

2025

SASKATCHEWAN
LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE



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— MAY 8-9 —



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PRE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

University of Saskatchewan, Murray Library, Room G26

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

1:00 – 4:30 PM **Building Bridges: Neurodiversity in the Library Space**

Join us on May 7th 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 will be limited to 70 participants.

For more information or to register, please visit:

<https://www.saskla.ca/professional-development/conference/>

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MAY 8-9 2025

TCU Place, 35 22 St East, Saskatoon, SK

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

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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

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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

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1:40 - 2:30PM Governance Training - Advocacy in SK environment - Gallery A

Quest Accepted: what libraries can learn from online gaming; Julie Airie - 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

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