Regina campus. This year the launch was open to the public. The launch was relatively well attended, with staff and faculty from Luther College and the general public mingling with local dignitaries, special guests and librarians. Speakers from various backgrounds shared the importance of libraries in their own lives and how libraries connect communities. Sincere thanks to Carla Hancock, Library Co-ordinator, and all of the Luther Library staff for their hospitality.

The public library sector reported 151 branches participating and 5438 people attended programs and special events during the week. Some of the many activities held during SLW included author tours, storytelling, displays of local art and crafts, school visits, bake sales, travel talks, book sales, cow patty bingo, and patron appreciation teas. The majority of libraries reported that the theme was very well received and found the promotional items very useful. Unfortunately, stats are not available for academic, special and school libraries, but materials were widely distributed to these sectors.

Saskatchewan Library Week was promoted in the media, with advertisements in the Leader-Post and the Star Phoenix along with an interview with Michelle Hugli of CBC's Afternoon Edition. Michelle and I read some of the winning submissions from the "My Favourite Book Contest" and spoke about the celebration of Saskatchewan Library Week.

Three contests ran in conjunction with Saskatchewan Library Week. The first was the aforementioned "My Favourite Book Contest." We received over 600 submissions in three categories: youth, teen, and adult. Fifteen winners were selected to be read on the air by the CBC Afternoon Edition, and around 100 additional winners were selected by our friends and our sponsor, SaskEnergy. Winners received book prizes, which were kindly donated by Annick Press, Orca Book Publishers, Kids Can Press, Scholastic Canada, Tundra Books, Coteau

Books and H.B. Fenn. The second contest was the "Concours Mon livre préféré" run in conjunction with CBC Radio-Canada. Fifteen winners were selected to be read on air. Other information is unfortunately not available but continued improvement of cooperation on this contest is underway. The third contest was the Online Limerick Contest which was very well received. Participants were invited to visit the SLA website at: <http://www.saskla.ca/slw> and submit their limericks about libraries and/or reading. Cash prizes were offered for the grand prize winner (\$50) and two honourable mentions (\$25) in each of three age categories: youth, teen and adult. Over 200 entries were received. The contest closed October 26th and winners were chosen November 4.

We are grateful for the participation and support of so many Saskatchewan Libraries. We are also very grateful for the support of our valued sponsors: CBC Radio One, Radio-Canada, Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association, Farm Credit Canada, SaskEnergy, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education/Ministère de l'Éducation de la Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Lotteries, and SaskCulture.

The 2009 Saskatchewan Library Week Committee:
Carla Hancock, Luther College Library
Pam Fingas, Regina Public Library
Greg Salmers, Southeast Regional Library
James Richards, Southeast Regional Library
Kam Teo, Southeast Regional Library
Carolyn Graham, Palliser Regional Library
Bev Dubois, Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association
Carlene Walters, Saskatchewan School Library Association

Thank you to the SLW Committee and volunteers who helped make SLW a success.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kirsten Hansen
Program Administrator*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Finances

As I finish the second year of my term, I must again recognize the hard work and dedication of the SLA office staff, and most especially that of our outgoing Financial Assistant, John Keeler. John has made my

work as Treasurer possible and it will be difficult for the Association to replace his knowledge, commitment and understanding.

The audited financial statements show that our commitments exceed our assets. From a purely cash-flow perspective, we will end the year with a small excess of revenues over expenditures.

This does reflect, however, the reality that the Association is just living within its means and it will be a major responsibility of the Executive Director, the incoming Treasurer, the Financial Committee and the Board to actively monitor revenues and expenditures to ensure the long term sustainability of SLA.

As predicted at the close of the 2008-09 Association year we did see a precipitous drop in investment revenue. Some of this was expected, but some was not. The 2009-10 Financial Committee may wish to revisit past decisions to confirm our investment strategies.

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve the Association over the past two years, and I hope that I have contributed positively to the Association.

Mary Donaldson Committee

The Committee is pleased that Dr. Vianne Timmons, President of the University of Regina and noted literacy leader, accepted our invitation to be the 2010 Mary Donaldson lecturer. Dr. Timmons again proves that engaging speakers with nationally recognized reputations can be found in our own backyard.

The Mary Donaldson fund has, over the years, been reduced to a precariously low level. An unsolicited donation of \$6,000 this year will extend the life of the lectures for another five to six years, but work will have to begin on restoring the fund to a sustainable level.

