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Spring is finally here! The snow is gone, the ground is dry, and soon there will be signs of new life. Our yards will soon be calling us and once again we will enjoy the outdoors. This is season of new growth, rejuvenation, and inspiration.

The Fall and Winter months have been a busy time for the SSLA Executive as it has been working on ways to inspire very busy teacher-librarians throughout province. The executive hopes it has been able to support the membership this year while it goes through its own rejuvenation process.

The Executive has spent a considerable amount of time goal setting and restructuring this year in an effort to determine the best ways to serve and support the SSLA membership. Professional development opportunities, an active website, online journal, and executive restructuring are some examples of the work of the current executive.



Saskatchewan iT Summit 2009

Another successful Summit was held March 23-24 in Saskatoon. The fabulous keynote speakers this year were Jamie McKenzie, Dean Shareski, Kathy Cassidy, Clarence Fisher, Darren Kuropatwa, and David Warlick.

Jamie's [keynote presentation](#) *Reading and Comprehending Across a Dozen Information Literacies* examined and challenged what the current definitions of literacy and what is valued as a literacy.

Dean, Kathy, Clarence, and Darrens', *Telling the New Story...Live* [discussed](#) using technology with students in meaningful ways and how technology may be used to enhance learning.

David's [keynote presentation](#) *Literacy and Learning in the 21st Century* challenged the audience to consider what students need to be literate in the 21st century.

In addition to the keynote speakers, there were sessions given by teachers and teacher-librarians, sharing their knowledge and expertise using technology in the classroom. Consider attending next year's conference for many great teaching ideas.



SSLA Annual AGM 2009

The SSLA's annual AGM was held March 23 in Saskatoon. Previous minutes, executive reports, new resolutions, and the appointment of a new executive were the highlights. The SSLA for the 2009-2010 school year is as follows:

President - Donna DesRoches
(Living Sky School Division)

President-Elect - Carlene Walter
(Prairie Spirit School Division)

Secretary - Tracy Woodward
(Prairie Spirit School Division)

Treasurer - Jennifer Climenhaga
(Living Sky School Division)

Communications Councillor –
Loretta Morhart
(Prince Albert Catholic School Division)

Professional Development Councillor -
Jacqueline Helman
(Saskatoon Public School Division)

Publications Councillor –
Chris Arnstead
(Regina Public School Division)



Notable Quotes

“We are not preparing our students for our future. We are preparing our students for a future we can not clearly describe.” ~David Warlick~

“If we focus all our testing on Reading and Math, that is where our teaching will go.” ~Jamie McKenzie~

“We are not experiencing information overload, but filter failure.” ~Clarence Fisher~

SSLA 50th Anniversary and Awards Ceremony

This year was the SSLA's 50th year as an association. A gathering was held on March 23 to commemorate this special occasion. Past and present executive members gathered to reminisce and honor the people whose legacy lives on through the bursary and awards. A highlight was a letter from John Wright, a founding member of the SSLA.

This year's bursary and award recipients are:

Dr. Alixe Hambleton Bursary

Tracy Woodward
Teacher-Librarian
Prairie Spirit School Division

Art Forgay Award of Recognition of Administrators

Saskatchewan School Boards
Association

Connie Acton Award of Merit

Joan Miller
Teacher-Librarian
Regina Public School Division

John G. Wright Distinguished Service Award

Florence Barton
Teacher-Librarian
Saskatoon Public School Division

For further information about the awards, please visit the [SSLA website](#).

