

Maureen Shelagh Woods

b. Feb. 3, 1953, Saskatoon, SK; d. Apr. 13, 2013, Regina, SK

Education:

1974 BA (University of Regina)
1976 BLS (University of Alberta)

Positions:

1976-1985 Regina Public Library (including Connaught Branch and Albert Branch)
1985-1993 Saskatchewan Provincial Library, Northern Library Services Section, La Ronge, SK (resulted in the Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System)
1993-1999 Provincial Librarian of Saskatchewan
1999-2003 Director, Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN)
2003-2007 Director, Public Library Services, Government of British Columbia
2007-2008 Director, Coquitlam Public Library
2008-2009 Director, Fraser Valley Regional Library System
2009-2010 Executive Director, The Alberta Library
2010-2013 Executive Director, Saskatchewan Information and Library Services Consortium (SILS)

Honours:

Frances Morrison Award (Saskatchewan Library Association) 2013.

Publications:

It should be noted that, as a government employee, Maureen Woods did not sign her work personally. The following provincial government documents are among many that resulted largely from her leadership.

Independent but together: a vision for a province-wide multi-type library system (1992) Regina, SK.

Libraries without walls: the world within reach (2004) Victoria, BC.

Associations/Committees:

Chair, Saskatchewan Multitype Library Development Advisory Committee
President, Saskatchewan Library Association, 1993-1994

Chair, Provincial and Territorial Library Directors Council, 2004-2005.

Comments:

Throughout her career, Maureen Woods exercised strong and enthusiastic leadership in library collaboration, across communities and provinces, across types of libraries, and across Canada. She chaired the Provincial and Territorial Library Directors Council (PTLDC), now the Provincial and Territorial Public Library Council, which organized the first and only meeting of the provincial and territorial ministers responsible for public library services, held in Calgary, Alberta, in 2005. This meeting, among other outcomes, resulted in strong advocacy from the provinces to the federal government to support the Library Book Rate.

She also excelled at connecting local libraries and provincial governments, to strengthen mutual understanding of local and provincial priorities. To that end, she organized the *Libraries in Dialogue with Government*, held in Victoria, BC, in 2008. This two-day conversation became a model for library/government partnership development.

The Saskatchewan Library Association changed the name of the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary, sponsored by the Association and the Multitype Library Board, to the Maureen Woods Education Bursary, in her honour.

Sources:

Nomination and News Release re Frances Morrison Award (Saskatchewan Library Association) – April 2013

[Obituary](#) - Regina Leader-Post, April 17, 2013. Accessed March 2, 2017

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