Respectfully submitted,
Brett Waytuck
Treasurer



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SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Financial Statements
Year Ended January 31, 2010**

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Saskatchewan Library Association

We have audited the statement of financial position of Saskatchewan Library Association as at January 31, 2010 and the statement of operations - unrestricted fund, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Association derives revenue from self-generated activities, the completeness of which are not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effects of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at January 31, 2010 and the results of its operations and changes in its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

REGINA, Saskatchewan
March 11, 2010

Mintz & Wallace
Chartered Accountants LLP

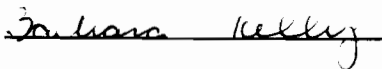
SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Statement of Financial Position As at January 31, 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 13,472	\$ 13,136
Accounts receivable	398	3,153
Prepaid expenses	5,079	4,536
Investments (Note 4)	<u>125,945</u>	<u>117,756</u>
	144,894	138,581
RESTRICTED CASH (Note 4)	4,000	11,500
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS (Note 4)	<u>91,065</u>	<u>93,831</u>
	\$ <u>239,959</u>	\$ <u>243,912</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 6,328	\$ 3,546
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	<u>59,040</u>	<u>60,026</u>
	<u>65,368</u>	<u>63,572</u>
NET ASSETS		
- Board reserve (Note 8)	4,000	11,500
- Unrestricted	79,526	75,009
- Restricted (Note 6)	<u>91,065</u>	<u>93,831</u>
	<u>174,591</u>	<u>180,340</u>
	\$ <u>239,959</u>	\$ <u>243,912</u>

See accompanying notes

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director

 Director

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Statement of Operations - Unrestricted Fund Year Ended January 31, 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
REVENUE		
Self-generated (<i>Schedule 1</i>)	\$ 71,503	\$ 79,682
Grants		
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust	103,000	100,000
Interest	<u>553</u>	<u>2,781</u>
	<u>175,056</u>	<u>182,463</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	101,497	95,375
Travel and meetings (<i>Schedule 3</i>)	13,235	9,239
Corporate business (<i>Schedule 4</i>)	3,243	3,210
Public Relations and Communications (<i>Schedule 5</i>)	1,454	3,837
Programs and services (<i>Schedule 6</i>)	58,602	57,811
Other (<i>Schedule 7</i>)	<u>8</u>	<u>608</u>
	<u>178,039</u>	<u>170,080</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ <u>(2,983)</u>	\$ <u>12,383</u>

See accompanying notes

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Year Ended January 31, 2010

	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Board Reserve</u>	<u>(Note 6) Restricted Funds</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>	<u>2009 Total</u>
NET ASSETS - beginning of year	\$ 75,009	\$ 11,500	\$ 93,831	\$ 180,340	\$ 171,234
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES					
Unrestricted	(2,983)	-	-	(2,983)	12,383
Restricted	-	-	(2,766)	(2,766)	(3,277)
Transfers to/from board reserve <i>(Note 8)</i>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS - end of year	\$ <u>79,526</u>	\$ <u>4,000</u>	\$ <u>91,065</u>	\$ <u>174,591</u>	\$ <u>180,340</u>

See accompanying notes

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Statement of Cash Flow Year Ended January 31, 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses		
- Unrestricted	\$ (2,983)	\$ 12,383
- Restricted	<u>(2,766)</u>	<u>(3,277)</u>
	<u>(5,749)</u>	9,106
Net change in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	2,755	(1,643)
Prepaid expenses	(543)	124
Accounts payable	2,782	1,459
Deferred revenue	<u>(986)</u>	<u>9,891</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>(1,741)</u>	<u>18,937</u>
INCREASE IN CASH RESOURCES	(1,741)	18,937
CASH - beginning of year	<u>236,223</u>	<u>217,286</u>
CASH - end of year	\$ <u>234,482</u>	\$ <u>236,223</u>
Cash consists of:		
Cash	\$ 13,472	\$ 13,136
Investments	125,945	117,756
Restricted investments	91,065	93,831
Board reserve	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,500</u>
	\$ <u>234,482</u>	\$ <u>236,223</u>

See accompanying notes

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Notes to the Financial Statements January 31, 2010

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Association is incorporated under the Non-profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan. It promotes through information exchanges, education and advocacy, a province-wide integrated system of libraries and library services to the citizens of Saskatchewan based on co-operation, accessibility and resource sharing. The Association applied for and received registered charity status in 2008.

