



AGENDA **86th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022**

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Presiding: Melanie Sucha, MLA President for 2021-2022

1. Welcome

2. Verification of Quorum

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2022-01: That the agenda for the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Library Association be approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 2022-02: That the Minutes of the MLA 85th Annual General Meeting held March 3, 2021 be approved.

5. President's Report – Melanie Sucha

Resolution 2022-03: That the President's Report be accepted as received.

6. Treasurer Report and Financial Report – Kelly Murray

Resolution 2022-04: That the Treasurer Report be accepted as received.

Resolution 2022-05: That the membership accepts the Audited Financial Statement of August 31, 2021.

7. Election of Board of Directors – Kerry Macdonald, Past President

Resolution 2022-06: That the membership accepts the slate of candidates as presented to serve as the Board of Directors.

8. Overview of Prison Library Committee Activities

9. Updated from CFLA

10. Closing Remarks

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2022-07: That the 86th Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Library Association be adjourned.



85th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Manitoba Library Association

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

7:00 – 8:00pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Call to order: 7:04 PM

1. Welcome

Kerry Macdonald welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for being here. Current board members introduced themselves. Kerry outlined voting instructions and housekeeping items for the virtual meeting.

Prison Libraries Committee Chair, Kirsten Wurmman, University of Alberta MLIS practicum student, Ashley Huot, Communication Committee members, Meg Antoine, Jaime Orr, and Christopher Read, and Suzanne Chiupka from the Public Library Services Board were all introduced.

2. Verification of Quorum

39 participants. Quorum is met.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to correct the date of the 2020 MLA AGM.

Resolution 2021-01: That the agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Library Association be approved as amended.

M: Kerry Macdonald. S: Melanie Sucha. Passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 2021-02: That the Minutes of the 2020 MLA Annual General Meeting held June 2, 2020 be approved.

M: Kerry Macdonald. S: Kelly Murray. Passed.

5. President's Report – Kerry Macdonald, President

Highlights from the President's report were presented:

- Andrew Robert, Director – Trustee Division, spoke about the MLA survey conducted in May 2020 and outreach to public libraries. Andrew introduced the new MLA Trustee Handbook which incorporates resources and

information for trustees. This will be an evergreen document that is available on the MLA website.

- MLA wrote a letter of advocacy concerning the Library & Information Technology program at Red River College. The letter and response are available on the MLA website.
- The MLA, represented by Andrew Robert and Richard Bee, has been developing a relationship with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and advocating for improved internet broadband access.
- The MLA's strategic plan has been delayed due to Covid-19 but is nearly ready to distribute. A grant from the Winnipeg Foundation allowed us to work with consultants throughout this process.
- Representation on CFLA-FCAB committees:
 - Stacey Lee – Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee: Stacey spoke about current projects including a joint task force with Indigenous Matters committee on decolonizing subject headings, and reviewing the Code of Ethics for cataloguers.
 - Ebony Novakowski and Brianne Selman – Copyright Committee: Ebony spoke about the committee's response to covid and efforts to advocate for access to digital resources. Other current issues include the CUSMA term extension, Crown Copyright, and Controlled Digital Lending.
 - Monique Woroniak – Indigenous Matters Committee: Monique was not able to attend. A report of activities is available on the MLA website.
 - Kerry explained how representatives for CFLA are identified.
- Melanie Sucha, Vice President, spoke about the upcoming 2021 virtual conference. This is a joint conference between the Saskatchewan Library Association and MLA. The conference theme is "Stronger Together", which reflects commitments the MLA has made to furthering diversity and better representing BIPOC in the library community.

Resolution 2021-03: That the President's Report be accepted as received.

M: Kerry Macdonald. S: Kelly Murray. Passed.

6. Treasurer Report and Financial Report – Kelly Murray, Treasurer

Kelly Murray welcomed questions about the reports.

Resolution 2021-04: That the Treasurer Report be accepted as received.

M: Kelly Murray S: Donna Kormilo. Passed.

Resolution 2021-05: That the membership accept the Audited Financial Statement of August 31, 2020.

