



# THE ALBERTA LIBRARY TRUSTEES

## ASSOCIATION

### ALTA Announces

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#### Meeting Highlights

the alta board of directors met on october 25 and 26, 2008 in edmonton for their fall meeting. some of the meeting highlights include:

- **bonnie gray attended to inform us that the libraries branch has been focused on the recent mla consultations. she noted that the mla's report will need to be accepted by the treasury department, before being released with any recommendations. no funding decisions have been made.**
- **alberta library conference 2009 planning is well under way, with sessions being chosen at this time. two keynote speakers have been chosen carl honore, award winning canadian journalist and international best-selling author of *InPraiseofSlow* and jesse brown an award-winning journalist, broadcaster and humorist specializing on social media.**
- **aplen update have you seen the cool new library advertisements on tv? if not, check them out at [www.booksandbeyond.ca](http://www.booksandbeyond.ca)**
- **alta's new secretary/treasurer is martin shields from area 6/ shortgrass**

- mla consultations all a l t a board directors attended at least one of the mla consultations to promote a l t a and the importance of our organization to alberta's libraries.
- a l t a 's new website is up and running it is at [www.librarytrustees.ab.ca](http://www.librarytrustees.ab.ca)

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## Advocacy Kit – Joint Initiative between ALTA and LAA

the alberta library trustees association and the library association of alberta have joined forces to revitalize our previous joint initiative "the advocacy kit". this document will be essential for library trustees, staff and supporters in the province to provide key steps and strategies for presenting the issues and concerns surrounding libraries to the provincial government. the advocacy kit is now available from both a l t a and l a a in electronic and printed format. please contact the a l t a office for more details.

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## Trustee Voice

our fall edition of the trustee voice newsletter will be presented one last time in paper format. starting in the spring, we will be going forward with our new look and format. it will then be available electronically to all of our members via email and a l t a 's website [www.librarytrustees.ab.ca](http://www.librarytrustees.ab.ca). if you still wish to receive a printed copy, you will need to request one from the office by phone or email. we are committed to doing our part to preserve the environment and eliminate the unnecessary printing of the newsletter for those who are able to read it on their home or library computer.

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## Update on ALTA's new Online Trustee Education Modules

a l t a received special funding through the p l d i initiative to create two new online trustee education modules in 2008. these modules have been completed and were unveiled at the 2008 netspeed conference in october. look for these modules on our website starting in november 2008!

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**Nominations** are now being accepted for area directors for the following areas:  
area 1 Peace, area 3- Parkland, area 5- Chinook Arch, area 7 Metro Edmonton as  
well as President. Nomination forms are available on our website here:  
<http://www.librarytrustees.ab.ca/content/documents/document.ashx?docid:20208> or  
by request from our office at [admin@librarytrustees.ab.ca](mailto:admin@librarytrustees.ab.ca) or 780-481-1725.

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## **Upcoming Trustee Education Workshops for the Fall 2008 Semester**

The following workshops will be held in Fall 2008. All dates are confirmed. Please  
check the ALTA website at [www.librarytrustees.ab.ca](http://www.librarytrustees.ab.ca) for the most up to date list and  
information.

November 1 Grande Prairie

November 15 Devon

If you are interested in hosting an ALTA workshop in your community, please email the  
ALTA office or contact your area representative.