The Association is exempt from income taxes under Paragraph 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and the most significant policies are as follows:

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the operating fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the operating fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Investments

Investments and restricted cash are classified as held for trade and reflected at their market value.

Capital Assets

Capital asset additions and replacements are charged to operations as incurred. Capital assets include computer equipment and software as well as office furniture and equipment.

Financial Instruments

Cash, restricted cash and investments are classified as held-for-trade and are measured at fair value. Receivables are classified as loans and are measured at amortized cost. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities and are measured at amortized cost.

As at January 31, 2010 and January 31, 2009 Saskatchewan Library Association does not have any outstanding contracts of financial instruments with embedded derivatives.

Capital Management

Capital is comprised of the Association's net assets and any debt that it may issue. As at January 31, 2010, the Association's net assets were \$174,591 and it had no outstanding debt. While the Association is a non-profit organization, capital management is an important part of sustaining its operations. The Association uses restricted funds to manage a portion of its capital.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Notes to the Financial Statements January 31, 2010

3. MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reported period.

These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

4. INVESTMENTS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Royal Bank Investments</u>		
Dundee Investment Savings	\$ -	\$ 41,031
Home Trust Company GIC (interest at 2.2%)	<u>41,857</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>41,857</u>	<u>41,031</u>
 <u>Investors Group Investments</u>		
Investors Canadian High Yield Money Market Fund B	<u>179,153</u>	<u>164,100</u>
 <u>Pacific and Western Trust</u>		
Interest at 4.9%, matures July 15, 2011	<u>-</u>	<u>17,956</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>17,956</u>
 Total Investments	\$ <u>221,010</u>	\$ <u>223,087</u>
 Current	\$ 125,945	\$ 117,756
Restricted	91,065	93,831
Board reserve	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,500</u>
	\$ <u>221,010</u>	\$ <u>223,087</u>

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust, annual grant	\$ 52,500	\$ 51,500
Conference registration	<u>6,540</u>	<u>8,526</u>
	\$ <u>59,040</u>	\$ <u>60,026</u>

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Notes to the Financial Statements January 31, 2010

6. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Mary Donaldson Trust

The Mary Donaldson Trust was established by the Association to advance the cultural and informational contributions of libraries in Canada, to prepare and disseminate work on library services and present a Mary Donaldson lecture and educational scholarship.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Balance - beginning of year	\$ <u>19,051</u>	\$ <u>23,465</u>
Revenue		
Interest earned	818	1,009
Donations received	<u>420</u>	<u>268</u>
	1,238	1,277
Expenses		
Mary Donaldson lecture	4,084	5,941
Mary Donaldson award	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
	4,834	6,691
Excess expense over revenue	<u>(3,596)</u>	<u>(5,414)</u>
Transfer from Saskatchewan Library Association	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Balance - end of year	\$ <u>15,455</u>	\$ <u>19,051</u>

F. Morrison Trust

Balance - beginning of year	\$ <u>4,200</u>	\$ <u>3,454</u>
Revenue		
Donations received	150	165
Interest income	<u>8</u>	<u>81</u>
	158	246
Expenses		
Other	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>
	75	-
Excess revenue over expense	<u>83</u>	<u>246</u>
Transfer from Saskatchewan Library Association	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>
Balance - end of year	\$ <u>4,283</u>	\$ <u>4,200</u>

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Schedules of Revenues and Expenditures For the Year Ended January 31, 2010

	Schedule 1	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
SELF-GENERATED		
Membership fees	\$ 14,365	\$ 13,710
Program Services	38,142	48,873
Corporate sponsorships	18,326	12,900
Donations	160	194
Other sponsorship and pre conference registration	<u>510</u>	<u>4,005</u>
	<u>\$ 71,503</u>	<u>\$ 79,682</u>

	Schedule 2	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Personnel	\$ 87,339	\$ 79,283
Office	14,077	15,799
Miscellaneous	<u>81</u>	<u>293</u>
	<u>\$ 101,497</u>	<u>\$ 95,375</u>

	Schedule 3	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
TRAVEL AND MEETINGS		
Staff	\$ 3,596	\$ 2,543
Board	9,481	6,690
AGM	<u>158</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>\$ 13,235</u>	<u>\$ 9,239</u>

