

Manitoba School Library Association

The School Library: A Centre for Human Rights

The Wildewood Club

781 North Drive

Winnipeg MB



PROGRAM

8:00-9:00am
Conference
Registration

9:00-10:00am
Keynote Address
Toni Samek

10:00-10:30am
Judith Dueck:
Canadian Museum
for Human Rights

10:30-11:00am
Coffee Break and
Publishers'
Displays

11:00-12:00pm
Reece Lagartera:
Rainbow
Resource Centre

12:00-1:00pm
Lunch and
Publishers'
Displays

1:00-1:30pm
Entertainment:
**A for
Effort**

1:30-2:30pm
Directed by **J.
Paskievich and
J. Whiteway**
The Storytelling
Class,

2:30-3:30pm
Toni Samek
Reflections and
Next Steps



9:00-10:00 Keynote Address

School Libraries, Human Rights & Social Justice: The Inextricable Links

Toni Samek, author of *Librarianship and Human Rights: A twenty-first century guide* and Research Fellow at the Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research, University of Alberta situates school library work and the core library value of intellectual freedom within local and global human rights and social justice movements. In so doing, Toni walks us through real-world examples of how and why school libraries support freedom of thought, opinion and expression; freedom of association; peaceful assembly; protection from cruelty; the right to free development of personality and; the right to education. In closing, Toni engages us in a critical look inside our own culture, where the de-skilling of library workers and commercialization of information literacy in the 21st century undermine our conference theme.

10:00-10:30am

Judith Dueck, Director. Research, Content & Scholarship Canadian Museum for Human Rights, will speak to the Museum's vision and commitment to democracy, freedom, and human rights... . <http://www.humanrightsmuseum.ca/home>

10:30-11:00am

Coffee Break and Publishers' Displays

11:00-12:00pm

Reece Lagartera is the Education Program Coordinator of the Rainbow Resource Centre. A graduate of the University of Winnipeg with a major in sociology, his specializations are in human sexuality, sexual orientation and gender identity. His presentation will address the issues, challenges, and barriers from the perspectives of students, teachers and administrators regarding homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and heterosexism and will provide recommendations on how school libraries and staff can foster a more equitable and safer school environment for marginalized and vulnerable populations.

- 12:00-1:00pm** **Lunch and Publishers' Displays**
- 1:00-1:30pm** **A for Effort**
A singing duo from Fort Richmond Collegiate: back by popular demand!
- 1:30-2:30pm** **A Storytelling Class**
Directed by John Paskievich and John Whiteway (2009)
- A remarkably poignant film about the healing power of storytelling centered on a workshop initiated by Marc Kuly, a teacher at Gordon Bell High School. Based on his students reading of *A long way gone Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah, the film is a story of stories of belonging across cultures and histories.
http://www.winnipegfilmgroup.com/cinematheque/the_storytelling_project.aspx
- 2:30-3:30pm** **Reflections and Next Steps with Toni Samek**

Conference and Membership Information

Payment must accompany registration forms. **Make cheques payable to Manitoba School Library Association. Please do not send cash.** Send a self- addressed stamped envelope or email address if you would like SAG confirmation.

MSLA membership

Full.....\$25.00

As a member, you will receive MSLA Journals, free admission to L.I.T. (Literacy, Information and Technology) Event and access to the MSLA Forum

<http://www.manitobaschoollibraries.com/>

Conference Fees *includes lunch on site

MSLA Member..... \$45.00
 Non-member..... \$ 69.00
 Full time Student..... \$ 10.00
 Late registration\$5.00 - October 08.2010

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