

2025

SASKATCHEWAN
LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

PROGRAM



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2025

— SASKATCHEWAN —
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— MAY 8-9 —



SCHEDULE

PRE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

University of Saskatchewan, Murray Library, Room G26

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

1:00 – 4:30 PM **Building Bridges: Neurodiversity in the Library Space**

The Multitype Library Board is excited to support this pre-conference session Building Bridges: Neurodiversity in the Library Space.

Join us on May 7th at the University of Saskatchewan for an engaging and thought-provoking workshop that reimagines the library as an inclusive haven for neurodiverse patrons and staff.

The afternoon includes presentations, an opportunity to network and a tour of the Murray Library's innovative low-sensory room. Let's work together to build a library culture that values diversity and fosters belonging for all.

Registration for this event will be limited to 70 participants.

For more information or to register, please visit:

<https://www.saskla.ca/professional-development/conference/>

SCHEDULE

MAY 8-9 2025

TCU Place, 35 22 St East, Saskatoon, SK

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 7:30 - 8:30AM** Breakfast - Galleries B & C
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- 8:15 - 8:45AM** Lightning Rounds- Gallery B & C
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- 9:00 - 10:30AM** Conference Opening & Keynote Speaker - Galleries B & C
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- 10:30 - 11:00AM** Nutrition Break
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- 11:00 - 11:50AM** Growing into Controversy: The Failure and Salvation of Intellectual Freedom in Post-Neutrality Libraries; Yuri Forbes-Petrovich - Galleries B & C
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- Building Bridges: Libraries, Literacy, and Lifelong Learning through Community Partnerships; Rachel Sutherland and Jo Ann Murphy - Gallery Suite 1
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- Communal Liberation: Building Diverse Libraries and Strong Communities; Ariana Giroux - Gallery D
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- 12:00 - 12:20PM** Adapt or Die: Revitalization of the Saskatchewan Electronic Resources Partnership; Regan Gunningham - Galleries B & C
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- Trauma-Informed Workplace Practices; Alanna Carlson - Gallery Suite 1
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- Books by Their Covers: Challenging Bias in Readers and Reading; Phaedra Hitchings - Gallery D
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- 12:30 - 1:30PM** Lunch - Galleries B & C

Exhibitors will be available throughout the day. Please stop by Exhibitor Hall in Gallery A for a chat!

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1:30 - 2:20PM Artificial Intelligence in Libraries: Game-Changer or Gimmick?;
Ann Liang - Gallery D

Safe and Welcoming at Regina Public Library; Taylor Soderberg, Amber Christensen, Brian Klenk, Janna Ferris and Rachael Kaseke - Galleries B & C

Public Libraries: Valuable Partners in Growing Age-Friendly Communities in Saskatchewan; Wendy Thienes - Gallery Suite 1

2:30 - 2:50PM Tour of the SPL Frances Morrison Central Library (Meet at the front door of TCU Place)

Forgotten Patrons: Building Library Services for Saskatchewan Incarcerated Population; Marika Hunter and Alan Kilpatrick - Galleries B & C

Graphic Novel Collections Crash Course! Jessica Dinan - Gallery D

3:00 - 4:00PM Exhibitor and Sponsor Social - Gallery A

4:00 - 7:30PM Supper Break*

7:30 - 8:30PM Mary Donaldson Lecture - Galleries B & C

8:30 - 9:30PM Mary Donaldson Reception - Gallery A

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**Restaurant dine-arounds at 5pm (sign-up at registration desk)*

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7:15 - 8:15AM Breakfast

8:15 - 9:15AM SLA Annual General Meeting - Galleries B & C

9:30 - 10:20AM "Teach a man to fish: Using proverb to explore "Information Privilege";
Lydia Moss - Galleries B & C

Treasure Mapping Open Education Resources (OER) for Schools, Public
and Specialty Libraries; Donna Thiessen and Darryl Isbister - Gallery Suite 1

Developing Community Partnerships in a Public Library; Jenny Ryan,
Miali Rakotondravah, Makenzie Murdock and Meg Schmieder - Gallery D

10:30 - 11:00AM Nutrition Break

10:30 - 11:30AM Understanding Governance Legal Frameworks & Governance Models;
Irene Seiferling, Board Dynamics - Gallery A

11:00 - 11:50AM Braving Your Boundaries: A Framework for Self Protection;
Ashley Breland - Galleries B & C

Art Starts at the Library: Bringing Professional Arts Programming to
Rural Communities; Morgan Kelly & Amber Andersen - Gallery Suite 1

Beyond the Books: A Cultural Journey Through Mexico City's Libraries;
Chasity Berast, Becky Szeman and Jaydan Harrison - Gallery D

11:30AM - 12:30PM Define Trustees' Roles & Key Responsibilities; Irene Seiferling, Board
Dynamics - Gallery A

12:00 - 12:20AM Saskatchewan Premium Legal Resources Pilot Launched! Alan
Kilpatrick and Ken Fox - Galleries B & C

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- 12:00 - 12:20PM** Cree Language Kits Introduction; Samara Jackson and Wendy Sinclair - Gallery Suite 1
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- Branching Out: How Free Trees Helped Grow a Partnership and Patron Engagement; Morgan Kelly and Mariam Salvador - Gallery D
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- 12:30 - 1:30PM** Awards Lunch
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- 1:30 - 2:30PM** Explore Governance Skills & Exchange Best Practices; Irene Seiferling, Board Dynamics - Gallery A
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- 1:40 - 2:00PM** Role of Public Libraries in Supporting Breastfeeding Practices of Mothers: A Call to Action; Shela Hirani - Gallery D
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- 1:40 - 2:30PM** Disable is a Verb: Using the Social Model of Disability to Improve Library Service; John (Jock) Buckmaster - Gallery B & C
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- Quest Accepted: what libraries can learn from online gaming; Julie Arie - Gallery Suite 1
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- 2:00 PM** Grab 'n Go Cookies - Hallway
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- 2:30 - 3:30PM** Collaboration & Knowledge Transfer Between Peers - Irene Seiferling, Board Dynamics - Gallery A
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- 2:40 - 3:00PM** Small library, big vision: positioning your library for future growth and added capacity; Lisa Worobec - Gallery D
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- Glitter, Grit, and Community: Inclusive Drag and Wrestling History Events with the Neil Richards Collection; Lindsay Stokalko and Ann Liang - Gallery Suite 1
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- Growing the Academic Library Through Informal Learning Opportunities to Enhance the Student Experience; Christena McKillop and Kathleen James - Galleries B & C

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