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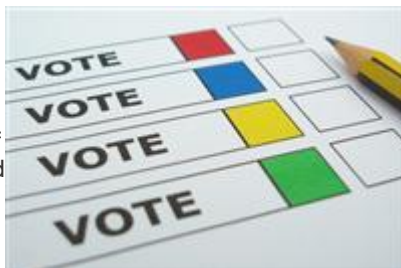
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President's Notes

Last week's special issue of the Trustee Voice contained statements from the candidates running for the leadership of both the Alberta Liberal Party and the PC Party of Alberta. It was the **most-read, most forwarded** Trustee Voice of the year.



The ALTA office was inundated with messages and emails from Trustees and others in the library community sharing their delight in reading it. Thank you for your kind words and encouragement.

With the Alberta Liberal Party leadership election last week, attention now focuses on the PC leadership election. We have chosen to send the statements from PC leadership candidates to our subscribers again - not to send unwanted mail, but to provide the ability to share this information with your friends, your family, and anyone you know who may be voting on Saturday.

As part of its mission, ALTA represents the interests of Library Trustees **as well as** patrons and supporters of those libraries. Please take the opportunity to forward this newsletter to your fellow Albertans, to help them decide their vote. There is a link on the top right of the page - "send this to a friend" - which allows you to forward it on.

Upcoming Events

- [NLLS Conference Sep 15 to 17 \(Elk Point\)](#)
- [PLS Conference Sep 22 to 23 \(Grande Prairie\)](#)
- [YRL Conference Sep 23 \(Edmonton\)](#)
- [PRL Conference Oct 3 \(Lacombe\)](#)
- [Library Snapshot Day Oct 3 to 9 \(Alberta\)#LibSnap](#)
- [Netspeed Oct 19 to 21 \(Calgary\)](#)

Did we miss anything? If you'd like to add an event to this list, emailadmin@librarytrustees.ab.ca.

ALC 2012

Apr 26 to 29 2012 (Jasper)

Call for Session Proposals –
Deadline Sep 15 2011

[Check here for details.](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this (again), and as always, thank you for your feedback.

-Karen Lynch

Leadership is a significant responsibility of Library Trustees. Demonstrating it through advocacy is a strategic focus of library governors necessary to reflect changing realities in library services throughout Alberta.

The first round of elections takes place this Saturday September 17. Instructions on how to vote in your area can be found at the Alberta PC Party website <http://www.albertapc.ab.ca/>.

Leadership candidates were invited to share their perspective with ALTA's members by responding to three questions:

How do you support access to libraries and their services to communities?

Do you have a library card?

What book are you reading?

Almost all candidates took up ALTA's offer to broadcast their views on libraries. Acknowledge their time and effort by reading, reflecting, pondering and responding.

If you would like to post your thoughts on the ALTA website, please use the 'submit a comment' link below each response.

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Alison Redford

How do you support access to libraries and their services to communities?



I value not just books but the extended research resources that Libraries provide, and the love of reading and researching is a value Glen and I are passing along to our daughter Sarah. The creative inspiration, the learning, the exploration that is contained in libraries is truly wonderful and needs to be accessible to all Albertans. I put a high priority on ensuring Alberta children are

Library Systems - News and Newsletters

Check out these links for the latest library news around Alberta:

- [Parkland Regional Library](#)
- [Marigold Library System](#)
- [Chinook Arch Regional Library System](#)
- [Shortgrass Regional Library](#)
- [Peace Library System](#)
- [Northern Lights Library System](#)
- [Yellowhead Regional Library](#)

Anything to add? [Email us](#).

Contributions

Contributions are welcome – feel free to send articles, photos, and stories
toadmin@librarytrustees.ab.ca.

Thanks to Strathcona Country Library for sending us their story about the Bookmobile.

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well educated and curious about the world, and having access to properly supplied Libraries contributes to that goal.

Libraries are a vital part of our communities and I will always support them and the priceless services they provide to Albertans. To support Libraries, as Premier, I will increase the share of revenues from the Alberta Lottery Fund that go to culture and the arts generally. Libraries will definitely receive a share of this enhanced funding.

Do you have a library card?

I do, but your question prompted me to check it and be reminded that it has expired, so renewing it is on my To Do list once this campaign is over.

