

## Saskatchewan Library Association Statement on Material and Program Challenges

The Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) recognizes, and is committed to, intellectual freedom and equal access to information as core values of librarianship.

Consistent with SLA's existing statements of <u>Commitment to Intellectual Freedom</u> and <u>Commitment to Open Access to Information, Resources, Programs and Services</u>, SLA respects the right of all patrons to choose which materials they deem appropriate for themselves and their families, while simultaneously respecting that this right does not extend to or allow for interference with other patrons and their same right to make those decisions for themselves.

The SLA's Commitment to Intellectual Freedom position statement is also in alignment with the <u>Canadian Federation of Library Association (CFLA) Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries</u>, which asserts that "libraries provide, defend and promote equitable access to the widest possible variety of expressive content and resist calls [to] deny or restrict access to resources."

SLA supports the processes and policies for responding to material and program challenges that are in place for libraries across Saskatchewan, and acts as a guide in advocacy efforts surrounding intellectual freedom and access to information.

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