

The Saskatchewan Library Association is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2016 Maureen Woods Education Bursary: Catherine Hana

Catherine Hana is a prairie girl at heart – born in Winnipeg and raised in Brandon. She just completed the MLIS at Western University and is particularly happy to have been offered (and accepted) a position at the Qu'Appelle Health Science Library. She is committed to working within the Saskatchewan library community and taking on a role in the Saskatchewan Library Association.

Catherine has worked as a library technician for the past seventeen years in many different positions and in a variety of organizations. She feels she has developed a broad skills set supported by the varied experiences, and developed strong connections in the library community. She is quite excited to be able to apply her recently achieved MLIS to many opportunities for a leadership role in a technological and social environment that is rapidly evolving. She has presented at the Manitoba Library Association conference and is a past President of MALT, Manitoba Association of Library Technicians.

This bursary is open to all students enrolled in or accepted in an ALA-accredited graduate degree program at the time of the award in library and information science or equivalent. Applicants must be willing to take up residence and employment in Saskatchewan for a period of at least one year following completion of their MLIS program.

The Maureen Woods Education Bursary was made possible by the generous donation of the Saskatchewan Provincial Library and Literacy Office, Saskatchewan Ministry of Education and through the efforts of the Multitype Library Board and the Saskatchewan Library Association. The bursary was established to promote the continued growth of professional librarianship in the province of Saskatchewan.

Catherine's comments on the complimentary registration to the conference that she received as the Bursary recipient follow. *The 2016 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference was my first conference since moving to Regina in January. I was impressed by the diversity of sessions and the spirit of collaboration. The Read Saskatchewan event, the Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture by Lindsay Knight and the keynote address by Joseph Boyden were all fabulous. But as someone new to the province, the highlight of the conference was meeting so many Saskatchewan librarians and library technicians. It was wonderful to connect with my colleagues and begin building professional relationships in this province. Thank you to the Saskatchewan Library Association for the opportunity to attend!*