M: Kelly Murray. S: Richard Bee. Passed.

7. Election of Board of Directors – Kerry Macdonald

Presentation of Slate and Call for Nominations from the Floor.

Name	Position	Term
Melanie Sucha – <i>Continuing</i>	President	2021-2022
Danielle Hubbard - <i>Nominee</i>	Vice-President	2021-2022
Kerry Macdonald - <i>Continuing</i>	Past President	2021-2022
Kelly Murray - <i>Continuing</i>	Treasurer	2020-2022
Caralie Heinrichs - <i>Nominee</i>	Secretary	2020-2022
Lorena Wong - <i>Nominee</i>	Membership Coordinator	2021-2023
Breanne Bannerman-Gobeil - <i>Continuing</i>	Director at Large - Website	2019-2022
Stacey Lee - <i>Continuing</i>	Director at Large - Professional Development	2020-2022
Richard Bee - <i>Continuing</i>	Advocacy Director	2020-2022
	Chair, Trustees Division	2021-2023
	Chair, Library Technician Division	2021-2023
Victoria Ho - <i>Nominee</i>	Communications Director	2021-2023

Resolution 2021-06: That the membership accepts the slate of candidates as presented to serve as the Board of Directors.

M: Kerry Macdonald. S: Ebony Novakowski. Passed.

Kerry highlighted that we have good representation from across Manitoba including rural Manitoba on the new MLA board of directors. A special thank you to our outgoing board members, Alan Chorney and Andrew Robert.

Melanie thanked Kerry for her service as President.

8. Overview of Prison Library Committee Activities – Kirsten Wurmman, PLC Chair

Kirsten acknowledged that the PLC works on Treaty 1 and 3 Territory. The PLC acknowledges the role of prisons within the social and political system of ongoing colonialism and institutionalized racism, and is committed to working towards the TRC's Calls to Action.

Highlights from the PLC's Activity Report were presented:

- Care packages for Elizabeth Fry Society, John Howard society, and Bar None
- Practicum student from University of Alberta, Ashley Huot, set up a pilot email reference service for people at Headingley Correctional Centre, Manitoba Youth Centre, Agassiz Youth Centre.
- A new partnership has been made with the Manitoba Youth Centre.
- Black Lives Matter Statement of Solidarity and action items have been posted on the PLC webpage on the MLA website.
- Thank you to MLA members, community partners, Winnipeg Public Library, and publishing houses who contribute to the PLC.

9. Closing Remarks

Please see our website, sign up to receive our newsletter, and follow us on social media. Thank you to all who attended.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 2021-07: That the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Library Association be adjourned.

M: Kerry Maconald. S: Caralie Heinrichs. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM



Caralie Heinrichs, Secretary

President's Report 2021

Prepared by Melanie Sucha, President, 2021-2022

Through 2021 the Manitoba Library Association continued to navigate through the evolving conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. In June 2021, we contacted the Premier's Office with respect to concerns regarding ongoing closure of Libraries, Museums, and Galleries in the Health Orders at that time, advocating towards the safety procedures and protocols that such institutions have developed, and for the social, cultural, and economic value of public libraries to Manitobans. In September, we attended by invitation an government information session concerning Enforcement of Public Health Orders for Non-Profit Organizations and relayed key points back to our membership from our website.

We would like to thank Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) for their ongoing support of MLA and for the thoughtful conversations with respect to the complexities of how public libraries need to operate in the context of pandemic risks and corresponding health orders.

All meetings and Association activities have taken place virtually over the last year. In addition to ensuring safe operations as part of our pandemic response, we have continued to find opportunity in leveraging technology such as videoconferencing and social media platforms to connect our Board, committees, and broader membership, who are located across broad geographic distances. Regular meetings of The Partnership also remained online. We offered the 2021 conference as an online, shared event with the Saskatchewan Library Association. The conference theme of Libraries: Better Together reflected this shared effort, as well as the essential role of libraries in building and promoting diversity, inclusivity, and equity and providing space for cultural and public engagement. The conference was very successful, convening over 70 speakers, and X attendees on a virtual platform to host X sessions, June 14-16, 2021.

