**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**

**Time:** 1:00 – 4:30 PM

**Cost:** $30

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

**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

**8:15 – 8:45AM** Exhibitor Lightning Rounds – Gallery B

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

**10:30 – 11:00AM** Nutrition Break

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

“Growing into Controversy: The Failure and Salvation of Intellectual Freedom in Post-Neutrality Libraries”; Yuri Forbes-Petrovich – Gallery B

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

**12:00 – 12:20AM** The Path to Civic Engagement: How Libraries Can Help to Create Active Citizens; Sharmila Biswas-Mistry – Gallery A

Disable is a Verb: Using the Social Model of Disability to Improve Library Service; John (Jock) Buckmaster –

Gallery B

Trauma-Informed Workplace Practices; Alanna Carlson – Gallery C

**12:30 – 1:30PM** Lunch

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

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

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

**2:30 – 2:50PM** Graphic Novel Collections Crash Course! Jessica Dinan – Gallery A

Adapt or Die: Revitalization of the Saskatchewan Electronic Resources Partnership; Regan Gunningham – Gallery B

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

**3:00 – 4:00PM** Exhibitor Social & Nutrition Break – Gallery D

**4:00 – 7:30PM** Supper Break

**7:30 – 8:30PM** Mary Donaldson Lecture – Gallery C

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

**7:15 – 8:15AM** Breakfast

**8:15 – 9:15AM** SLA Annual General Meeting – Gallery B

**9:30 – 10:20AM** “Teach a man to fish: Using proverb to explore “Information Privilege”; Lydia Moss – Gallery A

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

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

**10:30 – 11:00AM** Nutrition Break

**11:00 – 11:50AM** Communal Liberation: Building Diverse Libraries and Strong Communities; Ariana Giroux – Gallery A

Building Bridges: Libraries, Literacy, and Lifelong Learning through Community Partnerships; Rachel Sutherland and Jo Ann Murphy – Gallery B

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

**12:00 – 12:20AM**

Saskatchewan Premium Legal Resources Pilot Launched! Alan Kilpatrick and Ken Fox – Gallery A

Cree Language Kits Introduction; Samara Jackson and Wendy Sinclair – Gallery B

Branching Out: How Free Trees Helped Grow a Partnership and Patron Engagement; Morgan Kelly and Mariam Salvador – Gallery C

**12:30 – 1:30PM** SLA Awards Lunch

**1:40 – 2:30PM** Governance Training – Advocacy in SK environment

– Gallery A

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

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

**2:10 – 2:30PM** Small library, big vision: positioning your library for future growth and added capacity; Lisa Worobec – Gallery C

**2:40 – 3:00PM** Governance Training – Working through conflicts of interests on the library board – Gallery A

Libraries at the Heart of Community Safety and Well-Being; Christie McCulloch – Gallery B

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

**3:10 – 3:30PM** Governance Training – Library Director/Chief Executive Officer recruitment, retention, succession as key role for trustees – Gallery A

Ikhtilaf Book Club: Using Literature to Foster Social Justice and Build Community Connections; Mohammad Hanzla, Nakita Funk, Jacoby Hatch, and Radiance Hatch – Gallery B

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