



Press Release

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The Canadian Library Association (CLA) is pleased to announce the awarding of the [CLA/ACB Dafoe](#) and [H.W. Wilson Scholarships](#). These scholarships are each awarded annually to a student commencing studies for their first professional degree at an ALA-accredited degree program in library and information studies (MLIS). Criteria for the scholarships include academic achievement, leadership potential and a demonstrated interest in the profession.

Mr. Alexander Herd of Richmond Hill Ontario is being awarded the CLA/ACB Dafoe Scholarship (\$5000) and Ms. Zoe Dickinson of Victoria, British Columbia is being awarded the H.W. Wilson Scholarship (\$2000).

Mr. Herd aspires to be an academic librarian with a focus on history assisting not only students but faculty and other researchers as well. Having “learned the challenges of locating sources and the limitations imposed on accessing these sources due to time, funds, travel and lack of digitization” he also wants to focus on digitization and preservation of historical information and their sources in order to improve access for all those interested.

Ms. Dickinson, a published poet, hopes to become a children’s librarian with the goal of providing and building on the same excellent services to children, their parents and their caregivers that she received as a child when she visited her local library. In her application Ms. Dickinson wrote: “I love spending my days surrounded by books, but I feel that I can make a greater difference to others as a children’s librarian.”

“The Jury was very impressed with the number of strong applications received and the high caliber of the applicants. Herd and Dickinson stood out for all Jury members and we anticipate they will have successful and interesting careers.” noted scholarships jury chair Donna Breyfogle.

The CLA/ACB Dafoe and H.W. Wilson Scholarships have been awarded by CLA for over 25 years and demonstrate a significant commitment on the part of CLA and H.W. Wilson in supporting the profession.

The Canadian Library Association is Canada's largest national and broad-based library association, representing the interests of public, academic, school and special libraries, professional librarians and library workers, and all those concerned about enhancing the quality of life of Canadians through information and literacy.

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