Those who attended the joint conference had the honour of listening to The Honourable Murray Sinclair give the opening keynote address, titled *Truth is Hard. Reconciliation is Harder*. Mr. Sinclair recommended specific steps all library professionals can all take in our respective journeys of reconciliation. After the conference, and given the discoveries of unmarked graves in the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation in B.C. and the Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan, MLA shared Mr. Sinclair's first recommendation with membership: read the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, or at the very least, the Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. To read the Final Report, please go to the Reports page of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's website: <https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>

The Board and Committees undertook a number of communication efforts this year. The Prison Library Committee presented at the joint conference and at Burlington Literacy Festival, showcasing their work to provide library services and access to materials to incarcerated individuals. In line with the strategic plan, The Communications Committee focused its efforts on growing and refining social media presence. The Board continued to communicate the [Public Library Board Trustees Handbook](#), and connected with newer Trustees and incoming Library Directors on this guidance document, highlighting ways in which MLA can offer support as a trusted community of professionals. Outside of the pandemic-related matters as mentioned, Advocacy efforts included a letter in support of

the Librarians, Archivists, Professors, and Instructors represented by the University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA), and a letter of concern to Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) regarding lack of consultation with members on the matter of the CFLA Intellectual Freedom Statements. MLA has offered support in bringing forward further consultation. As of January 2022, we are continuing discussions with CFLA to determine next steps.

Looking forward into the next year, MLA hopes to continue its partnership with PLSB and the Manitoba Sport Culture and Heritage Strategic Policy Branch to help further sector development. Increased provincial government funding, as announced in October, and MLA's Strategic Plan, help position us well to grow how MLA supports Manitoba library professionals and their institutions and stakeholders in turn.

On a personal note, I am fast approaching the second anniversary of my arrival in the province of Manitoba! I would very much like to thank my colleagues on the MLA Board and Committees for welcoming me and for teaching me so much about the landscape of librarianship in Manitoba. I owe a great debt especially to Kerry Macdonald for her kindness and mentorship as Past President. Taking part in a professional association is such a great way to make new connections, and to explore different aspects of the profession in meaningful ways – it remains a great privilege to work with this amazing group.

Treasurer's Report

Manitoba Library Association was able to host a virtual conference in 2021 with Saskatchewan Library Association which was a success in: collaboratively working together to provide professional development to its members; and in providing some funding to the association.

2021-22 Audited Fiscal Year Totals

Revenues	\$33,651.00
Expenditures	\$12,979.00
Surplus	\$20,672.00
Account as of Sept. 1/2021	\$94,289.82

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kelly Murray, Treasurer

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.

WINNIPEG, MB

AUGUST 31, 2021

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board Members of;
MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Manitoba Library Association Inc., which comprise the balance sheet as at August 31, 2021, and the statements of revenue and expenditure, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at August 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Manitoba Library Association Inc.'s internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Manitoba Library Association Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause Manitoba Library Association Inc. to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

December 31, 2021
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Reid & Miller
Chartered Professional Accountants Inc

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT AUGUST 31

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	95,962	88,381
Short-term investment <i>(note 3)</i>	5,174	5,154
Accounts receivable <i>(note 4)</i>	5,230	265
Prepaid expenses	1,160	1,132
	<u>107,526</u>	<u>94,932</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <i>(note 5)</i>	3,368	3,306
Deferred income	7,445	15,585
	<u>10,813</u>	<u>18,891</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>96,713</u>	<u>76,041</u>
	<u>107,526</u>	<u>94,932</u>

