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## School Libraries in Ontario — the Declines Continue

By Liz Kerr

In the spring of 2011, the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board voted to dismantle their school libraries, lay off the library staff, and move the resources to the classrooms. This decision has essentially eliminated the school library program in all of their elementary schools.

In speaking to the media, the Director of Education, Paul Picard, called school libraries “nostalgic,” and the Associate Director, Cathy Geml said, “We need to work on teaching 21st century learning skills.” Ironically, the 2009 OSLA document for school libraries is titled: *Together For Learning: School Libraries and the Emergence of the Learning Commons, a Vision for the 21st Century.*

Quietly in other schools in Ontario, and indeed across Canada and internationally, much the same thing is happening, as principals make similar decisions — perhaps stopping short of actually closing the library, but using parent volunteers to run the library, investing little or no budget toward resource-renewal, and scheduling other activities within the library space. Students in these schools do not have the benefit of the school library program either.

### How did we get to this most worrisome time in the history of school libraries?

The answer is complex, but the following points seem to bubble to the surface in most discussions:

- While teacher-librarians, library consultants, many children’s authors who visit schools, and others closely involved in the evolution of the school library program have consistently moved forward, and in many instances taken the lead in continually embracing new

technologies, new pedagogies, new literacies, etc., the perceptions of the decision-makers, policy-makers, and stakeholders have remained rooted in the outdated notions of the library as place only, as a warehouse of physical materials — mainly books — and the program as being essentially the weekly book exchange. Of course some of the fault needs to be placed with the teacher-librarians who have refused to move forward with the times, but the question could be asked, “Why aren’t these staff members replaced by others who do embrace the new directions?”

- Ontario Teachers’ Federation has not always supported the role of the teacher-librarian, and negotiations in recent years have resulted, at the elementary school level, in a majority of teacher-librarians acting as planning time coverage teachers.
- There seems to be a huge disconnect between the importance of academic and recreational reading literacy and contributions of teacher-librarians and school libraries, and between the need for 21st century learning skills (presumably digital literacy, critical and creative thinking, effective, efficient and wise use of ubiquitous social media and the Internet) and role of school libraries.
- There is a lack of understanding regarding the role of the teacher-librarian in today’s collaborative school community.
- Despite the fact there have been several excellent “directions” statements and documents over the years, there has never been any mandated policy direction from the Ministry of Education.

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• Although there is a body of empirical and anecdotal evidence conducted over the past 50 years in places outside Canada (mainly in the United States) that talks about the positive impact on children and adolescents of qualified teacher-librarians and school libraries, there has never been a critical mass of Canadian research from academia in either the education faculties or the library schools in our Canadian universities.

#### **How does a good school library program contribute to student achievement? It includes:**

- Promoting and encouraging reading for pleasure and for information
- Learning and using new technologies and social networking tools
- Collaborating with fellow learners to build knowledge together
- Fostering creative and critical thinking
- Building knowledge through inquiry-based research
- Succeeding and improving through continuous assessment for learning
- Understanding and implementing safe, legal, and ethical use of information.

#### **How do teacher-librarians contribute to the whole school program?**

Teacher-librarians wear many hats within their schools and school libraries. Whether these roles are formally acknowledged or not, teacher-librarians are functioning as literacy coaches, curriculum designers, website managers, technology troubleshooters, mentors to new teachers, and professional-development providers. Their impact on the school's learning process has been significant. However, in an era of decreased funding and increased budget-trimming, positions for qualified teacher-librarians are especially vulnerable.

It should be noted that the situation is much worse in elementary schools, but the reports from People For Education, a parent advocacy group in Ontario, are showing the increasing declines at the secondary level as well.

#### **Historical Context**

School libraries in Ontario began with Egerton Ryerson, generally credited with revolutionizing public education in the province. This section touches on the "seminal events" over the past 150 years

until present day. The milestones tell of the rise of school libraries from Ryerson's time in the mid-1980s to the 1990s when the declines began, through to the current day in which decisions such as that of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board are being made.

Egerton Ryerson was Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada from 1844 to 1876. His tenure in this position revolutionized education in Canada, and one of his major innovations was including libraries in every school. This quote is from an 1874 memo: *Circular in Regard to School Libraries*:

"Most of our public schools, chiefly in cities, towns and villages, have by their excellence, created — especially among the more advanced pupils — a taste for reading and intellectual culture, which after a time, the ordinary instruction in these schools, without the aid of a suitable library, does not fully meet."

The Honorable Richard Harcourt, Minister of Education from 1899 to

## **There is a lack of understanding regarding the role of the teacher-librarian**

1905, devoted a section in each of his annual reports to a discussion of the importance of reading and school libraries.

School library training in Ontario began in 1911 when the Department of Education established short courses, which were offered from 1811 to 1927. Subsequent summer courses were offered and these continue to the present day, known as Additional Qualifications courses, offered through Faculties of Education and other course providers accredited by The Ontario College of Teachers.

When the University of Toronto Library School opened in 1928, an elective course on school library service was included.

The Ontario Library Association (OLA) had an important role in the development of school libraries: at its 1929 annual conference, the Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) was

established, and has remained an active voice for school libraries ever since.

In 1944 OLA presented a brief to the Chief Director of Education that requested the libraries in secondary schools be under the charge of qualified teacher-librarians and that a supervisor of libraries be established at the Department of Education. In 1945 OLA made a similar request in a brief to the Royal Commission on Education. In 1949 the Library Standards Committee was established, and in 1954 Miss Mary Mustard was appointed as Supervisor of Libraries. She was a passionate supporter and under her tenure school libraries saw great growth.

In 1962 OLA passed a resolution urging the Minister of Education to appoint a supervisor of elementary school libraries, and Doris Pauline Fennell was appointed. In 1967, 21 individuals worked at the Ministry of Education in the library/media department. This number declined over the next decade until 1992 when the last person with school libraries in her portfolio retired.

In 1982 the seminal document for school libraries was published: *Partners-in-Action: the School Library Resource Centre in the School Curriculum*. It was visionary and school libraries flourished during the 1980s. The economy was strong and funding was available for resources, facilities and professional development. The concepts in *Partners-in-Action* were being implemented by school boards, although somewhat inconsistently, as the document was not a mandated one — which became problematic, when the economic downturn came in the 1990s.

By the late 1980s, the school library practitioners recognized the need to update the *Partners* document to reflect the emerging technologies and the beginning of the Internet. The draft document, *Information Literacy and Equitable Access*, was sent to school boards in 1995, but unfortunately it died on the docket as the Conservative Government under Mike Harris came to power in Ontario. It should be noted that teacher-librarians continued to implement the vision and retool their knowledge and skills to meet the

learning needs of the “next generation” of students.

Catholic School Boards were historically underfunded due to their smaller tax base and government funding being available only to Grade 10. It wasn't until 1984 that central funding was extended to Grades 11, 12, and 13. This is one of the reasons that the cost-savings practice of hiring paraprofessional library staff rather than teacher-librarians was more entrenched in the Catholic schools.

During the growth years for school libraries (i.e., up to the 1980s), the universities of Ontario included school librarianship electives in their teacher-education programs at the secondary level. The last one of these programs — at Queen's University — closed in the early 1980s. Similarly, the school library electives at the library schools were phased out during the same period. Since there were no longer any academics researching, studying, and teaching about school libraries in Ontario, their existence was further threatened.

The challenging economic situation in Ontario in the early 1990s resulted in reduced funding to school boards and it was at this point that the decline in teacher-librarian staffing began. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association published a report titled, “Removing the Barriers to Cost-Effective Education,” which recommended an amendment to the Education Act, which would permit school boards to hire staff for guidance, technology support, youth counselling, and school libraries with qualifications other than teaching. This was often referred to as differentiated staffing. Although the amendment was never presented, the idea of hiring library staff with technical or clerical training — or even no training beyond high school graduation — took root in some school boards with less funding. At this time, school boards were funded through local taxation. When the Conservatives under Mike Harris were elected in 1995, the funding model changed, removing local taxation and aiming to provide an equal per-student allocation across Ontario through a standardized Funding Model. One line in the formula

provided funding for elementary teacher-librarians at 1.3 per 1000 FTE students, but less than two per cent of Ontario's elementary schools have this many students. For many schools, this funding was lower than they had been experiencing. But the biggest problem was that this funding was not “sweatered,” meaning that school boards were not held accountable for spending these dollars for teacher-librarian staffing. Similarly, the line for spending on learning materials did not specify dollars for library collections, and this led to huge spending variations at the school and school-board levels.

There was a brief upswing between 2004 and the current day, under the leadership of the Liberal Government. Dr. Avis Glaze, the founding Director of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, took the time to become familiar with the role of school libraries and teacher-librarians. During her years, a reinvestment in both resources and staffing was made. In addition, funding was made available to OSLA to write a new visionary document, *Together For Learning: School Libraries and the Emergence of the Learning Commons*, published in 2009. Once more, school library practitioners are implementing the vision, but in the absence of policy direction, only the students in school boards who continue to support strong school library programs and teacher-librarian staffing will benefit.