What book are you reading?

The Making of Julia Gillard: Prime Minister by Jacqueline Kent.

Alison Redford is a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta. For more information please visit her website www.alisonredford.ca

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Doug Griffiths

How do you support access to libraries and their services to communities?

I have always been very supportive of libraries across Alberta. When I wrote the rural community development report we consulted extensively with libraries and made recommendations about libraries. In particular we cited the lack of funding to libraries to address their new role in information services to members of their communities and to adapt to new technology demands and requirements.



Libraries are critical in developing strong communities. This has been evidenced to me by the number of requests for information on my book, *13 Ways to Kill Your Community*, that come in from

all over North America from librarians who also serve on community development councils.

Libraries are increasingly becoming not just a hub of information for a community, but a focal point for greater community cohesion and instrument in community building.

Do you have a library card? What book are you reading?

I do have a library card, and currently I am reading Peter Tertzakian's book, *A Thousand Barrels a Second*.

Doug Griffiths is a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.

For more information please visit his website www.betteralberta.ca.

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Doug Horner

How do you support access to libraries and their services to communities?

I believe libraries are at the core of our communities. My belief is that we need to increase the per capita grants, which will, in turn, enable trustees to better plan and provide for their programs and services. As well, I want to look at ways to assist libraries in weaving, ever so tightly, the fabric of each community by connecting literally and figuratively with schools, community centres, and seniors organizations.



Do you have a library card?

I do not have an up-to-date library card; however, that is more because I love books and collect them for use on my own, often extended time. I travel so much that I am not really able to frequent the library as much as I would like and as much as I want others in our communities to avail themselves of their riches.

What book are you reading?

Tales of the Knights Templar by Katherine Kurtz. It has been difficult to find time to get to it on the campaign trail.

Doug Horner is a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.

For more information please visit his website <http://hornerforalberta.ca>.

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Gary Mar

How do you support access to libraries and their services to communities?



I love to read, and want to encourage our children and all generations to turn to reading to feed their curiosity, learn, imagine and take adventures. To do that, libraries have to be accessible to everyone, regardless of culture, economic status, or age.

Over the past two decades, libraries have been on their own adventure through the world of information technology. My approach to government is to listen. I will seek ideas from members of your organization for new ways government can support libraries as they embrace the opportunities and overcome the challenges. That includes the challenges of infrastructure.

You do not need to wait; I encourage you to share your ideas with me now, through my campaign. Together, we can ensure libraries remain relevant with the services and programs that Alberta communities need, and remain accessible to new and seasoned readers alike.

Do you have a library membership?

I have had a membership in the past, but it expired while I was serving in Washington. As soon as the campaign schedule allows me some time for recreational reading, I'll be looking for a local library as I want to check out the Mango Language Learning Program. Growing up, I would look forward to Saturday mornings at the Chinook Public library while my parents went about the weekly grocery shopping. Libraries have been part of my life ever since.

What book are you reading?

There are so many authors I enjoy that I often read multiple books at once. My first pick is usually from the non-fiction bestsellers list or something written by my favourite fiction author Patricia Cornwell.

Gary Mar is a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.

For more information please visit his website www.garymar.ca

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Ted Morton

How do you support access to libraries and their services to communities?



Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my position on libraries and their role in Alberta's communities. It is well known that libraries are centers of learning and reference, places where people can go to find books and expand their understanding of almost any subject. However libraries are much more than just a collection of books.

What is often overlooked is the role libraries play in strengthening their community. Libraries are hubs not only for learning but for social support programs and community groups. Further as the world increasingly becomes more depended on the internet, libraries serve as a way for all people to access this important resource.

Libraries are centers that nurture, be it for a child reading for the first time, a student preparing for a test, or a person looking for a hand up. I believe that it is imperative that we continue to support libraries and all the important work that they do.

Do you have a library card?

I have a library card from the University of Calgary.

What book are you reading?

I am currently reading *Churchill: A Life* by Martin Gilbert.

*Ted Morton is a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.
For more information please visit his website www.tedmorton.ca.*

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Voting

To vote in the PC leadership election, check out the voting instructions on the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta website www.albertapc.ab.ca.

Voting for the PC Leader began with advance polls on September 13th; the primary election is on September 17th.

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