

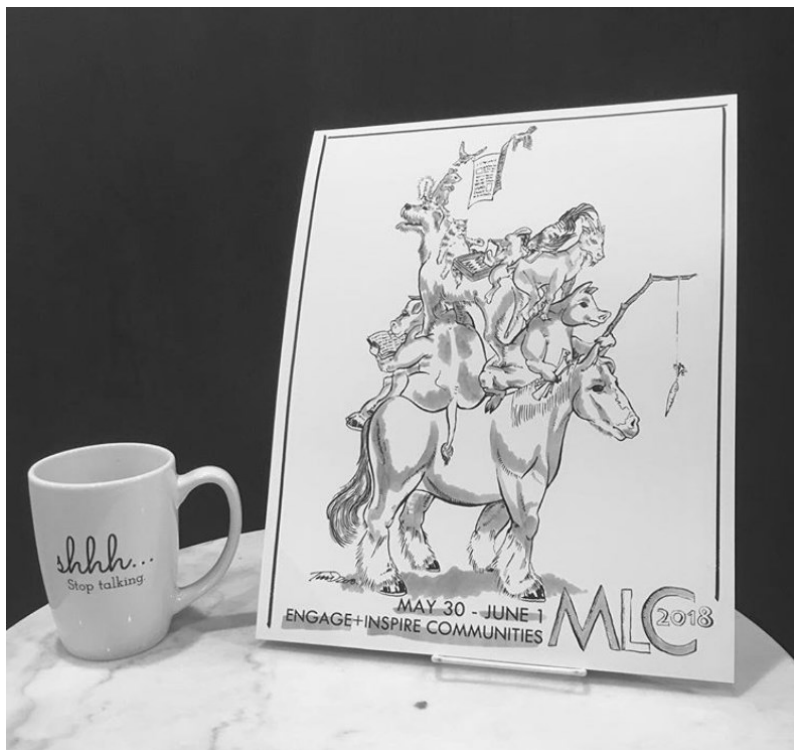


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Annual Report

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On the cover:

From left: Trevor Lockhart, Kirsten Wurmman, Dennis Penner, Alan Chorney, and Erica Ball, presenting at their panel *Libraries and Podcasts: The Winnipeg Public Library Experience*.

June 1 2018, Manitoba Libraries Conference

Photo courtesy of Meg Antoine

The MLC 2018 commemorative poster, with mug from
The Library Marketplace

Photo courtesy of Amanda Wheatley

Discussion tables at the MLA Talk & Tour, October 29,
2018

Photo courtesy of Ellen Tisdale

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Letter from the President

Dear MLA Members,

On July 1, 2018 three local library associations, Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA), Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT), and the Manitoba Library Association (MLA), became one, forming a bigger, better provincial association. Together we are stronger!

It's been an exciting and busy year with the amalgamation. Highlights from 2018 include:

- For the first time in a long time, we have representation on the MLA Board from outside of Winnipeg. Kelly Murray from Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library is serving as MLA Treasurer. Danielle Hubbard from Brandon Public Library is serving as our MLA Advocacy Director.
- We had a very successful conference, held May 30 to June 1, at the Delta in Winnipeg. Thank you to members of the Planning and Programming Committees and to all who contributed and attended the conference.
- Kathleen Williams, Secretary, created a Board handbook to ensure consistent practices and processes. Creating such a handbook was no easy feat!
- We now share our office space with the Association of Manitoba Archives. We are excited at the prospect of greater collaboration between the two associations.
- We recently purchased Wild Apricot member management software, which will allow us to better connect with members. Alan Chorney, MLA Membership Director has been working diligently at setting this up.
- Our MLA Director at Large - Professional Development Director held the first ever Annual Talk & Tour event where MLA members and non-members came together to tour the Millennium ideaMill (aka Makerspace), which was followed by plenty of networking opportunities and scintillating conversation about the hottest topics in our field today.
- MLA Advocacy Committee, led by Danielle Hubbard, Advocacy Director, sent a letter to the Honourable Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, to request information on the 2017 *Public Libraries Review*, undertaken by Public Library Services. The Advocacy Committee also created and distributed an Elections Toolkit to all of the public libraries.
- Breanne Bannerman-Gobeil, MLA Director at Large - Website, has been working hard at combining the content and creating one fabulous Website. Watch for news of the unveiling of our new Website in

2019.

Finally, thank you to members. I feel honoured to have been involved in this transformation and I look forward to serving you better in 2019. To those non-members who may be considering joining MLA, exciting things are happening and there's never been a better time to join! Please visit our [Webpage](#) for membership details.

