

CHLA/ABSC Chapter President's Report

Official Chapter Name: Southern Alberta Health Libraries Association

Operating year for this report: October 2009 – September 2010

Number of Members: 12

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OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ON WHICH YOU ARE REPORTING:

On June 15, 2009, SAHLA hosted a Library Assessment Workshop at the University of Calgary which was open to all in the library community. There were presentations on 'Questionnaire design: How to develop a good survey' and 'Building on the questionnaire: Additional methods for studying the use of space in libraries.' In lieu of an admission fee, a donation lunch was held prior to the workshop. Proceeds were given to Wellspring Calgary, a support organization for individuals with cancer and their families.

At SAHLA's AGM in October, the revised SAHLA bylaws presented by the Bylaw Committee were passed. They have since been posted on the Chapter Web site. The membership also decided to co-sponsor a Health Literacy Conference in Calgary on November 23, 2009, with the Calgary Public Library, Literacy Alberta, and University of Calgary Libraries and Cultural Resources. Following the AGM, SAHLA hosted a screening of the documentary "Hollywood Librarian" at the Mount Royal University Library. Members of the library community were invited to attend. Non-members were asked to donate \$5 as admission towards our charity. We raised \$95 for the One Laptop per Child program.

On November 23, 2009, SAHLA and community partners hosted a Health Literacy in Alberta Symposium with T. Scott Murray at the Calgary Public Library. Murray is an Adjunct Professor at the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy (CRISP) and former Director General, Institutions and Social Statistics, Statistics Canada. Murray presented the results of the Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey (ALL), International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS), and the US National Adult Literacy Survey (NALS), while also providing some interesting results in the context of literacy and health literacy in Alberta.

Number of Meetings:

The Annual General Meeting took place on October 29, 2009 and a General Meeting was held on June 15, 2009. To date, the Executive has met on August 20, 2009 and January 22, 2010.

CHLA 2011

SAHLA has been actively involved in CHLA 2011 planning. The Conference will be held in Calgary on May 26-30, 2011 (May 26 and 27 for continuing education programs). The Planning Committee consists of chairs from various committees and meets monthly – five meetings have been held to date. The Publicity Committee has created an information package about Calgary and will promote the 2011 Conference in Kingston. Sponsorship, Advertising and Exhibitor documents are also being prepared for promotion. The Program Committee is in the process of identifying keynote speakers and potential CE presenters.

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