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Schedules of Revenues and Expenditures For the Year Ended January 31, 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Schedule 4		
CORPORATE BUSINESS		
Memberships	\$ 335	\$ 100
Professional fees	2,385	2,198
Insurance	117	350
Other	<u>406</u>	<u>562</u>
	<u>\$ 3,243</u>	<u>\$ 3,210</u>
Schedule 5		
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS		
Newsletter	\$ -	\$ 1,293
Other	<u>1,454</u>	<u>2,544</u>
	<u>\$ 1,454</u>	<u>\$ 3,837</u>
Schedule 6		
PROGRAMS		
Personnel	\$ 6,495	\$ 7,370
Programs and services	<u>52,107</u>	<u>50,441</u>
	<u>\$ 58,602</u>	<u>\$ 57,811</u>
Schedule 7		
OTHER		
Special projects - Sask. Designation	\$ 8	\$ 8
Special events	-	600
Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ 608</u>

SLA 2009 AWARD RECIPIENTS

2009 MARY DONALDSON AWARD OF MERIT

Recipient: Danielle Lees

Danielle Lees was the 2009 Mary Donaldson Award of Merit recipient.

Libraries were always an integral aspect of Danielle's life and working in a library had been the obvious choice. Library work encompasses all of her interests and she was looking to work with people of all ages, especially children. After having discovered the programme at Kelsey, she applied immediately. Danielle plans to work in a public or school library in a town or smaller city. She is certain that the library technician knowledge and experience gained from the course will be very beneficial in her library career.

The Mary Donaldson Award of Merit is awarded annually to a full-time or part-time Saskatchewan student who is about to graduate from the SIAST program in Saskatchewan. The recipient is chosen based on a combination of excellence in academic standing and demonstrated community leadership or involvement.

2009 SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARIES EDUCATION BURSARY AWARD

Recipient: Shannon Lucky



Shannon Lucky was the successful recipient of the 2009 Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary.

Shannon is currently pursuing a joint master's degree in Library and Information Studies and Humanities Computing at the University of Alberta. Originally from Saskatoon, Shannon holds a BA in history from the University of Saskatchewan (2006) and a BFA in photography from Concordia University in Montreal (2009). Shannon is a photographic artist who has exhibited in Montreal and Saskatoon. An interest in information systems and library access has led Shannon to pursue a career in library sciences.

Shannon wrote:

I am extremely pleased and honoured to be recognized by my home province and the SLA as the recipient of the 2009 Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary. I am very excited to have the opportunity to pursue a MLIS at the University of Alberta and greatly look forward to returning to Saskatchewan and working in the library and information field. Beyond the essential financial support this bursary

provides, I am particularly honoured to be recognized by a community of information professionals I have great respect for. My interest in libraries is strongly rooted in my interactions with public and university librarians growing up and attending university in Saskatoon. I have had so many excellent interactions and enthusiastic conversations with information professionals. I am humbled and honoured to be joining this profession. I would like to thank the Saskatchewan Library Association, the Multitype Library Board and the Provincial Library for making this award possible and supporting students in attaining their educational goals.

The annual \$5,000 bursary offers funding to a student enrolled or accepted in a Master of Library and Information Science (MLS) program, or equivalent. This bursary was made possible through the generous donations from the Saskatchewan Provincial Library and Ministry of Education and through the efforts of the Multitype Library Board and the Saskatchewan Library Association. The bursary was established to promote the continued growth of professional librarianship in the province of Saskatchewan.

Bursary information and applications for the bursary are available on the Saskatchewan Library Association website at <http://www.saskla.ca/sasklibedbursary> or by calling the office at (306) 780-9413.

2009 SLA FRANCES MORRISON AWARD

Recipient: Gregory Salmers, Southeast Regional Library



Gregory Salmers has made significant contributions to the development of his community and his library region. He has been an active member of the Saskatchewan Library Association, serving on its executive and participation on its committees as well as in its workshops and conferences to advance librarianship and library service. Greg has been a great ambassador for libraries, speaking in public forums and on various media to advocate for libraries, literacy and reading in general. His many initiatives have enhanced reading and learning. His efforts to make information technology more accessible especially in rural Saskatchewan have earned him national recognition.

A person of many commendable talents and interests, Greg has been a great role model for to others in the library field

and a generous mentor to many.

The SLA Frances Morrison Award is an award of merit for outstanding service to libraries given in the name of one of Saskatchewan's exceptional librarians. This award is open to all, individuals or institutions or groups, and not restricted to professional librarians or SLA members.

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