Sincerely,



Kerry Macdonald

Financial Report

Submitted by Kelly Murray, Treasurer

With the amalgamation of MALT and MLTA along with a very successful conference the MLA was able to receive a \$30,304 surplus at the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The year-end balance for August 31st, 2018 shows the MLA having \$71,502. MLA determined that it was essential to establish a Reserve Fund with some of the excess funds.

Financial Statements

2017-18 Audited Fiscal Year Totals:

Revenue	\$116,263
Expenditures	\$85,959
Surplus	\$30,304

Account at September 1, 2018:

\$65,234.36

Library Technicians Division

Submitted by Ebony Novakowski, Library Technicians Representative

The Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT) officially joined the Manitoba Library Association as the Library Technicians Division on January 1, 2018. As a division we have maintained a seat on the MLA board and a working role on the MLA Advocacy committee. The LTD hosted a panel as part of programming at the Manitoba Libraries Conference (MLC) that explored the experience of working from your library technician's diploma to your MLIS. At MLC the last MALT stand alone AGM was hosted for the past association MALT to fully complete the amalgamation as the LTD of MLA, by completing business and financial reporting as a stand alone association with our membership. All documents were transferred from the care of MALT to be housed at the MLA office. We are currently working as part of MLA website committee to transfer web content, and merge information for the anticipated launch of a new MLA website which is inclusive of divisional content. As a division we are working on a library technician professional development workshop to be hosted in February 2019, and will be working as part of the MLA awards committee in the new year, our division bringing forward awards that target recognition of Library Technician accomplishments in the Manitoba library community as well as those of non-degreed library workers.

Library Trustees Division

Submitted by Andrew Robert, Library Trustees Representative

A year ago, trustees from across the province held our AGM in Brandon and we chose to join the Manitoba Library Association, as the Library Trustees Division. There has been a great deal of work completed to make this change, and we continue to work within MLA to be an effective voice for public libraries. The three fundamental principles of **communication, advocacy, and support of trustee education** remain in the Trustees work within MLA. MLTA published two newsletters in January and March,, and will continue to communicate within the MLA News and on the MLA website. MLTA Division worked with the MLA Advocacy Committee to promote and distribute a municipal Election Toolkit and contributed to the drafting of MLA's letter to Minister Sport, Culture and Heritage in relation to the Manitoba Public Library Policy and Program Review. MLTA sponsored a session on Library Board Effectiveness at the Manitoba Libraries Conference and MLTA Division is seeking to present other educational information for Trustees and rural libraries, including revamping our Trustee Handbook.

I would like to thank the volunteers who have worked hard in this transition year: Donna Kormilo (formerly WMRL); Dave Walker (formerly Erickson); Patti Brown (Portage la Prairie); Bud Sigurdson (Parkland); Marilyn Bayrak (Headingley); Sandy Heaman (Border); Keith Parry (WMRL); Monique Ireland (Winnipeg).

Membership Report

Submitted by Alan Chorney, Membership Director

2018 marks a year of coming together for the Manitoba Library Association. The new united Manitoba Library Association that comes after the amalgamating with the former Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT) and the former Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA) has resulted in a nearly doubling of the total MLA memberships. Thus, a new membership benchmark has been established and I look forward to seeing MLA's numbers grow in the future. But what is most exciting is to see so many library workers and library organizations come together under one banner.

2018 MLA Memberships	Individual Memberships	88
	Institutional Memberships	15
	Public Library Board Memberships	27
	Total Memberships: 130	

Communications Report

Submitted by Ellen Tisdale, Communications Director

This year, our Communications Committee has grown to include two dedicated volunteers: thanks to Meg Antoine and Rémi Fontaine for their support. Due to this expansion, we have been able to pursue a number of projects, including the revival of the MLA Instagram account, which had been dormant since 2014. The MLA-News email newsletter has also benefitted from content contributed from the Library Technicians and Library Trustees Divisions.

This summer, while putting out our annual call for updates to the Manitoba Libraries Directory, many of our members highlighted the need to add a School Libraries layer. With our volunteer Meg Antoine taking the lead, this process has now begun, and will continue into 2019.

Another exciting project begun this summer is the task to create a new logo for MLA. Due to our recent amalgamation with MALT and MLTA, we recognized the need to seek out a symbol of unity for the library community across our province. Reviewing submissions and suggestions from members, the MLA board voted to hire a graphic design firm to bring this vision into reality.

During December 2018, we are currently running a brief survey to assess communication preferences of MLA members and the greater Manitoba library community. The results of this survey will inform where our energy will be focused going forward.

