

REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Session:	Public Session
Subject:	Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS)
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Recommendation

It is recommended that this report be received.

Issue / Opportunity

To provide the Board of Trustees with an overview of the services/resources available through SOLS as well as an update of the SOLS-Trustee Council 1 meeting held April 28, 2007.

Background & Review

Each SOLS Trustee Council meets twice yearly – in the spring and fall. There are eight Trustee Councils throughout the Southern Ontario region. (See Appendix A)

London is a member of Trustee Council 1. The April meeting was held at the St. Thomas library and included Trustee representation from many of the libraries within the region. The attendees were provided an overview of the role of SOLS and touched on the resources available to libraries. A brochure provided by SOLS "Brief Listing of Services" identifies the priorities, mandate and mission. (See Appendix B) As a follow-up, the Library Development Consultant from SOLS, who attended the meeting, emailed the members with a number of links to various resources. (See Appendix C)

In the latter portion of the meeting, the attendees were given the opportunity to share important or pressing issues and concerns relating to library boards or to pose questions or seek input from other members. This discussion was found to be both interesting and informative.