

# Saskatchewan School Library Association Executive Newsletter



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## ***Conference Excitement Rising***

There is great excitement as the school library community finalizes plans for the annual conference of the Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA). The conference opens with a delicious menu of pre-conference events on April 30, 2007 in Saskatoon. In order to learn more about the conference, readers are invited to visit the conference website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/mh.prst>



Along with the 20 authors that are confirmed for the tantalizing Author Signing Coffee House, and the banquet, there will be numerous workshops and sessions to whet the learning appetite of all conference attendees.

## ***A Sneak Preview of Sessions***

Here is a sneak preview of some of the fabulous sessions that will be offered at the SSLA conference:

**Doug Johnson:** Libraries for the Net Generation.

**Karen Lind:** Teaching Struggling and Reluctant Readers in the Middle.

**Linda Aksomitis:** Hooked on the Internet.

**Brenda Tenold:** Bringing Storytelling Alive.

**Judy Nicholson:** School Library Policy: A Preview of a Work in Progress.

**Lynda Monahan:** Dense vs Thin Writing.

For additional information about conference sessions, please visit: <http://members.shaw.ca/mh.prst/sections/sessions.html>.



## ***The SSLA Needs You: Be a Part of the Executive for 2007-2008***

Nominations are now open for positions on the SSLA Executive and so we ask: Do you have an interest in promoting school libraries at the local, provincial, and national levels? Do you recognize the vital role school libraries and teacher-librarians play in preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Do you want input into professional development opportunities offered to teacher-librarians in Saskatchewan? If so, the SSLA invites you to let your name stand for election to the SSLA Executive. Elections will take place at the Association's Annual General Meeting, which will be held in Saskatoon on April 30, 2007.

Several positions must be filled for the upcoming school year. They are president (one-year term), vice-president (one year term), secretary (two-year term), and two editors for the Association's journal, *The Medium* (two-year terms). In addition, a treasurer, which is a yearly appointed position, will be needed.

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Specific information about the duties of these officers can be found in the Constitution section of the SSLA's website.

[http://www.stf.sk.ca/prof\\_growth/ssc/ssla/constitution.html](http://www.stf.sk.ca/prof_growth/ssc/ssla/constitution.html)

If you or someone you know is interested in any of the above-noted positions, please contact the SSLA's nominations chairperson, Violet Smotra-Cook at [violet.smotra-cook@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:violet.smotra-cook@rbe.sk.ca).



## ***Executive Meeting Highlights***

### **March 2007**

⇓ A meeting of the SSLA Executive was held via teleconference on March 1, 2007. The following are some highlights of the meeting.

⇓ The Executive will develop a new conference-planning guide for 2008. The guide will include clarifications of various types of membership. The SSLA members are encouraged to provide feed-back to the Executive about the new guide.

⇓ SSLA merchandise will be on sale at the conference.

⇓ The Editors of *The Medium* invite articles and submissions for the next issue.

⇓ A new STF-SSLA representative will be appointed to the Multitype Library Board soon.

⇓ Shirley Krueckl nominated to act as the SSLA representative to the Saskatchewan Library Week Committee (SLW) 2007.

⇓ SSLA to continue to pursue proclamation of Saskatchewan School Library Day.

⇓ SSLA Executive to revise Duties and Responsibilities of Executive members.

⇓ Ad Hoc committee struck to develop presentation proposals for STF Showcase 2008. Please contact Violet Smotra-Cook for further details at: [violet.smotra-cook@rbe.sk.ca](mailto:violet.smotra-cook@rbe.sk.ca)

## ***Executive Meeting Highlights ...*** Continued

⇓ Treasurer, Joanne Allen reported that the SSLA is in a "delicately stable" financial position.



## ***Multitype Library Board***

⇓ The Multitype Library Board serves the interests of all library stakeholders and citizens. The most recent MLB

Communiqué can be accessed at <http://www.lib.sk.ca/staff/multitype/index.html>



## ***The Last Words Go to the Conference***

Try not to miss these conference sessions: The Art of the Essay by **Joanne Beach and Gloria Rattray** and Teacher-librarian 2.0 by **Donna Desroches**—they will be great! See you at the conference!



## ***About Libraries***

"I received the fundamentals of my education in school, but that was not enough. My real education, the superstructure, the details, the true architecture, I got out of the public library. For an impoverished child whose family could not afford to buy books, the library was the open door to wonder and achievement, and I can never be sufficiently grateful that I had the wit to charge through that door and make the most of it."

Isaac Asimov

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