Education Report

Submitted by Mê-Linh Lê, Director at Large (Education)

Talk and Tour: ideaMILL at Winnipeg Public Library

On October 29, 2018 MLA hosted its first Talk and Tour. There was an excellent turn out of library workers from a wide variety of libraries who attended the event, which included a tour of WPL's brand new makerspace ideaMILL, followed by dinner, networking, and roundtable discussions. The lively discussions focused on library issues affecting many Manitoba libraries, including services for the Indigenous community and Canadian newcomers; adapting to a changing library landscape; developing partnerships; and assessment best practices. [The discussion summaries are available here.](#) We hope this is the first of many Talk and Tours to come!

The Partnership

MLA members are reminded that, through their membership, they are able to access education sessions via the Education Institute – a professional development program created by The Partnership – at a discounted member rate. The full calendar of events can be found here: bit.ly/PartnershipEI



The ideaMILL tour on October 29, 2018.

Advocacy Report

Submitted by Danielle Hubbard, Advocacy Director

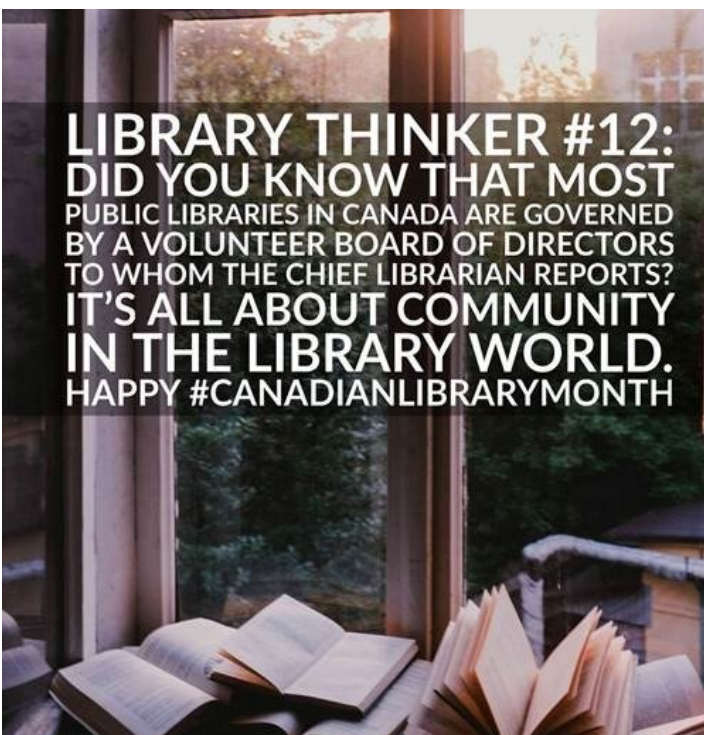
A new Advocacy Committee was struck in 2018, reflecting MLA's recent amalgamation and including greater representation from rural libraries.

Significant 2018 initiatives have included:

- submitting an expression of interest for increased library funding to the federal government as part of the **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program**;
- submitting a letter to Minister Cox regarding the delayed release of the **Public Libraries Review**;
- creating and disseminating a **Municipal Elections Toolkit** for use by public libraries surrounding the October 24th elections; and
- promoting October as **Canadian Library Month** via MLA social media.

The most popular "Library Thinker", pictured below, reached 1,985 people on Facebook. The post earned 84 reactions/comments/shares and 74 post clicks. The post reached 475 users on Twitter, and 82 users on Instagram.

This graphic reached over 3,000 people on Facebook, earning 82 reactions/comments/shares and 139 post clicks. The post earned 203 impressions on Twitter and reached 90 users on Instagram.



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Prison Libraries Committee Report

*Submitted by Kirsten Wurmman,
Chair of the Prison Libraries Committee*



Formed in 2012, the Manitoba Library Association – Prison Libraries Committee (MLA-PLC) has 25+ active members who volunteer both inside and outside of four Manitoba prisons to provide collections, programming, and library awareness for incarcerated and reintegrating community members involved in the justice system. The Prison Libraries Committee strongly 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.

The approach of MLA-PLC is to create a space, sometimes only a moment for someone to learn something new, to find or rediscover a book, to connect with an idea or a person. We believe in creating a humanizing and creative space where non-traditional library programming and approaches can flourish.

