



Canadian
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des bibliothèques

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ANNUAL REPORT
2008-2009

OUR MISSION

CLA is my advocate and public voice, educator and network. We build the Canadian library and information community and advance its information professionals.

OUR VALUES

We believe that libraries and the principles of intellectual freedom and free universal access to information are key components of an open and democratic society.

Informed and knowledgeable membership is central in achieving library and information policy goals.

Effective advocacy is based on understanding the social, cultural, political and historical contexts in which libraries and information services function.

OUR OPERATING PRINCIPLES

A large and active membership is crucial to our success.

Our association will have a governance structure that is reviewed regularly and ensures that all sectors of the membership are represented.

Our association places a high value on each of our members.

2008-2009

Report of the President

When I was elected President of CLA Stephen Abram warned me not to be too ambitious, that any President could only hope to accomplish one thing during the year's term. Wendy Newman added that she had been President the last time there was a change in Executive Director and that managing that change was an all-consuming task.

If my one accomplishment is to have hired Kelly Moore as Executive Director of CLA, then I have had a very good year. She started work the first day of the HR Summit last October and has become more confident and more impressive with each passing week.

But while a President might only accomplish one or two things, an organization such as CLA can stay fresh and relevant and creative when it harnesses the power of its membership and when it employs good staff. We are moving forward on a number of fronts.

As a result, I can tell you about more than a single accomplishment.

To me, one of the most impressive changes in CLA over the last several years is our increasing effectiveness when lobbying for issues of importance to our profession.

Rob Tiessen of the University of Calgary has done a stunning job chairing our Copyright Working Group, producing an excellent position paper related to the last version of a national copyright bill and preparing for the next version, expected to be tabled this coming fall. We have worked effectively with Impact Public Affairs to ensure that our positions on copyright and other issues are known on Parliament Hill. Kelly and I met with a senior staff member at Heritage Canada just over a week ago and heard our thoughts and feelings on copyright fed back to us as valid concerns.

Impact Public Affairs and Kelly and I have done, we believe, a good job of ensuring that Canadians also understand the value of libraries during tough economic times. I am probably the first CLA President in years to be heard on both the national radio and television news.

I have travelled the country during the past year and can tell you that many of the concerns raised at October's HR Summit resonate with our colleagues. There is surprisingly strong support for the concept of recertification and there is enthusiasm for breaking down the barriers between our current silos, allowing more career flexibility. There is also pride in the name librarian. Joanne Gard Marshall of the University of North Carolina told us last fall that, in one survey, over 90% of American librarians stated that they were either pleased or extremely pleased with their choice of profession. As she indicated, we need to celebrate this stunning finding.

CLA has made significant changes in our annual conference, with more to come. We are trying to place greater emphasis on new voices and the best possible ideas and concepts, instead of simply the best ideas that fit within a year's set theme.

We remain active and committed to the concepts of Intellectual Freedom. I entered into a debate regarding Internet Filtering that took place – and is still taking place – in Cambridge, Ontario when members of the public began to make pronouncements about what public libraries must do. As you may know, an MPP from the Cambridge area has sponsored a private member's bill that would require all Ontario public libraries to install filters. We will continue to monitor this bill and will fight it aggressively if it gains any momentum.

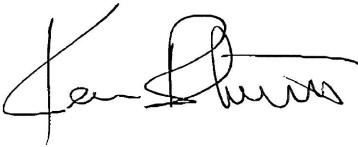
Several years ago our membership at a previous AGM asked their Executive Council to tell Heritage Canada that it felt the position of National Librarian should be filled by a professional librarian. When the position of Librarian and Archivist of Canada became vacant earlier this spring Executive Council decided that the existing motion is still valid. We immediately wrote to Heritage Canada and let them know that CLA strongly felt the Librarian and Archivist of Canada should be either a Librarian or an Archivist. As you know, the position was filled internally and was filled very quickly. While the new Librarian and Archivist of Canada is not a librarian or archivist, we will work with him to ensure that Library and Archives Canada remains relevant to our community.

Last year's AGM produced four resolutions from the floor, and I am pleased to report that all four were received by Executive Council and considered very carefully. I was directed, by Executive Council to act quickly on several of the resolutions and did so.