Approved on Behalf of the Board

Director

Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Reid & Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE****FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations	1,133	1,452
Memberships	7,221	8,100
Miscellaneous	605	154
Partnerships	9,945	789
Province of Manitoba grant	9,000	9,000
Rental income	1,747	1,668
Winnipeg Foundation grant	4,000	11,822
	<u>33,651</u>	<u>32,985</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Awards and scholarships	500	550
Conferences and meetings	754	2,070
Professional fees	3,025	2,352
Insurance	1,734	1,699
Interest and service charges	167	1,111
Office and sundry	875	1,240
Special projects	-	12,372
Rent	3,495	3,308
Subcommittees and interest groups	998	3,951
Travel	-	936
Website	1,431	143
	<u>12,979</u>	<u>29,732</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>20,672</u>	<u>3,253</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended August 31	
	2021 Total	2020 Total
	\$	\$
NET ASSETS		
Balance, beginning of year	76,041	72,788
Excess of revenue over expenditure	<u>20,672</u>	<u>3,253</u>
Balance, end of year	<u><u>96,713</u></u>	<u><u>76,041</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Reid & Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	Year Ended August 31	
	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES		
OPERATING		
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	20,672	3,253
Net changes in non-cash working capital affecting operations (<i>note 6</i>)	(13,091)	4,054
	<u>7,581</u>	<u>7,307</u>
INCREASE IN CASH RESOURCES	7,581	7,307
CASH RESOURCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>88,381</u>	<u>81,074</u>
CASH RESOURCES, END OF YEAR	<u><u>95,962</u></u>	<u><u>88,381</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2021

1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

Manitoba Library Association ("MLA") is a not-for-profit organization that provides leadership in the promotion, development and support of library and information services in Manitoba for the benefit of MLA members, the library community, and the citizens of Manitoba.

Under the Income Tax Act for Canada, the corporation qualifies as a charity and is exempt from income tax under Section 149 (1).

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Outlined below are those policies considered particularly significant for the organization.

a) REVENUE RECOGNITION

The organization uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions under which restricted contributions related to expenses of future periods are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred.

Membership dues are recognized in the period that they relate and when collection is reasonably assured.

Conference revenues are recognized when the events are presented and when collection is reasonably assured. Amounts received prior to the events occurring are recorded as deferred revenue.

The organization recognizes grant revenue when they are fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured.

Rental income, donations, fundraising and other revenue are recognized when delivery has occurred, the price is fixed or determinable and when collection is reasonably assured.

b) MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

When preparing financial statements according to Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, the organization makes estimates and assumptions relating to reported amounts of revenue and expenses, reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities.

Management's assumptions are based on a number of factors, including historical experience, current events and actions that the organization may undertake in the future, and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different conditions and assumptions. Estimates were used when accounting for certain items, such as impairment of long-lived assets.

c) TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Operating assets of a capital nature, furniture and equipment and library collections are charged to operations in the year of acquisition. Accordingly, amortization is not provided for these items in the accounts. Assets expensed in these financial statements in the current year \$ Nil (2020: \$ 1,323).

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2021

d) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Measurement of financial instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statements of operations in the period incurred. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, amounts receivable and fixed income investments.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Financial assets measured at fair value include equity instruments that are quoted in an active market.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the organization assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset measured at amortized cost may be impaired. Objective evidence of impairment includes observable data that comes to the attention of the organization, including but not limited to the following events: significant financial difficulty of the issuer; a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or bankruptcy or other financial reorganization proceedings.

When there is an indication of impairment, the organization determines whether a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset.

3. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Term deposit bearing interest at 0.55%, maturing June 2022	5,174	-
Term deposit bearing interest at 2.05%, maturing December 2020	-	5,154
	<u>5,174</u>	<u>5,154</u>

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Goods and Services Tax receivable	200	265
Trade account receivables	5,030	-
	<u>5,230</u>	<u>265</u>

MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2021

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	\$	\$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>3,368</u>	<u>3,306</u>

6. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	\$	\$
Net changes in non-cash working capital affecting operations		
Short-term investment	(20)	(154)
Accounts receivable	(4,965)	163
Prepaid expenses	(28)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	62	485
Deferred income	<u>(8,140)</u>	<u>3,560</u>
	<u>(13,091)</u>	<u>4,054</u>

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalent, short-term investments, accounts receivables and accounts payables and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant credit, liquidity, or market risks arising from these financial instruments. Market risks result from changes in interest rates, exchange rates of foreign currencies and market prices of financial instruments.



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ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

The Manitoba Library Association – Prison Libraries Committee (MLA-PLC) is a volunteer group that works with our community members impacted by incarceration. Formed in 2012, the MLA-PLC believes that while access to reading and information inside correctional institutions is a rare connection to the outside world, it is also a basic right.