We serve over 1600 inmates inside the following correctional centres in which there were previously no library programming and services:

- Winnipeg Remand Centre
- Headingley Correctional Centre (HCC) for Men in Headingley, MB
- Women's Correctional Centre (WCC) in Headingley, MB
- The Pas Correctional Centre in The Pas, MB

Our services include:

- Book collection, delivery, as well as processing, and sorting for all four prisons. We estimate we've delivered and shared over 12,000 books to Manitoba inmates.
- Book exchange programs inside Remand, WCC, and The Pas. Inmates are often waiting in line for the book exchange program to begin – faces pushed up against the windows straining to see what books have been brought in that week. Requests are varied and plentiful – just as they would be from library patrons outside a prison – from Stephen King to Dante, from the *Divergent* series to *The Break*, and from astrology to anxiety relief.
- Book Mates book club inside WCC – volunteers have learned that the readers prefer memoir (especially related to resilience and dysfunction/unconventional lives), and light fiction. In October, the book club

was thrilled to have been able to bring in Beatrice Mosionier to discuss her memoir with the participants.

- Book drive (May) and book & bake sale (June 2) held in conjunction with the Prison Rideshare program and raising almost \$1000 for the PLC.
- Other programs have included: a *Stories & Song* event at WCC with Scott Nolan (November), and a WCC writing circle (November).

Future plans:

- Creation of a chapbook/zine with folks inside WCC. This publication will feature artwork, poetry, and written submissions. To be published in early 2019 both in print and online.
- MLA-PLC was approached by the Manitoba Walls to Bridges Research Initiative, who requested our partnership and (non-monetary) support for their application for a Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant. The SSHRC grant would look at establishing a Centre for Prison Education and Research here in Manitoba, in which MLA-PLC would be very interested in participating.

Media attention:

- PLC was interviewed for *Human Rights Hub Winnipeg* and featured during 'I Love to Read' month: <https://humanrightshub.ca/2018/02/26/prison-libraries-committee>
- Committee chair, Kirsten Wurmman published an article featuring the Prisoner's Right to Read statement in the Canadian Book & Periodical Council's publication, the *Freedom to Read Review*: http://mla.mb.ca/sites/default/files/p016-017_FTRW2018_Perspectives_spread%20KW.pdf

Conferences:

- Book Mates book club volunteer Anne Mahon co-presented at *The National Book Foundation Conference* in Brooklyn, NY with a session entitled: "Reading Together Frees Minds."
- Committee chair Kirsten Wurmman participated as part of a panel at *The American Library Association Conference* in New Orleans, LA with a session entitled: "Correctional Libraries, Collection Building, and Collaborations: success stories from those service in an information desert."

THANK YOU!

- To the Manitoba Library Association board of directors for its guidance and support.
- To Maxine McInnis, Ryan Knight, and Darlene Anderson McGinnis at the Winnipeg Remand Centre, Emily Grien and Teresa Barrault at the Women's Correctional Centre, Andrew Bestland and Marcel Laurendeau at the Headingley Correctional Centre for Men, and the staff at The Pas Correctional Centre for their support, advice, and encouragement as we continue to develop and present library programming and services inside their respective correctional institutions.
- To the Winnipeg Public Library for their continued support in the form of storage space for our collections, for donations of post-book sale book, and much more.
- Last but definitely not least, an enormous thank you to our PLC volunteers who work tirelessly and creatively and enthusiastically to ensure the MLA-PLC's continued success in the hard, important work of these past six years. Thank you!

Prison Libraries Committee Volunteers

Jane Bridle	Chelse McKee	Carmen Spiech
Jennifer Clarke	Pat McPhillips	Barb Stewart
Trish Cohen	Carolyn Minor	Lauren Wadelius –lead at The Pas Correctional Centre
Krysel Cole	Jacque Nicholson	Allyson Watts
Fatima DeMelo	Kim Parry	Terri Wiest – Volunteer Coordinator
Emma Hall Kepron	Kate Ready	Kathleen Williams – Bookkeeper
Serenity Joo	Stefany Shirley	Monique Woroniak
Nadine McCaughan	Heather Snell	Isaac Wurmman
Jill McConkey	Lori Sweeting	Hannelore Wurmman

Manitoba Libraries Conference

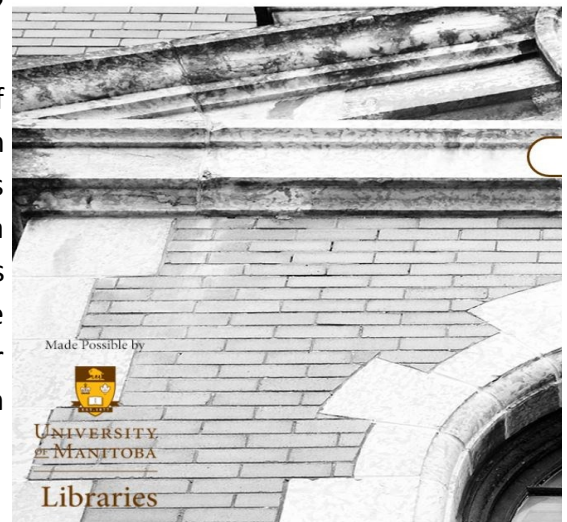
The 2018 Manitoba Libraries Conference was held on Wednesday May 30—Friday June 1, 2018. The opening keynote speakers were Christine Freethy, Glen Freethy, Sarah Morden, and Brennan Hart of Save Saskatchewan Libraries.