One of the privileges of being CLA President is the opportunity to attend the IFLA conference. Alvin was able to show to stunning pictures of South Africa at last year's AGM and John will be able to show you equally stunning pictures of Milan next year. As you know, I was able to attend IFLA without leaving the country or even the time zone where I live. Still, it was an honor to be the host country for IFLA librarians from around the world. Conversations at that conference reminded me of just how lucky we are to live and work in Canada.

I need to make sure that you all thank your Executive Council. They have been terrific. I have been a professional librarian in Canada for more than thirty years. The past two years have taught me that my own thinking about the profession has been too narrow and too confined to my own silo – public libraries. We are a richer profession than I knew and our ranks are peppered with strong and talented people I had never met.

One of these new friends has been last year's President, Alvin Schrader, and another is your incoming new President, John Teskey. I did not know John until just over a year ago but can tell you now that – between John and Kelly and your Executive Council and the staff of CLA- the organization is in good hands.

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Respectfully submitted
Ken Roberts
CLA President, 2008-2009

Activities Report

June 2008 ~ June 2009

Executive Director Activities Report 2008-2009

2008 was a year of significant activities and significant changes for CLA.

One of the major events of 2008 for the Canadian library community was the opportunity to play host to the **IFLA World Library and Information Congress** in Quebec City. Nearly 4000 librarians and exhibitors from around the world gathered for this event, and over 600 Canadians were able to participate in this unique professional conference. CLA had representation on the National Organising Committee, and many of our members hold key volunteer positions within the IFLA governance structure.

In anticipation of the IFLA Congress, CLA worked with the Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation (ASTED) and other members of the library community to create **BiblioMondialis**, a national foundation with two main purposes. In the short term, it was to provide assistance to delegates from developing countries to attend the IFLA Quebec meeting. In future, it is intended to provide funds for Canadians to pursue international activities in librarianship, whether that be attending foreign national or international conferences or conducting research on issues related to international librarianship.

Prior to the IFLA Congress, the Bibliomondialis foundation raised over \$43 000. Money was disbursed to bring 8 delegates to IFLA Quebec; and there is now approximately \$10 000 remaining in the fund. CLA and ASTED are working to develop the criteria by which individuals may make future applications to the fund.

2008 saw a number of **staff changes** in the CLA office, with the departure of the Executive Director, the Webmaster, and the retirement (after 24 years!) of Executive Assistant Brenda Shields. This degree of turn-over, and the resultant impact on our corporate memory, has proved to be a challenge for staff as we moved into 2009. However, we also recognise that it gives us the opportunity to review some long-standing practices, and to implement changes where appropriate.

It has been a bit of a whirlwind since I arrived in the Executive Director's office at the beginning of October.

My first two days in the job coincided with CLA's hosting of the **National Summit on the Future of Library Human Resources**. It was an excellent introduction to many of the leaders of our community, and a chance to observe them working together to face the particular challenges of a rapidly changing workforce environment. Summit participants have agreed to tackle a number of key issues, and CLA will coordinate this on-going work.

One of the unanticipated but fascinating files which I have taken on is **Resource Description and Access (RDA)**, the next-generation cataloguing standard. CLA is a member of the Committee of Principals, the oversight body for the project, and is also a co-publisher of the RDA product. CLA members participate on the Joint Steering Committee (JSC, responsible for developing the RDA content), and are also engaged in providing comments on the draft text. They are holding workshops to introduce the product to the professional community and provide updates on its development. It is anticipated that RDA will be available for use by the end of 2009.

CLA has continued to work on a number of advocacy initiatives over the past year. We were pleased that Canada Post decided to maintain the **Library Book Rate** for 2009, with no increase in costs. We were also happy to support MP Merv Tweed (Brandon-Souris) on the introduction of his private member's bill to create legislation supporting the Library Book Rate. Past-President Barbara Clubb participated in the press conference introducing this bill. CLA continues to encourage members to sign petitions for Mr Tweed to present to Parliament.

With our government relations firm, Impact Public Affairs, we created an **Elections Toolkit** for members during the last federal election. The kit contained sample letters, questions to ask of riding candidates, and talking points on issues of particular importance to CLA members and our profession. The toolkit was one of the most-used elements of the CLA website.

