



ALTA Report to NLLS – August 2023

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We hope all our trustees have had an opportunity to slow down and enjoy the summer months. As strong library advocates, we know our members put their heart and souls into their communities ensuring the unique needs of our patrons and community members are best met. We thank you for all your hard work as your boards gear up to meet again in the fall.

Area 8 Alternate

Currently we need an alternate for the area 8 director. Commitment is less than 2 hours every other month. This is a great opportunity to support fellow trustees across the province and lend your voice to a phenomenal board of professionals with extraordinary passion for libraries. Please consider joining our board.

ALTA Webinar Series

Our final installment of the webinar series is available to view. “The Value of ALTA” educates trustees on what ALTA can do for you and your board. We hope you enjoy our webinars as much as we have enjoyed creating them. As boards start to discuss budget presentations for their municipal appropriations, we encourage trustees to watch “Should I vote for this budget”.

Please continue to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have

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ALTA Symposium

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Thursday, November 9th, 2023

This year the [Alberta Library Trustees' Association \(ALTA\)](#) is hosting a Symposium for Library Trustees on November 9th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is a day-long workshop filled with engaging and informative sessions focused on non-profits boards and governance. The event provides networking opportunities as well as sessions on a wide variety of topics.

Morning Session

Ian McCormack will be joining ALTA to run a morning session to provide guidance, advice, expertise and resources that empower our trustees to practice good governance with confidence. As a strong library supporter and previous board member, Ian seeks to support trustees through a broad range of experience and insight.

Afternoon Sessions



Include a panel session with experienced trustees, managers, elected officials and library experts who will share their experience and knowledge as well as answer trustee questions.

Also included will be breakout coffee chats facilitated by fellow trustees and our panellists to provide a casual forum for trustees to network and discuss the business of being a trustee. Topics will include recruiting new board members, board ethics and more!

The Lorne MacRae Intellectual Freedom Fund

ALTA is also pleased to announce the return of The Lorne MacRae Intellectual Freedom Fund. This award is presented annually to recognize and exemplify the values and beliefs of Lorne MacRae and encourages, enlightens and empowers the importance of Intellectual Freedom. This year's award is valued at \$928 and is distributed to the winning individual(s), library boards or Library. Previous winners can be viewed [here](#). Our nominations and submission process is simple, with a winner being selected in October and announcement and disbursement of funds in November. To nominate your board, library or an individual who demonstrates the values of intellectual freedom visit our page click here: <https://forms.gle/hunQAoAhkgJvqpi27>