

Hello,

Please let me take the time to introduce myself. My name is Valdene Callin and I am currently the Parkland Region Area 3 Rep.

I have been in this capacity since late October 2008 when Melodie Stol resigned this position.

I was interested in taking on this position in that I was unsure as to what ALTA (The Alberta Library Trustees Association) did for our libraries. It has been a steep learning curve but I believe that I have gained better insight into ALTA and how it can help our Regional Library Systems as well as our individual libraries.

I have been with The Red Deer Public Library Board since 2003. I have acted in various capacities within the board including Vice-Chair, Chair of the Planning and Finance Committee and Chair of the Personnel and Administration Committee.

I have helped to advocate for libraries in our province in meetings with government officials and have represented the library in our community at various functions.

I believe strongly in libraries and believe they are vital in our communities.

I have worked at Family Services of Central Alberta since 2001 in a variety of roles. Currently I am the Manager of Children and Youth Programming as well as the agencies' Marketing Manager.

I will continue to serve the Parkland Region until the election that will be held at our Annual General Meeting in Jasper and hope to continue to serve our area in the future.

Valdene Callin