



We are seeking nominations or applications for the following positions for the upcoming AGM:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor
- Website Designer

Newsletter



Spring is a time of renewal. The MALT executive has been busily planning elections and the MALT AGM, as well as contributing to Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010. We have also been discussing ways to improve our organization, and are excited about the future of MALT. We hope to hear from many of you over the next few months.

MALT election nominations are open until April 12. We are seeking nominations for the following positions on the MALT executive: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Website Designer. We welcome nominations from library technicians or support staff working in libraries across Manitoba, and can easily include executive members from rural areas by teleconference.

If you are interested, please send your name, contact information, and a brief biography to malt_info@yahoo.com.

The MALT AGM will be held at the Delta Hotel on May 17. Refreshments will be served at 4:30, and the meeting will be held from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Although the AGM is scheduled in conjunction with Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010, you do not have to be registered for the conference to attend the AGM.

The AGM is an opportunity to meet other MALT members, speak up about the organization, and exercise your voting rights. We will be electing several executive members and discussing changes to our constitution. The 2009-2010 MALT executive will also be giving reports on our activities for the past term.

Please join us for our AGM. There will be tasty snacks and door prizes – and the AGM is conveniently scheduled before the conference Pub Crawl!

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Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010 is quickly approaching. The conference website (<http://manitobalibrariesconference.ca/>) has been updated to include more conference sessions and speaker biographies, as well as useful registration, travel, and accommodation information. The early-bird registration deadline is April 16.

Five reasons to attend Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010:

- MALT members get a discount on pre-conference and conference registration.
- MALT is sponsoring a conference session: *It Ain't Over Yet: Continuing Education Opportunities for Library Technicians*, presented by Karen Hildebrandt.
- MALT awards (Library Technician of the Year, Library Support Staff of the Year, and the MALT Student Award) will be presented at the Opening Night Dinner.
- MALT executive members were involved in conference planning. Jonine Bergen, Alyssa Campbell, Donna Sanders, and Elizabeth Stregger are all taking part, so MALT members can expect a conference interesting to library technicians with different backgrounds and interests.
- MALT mingling – the conference brings together the library community. This is a great time to meet other library technicians, librarians, and vendors in a variety of settings, at the conference, AGM and social events.

Library Technician Post-Diploma Program @ University of the Fraser Valley

This program is designed for those who have previously completed a Library Technician diploma and are seeking to enhance their education in the field. Courses build on content delivered in the diploma by looking at specific aspects, challenges and topics in information work as they relate to library technicians. The program will be delivered online and will soon be part of a Library Technician post-diploma certificate program.

This is a brand new program available through the [University of the Fraser Valley](#) and is the first continuing education /post-diploma program for Library Technicians. At this point, there are two courses available:

- Emergent Library Technologies
- Leadership for Library Technicians

The development of the program's courses is ongoing and it looks like they will be offered throughout the year. Each course runs for eight weeks and currently costs \$300.00 per course. The Emergent Technologies course started its second session in January, and the second course was offered for the first time this March.

It has not been determined at this point if there will be a set of courses that students have to take or if there will be a list of courses that they can choose from with some that are mandatory. However, it does seem that there will be a mandatory "capstone" course at the end that will examine portfolio development and teach students how to package and manage their ongoing education.

Students also have the option to only take the courses of interest to them, if they are not interested in the certificate aspect of the program.

To assist you with your career planning and continuing education, please check out the following sessions being offered at the [Manitoba Libraries Conference](#).

Career Planning at any Stage

Full day pre-conference session

May 17th, 2010: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Delta Hotel Winnipeg

For professionals at any stage in their working lives, Ulla de Stricker explores several aspects of career development - from the pragmatic to the more elusive:

- Tackling the resume monster
- Where do you fit? Understanding "career type"
- Self-promotion, no cringe: Visibility through giving
- Positive politics - "dealing with people"

Although "career planning" may be a contradiction in terms - sometimes we "fall into" a job - information professionals can work on their visibility and reputations to enhance their opportunities. Ulla shares her many years of insight and asks that you bring your questions and concerns - there will be plenty of opportunity to discuss experiences and ideas with your peers.

Lunch is included with your registration.

The registration fee for this **pre-conference** session is:

Member – \$125.00

Non-Member – \$175.00

RRC Student - \$20.00

It Ain't Over Yet:

Continuing Education Opportunities for Library Technicians

Sponsored by the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians

May 19th, 2010: 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. at the Delta Hotel Winnipeg

Educational opportunities don't need to end as soon as you have your library technician diploma. There are many continuing education offerings that library technicians can take advantage of. There is no law that says once you have your diploma you have to work towards a MLIS. We are library technicians because we love what we do. This session will discuss the benefits of ongoing continuing education as well as some of the continuing education opportunities available for library technicians.

Speaker: Karen Hildebrandt

Convenor: Karen Sawatzky

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Tech Toolbox – CanLII by Jodi Turner

You are not a lawyer, but do you get asked legal questions?

CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute, <http://www.canlii.org>) is a legal resource created by the Federation of Law Societies. Part of its mandate is to provide the public with permanent open access to the legal heritage of all Canadian jurisdictions. What does this mean to you? CanLII is a great source for free case law from all Canadian jurisdictions. It allows you to search for judgments from all levels of Canadian courts, and decisions from boards and tribunals, like the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. CanLII lets you see which decisions and legislation your decision cites, and also allows you to see what decisions have considered yours (known as "noting up.") Prior to the creation of CanLII this information was only available from expensive proprietary subscription services. CanLII also included the legislation from all of the provinces and territories. It has a point-in-time feature, which will show the law as it looked on a specific day. This is a very handy feature when searching for legislation that has been amended.