We continue to **meet with MPs, and officials and staff** in federal government ministries to raise awareness of key issues, including copyright and infrastructure resources for libraries. We are also working in concert with staff at Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind on the development of the Initiative for Equitable Library Access.

I have had the privilege of attending a number of **provincial association conferences**: the OLA Superconference (CLA President Ken Roberts and I gave a session on the HR Summit), the Alberta Library Conference (CLA had an exhibition booth to promote our 2010 National Conference in Edmonton), and the Manitoba Library Association conference (I was invited to give the closing keynote address).

Following up the recommendations of the Executive Council's Task Force on the Conference Program, CLA staff have been working on implementing changes to continue to **strengthen the CLA conference**. This year, we changed a number of elements including the composition of the Conference Program Committee and the submission process for sessions. We worked on presenting a revitalised Book Awards Ceremony, and expanded the Closing Ceremonies. We will be evaluating these changes, and look forward to introducing a few more new elements in Edmonton.

It has been an exciting and challenging first eight months on the job. I would like to thank all CLA members, and particularly members of Executive Council for your patience and support while I learn the ropes. And I would like to acknowledge and thank the CLA staff for breaking me in gently!

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Respectfully submitted
Kelly Moore
CLA Executive Director

CLA Financial Statements
Auditor's Report

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members,

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES

We have audited the Statement Of Financial Position of the Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques as at December 31, 2008 and the Statements Of Changes In Net Assets, Operations and Cash Flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 384,752	\$ 352,841
Short term investments	55,000	55,000
Accounts receivable	69,038	45,786
Inventories	26,258	24,550
Prepaid expenses	<u>118,255</u>	<u>103,958</u>
	653,303	582,135
INVESTMENTS	534,732	560,540
CAPITAL (note 3)	<u>33,547</u>	<u>53,999</u>
	<u>\$ 1,221,582</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,674</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)	\$ 306,334	\$ 240,928
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>237,686</u>	<u>245,690</u>
	<u>544,020</u>	<u>486,618</u>
NET ASSETS		
Mary Elizabeth Allan Operating Fund	478,945	507,127
Special Purpose Funds (note 7)	283,695	283,440
Unrestricted	<u>(85,078)</u>	<u>(80,511)</u>
	<u>677,562</u>	<u>710,056</u>
	<u>\$ 1,221,582</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,674</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
NET ASSETS RESTRICTED TO MARY ELIZABETH ALLAN OPERATING FUND		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 507,127	\$ 505,830
(Loss) gain on investments	<u>(28,182)</u>	<u>1,297</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 478,945</u>	<u>\$ 507,127</u>
NET ASSETS RESTRICTED TO SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 283,440	\$ 302,024
Transfer to (from) unrestricted net assets	<u>255</u>	<u>(18,584)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 283,695</u>	<u>\$ 283,440</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ (80,511)	\$ (49,985)
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>(4,312)</u>	<u>(49,110)</u>
Transfer (to) from net assets restmcted to Special Purpose Funds	<u>(255)</u>	<u>18,584</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ (85,078)</u>	<u>\$ (80,511)</u>

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
REVENUE		
Membership services	\$ 432,604	\$ 425,690
Conference and exhibits	569,957	590,863
Book sales	135,953	160,664
Felciter and website	160,725	147,078
Investments and miscellaneous	31,374	10,576
Executive	10,186	15,489
Young Canada Works - Heritage Canada	372,592	390,424
Projects	41,278	30,573
Special purpose funds and projects (note 7)	<u>54,546</u>	<u>23,748</u>
	<u>1,809,215</u>	<u>1,795,105</u>
EXPENSES		
Member services	139,388	123,071
Conferences and exhibits	267,062	281,527
Book sales	107,083	127,729
Felciter and website	173,015	177,506
Finance	104,569	98,389
Executive	569,821	625,413
Young Canada Works	372,592	390,424
Projects	63,214	30,357
Recovery of administrative costs	(37,508)	(52,533)
Special purpose funds and projects (note 7)	<u>54,291</u>	<u>42,332</u>
	<u>1,813,527</u>	<u>1,844,215</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (4,312)</u>	<u>\$ (49,110)</u>

