



## **Julia Reinhart appointed Director of the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network**

August 17, 2010 ... Julia Reinhart has been appointed Director of the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN), an integral part of The Alberta Library, effective October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Created in 1997 in partnership with the Government of Alberta, APLEN's mandate is the ongoing development of the public library network and provision of services to public libraries.

Reinhart will be responsible for the planning, implementation and evaluation of APLEN and for some organization-wide services of The Alberta Library (TAL), including the TAL Card and Ask A Question. She will also participate in TAL strategic and operational planning, policy development and management.

“Julia’s experience and leadership qualities will be a tremendous asset to The Alberta Library and to public libraries across the province,” said TAL CEO Clive Maishment. “Julia has a deep understanding of the library community and brings a commitment to innovation and collaboration to the position.”

Since 2008, Reinhart has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Shortgrass Library System, headquartered in Medicine Hat. In addition to serving as Assistant Director - Public Services, and Public Services Librarian for Shortgrass Library System, her previous experience includes acting as Head Librarian for the Brooks Public Library and as a Library Manager with the London District Catholic School Board in Ontario.

Reinhart has been a member of The Alberta Library’s Board of Directors since 2006 and has served on a number of TAL committees. She is also currently acting as Treasurer for the Library Association of Alberta.

“The Alberta Public Library Electronic Network has proven its value over the past decade because it is responsive to public library needs across the province,” said Reinhart. “I look forward to building on that tradition of responsiveness and to working with my colleagues to enhance library services.”

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