**How can decisions like that of the Windsor-Essex Catholic School Board be made?**

Unfortunately, rather easily, actually. In the absence of policy direction from the Ministry of Education, local decision-making has resulted in a huge range of practices in schools and school boards. There is a lack of understanding as to how school libraries and teacher-librarians contribute to the success of students; there is a paucity of Canadian research; there are no champions at the Ministry of Education; there are no higher-education opportunities in either the Faculties of Education or the Library Schools. The lack of outrage from various stakeholders in this “wasteland” — including the public at large — has permitted the steady erosion of what was once a world-leading library program.

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People for Education website: <http://www.peopleforeducation.com/> ■

### Write for *ELAN*

The Newsletter Committee welcomes contributions from our members. We are seeking articles, news items, and ideas that you think would be of interest to Ex Libris members for publication in *ELAN*. Please submit your articles on items of interest to our members, including your memoirs of early days or important figures in librarianship, library history, your own career, and your current activities in the field. We especially need contributions to our regular feature, “Why I Became a Librarian.”

For submission information see the back page.

## A Tour of the E.P. Taylor Research Library and Archives

By Doreen London

Sixteen Ex Libris members visited the Edward P. Taylor Research Library and Archives of the Art Gallery of Ontario on May 3, 2011. The tour was organized by librarian Donald Rance, who led the group along with Larry Pfaff, Head of Reader Services.

The Library, which went digital in 1986, contains over 165,000 volumes used for general art information and in-depth research. The art history collection includes Western art in all media from the medieval period on, including Canadian First Nations and Inuit art, as well as African and Oceanic art. There is the print and drawing collection, the main collection, and the vault, housing the AGO archives and rare book collection.

We had a fabulous behind-the-scenes tour of the library, then got to examine



many of the items from the extensive rare book collection, including illustrated books and magazines, travel guides (Baedekers, Murrays, and Blue Guides)

and sales catalogues from the late 18th century to the mid 20th century. We also got a peek at some unique books by contemporary artists, such as one made up of 45-rpm records.

As part of the tour, we were given access to more than 10,000 documentation files on Canadian artists (started in 1912).

This had many of us scanning the files for people we knew — and from what I could gather from the elated faces, we found them all!

After the tour we had a wonderful lunch at the AGO's modern Frank restaurant (named after its architect, Frank Gehry).

To learn more about the E.P. Taylor Research Library and Archives, please visit their website at: : [www.ago.net/research-library-archives](http://www.ago.net/research-library-archives). ■



### President's Report

By Carrol Lunau

Advocacy activities have been slow this year — perhaps due to the amazing summer weather and the recent federal election. Nonetheless, in June I wrote on your behalf to Ontario Minister of Education Leona Dombrowsky, about the serious issue of the lack of funding for school libraries. No response has been received to date, however we did receive a response from the federal Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley to the letter we sent over a year ago about federal funding for accessible library services and the CNIB.

A number of issues and projects were discussed at the May board meeting. Elsewhere in this issue there is an announcement about our embryonic oral history project. While the initial focus is on Toronto Public Library, I would encourage those who are interested in capturing the oral history of their region to contact Vivienne James.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2011 is being held earlier than usual, so please note October 24, 2011, in your

diaries now. If you would like to bring forward a resolution at the meeting, procedures have been developed and placed on the website for your guidance. Also, if you are interested in acting as Parliamentarian at the meeting, please let any member of the executive know.

The last issue of note from the May board meeting is the question of fees, both for the annual conference and membership. Our Treasurer brought forward a recommendation to increase the fees for both. It was decided that the Annual Conference must be self-supporting and the fee would be set accordingly. Membership fees were discussed again at the September board meeting and a change will be discussed at the AGM.

Liz and John Warrener have continued to work with members across the country to ensure that Ex Libris is represented at appropriate conferences with a full selection of bags, t-shirts and brochures. Elsewhere in this issue, Dick Ellis has described his experience at APLA. Ex Libris was also represented at the CLA conference in Halifax. Other activities this year included two sessions at the

OLA Super Conference, the annual event at the University of Toronto's iSchool, and a tour, for members, of the Art Gallery of Ontario library.

As you can see, Ex Libris continues to thrive due to the hard work of your Executive and the members of all the committees. In particular, as I conclude my term as President, I would like to thank Lorne Bruce, Tom Eadie, Rick Ficek, Edna Hajnal, Bob Henderson, Jan Jacobson, Vivienne James, Doreen London, Sylvia Murray, Alvin Schrader, Jean Weihs and Nancy Williamson, and the members of ELA committees, for their support and encouragement over the last year. ■

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## How I Became a Librarian

By Barbara Kaye

In the early 70s, I was doing my undergraduate work at Carleton University, still living with my parents to save money and, in the lingo of the day, working at “finding myself.” I had decided to study the subjects I loved — languages, literature, and linguistics — but beyond some vague idea that I might become a teacher or translator, I really didn’t know what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. Then, in the summer of 1974, I got a contract to work for Multilingual Biblioservice.

Multilingual Biblioservice was just starting up then. A division of the National Library, the service collected books in languages other than English and French to be distributed to public libraries in communities where a significant proportion of their population had a non-official mother tongue. I was responsible for the German-language collection and my job was to do some basic pre-cataloguing work and prepare a short abstract or annotation in English and French for each book in the collection.

The International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD) was in its infancy back then, and after looking it over, I was fascinated by the idea that you could look at a catalogue card (remember those?) in another language (or even a completely different alphabet) and identify the title, publisher, subject headings, and so forth just by looking at the specific punctuation marks that had been used. Moreover, they were even developing machines that could recognize this information!

But the best part of my job was actually being paid to skim through the books and determine what they were about. There was a good selection of classics from German literature — works by Thomas Mann, Gunther Grass, Heinrich Boll, and Hermann Hesse, to

name just a few — but there were also German translations of works originally written in English or other languages that were selling well in Canada, the U.S., and the U.K. As well, there were biographies, general non-fiction works, and children’s books. By the end of the summer, I thought I had found my calling and decided to look into Masters’ level studies in library science once I had completed my BA.

The reaction of some of my fellow students was less than enthusiastic. “You’re too smart to be a librarian,” was a typical reaction. I couldn’t understand why a profession that was so inextricably linked with books and learning should be considered off-limits to an intelligent person. Perhaps the negative image of librarianship stemmed from the fact that it was still, in those days, a predominantly female profession. Nevertheless, I trusted in the old adage that if you do what you love, the money will follow — though I never expected to wait nearly 25 years for my final pay-equity payment.

After earning my Honours BA in French and German, I enrolled in the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at University of Western Ontario. Upon graduation, I spent the next 33 years working in a number of federal government libraries: Health and Welfare, the National Film Archives, Public Works, Labour Canada (later absorbed into Human Resources Development Canada), Citizenship and Immigration, and Canada Revenue Agency. I also taught part-time for a few years in Algonquin College’s library technician program.

Although I mostly enjoyed my career, it is even more fun being retired and able to read what I want to read, and to pursue my own research projects from the other side of the reference desk! ■

## Ex Libris Oral History Program

The Ex Libris Association is embarking on an Oral History Program to collect and preserve interviews with retired librarians. This project, led by Ex Libris member Vivienne James, will seek to document the experiences and perspectives of librarians as a way of adding a personal flavor to the historical record of the institutions in which they worked.

We are currently developing a list of prospective interviewees and we welcome suggestions, as well as volunteers who would like to act as interviewers. An interviewing techniques workshop will be held, possibly early fall, for interested volunteers. The first phase of the project will cover primarily, but not exclusively, Toronto Public Library retired librarians.

The ELA plans to have information about the project at the 2012 CLA conference and hopes to be able to make contacts and possibly conduct some interviews at that time.

We are very excited about this project and hope that it will result in a lasting record of what it was like for staff working in libraries as they sought to respond to the needs of the communities and regions that they served.

Does anyone remember: What it was like for a female librarian getting married and having to quit her job because she was pregnant? How you were allowed to be off only one Saturday in six, and if you asked for even that, you felt like a traitor? How children’s services developed on your watch? What it was like witnessing changes in the communities that your libraries served?

Tell us your stories. They will make a valuable contribution to library research in this country. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Vivienne James: [vjames@sympatico.ca](mailto:vjames@sympatico.ca). ■

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Would you like us to extend our programming? A donation or bequest to Ex Libris helps us broaden and increase our activities. All donations are tax deductible.

## Library Science Collections in Canada

By Doug Robinson



*This is the first in a series of articles about library science collections in Canada. This month's article looks at print versus electronic formats.*

It is evident that physical collections in library science and other fields are not as dominant as before. Having been retired for six years, I did online searches to learn about any new developments that might have occurred in the interval. It seems that, at present, library serials continue in many cases to be available to researchers in both print and electronic formats.

In my research I came across a reference to a Duplicate Journals Project at the University of Toronto Libraries

(UTL), posted in 2011 at <http://news.library.utoronto.ca/?p=191>. This article is noteworthy in that it looks at the high cost of having both print and electronic versions of the same journal, and questions the need for libraries to have perpetual archival rights for online journals.

UTL is reviewing all print-journal holdings and would like to cancel print subscriptions to journals for which it also has electronic subscriptions with perpetual archival rights. The rationale is that UTL cannot afford to buy both electronic and print versions of the same journals, and that it will save on the

cost of processing, binding, shelving, and storing print journals, if there is cancellation of duplicates. However, UTL has indicated that it will retain the print copies currently held. For those of us who are researching library history it is reassuring that older journals will still be available for use.