The closing keynote was given by Craig Silverman, BuzzFeed News Media Editor.

One highlight of the conference was the announcement of province-wide access to the research site *Our World*, a collection of primary source digital content. This was made possible thanks to an agreement established between the University of Manitoba Libraries and Gale, a Cengage Company. Geo-authentications allows anyone in Manitoba with internet access to browse the collections from Gale Primary Sources with no need for logins or passwords. Access Our World through the Manitoba Research Gateway: www.manitobaresearchgateway.ca/ourworld

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Manitoba Libraries Conference
Winnipeg, MB
May 30 - June 1

Manitoba Libraries Conference 2018 Statistics

Attendance

Total Attendees	309
Speakers	93
Exhibitors	35
Conference Committee Members	13
Programming Committee Members	6
Mixer Tickets Distributed	143

Financial Statements

Revenue	\$83,521.28
Expenditures	\$55,443.52
Profit	\$28,077.76

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Scholarships & Awards

The Manitoba Library Association holds two funds in trust with The Winnipeg Foundation. The Scholarships and Awards Committee of the Manitoba Library Association were pleased to issue a number of scholarships to deserving recipients in 2018.

The Scholarships & Awards Committee was Chaired by Kerry Macdonald, MLA Vice President until May 2018, as outlined in the Vice Presidents roles and responsibilities description. Members of the Committee included Alan Chorney and Monique Ireland. Scholarship submissions were rated and discussed by Committee members using a weighted scale based on scholarship criteria. Award submissions were evaluated and discussed based on the nominees contribution to the development of libraries and library services in our province. The Red River College Student Award is awarded based on student marks and therefore the recipient is determined by the College.

Manitoba Library Service Award - Professional Category: Joan Ransom

Manitoba Library Service Award - Volunteer Category: Joan Blakley

Library Innovation of the Year Award: Winnipeg Public Library—Book Bike

Red River College Library and Information Technology Student Award: Otto Ripoll

Ashley Panagapko	John Edwin Bissett Scholarship	\$9,500
Eric Fontaine	John Edwin Bissett Scholarship	\$1,500
Sam Frederick	John Edwin Bissett Scholarship	\$5,000
Emily Kroeker	Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship	\$2,500
Justin Fuhr	Jean Thorunn Law Scholarship	\$1,000

MALT Awards

The MALT awards were open for submission by e-mails to membership as well as postings to social media encouraging applications. Applications for MALT award were evaluated by the MALT executive and voted on to determine the winning applicant at an executive meeting on April 26, 2018. The MALT Awards were presented at the 2018 Manitoba Libraries Conference at the Delta Hotel during the MALT AGM and announced at the Mixer social event on May 31, 2018. The Red River College Student Award is awarded based on student marks and therefore the recipient is determined by the College.

Library Technician of the Year: Chris Mailloux

Library Support Worker of the Year: Pam Palcat

Rising Star: Brita Enns-Kutcy

Red River College Library & Information Technology Student Award: Lori Friesen

MLA 2018 Board of Directors



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Monique Ireland, Vice-President



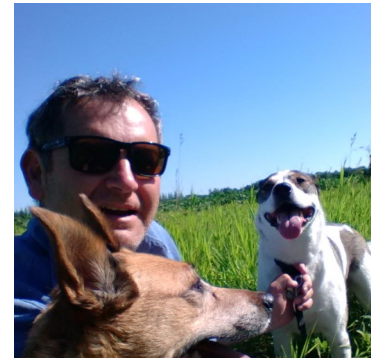
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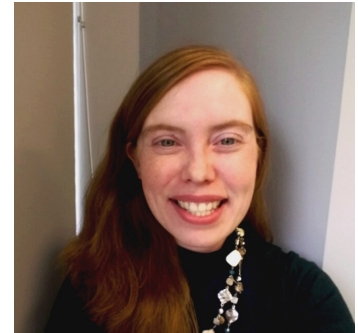
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