As with all services, there are some drawbacks to CanLII. In terms of legal research, it is a relative newcomer to the game. While its technology is great, it lacks a historical depth that some of its more seasoned competitors provide. Users can reliably find content back to 2000. Pre-2000 materials are spotty, and there is nothing from before 1990.

There are LIIs for other jurisdictions, including the United States (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>) Australia (<http://www.austlii.edu.au/>), and Great Britain and Ireland <http://www.bailii.org/>.

Tech Time Capsule

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SESSION THEME: Shopping Around: Library Software Applications and Selection
Speaker: Joseph R. Matthews, J. Matthews & Associates, Inc.
Attended by: Rae Porrior
Date/Time: Thursday, June 13, 1985 – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Held: Canadian Library Association, Calgary, Alberta

The session was thoroughly informative. My main purposes was to discover whether there were any programs available for use on a microcomputer in the field of cataloguing and of which would produce cards using an Apple II system. The session did focus on

what was available on the market for many library applications. Mr. Matthew handed out two documents of which I've enclosed with my commentary.

He started by outlining the criteria of how a library could define its need for selecting microcomputer software: 1. What are my needs?, 2. What do you do frequently?, 3. Write down your tasks, 4. Check out vendors., 5. Use evaluation methods to evaluate products, evaluate software and evaluate hardware., 6. Contract of vendor., 7. Select hardware., & 8. Implement programs.

The "Evaluation process" was the focal point of the session. He said that most libraries who want to automate use a consultant who knows about the availability of microcomputer software and hardware. This opinion was based on his company's consultant services in the United States. He admitted that he was not fully aware of all services available in Canada and that while he was a guest speaker attending the Canadian Library Association Conference, he is taking two months to investigate and visit key companies in Canada to learn about the products available in this country. He stated that there were implications of micros whereby consultants have recommended in their reports for libraries:

1. Limited storage space.
2. Speed is not important.
3. Activity small and relatively simple.
4. In medium size institutions, one or two microcomputers were sufficient.
5. Local problem or need felt to have a microcomputer.
6. Software availability is a new field for microcomputers.
7. Libraries have limited funds.
8. Some needs have low visibility.

He talked about systems and applications while at the same time referring to Table V on page 35 of his article entitled "Unrelenting Change". He spent a great of time talking about the various systems and which system was good or bad; costly, its limitations, etc.

Year In Review, by Chris Mailloux

It really has been a fun year. Red River College has been great. Paper airplane contests, sword fights, sorcery in the classrooms, and the odd alcoholic beverage consumed after school as my fellow classmates and I bond. The departure of one of our favorite instructors (we miss you Sherri) was a shock, but her replacements have helped us work through our loss. Truncating is no longer an elephant's appendage. Boolean searching has nothing to do with outer space, and cataloguing no longer has anything to do with Sears and Christmas. Pathfinders (which have nothing to do with girls selling cookies) are complete and our first work placements were an overwhelming success. I could not have asked more from the LIT program, and I can hardly wait for the next semester to start.

Library Technician of the Year 2009-10

Intent: To recognize the efforts of a Library Technician who has made a major contribution to the library field in Manitoba.

Guidelines: The individual must be a student or graduate of a recognized Library Technician program.

Nominations: A nomination form must be submitted which includes a short outline of the nominee's specific achievements or contributions.

Library Support Staff of the Year 2009-10

Intent: To recognize the efforts of a Library Support Staff member who has made a major contribution to the library field in Manitoba.

Guidelines: The individual must be currently working in a library without a Library Technician Diploma or Master's of Library Science.

Nominations: A nomination form must be submitted, as well as a short outline of the nominee's specific achievements or contributions and a brief biographical sketch.

Submissions: Please send the completed form from the MALT homepage and any additional information to:

Manitoba Association of Library Technicians
P.O. Box 1872
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 3R1

Deadlines: **All nominations must be received no later than April 12, 2010.** The MALT Executive will review all nominations and make a final selection by April 19, 2010. Winning nominee and nominator will be contacted by April 23, 2010.

Presentation: The award will be presented during the MLA Conference Awards Presentation in May at the Delta Winnipeg. The Library Technician of the Year will be awarded full registration to the 2010 MLA Conference (excluding preconference registration), or, if unable to attend, \$100.



Manitoba Association of Library Technicians

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Fee Schedule:

Regular \$25 / year \$60 / three years New ___ Renewal ___

Student \$12.50 / year New ___ Renewal ___

Unemployed \$12.50 / year New ___ Renewal ___

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OPTIONAL

What type of library do you work in?

Academic School Public Special

What is your level of education?

Library Technician Diploma or Certificate

Other - _____

When did you graduate? _____

Any information you provide to us is for membership purposes only.

It will not be shared with or sold to any other organizations.



INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INSTITUTION NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Fee schedule:

Regular \$40.00 / Year \$100.00/Three Years New _____ Renewal _____

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OPTIONAL

What type of library do you represent?

Academic School Public Special

What type of library professionals do you employ?

Librarians
 Library Technicians
 Library Assistants
 Library Clerks
 Other - _____

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