I have been asked about the procedure for accessing the archival fonds turned in by some librarians to Library and Archives Canada (LAC). These fonds and other library science materials from the former Library Documentation (Development) Centre are housed at 395 Wellington St., in Ottawa. These fonds would have to be consulted in person. The only restriction made from time to time is on what can be photocopied. Researchers should contact Reference Services at LAC for assistance. ■

## Atlantic Provinces Library Association 2011 Report

By Dick Ellis

As the sun shone on the cityscapes you have all seen in the tourism ads, or on *Republic of Doyle*, librarians from across the Atlantic provinces gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's for the 2011 edition of the annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) conference.

And Ex Libris Association was there, raising the profile of ELA and flogging t-shirts like the carny barkers we all wish we had been. Aably supported by Liz "Booth in a Bin" Warrenner, and Michael "Banner Man" Colbourne, along with a large cast of supporting characters, new ELA member Karen Lippold, Pearce Penney, former Director of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Library System, and I set up, took down, and staffed the ELA Booth at APLA 2011. (Not in that order.)

We dispensed candy and sage advice. Once again I was in the reference role I filled early in my career — directing people to the washroom. And we moved the goods: \$90 of ELA merch out the door. We even sold tote bags! Selling tote bags at a library conference might seem a stretch, every participant having acquired a free bag at registration and every other vendor offering free bags



Photo: Dan Duda

From left: Dick Ellis, Pearce Penney, and Karen Lippold

with various logos, including those adorable cats at the Baker and Taylor booth, but we sold a couple!

And the weekend was a success on the recruitment front, with the addition of three new ELA members: Karen Lippold, retired from the Queen Elizabeth II Library at Memorial University, Bill Maes, retiring University Librarian at Dalhousie University, and Keith Lawson, a faculty member at School of Information Management

at Dalhousie University. Keith is in no danger of retiring soon, but before he won the gift membership, drawn at Thursday's lunch, he contributed the name of a library named after a librarian.

Of course, sitting at the table talking with old friends among the attendees, and visiting the exhibitors, was time well spent. When the next regional or provincial conference comes to where you are, don't hesitate to volunteer. It is great fun. ■

## Canadian Library Association — Restructuring Update

By Alvin M. Schrader, Past President, CLA

**C**LA divisions, interest groups, and some committees are no more! Taking their place will be an entirely new organizational entity called “CLA Networks.”

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Halifax on May 26, 2011, the CLA membership approved a series of far-reaching changes to the constitution and bylaws, including a trimmed-down Executive Council to consist of president, vice-president/president-elect, treasurer, and two councillors. A transitional Council is in place until December to manage the process; elections for the new Council will be held this fall, and the new Council will begin its tenure on January 1, 2012, reflecting the change to calendar-year for terms of office, the budget cycle, and membership fees.

The new CLA Networks are described as member-driven units of varying lifespans on any professional aspect of interest to CLA members, including geography, library function, or any other topic or issue that meets member needs. They are established for either time-sensitive issues in the short-term, or for ongoing concerns in the long-term. Their establishment requires minimum structure — a moderator for a two-year term, petition support by 10 members, terms of reference with anticipated timeframe, a proposed activity plan, and an annual report to Executive Council. Networks will have: electronic communication support for listservs, blogs, wikis, discussion boards, etc.; funding on a project basis,

with priority assigned to projects that advance CLA’s mission; and the opportunity to meet in person annually at the CLA National Conference.

Executive Council has already approved the first five Networks: Library Technicians and Assistants Network (LTAN), Trustee Network, Voices for School Libraries Network, CLA Ottawa Network, and Information Services for Business Network (ISBN). Other proposals continue to come in for review: Accessible Collections and Services Network, Government Information

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Network, Canadian Libraries Are Serving Youth Network, and Southern Alberta Information Network.

Information about the approved and proposed Networks can be found on the new CLA Networks page at: <http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Networks1&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=11472>.

Appointments have been made to several task forces that will be reviewing CLA information-technology (IT) needs, CLA publications, membership, membership fees, awards, grants and scholarships, and ongoing revenue

sources. Other initiatives are also planned: establishment of an Advisory Committee on School Library Issues; review of CLA’s continuing role in the advocacy work to bring library services to people who cannot use traditional print; establishment of a Copyright Defense Fund, analogous to the existing Intellectual Freedom Fund; and establishment of a Technology Renewal Fund.

The CLA Technology Renewal Fund was created as a vehicle to support the critical redevelopment of the Association’s IT infrastructure, including hardware and software for managing the membership database, and a robust web presence that will interface with that database. CLA President Karen Adams began fundraising for the new fund at the 2011 conference, with a number of libraries committing amounts from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and contributions from individuals ranging from \$20 to \$100. One goal of the new technology would be to solve the decades-old discussion of how to help new graduates make the transition from their university, college, or student chapter to CLA, by having them receive a free year of membership at little incremental cost to the Association.

Donations to support this important component of the new CLA can be made by contacting Executive Director Kelly Moore at [kmoore@cla.ca](mailto:kmoore@cla.ca) or President Karen Adams at [adamsk@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:adamsk@cc.umanitoba.ca) for details. ■

## W. Kaye Lamb Award for Service to Seniors

By Rick Ficek, on behalf of the Board of Ex Libris Association

**M**any libraries across Canada (public, private, and government) have received preliminary notice of the W. Kaye Lamb Award. Early this fall, further notice will be sent out, along with the application papers for the award, and its terms and conditions.

We want to hear about the success you have experienced in libraries that have developed and delivered exemplary and outstanding service to their senior clientele. Tell us and Canada how your library has provided such outstanding service.

Encourage your library to apply for

this award so they can be recognized by the library world. Go to our website for application information <http://exlibris.ischool.utoronto.ca>.

The winning library will be chosen by the CLA in conjunction with the Board of Ex Libris, and will be announced in the Spring 2012 issue of *ELAN*. ■

# A Guide to Ontario's Centennial Libraries

By Lorne Bruce

In 1965 the Department of Tourism in Ontario established a Centennial Planning Branch to help plan and finance celebrations, and libraries were included in the provisions for acquisition and construction of buildings and other capitals works.

In the *ELAN* Spring 2011 issue, we

looked at the history and architectural qualities of Centennial libraries. This issue charts those Centennial library projects.

The following information was compiled from the "Commitment Schedules," produced by the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs,

Municipal Centennial Grants Program Records, Record Group 19-125, at the Archives of Ontario. The project costs are estimates submitted by local groups and do not reflect final outlays. In many cases, additional information was provided by applicants, but a few projects lack specific details. ■

Community	Eligible Net Cost \$	Proposed Project
Atikokan Twp.	\$26,760	Museum and library opened June 1966
Acton	45,760	
Almonte and Ramsay Twp.	26,250	Convert fire hall for public library
Ancaster Twp.	200,000	Municipal offices and library
Arnprior	19,000	Convert post office to library
Barry's Bay	7,000	Convert building to library
Bertie Twp.	20,200	Located in Stevensville
Blenheim	10,500	Convert municipal bldg. to library
Bolton and Albion Twp.	16,150	Joint project, library in Bolton
Bracebridge	10,251	Children's section addition
Bruce County	20,000	Addition to county library
Caledonia	23,000	Library to open August 1967
Cardinal	20,879	Library opened March 1967
Chatham	515,000	Library to open May 1967
Chesley	13,000	Remodeling of library
Copper Cliff	71,400	Library to open May 1967
Cornwall	132,253	Addition to library
Creemore	2,550	
Crystal Beach	6,000	Convert town hall to library
Dryden	50,952	Library to open May 1967
Dysart et al Twp.	10,800	
Emo Twp.	7,000	Library opened July 1967
Essa Twp.	10,000	Library located in Angus
Fenelon Twp.	5,000	
Fort Erie	75,000	
Fort Frances	93,415	Addition to library and museum
Gainsborough Twp.	3,000	Convert school to public library
Geraldton	27,680	
Grimsby South Twp.	3,344	
Hawkesbury	26,048	
Hespeler	8,000	Children's section
Kent County	55,000	Joint project with 4 twps and 2 villages
Lakefield	19,700	Memorial hall and upper floor library
Lion's Head	2,614	Convert building to library
Lively	10,500	Addition to library
Madoc	45,000	Addition to library
Marathon	28,960	Library to open June 1967
Markham	62,000	Village library
Meaford	14,500	Convert post office to library
Michipicoten Twp.	24,900	Library in Wawa (joint project)
Middlesex County	210,000	
Mimico	300,000	New library