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (4,312)	\$ (49,110)
Items not requiring an outlay of cash:		
Amortization	21,401	23,511
Net change to non-cash items related to operations:		
Accounts receivable	(23,252)	89,181
Inventory	(1,708)	3,172
Prepaid expenses	(14,297)	(5,474)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	65,406	(35,389)
Deferred contributions	(8,004)	27,477
	<u>35,234</u>	<u>53,368</u>
CASH FLOWS USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in investments	(2,374)	(11,463)
Acquisition of capital assets	(949)	(29,117)
	<u>(3,323)</u>	<u>(40,580)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH POSITION	31,911	12,788
CASH POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>352,841</u>	<u>340,053</u>
CASH POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 384,752</u>	<u>\$ 352,841</u>

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. THE ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques mission is to promote, develop and support library and information services in Canada, and the people who provide those services, by being a national advocate, public voice, educator and network for the Canadian library and information community. The Association is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Mary Elizabeth Allan Operating Fund represents a donation received in 1973 from the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Allan. This donation was bequeathed by Mrs. Allan to ensure the continuous work of the Canadian Library Association.

THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS have been established by groups of members, divisions and others for specific projects and purposes.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

INVENTORY

Inventory is valued at the lower of average cost and net realizable value.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in mutual equities and bonds funds are recorded at market value.

AMORTIZATION

Amortization of capital assets, other than leasehold improvements and systems software, is calculated using the declining balance method. Amortization of leasehold improvements and systems software is calculated using the straight-line method. Amortization of other assets is calculated using the straight-line method. The rates are as follows:

Office furniture and equipment	20%
Computer hardware	30%
Computer software	20-100%
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Systems software	2 years

Amortization of additions to capital assets, other than systems software, is calculated at 50% of the rates reflected above in the year of acquisition.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Contributions are recognized as revenue as qualifying expenditures are incurred.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
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3. CAPITAL ASSETS	COST	ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION	NET BOOK VALUE 2008	NET BOOK VALUE 2007
Office equipment	\$ 48,655	\$ 37,026	\$ 11,629	\$ 14,536
Computer hardware	51,271	43,576	7,695	9,840
Computer software	54,883	40,757	14,126	29,327
Leaseholds	50,375	50,278	97	296
	<u>205,184</u>	<u>171,637</u>	<u>33,547</u>	<u>53,999</u>

Amortization expense of capital assets for 2008 is \$21,401 (2007 - \$23,511)

4. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

The Canadian Library Association is a custodian of funds allocated to various Divisions and Interest Groups. These funds amount to \$155,083 as at December 31, 2008 (2007 - \$146,544) and are included in the accounts payable.

5. COMMITMENTS

The Association is committed to the leases of office facilities and equipment over the next two years as follows:

2009	\$ 68,780
2010	\$ 28,600

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments reflected in the statement of financial position consist of cash, investments, amounts receivable and amounts payable. The Association does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes and does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments.

INTEREST RATE RISK

The Association is subject to cash flow risk with respect to its holdings of investments.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Association's exposure concentration of credit risk relates to project contributions receivable and customer receivables. The project contribution receivables are due from various government agencies.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Association incurs expenses denominated in foreign currencies and is exposed to risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The Association does not currently hold any financial instruments that mitigate this risk.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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7. SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS AND PROJECTS

	BALANCE OPENING	REVENUES	EXPENSES	BALANCE ENDING
Book Award Fund	\$ 47,482	\$ 3,013	\$ 8,244	\$ 42,251
Intellectual Freedom Fund	57,245	1,036	46	58,235
Research And Education Fund	33,174	571	1,000	32,745
Scholarship Bursary Funds	83,951	6,413	9,500	80,864
Bibliomondialis	600	42,900	32,751	10,749
Northern Exposure To Leadership Fund	2,793	139	(149)	3,081
Library Advocacy Now Fund	4,536	79	-	4,615
Advocacy Award	30,037	187	1,009	29,215
Chancellor Award	6,521	41	-	6,562
Angela Thacker Fund	7,037	167	761	6,443
Disaster Relief	-	-	-	-
Hurricane Relief	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS	<u>273,376</u>	<u>54,546</u>	<u>53,162</u>	<u>274,760</u>
Information Rights Week	5,095	-	-	5,095
Book Rate	4,969	-	1,129	3,840
PROJECTS	<u>10,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,129</u>	<u>8,935</u>
	<u>\$ 283,440</u>	<u>\$ 54,546</u>	<u>\$ 54,291</u>	<u>\$ 283,695</u>

Division Reports *June 2008 ~ June 2009*

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

CASL has continued to promote the interests of teacher librarians and school libraries across Canada. As president, I represented CASL and teacher librarians at CLA Executive meetings in September and February as well as at the national conference in Montreal at the end of May 2009. I was part of a group of library stakeholders from across the country who met in Ottawa in October at the National Summit on Human Resources.

