



PNLA BOARD REPORTS

OFFICER TITLE/COMMITTEE CHAIR: Alberta Provincial Representative

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Progress/Successes Since Last Meeting:

The LAA (Library Association of Alberta) is still exploring the OLA (Ontario Library Association) model and how it can be implemented in our province. We are in the process of forming a working group which will be made up of the various library associations in Alberta and this group in turn will help us achieve a unified voice at the national level.

New Issues:

The ALC (Alberta Library Conference) will be hosted in Jasper, Alberta from April 27-30th. The theme is **Libraries: More Than Ever!** With this being the 150 anniversary of Parks Canada the ALC committee has lined up high profile keynote speakers Joseph Boyden and Rick Mercer. There will be a wide range of topics with the academic libraries and trustees having at least one session in each time spot focusing specifically on their needs, as well as, numerous Indigenous library service focused presentations. There will be author talks by Joseph Boyden, Kate Beaton and Susan Juby.

Board Action Requested:

No board action requested at this time.

Other Comments:

On September 30, 2016 the Alberta Government made a formal announcement regarding library service to people living on First Nations and Metis Settlements in Alberta. See link for additional details.

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