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Community	Eligible Net Cost \$	Proposed Project
Nepean Twp. and Richmond	\$nr	Branch at Bells Corners
Nipigon Twp.	17,320	Library opened August 1967
North Norwich Twp.	11,975	
North York	nr	Branch library on Finch Ave.
Oakville	114,000	New library
Orangeville	13,700	Children's section and area in basement
Osnabruck Twp.	10,400	Library in Ingleside
Oxford County	75,000	
Oxford East Twp.	10,848	Convert to municipal offices and library
Paisley	15,300	Library to open June 1967
Pembroke (town and Twp.)	59,200	Joint project: addition to existing library
Pickering	14,000	Library to open March 1967
Picton	20,000	Library addition
Point Edward	15,268	Library with fire dept. and offices
Port Dover	34,036	Library to open May 1967
Powassan	13,500	
Ridgetown	39,068	
Sault Ste. Marie	776,000	
Sioux Lookout	10,710	Convert service station to library
South Porcupine Twp.	nr	New library
Streetsville	nr	
Sutton West	nr	
Teck Twp.	107,266	Library in Kirkland Lake
Tisdale Twp.	40,000	New library
Toronto Twp. - Malton	70,000	New library for Malton
Toronto Twp. - Lakeview	70,000	
Toronto Twp. - Clarkston	70,000	
Vaughan Twp. - Richvale	nr	
Vaughan Twp.- Kleinburg	1,400	
Vaughan Twp. - Maple	40,000	
Wallaceburg	54,720	Addition to Carnegie library
Waterdown	17,000	Conversion to library
Woodstock	68,184	Addition to Carnegie library
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,068,261</b>	

## Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting 2011

**When:** Monday, October 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Toronto Public Library, Northern District Branch, Room 200

**Registration:** 9:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$30 members, \$35 non-members (includes lunch)

**Morning Program:** *E-Books and Libraries, A Panel Discussion*

**Panelists:** Joanne Lombardo, TPL Collections Coordinator for Electronic Materials; Lani Sellick, Documentary Producer for CBC-TV's *The National*, Retired; Malle Vallik, Director of Digital Publishing, Harlequin

**Moderated by:** Jean Weihs, Author, Editor, Consultant, Secretary of ELA

**Afternoon Program:** *The Human Library*

**Speakers:** Cort Egan, Manager, Communications, Organizational Services, University of Guelph; Anne Marie Aikins, Manager, Corporate Communications, Toronto Public Library

Registration forms with more information will be mailed to members separately.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: DEFUNCT LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

### A New Series

Series editor: Lorne Bruce

With this article, *ELAN* opens a new series on Canadian library associations that are no longer with us, but which are not forgotten. Over the next two to three years, a variety of older library associations will be the subject of a mini-history written by our members. While some library associations, such as the CLA, have a relatively long history, other associations only “flourished” for a short time. Some had specific aims that did not attract a broad membership base, some were absorbed by other associations, others achieved what they set out to do and were dismantled.

The first association in the series is the Association of British Columbia Librarians (ABCL), formed in 1966. Lois Bewley sets out the background and the aims of the ABCL and its ultimate demise in the mid-1970s. ABCL was one of the few “librarian only” associations ever formed in Canada. While this association, like many others in the field, strove to promote librarianship and libraries, it had a further object of using provincial legislation to regulate standards of entry, credentials, and other issues relating to professional work. But, like the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario (IPLO), it folded after a short time. Librarians turned to unions, local bargaining agencies, and individual professional interests, rather than pursue the traditional characteristics of a “profession.”

*In our next issue of ELAN, we will focus on IPLO, in an article written by Vivienne Monty. ■*

## A Rerun of the Rise, Activities, and Demise of the Association of B.C. Librarians

By Lois Bewley

The efforts to establish a legal licensing body for, or at least a recognition of, standards for professional status was pursued by some, but certainly not all, professional librarians in B.C. during the 1950s, '60s, and '70s. The summary of those efforts, which follows, was gleaned from articles in the *British Columbia Library Quarterly*, the *BCLA Reporter*, the *ABCL Newsletter*, correspondence, conversations, and memories.

One has to remember some of the external pressures on B.C. librarians, which fuelled the concept of some kind of professional association. The witch hunt and firing of John Marshall; the influx of British and Australian librarians who lacked “our” undergraduate and BLS degrees; the fact that anyone interested could join the B.C. Library Association; and the knowledge that the largest public library in the province, under the City of Vancouver Personnel Pay Grade schedule for senior library support staff, overlapped the grade and salary of a Librarian 1. In the early 1960s Vancouver’s librarians responded by re-activating their union status with CUPE and entered bargaining sessions to rectify the discrepancies. Many regretted there was no recognized professional association to which they could belong in order to strengthen their position.

Their dilemma was not new. Earlier, in 1956, a committee from the B.C. Library Association recommended “that in view of membership interest in the question of professional organization and the obvious necessity for clarification of the issues involved” a special committee should be appointed. After heated debate, the motion was defeated. During the 1959 BCLA Conference, another committee moved that, “This Association approves, in principle, the idea of the formation of a professional librarians section within BCLA.” The motion carried. However, at the 1960 Conference the word “carried” was

deleted from the minutes because the motion was considered unconstitutional under the Society Act of B.C., and under which BCLA existed.

Again, the matter did not die, and the committee from the BCLA continued to wrestle with the issues. The 1964 fall meeting of the Association invited speakers and urged the members to express their opinions. The opinions expressed concerned the limited numbers who might be eligible to belong; the fact that BCLA could not, legally, enforce standards of professionalism; status seeking; the question of whether librarianship was really a profession or not; and the problems and requirements of legal recognition. Again, vigorous debate. The Bewley Committee offered its report to the 1965 AGM, and the motion passed to: “require (the Executive) to study the report of the committee on professional organization and in so doing draft a constitution and by-laws for the establishment of a professional institute of librarianship for British Columbia and submit this, together with a preliminary financial budget for the operation of the institute, to the membership of B.C.L.A. at the 1966 Convention.”

Dr. Ronald Hagler, of the School of Librarianship, chaired the Committee. Where the Bewley Committee had dealt largely with the benefits and potential drawbacks of a professional organization, the new Committee examined the practical, legal, financial, and membership commitment required to make it viable. Legal advice was sought, and information obtained from the Institute of Professional Librarians Ontario; Institute of Victoria Librarians, CLA, and the Executive of BCLA. The Committee’s work was thorough and indicated that a majority of librarians would be “very sympathetic” to any group for professional purposes. But the final recommendation of the Committee was “that in view of the fact such an organization (of professional

librarians) can legally only be established independently of BCLA, this Committee be discharged." The Committee files were to be made available to any ad hoc group of professional librarians interested in the Committee's findings.

*The information that follows is from materials held in the Lois Carrier Fonds, Archives, UBC Library, and from conversation and memory relevant to the period 1965 to 1974.*

Thirty librarians formed an ad hoc group and held a founding meeting for the creation of a professional group. In 1966, a "Brief Regarding the Association of B.C. Librarians" was presented to interested practising librarians and was favorably received. From a study of the Brief, another committee was struck to draft a constitution, and a final version was submitted to the Registrar of Companies. The Association of British Columbia Librarians became a legal entity on September 26, 1966, under the Society Act of B.C.

The objectives of the Association, as stated in the Constitution, aimed to raise the standards of library service by defining the standards of professional librarianship; promoting and advancing the interests and welfare of librarians; and cooperating with organizations having similar objectives.

These high hopes and laudable objectives demanded much of this dedicated group. They struck committees, established a fee of \$25, conducted surveys, and established a program of continuing professional-education interests, focusing the changing information environment: "The Development of Information Networks" and the "New Instant Library." The first ABCL Conference in 1967 presented "noted authorities in the field of library education" — Jesse Shera and Sarah Reed — on, "Changing Trends in Education for Librarians." In 1968, the program asked the question, "Did Professionals Need Collective Bargaining?" and in 1969 looked at, "Library Service Today and Tomorrow — What Users Expect." But, by 1969, a drop in membership and financial support altered the focus of programming and ABCL co-sponsored the "Training of Library Technicians" and a panel of well-known librarians

asked, "Are We Educating for a Vanishing Profession?"

However, it was ABCL that was vanishing, although lobbying by the Library Development Commission resulted, in 1967, with an amendment to the Library Act of British Columbia "Concerning the Qualifications for Certification of Professional Librarianship." A Board of Certification was appointed to establish standards and grant certificates, and it seemed progress towards the goal might be made. (The Board ceased to exist in the early 1980s.)

The goal of ABCL remained — to become a licensing body for professional librarians — despite the warning from a legal advisor that the Executive should not be too optimistic about their chances, based on a "closed shop" approach, rather than one of "public service." Executive Minutes of May 7, 1970, reflected the unease in the Association and reported a discussion regarding "possible federation" with the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario and the Corporation of Librarians of Quebec. As early as 1967, the Institute of Victoria Librarians declined an invitation to become a chapter of ABCL.

By 1972, only one-third of those librarians who could be members actually belonged. One member was known to comment that they were met with indifference or outright hostility. Seventy-five percent of members who had responded to a questionnaire said they favoured becoming a section of the BCLA (legally still not possible).

Obviously, ABCL was in trouble. Correspondence between two well-known, active members of ABCL in an exchange of letters reflected the concern and disappointment many felt. On October 27, 1972, Helen Rodney wrote, "I do not think the membership as a whole either know or remember what has been done by the Association since 1966." In her reply, dated November 7, 1972, Lois Carrier wrote, "I confess I am really surprised at the number of librarians who favor ABCL becoming part of BCLA — perhaps I should stop being so appalled at the thought of a professional group being part of a non-professional group ... I cannot help feeling ABCL is on its last legs."