In 2008-09, I continued posting information and resources for both the SLIC and NSLD websites. Derrick Grose is the new editor of School Libraries in Canada (SLIC). After a delay of 8 months, I published my last edition of SLIC as editor in January 2009 and Derrick published his first edition in February 2009.

Donna Desroches from Saskatchewan and I continue to post information of interest to our membership on the CASL listserv. I continue to share information from the executive to our membership through the CASL listserv.

In 2008-09 we continue our policy of keeping in touch with provincial associations by subscribing to provincial listservs and passing along information. We post information to the CASL-PAC listserv so that we can keep in touch with provincial and territorial association executives across Canada.

I have expanded my role on the Teacher Librarian Ning by sharing administrative duties of the site with Dr. Joyce Valenza and other teacher librarians. It offers groups, discussions and forums for literacy experts to discuss school library related matters. Many teacher librarians across Canada have joined this network. <http://teacherlibrarian.ning.com/>

Sandra Hughes, our advocacy chair, has set up an Advocacy Blog for our members. She continues to work on it.

BC Literacy Forum

This online community offers literacy organizations, teachers, teacher librarians, parents and other stakeholders in literacy education in Canada to join together. It offers discussions, groups, resources, photos and videos.

Several members of the CASL executive continue to participate in this forum. <http://www.bcliteracyforum.ca/>

Advocacy

We continue to promote conferences and institutes across the country on the CASL website and listserv so that teacher librarians can meet and exchange information. Because of the ongoing economic downturn across North America, we have been vocal in responding to cutbacks to teachers librarians and services to school libraries across Canada, especially in the Maritimes.

We continue to meet by teleconference or face-to-face with CASL-PAC members to discuss advocacy issues.

CASL continues to work with the Canadian Library Month Committee to coordinate our National School Library day within the CLM activities. Seven provinces and 1 territory officially declared NSLD in October 2008.

John Tooth will be presenting a copyright monograph for school libraries in Canada that he has written on behalf of CASL at the National Conference in Montreal.

We have formed an editorial board and have started writing the second edition of *Achieving Information Literacy: Standards for School Libraries in Canada*. We hope to have it ready for printing at the end of 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Beaudry, CASL President
May 2009



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

As a strategic initiative, the CAPL Executive approved a new logo to replace the one that has been the face of the Division since 1994. Thanks to Partner Publishing for designing a logo that truly reflects a new image for Canada's public libraries. A CAPL banner with the slogan *Be the Difference* was also designed. A postcard using the slogan and the design of the banner will also be produced to promote membership in the Division.

Professional Development

CLA Conference Program

Maureen Sawa was the CAPL representative on the conference program committee. She reviewed all CLA program submissions for the 2009 conference and consulted with the Executive to ensure their relevance to public libraries. CAPL sponsored a pre-conference workshop on Readers' Advisory, but due to poor registration the workshop was unfortunately cancelled. As a way of having CAPL presence across the country, the CAPL Executive is exploring workshop partnerships with provincial library associations. This year, CAPL sponsored a Readers' Advisory pre-conference workshop at the Atlantic Library Association Conference.

Advocacy/Information Sharing/Partnering

Public Libraries: Building Capacity

Following the launch of the Public Libraries Building Capacity wiki at the conference last year, a committee was established as a standing committee of CAPL to further develop the wiki. The committee held four meetings via teleconference and continues to find ways to make this tool relevant and more accessible to CAPL members. Committee members were: Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins as chair; Louise Reimer, Edmonton Public Library; Lorraine Salt, Saskatoon Public Library; Deborah Thomas, Burnaby Public Library; and Kelli Wooshue, Halifax Public Library.

Advocacy Now Website

CAPL will be working with CLA to develop a more user-friendly Advocacy Now website in the upcoming year.

Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-Being

CAPL renewed its membership in the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-Being, a project initiated by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. The vision of the coalition is that a balanced approach is needed for crime prevention, through emphasizing social development as well as enforcement. Petra Mauerhoff is the CAPL liaison on this initiative.

Member Communications

A Communications Committee was created following the 2008 Annual General Meeting as a standing committee. The Committee brought together under one umbrella several key duties and responsibilities relating to communication within the membership that previously had been split between the various members of the Executive. Responsible for the maintenance of the website with the assistance of the CLA Webmaster, the listserv, blog and Facebook page, the Communication Committee's focus this past year has been on providing information to the membership via a variety of formats. The various formats allow individuals to stay connected to the business of the organization by means of their preferred communication tool. The next step for the Communications Committee is to use the forums at our disposal to provide CAPL members with the means to interact with each other across the country, to discuss pertinent issues, spark conversations about common interests, and share successes as well as lessons learned.

Town Halls

CAPL conducted its second teleconference Town Hall in early March 2009. Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins and Sheri Bain co-hosted the Town Hall. A successful Town Hall was also held during the Ontario Library Conference in January 2009 and a second one is planned during the Atlantic Library Association Conference in June. Results of the Town Halls were posted on the CAPL website. The Town Halls provide useful feedback to the Executive in planning future direction.

Awards and Bursaries

CAPL/Brodart Award

The award committee met via conference calls and chose Judith Saltman of the University of British Columbia as the winner. The committee decided that the winner of the award will now be announced well ahead of the conference. The mandate was reviewed and instead of giving the award to a librarian in mid-career, the award will now be given to an individual who has made a lasting impact on the local, provincial or national level. Committee members were Susan McLean, Past-President of CAPL as convener; Nancy Cohen, Past-President of CACL; Don Mills, Mississauga Public Library; and Allan Wilson, Prince George Public Library.

CAPL Conference Bursary and CAPL Northern Exposure to Leadership Bursary

The two bursaries were advertised through the listserv, on the website and on the CAPL Facebook. In addition, various provincial library associations advertised the awards on their listservs. The NELI bursary was awarded to Kelley England of King Township Public Library. The CAPL Conference Bursary was awarded to Stephen R. Warren of Greater Victoria Public Library. Committee members were Petra Mauheroff, CAPL executive as chair and Faye MacDougall, Cape Breton Regional Library.

Nominations

The Committee was successful in identifying members for each of the vacancies on the CAPL Executive. Committee members were Susan McLean, CAPL Past-President as convenor; Joanne Griener, Edmonton Public Library; Diana Guinn, Vancouver Public Library; Barbara Love, Kingston Public Library; and Ingrid Moasil, Gatineau Public Library.

The CAPL Executive moved that Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins complete Sheri Bain's term as councilor and Lita Barrie continue in her role as CACL President for one more year following the resignation of the Vice-President.

Acknowledgments

I would like to thank all of the CAPL Executive for their commitment, and, in particular, Susan McLean who is leaving the Executive after completing her four-year term and Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins who is completing her two year term as councilor. I would also like to thank all of the CAPL members who generously gave their time to assist with the different CAPL committees. Finally, I would like to thank the CLA staff for their constant support and patience.

Respectfully Submitted,
André Gagnon, President CAPL



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS

Summary of Activities

There were a number of significant changes to CACL activities this year. CLA reviewed the conference planning process and streamlined the process to create a more cohesive program. I sought feedback from CACL Executive for conference topics and approached several possible speakers. The Notables session is planned for Sunday, May 31st and there are a number of sessions of interest to Children's Librarians being offered.

The Book Awards were without any sponsors in a challenging economic climate. Judy Green at CLA worked diligently and secured two new sponsors for the awards. Tutor.com is sponsoring the YA Book Award and the Library Services Centre will be sponsoring the Amelia Francis Howard-Gibbons and Children's Book Award. CLA has also secured a sponsor for the Awards Ceremony. TD Financial will sponsor this year's Awards Ceremony, and it is certain to be a spectacular event. All the award shortlists have been released. I liaised with Book Award Committee Chairs and CLA to support this process. I have also been working to review the structure of the Book Awards. A report was drafted and submitted to CACL and CAPL Executive and in light of sponsorship developments, plans are under review to secure a strong and vibrant future for the Book Awards program.

