**2025 SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARIES CONFERENCE**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**MAY 7-9, 2025**

**TCU Place, 35 22 St East, Saskatoon, SK**

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**PRE-CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

The Multitype Library Board is excited to support the pre-conference session *Building Bridges: Neurodiversity in the Library Space*.

**Time:** 1:00 – 4:30 PM

**Cost:** $30

**Venue:** University of Saskatchewan, Murray Library – Room G26

**Presented by:** Christine van der Merwe (she/her) | ADHD Coach, PCAC | Academic Strategist | BA (Hons) Psych, Learning Disabilities Association of Saskatchewan

**Building Bridges: Neurodiversity in the Library Space**

Join us at the University of Saskatchewan for an engaging and thought-provoking workshop that reimagines the library as an inclusive haven for neurodiverse patrons and staff. The afternoon includes presentations, an opportunity to network and a tour of the Murray Library’s innovative low-sensory room. Let’s work together to build a library culture that values diversity and fosters belonging for all.

Registration for this event is limited to 70 participants.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

**7:30 – 8:30AM** Breakfast – Galleries B & C

**8:15 – 8:45AM** Coffee with Exhibitors – Gallery A

**9:00 – 10:30AM** Conference Opening & Keynote Speaker – Galleries B & C

**10:30 – 11:00AM** Nutrition Break

**11:00 – 11:50AM** Growing into Controversy:

The Failure and Salvation of Intellectual Freedom in

Post-Neutrality Libraries; Yuri Forbes-Petrovich –

Galleries B & C

**11:00 – 11:50AM** Building Bridges: Libraries, Literacy, and Lifelong Learning through Community Partnerships; Rachel Sutherland & Jo Ann Murphy – Gallery Suite 1

 Communal Liberation: Building Diverse Libraries and Strong Communities; Ariana Giroux – Gallery D

**12:00 – 12:20AM** Adapt or Die: Revitalization of the Saskatchewan Electronic Resources Partnership; Regan Gunningham – Galleries B & C

**12:00 – 12:20AM** Trauma-Informed Workplace Practices; Alanna Carlson – Gallery Suite 1

Books by Their Covers: Challenging Bias in Readers and Reading; Phaedra Hitchings – Gallery D

**12:30 – 1:30PM** Lunch – Galleries B & C

**1:30 – 2:20PM** Artificial Intelligence in Libraries: Game-Changer or Gimmick?; Ann Liang – Gallery D

Safe and Welcoming at Regina Public Library; Taylor Soderberg, Amber Christensen, Brian Klenk, Janna Ferris and Rachael Kaseke – Galleries B & C

Public Libraries: Valuable Partners in Growing Age-Friendly Communities in Saskatchewan; Wendy Thienes – Gallery Suite 1

**2:30 – 2:50PM** Tour of the SPL Frances Morrison Central Library *(Meet at the front door of TCU Place)*

Forgotten Patrons: Building Library Services for Saskatchewan Incarcerated Population; Marika Hunter and Alan Kilpatrick

– Galleries B & C

Graphic Novel Collections Crash Course! Jessica Dinan – Gallery D

**3:00 – 4:00PM** Exhibitor and Sponsor Social – Gallery A

**4:00 – 7:30PM** Supper Break

**7:30 – 8:30PM** Mary Donaldson Lecture – Galleries B & C

**8:30 – 9:30PM** Mary Donaldson Reception – Gallery A

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

**7:15 – 8:15AM** Breakfast

**8:15 – 9:15AM** SLA Annual General Meeting – Galleries B & C

**9:30 – 10:20AM** Teach a Man to Fish: Using Proverb to Explore Information Privilege; Lydia Moss – Galleries B & C

Treasure Mapping Open Education Resources (OER) for Schools, Public and Specialty Libraries; Donna Thiessen and Darryl Isbister –

Gallery Suite 1

Developing Community Partnerships in a Public Library; Jenny Ryan, Garnet Woloschuk, Makenzie Murdock & Meg Schmieder – Gallery D

**10:30 – 11:00AM** Nutrition Break

**10:30 – 11:30AM** Understanding Governance Legal Frameworks and Governance Models; Irene Seiferling from Board Dynamics – Gallery A

**11:00 – 11:50AM** Braving Your Boundaries: A Framework for Self Protection; Ashley Breland –

Galleries B & C

Art Starts at the Library: Bringing Professional Arts Programming to Rural Communities; Morgan Kelly & Amber Andersen –

Gallery Suite 1

Beyond the Books: A Cultural Journey Through Mexico City’s Libraries; Chasity Berast, Becky Szeman and Jaydan Harrison – Gallery D

**11:30AM – 12:30PM** Define Trustees’ Roles and Key Responsibilities – Irene Seiferling from Board Dynamics – Gallery A

**12:00 – 12:20PM** Saskatchewan Premium Legal Resources Pilot Launched! Alan Kilpatrick and Ken Fox – Galleries B & C

Cree Language Kits Introduction; Samara Jackson and Wendy Sinclair –

Gallery Suite 1

**12:00 – 12:20PM** Branching Out: How Free Trees Helped Grow a Partnership and Patron Engagement; Morgan Kelly and Mariam Salvador – Gallery D

**12:30 – 1:30PM** SLA Awards Lunch

**1:30 – 2:30PM** Explore Governance Skills and Exchange Best Practices – Irene Seiferling from Board Dynamics – Gallery A

**1:40 – 2:00PM** Role of Public Libraries in Supporting Breastfeeding Practices of Mothers: A Call to Action; Shela Hirani –

Gallery D

**1:40 – 2:30PM** Disable is a Verb: Using the Social Model of Disability to Improve Library Service; John (Jock) Buckmaster –

Galleries B & C

Quest Accepted: what libraries can learn from online gaming; Julie Arie – Gallery Suite 1

**2:30 – 3:30PM** Collaboration and Knowledge Transfer Between Peers; Irene Seiferling from Board Dynamics – Gallery A

**2:40 – 3:00PM** Small library, big vision: positioning your library for future growth and added capacity; Lisa Worobec – Gallery D

Glitter, Grit, and Community: Inclusive Drag and Wrestling History Events with the Neil Richards Collection; Lindsay Stokalko and Ann Liang – Gallery Suite 1

Growing the Academic Library Through Informal Learning Opportunities to Enhance the Student Experience; Christena McKillop and Kathleen James – Galleries B & C