She was right. In order to increase

membership, the 1974 AGM received a Notice of Motion regarding by-laws to change admission requirements: "All Certified Librarians may be admitted as full members," and further that, "Library school students and all persons currently employed in library work may be admitted to the Association as associate members with full voting rights." This action thereby denied ABCL its meaning and distinction.

Most members rejoined the BCLA. Professional librarians in B.C. found themselves right back where they had started over half a century earlier. ■

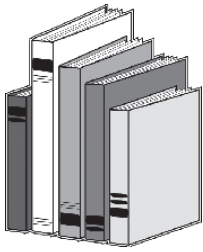
## Libraries Named After Librarians

At the 2011 APLA conference, the Ex Libris booth ran a "contest" asking people to tell us about libraries named after librarians. Following is the first substantiated submission. Please send in others for us to publish in future issues.

Pearce Penney suggested the Michael Donovan Public Library, originally opened in rental space on Cashin Avenue in St. John's, Nfld., in 1966. A branch of the St. John's Public Library, the current site, used since 1979, is also in a rented space, in a strip mall complex on Topsail Rd., serving the adults and children of the west end of the city.

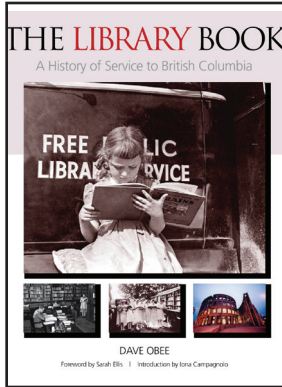
Michael Donovan was appointed Director of Public Library Services in 1959, following Eric Moon's tenure, and remained the director until his death in 1966. He was also chief of the Gosling Memorial Library, the main library for the city of St. John's at the time. The Gosling, since moved, had also been the headquarters for the Provincial Library Services. Therefore Donovan was head of both and responsible for all other provincial public libraries.

Pearce adds, "As far as I can ascertain he came from Ontario to Newfoundland. He was a good friend of Farley Mowat, and I think was mentioned in Mowat's book, *The Boat that Wouldn't Float*. ■



## Book Reviews

### *The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbia*



By Dave Obee  
Vancouver: British Columbia  
Library Association, 2011. 264 p.  
illus. ISBN: 9780969261490. \$50

Reviewed by Shirley Lewis

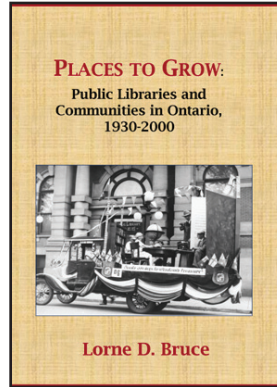
David Obee set out to write the definitive history of libraries in British Columbia, and the resulting handsome coffee-table book is published in time to mark the 100th anniversary of the B.C.

Library Association. The 264-page book includes the highs and lows of library service, from the fur trade and Andrew Carnegie to Vancouver's remarkable central library and e-books. It is richly illustrated with 300 photographs, three timelines, an appendix, bibliography, and index.

David Obee, historian and genealogist by trade, has done a great job compiling all the facts and turning them into a readable and enjoyable narrative. He divides the province's library history into three time-sections: 1786-1926, 1927-1959 and 1960-2011, with a timeline at the end of each section. Obee hasn't shied away from the firing, and ultimate vindication, of John Marshall, either. This troublesome affair is fulsomely covered, and the writer notes that the B.C. Library Association has renamed their Intellectual Freedom Award in his honour.

The smart layout and the inclusion of so many handsome photos makes the book especially appealing to the general reader. Not many library histories have a focus that will attract the general public, so David Obee and the BC Library Association are to be congratulated for their successful efforts to record the story of public libraries in their province. ■

### *Places to Grow: Public Libraries and Communities in Ontario 1930-2000*



By Lorne D. Bruce  
Privately published, 2010. 490 p.  
Available from L.D. Bruce (78  
Sanderson Dr., Guelph, ON N1H  
7L9). \$35

Reviewed by Jean Weihs

The market for this book is probably small and publishers might have been reluctant to publish it, fearing a financial loss. We should be grateful Lorne Bruce decided to

personally arrange for its publication, because it is an important book. And the price of \$35 for a book of this size is moderate; an almost 500-page book from a commercial publisher would cost much more.

As the title indicates, the book covers Ontario public library history during 70 years of its development. It is a significant and detailed study. Each chapter is followed by an extensive list of notes; there are 19 photographs of people and buildings you might know or remember; and 20 tables detailing expenditures, staffing, library openings, etc. Not everything in the book starts with 1930: there are two charts giving statistics from 1920 to 1940, one showing legislative grants and one showing library expenditure per capita served in Ontario. The 10-page index helps readers find specific topics, such as library technicians, censorship, and county-library cooperatives.

ELA members should recommend this book to their former employers and colleagues still employed in libraries. This book is an essential purchase for all institutions in Canada (and possibly North America) that provide library education programs; all public libraries in Ontario (it is after all their history); and to historians interested in Canadian history. ■

## Ex Libris Biography Project

By Nancy Williamson

The work of the Biography Project Committee continues slowly. However, there is hope that things will move somewhat faster in future. The chair is in the process of learning how to enter new material directly into the database without having to go through the webmaster. Currently, there are 35 entries in the database and a target has been set to add 25 more names before the end of the year. There are 10 new biographies finished or in progress including

those for Guy Sylvestre, Douglas Lochhead, Norman Horrocks, Allan MacDonald, Bertha Bassam, Freda Waldon, and Peter Bassnett. Several members of ELA are involved in the preparation, and we can always use more help. It doesn't have to be a long-term, full-time chore. Even if a volunteer provides only one or two names, every little bit helps. If you would like to get involved, please contact Nancy Williamson at: [nancy.williamson@utoronto.ca](mailto:nancy.williamson@utoronto.ca). ■

## Books of Interest to Members

*Fontanus: from the Collections of McGill University*, vol. XII (2010), was published in February. Appearing annually, it publishes scholarly articles based on the library, archival, and museum collections of McGill University. Copies can be ordered from <http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/fontanus/>.

Manuscripts may be submitted to: [fontanus.library@mcgill.ca](mailto:fontanus.library@mcgill.ca)

## Technology Unmasked

By Stan Orlov



**Y**ou might have heard or seen the term “cloud computing,” which has recently become a buzzword. Similar to Web 2.0, this concept can mean different things to different

people. In its most popular version, cloud computing describes a system in which a company uses a service provider’s hardware and software over the Internet, which is often referred to as the “cloud” in IT lingo. It allows the company to save on computer equipment, software licenses, IT support, etc., because the provider has already purchased them at discounted rates and will charge on a pay-per-use basis.

If you have used online email services such as Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, you have

used the cloud computing model. Another example would be Google Docs. Together, you and your friends can create and work on a spreadsheet or text document online, from anywhere in the world, using a public Internet terminal in a library or on a smartphone. The changes are applied immediately, and everyone who has access to this document will be able to see it in real time, just by using a browser; no one needs to have Microsoft Office or other productivity software installed.

Libraries have been using cloud computing services for a few years now. Some of the most common applications include social networking (Facebook, Twitter, Flickr), social bookmarking (del.icio.us, AddThis, StumbleUpon), social cataloguing (LibraryThing). Cloud computing is also used for storage (Dropbox, Box.net), wikis and knowledge

sharing (PBworks, Libguides). Some libraries might choose to migrate their whole ILS systems to the cloud, using a solution like OCLC’s Web-scale Management Services.

Cloud computing is not without drawbacks. Some people have valid concerns about data ownership, security, privacy, and even simple things like availability of Internet access. However, it looks like cloud computing is here to stay and, with time, more libraries will gradually move toward a larger use of this model.

For more information, look at the following sites:

<http://www.commoncraft.com/video/cloud-computing>

<http://www.oclc.org/webscale/origins.htm>

Please send your questions and comments to [stan.orlov@msvu.ca](mailto:stan.orlov@msvu.ca).

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## British Columbia News

By Sylvia Crooks



**T**he BC Library Association celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding at its annual conference in April with a gala dinner chaired by Ken Haycock, and with special speaker Alice Bacon, who reminisced

about B.C. libraries and librarians in the 1960s and later. Part of the conference was the book launch of *The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbia*, by Dave Obee (see, Book Review on page 12), featuring local actors who played the parts of several pioneer librarians. A celebration of the book was held later at Vancouver Public Library, where the author and several B.C. librarians were interviewed by CBC host Sheryl MacKay.

The B.C. Library Services Branch, part of the Ministry of Education, has been renamed Libraries and Literacy. The new title reflects the expanded responsibility

of the branch for provincial literacy objectives. The branch will continue its emphasis on supporting public libraries, but will have greater involvement with school libraries.

Librarians at Okanagan College in Kelowna were winners of the 2011 Innovation Achievement Award, presented by the Community and Technical College Libraries (CTCL) section of CLA. The award was given for development of a program, named Course Integrated Library Research Instruction (CILRI), which integrates librarian-led instruction into every first-year English class across the College’s four campuses.

## Prairies News

By Alvin M Schrader



**T**he one-year-old Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library, in Slave Lake, Alta., was destroyed by forest fire in mid-May 2011, along with almost half of the

town. Donations to rebuild and restock the library may be made through the Peace Library System by contacting

Assistant Director Carol Downing at [cdowning@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca](mailto:cdowning@peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca) or through the Internet at [www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca](http://www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca).