We support community members inside the following correctional centres:

- Winnipeg Remand Centre
- Headingley Correctional Centre (HCC) for Men in Headingley, MB
- Women's Correctional Centre (WCC) in Headingley, MB
- Manitoba Youth Centre, Winnipeg, MB
- Agassiz Youth Centre, Portage La Prairie, MB
- (NEW) Milner Ridge Correctional Centre, Beausejour, MB

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Book Collection and Delivery - Kathleen has started to again collect, sort, and deliver to the Winnipeg Remand Centre, Women's Correctional Centre, and Headingley Correctional Centre, our newest location, Milner Ridge. The librarian from Stony Mountain Penitentiary has also collected books from our donation shelves for their library.

We hope to expand this service to deliver specific requests to specific inmates in 2022.

Book Donations - A new email address has been created for folks wanting to donate books (mla.plcdonate@gmail.com) Millennium Library is still the drop-off but we hope to be able to expand to other branches in future as drop-off locations.

We've received donations from publishers/bookstores including a large donation from McNally Robinson Booksellers, U of M Press, Goldrock Press, and Briarpatch magazine. And the Amazon wishlist (<https://www.amazon.ca/gp/registry/wishlist/200LVZOMQSLRJ>) has been updated.

Email Reference Service - Ashley has coordinated this new service to HCC, MYC, and AYC. A small group of volunteers answer questions as they come in from the institutions' teachers. We hope to expand it to more prisons in the coming months.

FINANCIALS

Thanks to the \$500.00 annual support from the Manitoba Library Association, to our regular donors, and this year to the Manitoba Council of Reading Clinicians. As of December 31, 2021, the Prison Libraries Committee total funds are: **\$ 3,851.68**

Book Purchase – we are actively purchasing much-needed books to fill gaps in our collections. Books will be purchased in early 2022.

VOLUNTEERS

Long-time PLC Volunteer Coordinator Terri moved to Saskatchewan and Emma is taking over her position (mla.plcvolunteer@gmail.com). We currently have 60 names in our volunteer database, in various states of active/ not active. While we're not actively recruiting at the moment we always welcome interest.

PLC Book Club - As part of our Action Statement in Support of Black Lives Matter, we have continued to run an internal book club for PLC members led by Emma. So far we have read and discussed a range of non-fiction and poetry/memoir including: Angela Davis's *Are Prisons Obsolete?*, Desmond Cole's *The Skin We're In*, Mercedes Eng's *Prison Industrial Complex Explodes*, Robyn Maynard's *Policing Black Lives*, and Mariame Kaba's *We Do This Till We Free Us*.

PRESENTATIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

MLA SLA conference panel presentation: In June Kathleen, Kirsten, and Ashley participated in a panel presentation sharing about the PLC's work.

Mercedes Eng author reading/talk Event: Author Mercedes Eng read from her book *Prison Industrial Complex Explodes*. Serenity arranged this event as a collaboration between the PLC, Prairie Asian Organizers! (PAO!), and the U of M Institute for the Humanities.

SMAAC and Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Virtual Annual Meeting: Serenity presented on a panel at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Virtual Annual Meeting in June 2021 representing the PLC.

About Prison Libraries: How to Read a Prison presentation, Burlington Public Library and Art Gallery of Burlington: In November Kirsten and Ashley presented at the Burlington Public Library's first literary festival, in partnership with the Art Gallery of Burlington and their exhibition *How to Read a Vessel*. The presentation talked about prison libraries in Canada in general and made ties to the exhibition's themes (<https://youtu.be/Y-fBdSvQ6WI>).

SMAAC ([Saskatchewan Manitoba Alberta Abolition Coalition](#))
Serenity is our PLC representative on SMAAC

SLA: the Saskatchewan Library Association- Prison Libraries subcommittee

Members of the new SLA sub-committee met up (virtually) with PLC members to talk about what we do, what we've learned, talk about ideas, and answer questions. We look forward to a great partnership and collaboration.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!