The Edmonton Public Library Board and the Winnipeg Public Library Board each received the Stan Heath Achievement Award for Literacy, from the Canadian Library Trustees Association (CLTA), for innovative literacy programs. The Awards were presented at the CLTA Annual General Meeting during the Canadian Library Association National Conference and Trade Show in Halifax, at the end of May 2011. The Winnipeg award was for a program targeting newcomers whose first language is not English. The Edmonton award was for an early-learning program.

The Edmonton Public Library (EPL) rebranding campaign, designed by local ad agency Donovan, was the second-place winner of the 2011 International Marketing Award sponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. The campaign also earned EPL the 2010 Summit Creative Award and the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award in January 2011.

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## Ontario News

By Vivienne James



This year's City of Toronto's budget exercise created a buzz among the citizens of Toronto with the threat of library closings and a decrease in programs and services. Among the voices raised in support of maintaining the excellent library services provided to communities throughout Toronto, was that of renowned Canadian author, Margaret Atwood. Toronto Public Library (TPL) underwent a comprehensive efficiency review to identify opportunities for savings to help address the City's projected 2012 operating budget shortfall. Public consultations conducted by the City and the TPL confirmed that library services are highly valued and well used by Torontonians of all ages, backgrounds, cultures, and income levels, but the city is still asking for 10 per cent cuts from the TPL budget.

Ottawa Public Library (OPL) opened the new Central Archives and Library Materials Centre in June 2011. In partnering with Central Archives, the Library is able to use its downtown facilities to serve the Ottawa community better. "With classroom and workshop space, more reference and consultation space for researchers, as well as access to modern research tools, this facility will become a hub of culture and learning," says ward councillor Rick Chiarelli. Five branches underwent major renovations. The Greely Branch moved into a new building, three times larger than the previous venue.

The OPL devoted this year to the development of Early Literacy spaces attractive to kids, and development of the collection in e-resources. Customers are now able to download music from Freegal Music, a new iPhone app, and software CDs. An interesting innovation was the launch of the first video contest for teens in the age group 13 to 18 years. Youngsters were requested to create a one-minute YouTube video about their favourite book.

The Friends of OPL received a room

to house their two part-time staff as well as their major sorting and receiving facility. The Friends have a partnership with Better World Books, an online bookseller, which gives the Friends a 20 per cent commission on books sold, as well as five per cent to the Ottawa Public Library Foundation. A first book sale on the premises was held in July at the Archive open house, and will be held regularly starting September. At the Friends Annual Book Sale in April, over \$15,000 was raised; \$12,500 was donated to the Algonquin College Foundation for a bursary for students of the Library and Information Technician program. Jan Harder, a valiant defender of public library services, was reappointed to the OPL Board, continuing as its President for the term 2011-2014. A meeting room in the Cumberland Branch has been dedicated to Lori Nash, the moving spirit behind the development of the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library from its modest beginnings into a full-fledged, vigorous organization, working on business-like principles.

McMaster University Library received the archives of Maestro Boris Brott; on May 25, 2011, at an event held to celebrate the occasion, the Maestro himself conducted the National Academy Orchestra. Music researchers will be interested in this collection, which includes correspondence, photographs, orchestra programs, and much more.

## Quebec News

By Pierre Guilmette, with contributions from Peter McNally



The journal *Canadian Architect* has awarded a design prize for the new Saint-Laurent Library in Montreal. This excellence prize is given each year to recognize state-of-the-art design projects. Christine St-Pierre, Minister of Culture, Communications and the Status of Women, Helen Fotopulos, responsible for culture, heritage, design and the status of women on Montréal's Executive Committee, and Alan DeSousa,

Mayor of Saint-Laurent and vice-chair of Montreal's Executive Committee, congratulated the library's designing architect, Eric Pelletier, and the design team. The project is noted for its site and its use of the existing natural environment. A true cultural crossroads, the LEED Gold-certified building will include, in addition to the library, an exhibition centre and a storage area for the reserve collection of the Musée des maîtres et artisans du Québec. The new library was officially named Bibliothèque du Boisé (Boisé Library) in November 2010.

The Gabrielle-Roy Library is now offering e-books, which can be downloaded to a computer for a limited duration. The borrowed "book" is automatically deleted at the end of the three-week loan period, which is the same as for a printed book. These documents are protected by security locks to prevent their duplication. Several Quebec public libraries are planning to offer this service to their readers this year.

At its 79th annual conference on May 12, 2011, L'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec Library Association (ABQLA) elected, as President, Julie-Anne Cardella, head of Westmount Public Library. The Annual General Meeting approved a "Strategic Plan, 2011-2016."

The 158th Association of Research Libraries Membership Meeting and Joint Meeting with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries was held in Montreal, May 3-6, 2011, hosted by Les bibliothèques de l'Université de Montréal and the McGill Library.

The annual conference of the Association of Jewish Libraries was held in Montreal, June 19-22, 2011.

## Maritimes News

By Tanja Harrison



On May 25, 2011, Prince Edward Island's Public Library Service launched its One Book One Island reading program. Islanders were encouraged to read *Still Life*, by Louise Penny, Canada's award-winning

mystery author. A number of events were planned for the final event, when Ms. Penny herself visited three library branches on September 13 and 14.

On April 18, 2011, the Robertson Library, University of P.E.I., and its partners officially launched the <http://islandarchives.ca> initiative. Unique digital collections in progress include IslandLives, IslandImagined and IslandVoices. UPEI's Library has also installed an Espresso Book Machine for print-on-demand services.

The Antigonish Town and County Library, a state-of-the-art public library in Nova Scotia, built on the Project for Public Spaces model of community participation, was officially opened on June 26. The innovative and environmentally responsible building is designed to be a community and cultural hub, and contains many artworks, including Mi'kmaq artist Alan Syliboy's mural, *The Dream Canoe*.

The Cape Breton Regional Library Board announced the two-year appointment of Ken Chisholm, Storyteller-in-Residence. The program, a first for Atlantic Canada, recognizes and promotes the storytelling heritage of Cape Breton. Mr. Chisholm is an actor, singer, songwriter, musician, and director with over three decades of experience telling stories in various ways.

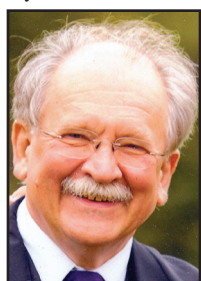
Archaeological digs have begun at the site of the future Halifax Central Library. It is anticipated that the property site, which was once part of "the Governor's Farm," may contain structural remains and other

archeological deposits from the mid-18th to the mid-20th centuries.

Many thanks to Sharon Hailey Mancini (Bedford Public Library, N.S.) and Trina O'Brien Leggott (P.E.I. Public Library Service) for their assistance with these news items.

## Newfoundland & Labrador News

By Dick Ellis



The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador continues to invest in the provincial public library system. Newfoundland and Labrador has a centralized system,

all 90-plus branches being funded provincially, rather than regionally or municipally as in most of Canada.

As Ex Libris members read this issue of *ELAN*, Corner Brook Public Library will be opening its new facilities in the new City Hall building. Deer Lake Public Library was reopened in April following an extensive renovation.

Continuing on the bricks-and-mortar theme, renovations to the Queen Elizabeth II Library continue, expanding its special collections area and making provision for a coffee shop. The space was kindly donated by long runs of paper journals.

This year the public library also inaugurated its new e-book offerings, using the Overdrive platform. ■

## Books by Ex Libris Members

By Jean Weihs

*Just a Larger Family: Letters of Marie Williamson From the Canadian Home Front*

Edited by Mary F. Williamson and Tom Sharp

Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2011.  
395 p ISBN 978-1-55458-266-2. \$50

Letters to the mother of two English boys living with the Williamson family in Canada during World War II are filled with interesting domestic detail and shed light on wartime Toronto.

*ELAN* welcomes news about books by ELA members. Send a brief description or an advertising brochure to [jean.weihs@rogers.com](mailto:jean.weihs@rogers.com). ■

## News from Canadian Library/Information Studies Schools

Compiled By Diane Henderson.



*With thanks to our contributors at the eight schools for their accounts of recent and forthcoming highlights at their schools.*

### University of British Columbia, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies

By Sylvia Crooks

Some 200 graduates, faculty, and friends of SLAIS attended its 50th anniversary gala dinner in April, where 10 distinguished alumni were honoured, along with the School's founder, Dr. Sam Rothstein. Since its opening in 1961, the School has conferred 3,085 degrees in library science, archival studies, and arts in children's literature. SLAIS has announced the appointment of Dr. Giovanni Michetti as Assistant Professor, effective January, 2012. He is currently Assistant Professor of Archival Science at the Special School for Archivists and Librarians at the University of Rome. Faculty member Judith Saltman and her co-author and SLAIS adjunct faculty member Gail Edwards, have won the prestigious

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### Welcome to New ELA members

Charles Cameron, Nfld.  
Anita Cannon, Irishtown, N.B.  
Kathy Carter, Edmonton, Alta.  
Keith Lawson, Halifax, N.S.  
Karen Lippold, St. John's, Nfld.  
Stephen MacNiel, Wolfville, N.S.  
William Maes, Bedford, N.S.  
Julianne Ourom, Whitehorse, Yukon  
Dr. Seamus Ross, Toronto, Ont.  
Eva Spevak, Toronto, Ont.

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International Research Society for Children's Literature award, for their book, *Picturing Canada: A History of Canadian Children's Illustrated Books and Publishing* (University of Toronto Press, 2010).

### **University of Alberta, School of Library and Information Studies**

By Ernie Ingles

Since our last report, much has transpired at the School. First, there are regrets. Two of our distinguished faculty members are moving to positions elsewhere: Lisa Givens has taken a position in Australia at Charles Sturt University; and Heidi Julien will be going to the University of Alabama. However, the School will soon be recruiting three new faculty members and hopes to have these positions filled within the year, if not sooner. The School has also added a part-time advancement officer to better service our alumni and develop further our scholarship and other endowment funds. Part of this activity involves rebranding the School in terms of graphic design. New online programs are moving through University Governance, and the School is revisiting its vision, mission, and mandate, in line with the new opportunities inherent in faculty renewal. Most importantly, we look forward to the cohort of new students and returning students, and offering them, among other enhancements, a refitted and revitalized computer lab.

### **University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Information and Media Studies**

By Becky Blue

Following the accreditation proceedings that took place in February 2011, FIMS received formal notice of the renewal of accreditation for the Master of Library and Information Science program until 2018. Several of our library sciences students can report recent accomplishments: MLIS student, Richard Anderson won the CLA 28th Student Article Contest, with a piece

titled, "Information Visualization in Children's Picture Books," while MLIS student Peggy McEachreon was the runner-up. MLIS student Courtney Lundrigan was awarded the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship, and MLIS student Laura George participated in the Shastri International Youth Internship in India this September. FIMS held a formal retirement reception for Professor Gloria Leckie on May 18, 2011. Many faculty, staff and friends, past and present, attended to wish Professor Leckie all the best in the future. She retired from FIMS as of June 30.

### **University of Toronto, Faculty of Information**

By Kathleen O'Brien

More than 200 graduates convoked in June. Judy Dunn, Assistant Dean, Academic and Program, retired. Catherine Biss (MLS '75) won the FIAA Outstanding Alumni Award for leadership and innovation in librarianship. Students Katya Pereyaslavskaya and Cybil Stephens received the FIAA Outstanding Student Contribution Award. Professor Heather MacNeil was inducted as a Fellow of the Association of Canadian Archivists. Professor Kelly Lyons is one of two Canadian recipients of the IBM Smarter Planet Faculty Innovation Award. The McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology is offering a Monday Night Seminar series this fall based on Marshall McLuhan's teaching style. To help fund their research this year, Professors Eric Yu, Kelly Lyons (NSERC Discovery Grant), Siobhan Stevenson (SSHRC Insight Development Grant, Connaught New Researcher Program), and Fiorella Foscarini (Connaught New Researcher Program) received grants. The iSchool chapter of Librarians Without Borders donated more than 150 books to the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy in Guatemala.

### **University of Ottawa, School of Information Studies**

By Lynne Bowker

At the University of Ottawa's Spring Convocation ceremony on June 11, 2011, members of the very first graduating class from the Master's of Information Studies (MIS) program were awarded their degrees. The faculty came out in full force to congratulate our new graduates.

The ceremony was made extra special by the fact that an Honorary Doctorate was awarded to Ingrid Parent, University Librarian at the University of British Columbia and President-Elect of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Following a citation by Leslie Weir, Chief Librarian of the University of Ottawa and cross-appointed professor at the SIS, Ingrid gave an inspiring speech about the continuing importance of the LIS field in the 21st century. A reception in Ingrid's honour was held at the University's Morisset Library the evening before the award, and Ingrid had the opportunity to meet with our new graduates, professors and friends of SIS.

### **McGill University, School of Information Studies**

By Peter McNally

Professor J. Andrew Large is completing a sabbatical and will return to being Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Education, in addition to teaching in the School. Professor Joan Bartlett was recently awarded tenure and will be on sabbatical leave during 2011/12. Professor Peter F. McNally was awarded the Tremaine Medal and Watters-Morley Prize by the Bibliographical Society of Canada/Société bibliographique du Canada for his publications and other contributions to Canadian bibliography and library history. Dr. Elaine Ménard has been awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) research grant of \$115,393 over three years for her project, "Modeling of an Interface Dedicated to Digital Image Retrieval in a Bilingual Context." Yusuke Ishimura, SIS PhD candidate, was awarded the 2010-2011 Tim Casgrain Fellowship by the Faculty of Education. For a second year, the School's Librarians Without Borders, McGill Chapter, travelled to Guatemala, volunteering in Quetzaltenango.



## Université de Montreal, École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information (EBSI)

By Isabelle Bourgey

The spring and summer sessions at EBSI were marked by the organization of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of our school. The date of the social alumni gathering is set for October 27, 2011. EBSI will also be presenting the history of the school's curriculum and research activities over the past 50 years, at the Congrès des milieux documentaires du Québec, on December 1, 2011. The details of the festivities can be found at [www.ebsi.umontreal.ca/50e/](http://www.ebsi.umontreal.ca/50e/). We are also happy to announce the arrival of a new colleague, Dr. Vincent Larivière, who started on August 1, 2011, as assistant professor. He teaches and conducts research in the areas of bibliometrics, informetrics, the evaluation of scientific research, and the sociology of science.

## Dalhousie University, School of Information Management

By Louise Spiteri

Dalhousie's fifth annual Information Without Borders MLIS student-led conference featured keynote speakers Hugh Ritchie, Director Industry Solutions Marketing at Open Text, who discussed his company's involvement in the G20 Social Media project; Mark Leggott, University Librarian, University of PEI, who discussed the "Open" phenomenon, namely, open source, open data, and open knowledge, and Bill St. Arnaud, a Green IT consultant, who discussed information management change and global warming. The School mourns the loss of Dr. Norman Horrocks, who died on October 18, 2010. All who knew Norman can testify to his warmth, generosity, kindness, and dedication, and contributions to librarianship and all information management professions. The School was very pleased to award the first Graduate Diploma in Information Management in the Fall 2010 Convocation to students in the Master of Information Management program, Canada's first part-time distance program for mid-career professionals. We look forward to awarding the first recipients of the Master of Information Management degree in the Fall 2011 Convocation. ■

## Milestones

Compiled by Merlyn Beckmans

### Obituaries

**Nancy (Watson) Benson** died on July 16, 2011 in Toronto, at age 86. She worked at the National Film Board Library in Ottawa and subsequently at Britnell's Bookshop in Toronto.

**Margaret Phyllis (Nunn) Bray** died on June 20, 2011 in Kingston, Ont., at age 97. She established a library in both Manitowadge and Porcupine in Northern Ontario. After moving to Kingston, she worked at the Queen's Douglas Library.

**Vivian Cummins** died on April 11, 2011 in Ottawa, at age 66. She held an MLS from McGill and made a career of creating and maintaining resource centres, for example, the guidance library at Concordia University, Montreal, (four years); the Teacher Resource Centre in Jos, Nigeria (six years); and the resource centre at the Norman Patterson School of International Affairs of Carleton University, in Ottawa (20 years).

**Jeanie Whytock Crawford Fleming** died on June 29, 2011 in Ottawa. She was a librarian for the North York Public Library, Toronto, and at Canterbury High School and Glebe Collegiate Institute in Ottawa.

**Nancy Jean (Thomson) Gloger** died on June 11, 2011 in Toronto, at age 86. She held a BA in English from the University of Toronto and a library science degree from McGill.

**Betty Donaldson Hardie** died on July 22, 2011 in Toronto, at age 94. She held a BA and a BLS from the University of Toronto. A "pioneering librarian," she was instrumental in the establishment of a thriving library in Etobicoke, Ont. She was hired in 1950 as its first full-time employee and retired in 1979 as Chief Librarian. She was a member of Ex Libris.

**Margaret Susan Jordan** died on July 2, 2011 in Vancouver. She was a graduate

of McGill Library School and worked for many years at the Vancouver Public Library.



**Dolly Kennedy** died on April 10, 2011 in Vancouver, at age 96. She was a member of the first graduating class of the School of Librarianship at UBC (now SLAIS). She worked as a children's librarian in Vancouver and a high-school librarian in Ladner, B.C. Later, as a member of the Vancouver Public Library Board, she helped establish the B.C. Library Trustees Association in 1977. She was also active with the Vancouver University Club and the Canadian Federation of University Women.

**Sherry Koshman** died on May 1, 2011 in Pittsburgh, PA, at age 46. She held a BA in English and Music (University of Saskatchewan), an MLS (McGill) and a PhD (University of Pittsburgh). She joined the faculty of iSchool at Pittsburgh in 2005.

**June Alison Leslie** died on June 15, 2011 in Toronto, at age 79. She served as a history teacher and a librarian for 30 years in three North York secondary schools.

**Roy Douglas Pearson** died on June 25, 2011 in Toronto, at age 62. He worked at the Gerstein Library, University of Toronto, for over 30 years.

**Catherine (Nieger) Pollak** died on April 22, 2011 in Montreal, at age 89. She was born in Czechoslovakia and, after many trials, emigrated to Canada. She worked for many years as a librarian at McGill University.

**Candida "Dee" Oachi Rockley** died on July 3, 2011 in Toronto, at age 86. She was a children's librarian and a branch head librarian for the Toronto Public Library Board.

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**Harriet (Mitchell) Outhet** died on August 11, 2011 in Aylmer, P.Q., at age 91. She graduated from McGill in 1940 and served in the Ferry Command during WWII. In the 1960s she graduated in Library Science from the University of Ottawa, going on to become Director of the Reference Division of the National Library in Ottawa.

**Countess Vera Phyllis (Przibram) Teleki** died on April 7, 2011, at age 100. She was an artist and an author of 10 children's books, and a rare books librarian at the University of Toronto.

**Lillian Joan (Ambridge) Stoicheff** died on May 18, 2011 in Saskatoon, at age 81. She obtained her library diploma in Toronto, where she worked in libraries for many years.

**Reva Eileen Yates** died on May 9, 2011 in London, Ont., at age 87. She was a librarian at the University of Western Ontario in the Faculty of Engineering.

## Retirements

**Faye Abrams** of the OCUL will retire on November 30, 2011, after 38 years as a librarian. (See Awards.)

**Charles Cameron**, long-time Director of Regional Services of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library Service, retired at the end of July 2011. He was associated with leadership roles in the public library when its administration was located in St. John's, Nfld., and moved with the library when the administration was relocated to Stephenville, Nfld., in the mid-'90s. A regular attendee at conferences, Charles was, for many years, the professional face of the public library service.

**Percilla Groves** retired from Simon Fraser University in early 2011. She began working at the SFU Library as a library assistant in 1973 and, after earning her MLS degree from UBC, continued working in a professional capacity in various positions, including Reference Division Head. (See Awards.)

**David Jones** (MLIS UWU, 1971) retired as Map Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries, on December 31, 2010, after 30 years service. He has been an active member of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA). (See Awards.)

**Eleanor MacLean** (MLS McGill) has retired from the Blacker-Wood Library of Zoology and Ornithology at McGill University, where she was well known for her knowledge of its important rare-book collection.

**Allison Taylor McBryde** retired in May, 2011, after 25 years as Coordinator of Children's and Young Adult Services in North Vancouver District Library. She will continue as Adjunct Professor at SLAIS, where she has taught courses in children's and young adult literature for a number of years.

**Bill Maes** has retired as University Librarian at Dalhousie. He is a member of Ex Libris, and has a t-shirt to prove it.

**Pamela Miller**, after graduating from McGill, received an archival degree from the University of London, England. She held various positions at McGill, including archivist at the McCord Museum of Canadian History. Her final position was as History of Medicine Librarian at the Osler Library of the History of Medicine, McGill University.

**Carole Moore** retired as Chief Librarian at the University of Toronto Libraries in June 2011, after 25 years of dedicated service, during which she led the U of T Library systems to the top-five ranking among North American university libraries.

**Phyllis Rudin** (MLS McGill) has retired, after many years of service, from the McLennan Library Reference Department at McGill University. Her specialty was history.

**Kendall Wallis** (BA, MLS McGill) has retired from the McLennan Library Reference Department at McGill University, where he spent his entire career. For several years he was Acting McLennan Librarian.

## Appointments

**Donna Bourne-Tyson** has been appointed University Librarian at Dalhousie University. She comes from Mount St. Vincent University, where she was University Librarian. She has an expertise in copyright, which will be useful in handling electronic resources.

**Gillian Byrne** has left her position as Head, Electronic Resources and Serials, at Memorial University's Elizabeth II Library (St. John's, Nfld.,) to become a manager of CAUL/CBUA in Halifax.

**David Fox**, Librarian Emeritus, University of Saskatchewan, was appointed Editor-in Chief of *Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research* in mid-2010. The Journal is a free, fully open-access practitioner's journal sponsored by The Partnership.

**Bruno Gnassi** is the new University Librarian at Bishop's University in Quebec. He held the same position at Mount Allison University.

**Tom Eadie** has been appointed interim University Librarian at Mount Allison University until a replacement for Bruno Gnassi has been found. Tom had held the position previously. Tom is a member of the ELA board.

**Katherine Koch** was appointed Head of Coutts (Education and Physical Education) Library at the University of Alberta on July 11, 2011. She was previously Library Chair at MacEwan University in Edmonton.

**Clive Maishment** has been appointed CEO of The Alberta Library (TAL) on a permanent basis, after serving a one-year secondment. He coordinated the NEXT Symposium and strategic planning in the fall of 2010, with a view to positioning TAL to play a leading role in the future of the province's library community.

**Ingrid Parent**, UBC University Librarian, has become the first Canadian

to serve as President of IFLA. Her presidency began in August, 2011 and will run for two years. (See Awards).

**Pam Ryan**, after 15 years with the University Alberta Libraries, was appointed Director of Library Services at Edmonton Public Library, effective July 2011, after a one-year secondment. Pam served as President of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries 2009 to 2011.

**Paul Whitney**, former Chief Librarian of Vancouver Public Library and past-president of CLA, has been re-elected for a second term on the IFLA Governing Board. (See Awards)

**Faye Abrams** has won the OCUA's Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to Ontario's university libraries.

### Awards

**Melody Burton**, Chief Librarian at UBC Okanagan in Kelowna, was a recipient of CACUL's 2011 Miles Blackwell Outstanding Academic Librarian Award. She was honoured for her leadership over many years at several academic libraries, including Concordia College in Edmonton, University of Alberta, York University, University of Windsor and Queen's University.

**Bryan Corbett**, formerly University of Alberta Records Archivist, was made a Fellow of the Association of Canadian Archivists, the highest honour conferred in the Canadian archival profession.

**Raymond Frogner**, formerly University of Alberta Private Records Archivist, received the W. Kaye Lamb prize for the best article in *Archivaria* (# 70, Fall 2010 issue) for: "Innocent Legal Fictions: Archival Convention and the North Saanich Treaty of 1852."

**Percilla Groves**, retiring librarian at Simon Fraser University, was awarded an Honourary Life Membership by the BC Library Association at its conference in April. She was

recognized for her leadership in support of access to information, especially government information, and for pioneering participation with the BCLA Information Policy Committee.

**David Jones** received the Honourary Alumni Award from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta in the fall of 2010.

**Ken Ladd**, Associate Dean, University of Saskatchewan Library, was the recipient of the Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award for his 2010 paper, "An Examination of the Failure Rate and Content Equivalency of Electronic Surrogates and the Implications for Print Equivalent Preservation." The Award is named for Dr. Blackburn, first president, 1963-64, of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL).

**Marina O'Grady Lamont** won the ABO-Franco's Le Prix Micheline Persaud Award for her promotion of bilingual libraries at the Ottawa Public Library.

**Ingrid Parent** received an honorary doctorate from the University of Ottawa and was also honoured by SLAIS at its recent 50th anniversary dinner, where she received a Distinguished Alumnus certificate.

**Joyce Pinksker**, Librarian at Burnaby Public Library, received BCLA's Achievement in Library Service Award for her creation of resources, programs, events and services to support immigrants, in partnership with community organizations.

**Eva Roskies Raby** is the recipient of the Anne Giller Award for outstanding service in Quebec librarianship. She has been Executive Director of the Jewish Public Library in Montreal since 2000.

**Randy Reichardt**, Research Services Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries, was named 2011 Engineering Librarian of the year by the Engineering Division of the Special Libraries Association at the annual SLA conference in Philadelphia in June 2011.

**Peter Rogers** and **David Thornley** of Knowledge Ontario are co-winners of the OSLA's award for Special Achievement. The award celebrates their ability to forge partnerships with school boards to provide access to databases with more than 150 million resources. Peter is a member of Ex Libris.

**Marnie Swanson**, University Librarian at the University of Victoria since 1988, was a winner of BCLA's highest honour, the Helen Gordon Stewart Award, which recognizes an outstanding career in librarianship. She has a long career of service to the profession, having served as president of CLA, president of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries and director of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries. She is also currently chair of the British Columbia Electronic Library Network.

**Andrew Waller**, Open Access Librarian in the Scholarly Communication Centre, University of Calgary, was awarded the first Open Access Advocate of the Year Award. It was presented by the open access publisher, BioMed, in London, England, in May 2011.

**Paul Whitney**, retired City Librarian of Vancouver Public Library and past-president of CLA, was a winner of the Helen Gordon Stewart Award, BCLA's highest honour. He also served for many years as chief librarian of Burnaby Public Library, and has been active in professional associations provincially, nationally, and internationally.

**Allan Wilson**, Chief Librarian of the Prince George Public Library, was named the 2011 recipient of the Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship. Among his innovations was the development and promotion of a waterfront library and archives in Prince George, B.C., with a "book boat," which takes books and online resources to outlying First Nation communities. ■



## Cats and Us

A Poem by Bill Roedde

The pussy cat leaps

like a tiger, wild

the tiger is drowsy

like a kitten, mild

In each of us, see

the cat and the kitten

we're tough as a tiger

then soft as a mitten

We find time to strive

and time to sigh

time to live

then say good bye.

Meow!

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