2009-2010 Executive

- The CACL Vice-President/President Elect had to step down from CACL due to work commitments.
- At present, the position of Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President are vacant. They will be nominated from the floor at the AGM.
- I will continue the role of President for 2009-2010.

Other activities

- a. I participated in the conference calls and September meeting of the CAPL Executive.
- b. I attended the Canadian Children's Book Centre's Canadian Children's Literature Awards Celebration.
- c. I assisted with the development of a new logo for CAPL.
- d. I presented at the Toronto Public Consultation of the National Strategy for Early Literacy (NSEL). The NSEL is a federal initiative being led by the Canadian Language & Literacy Research Network.
- e. I assisted in the creation of a banner for CAPL.

Many thanks to the CACL Executive Committee members:
Nancy Cohen, Moncton Public Library
Annette DeFaveri, Vancouver Public Library

Respectfully submitted,
Lita Barrie
President, CACL



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

President's Report

I begin this report by thanking the members of the CACUL executive who have each worked hard on your behalf. My thanks to Pam Ryan, Vice President, Elizabeth Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer and our three Directors: Shannon Gordon, Director At Large; Wendy Rogers, Director Institutional; and Gillian Byrne, Director Personal. I also wish to acknowledge the work of Gladys Watson, Chair of CTCL and Heather West, Secretary/*Communiqué* Editor.

In addition to your elected executive CACUL has enthusiastic and committed members who serve on task groups and committees including the Task Force on Standards for Libraries in Higher Education; the Re:Generations Committee, the CACUL Teleconference Committee, the Nominations Committee, the various awards committees and the Research Board.

We heard you! Last year in the conference evaluation form we included a question about whether to continue having the Great Debate. There was no debate! Your response was a resounding “yes”.

CLA Conference 2009, Montreal, Quebec, highlights

- Peer reviewed sessions *

“Smart information use: Generating knowledge and avoiding plagiarism”, Dr. Joy McGregor, Charles Stuart University

“Are they finding what they need? Library databases and users with print/learning disabilities”

Norda Majekodunmi, Assistant Librarian, Scott Library, York University
Kelly Dermondy, Librarian, Disability services, Ryerson University

*for clarification, next year the name “Peer Reviewed Sessions” will be replaced by the name, “Research Sessions” as the CACUL Research Board reviews the research proposal, not the research itself

- The Great Debate: “Be it resolved that collaboration between academic and public libraries is a waste of resources”.
- CACUL Reception, with tremendous appreciation for the continued sponsorship from ProQuest

Member benefits

CACUL offers several grants to encourage conference attendance, research, and publishing. These include Workshop Grants, Conference Grants, a Mid-Career Conference Grant and Student Membership Awards.

The 2008-09 grant recipients are:

CACUL Workshop Incentive Grants

- Sharon Brown of Wilfrid Laurier University for ‘More Than Mortar: A Symposium on Revitalizing the Academic Library as Space and Place’.
- Su Cleyle of Memorial University for ‘Staff Development Day’.
- Nancy Goebel of the University of Alberta for the ‘Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Information Literacy Symposium’.
- Patricia Moore of Carleton University for ‘Research Workshop for Librarians’.
- Sharon Murphy of Queen’s University for ‘Successful Grant Writing for Librarians and Archivists in the Academic Environment’.

CACUL Conference Grants

- Nicole Eva, Subject Librarian, University of Lethbridge
- Kealin McCabe, Reference Librarian, University of Northern British Columbia
- Jessica Posgate, Ontario Project Coordinator, Knowledge Ontario

CACUL Mid-Career Conference Grants

- Donna Millard, Strategic Priorities Libraries, McMaster University
- Doug Kariel, Head of Technical Services and Systems, Athabasca University

Awards

The CACUL awards provide an opportunity for members to celebrate the accomplishments of their colleagues. Without generous sponsorship these awards would not be possible.

On behalf of CACUL, I express our great appreciation and thanks to Blackwell's for sponsoring the Miles Blackwell Award for Outstanding Academic Librarian; Ebsco for their sponsorship of the CACUL New Academic Librarian of the Year Award.

This year we received no nominations for the Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award.

Thank you to the many individuals who took the time to acknowledge their peers and to submit nomination packages on their behalf.

The 2008-09 award winners are:

Miles Blackwell Award for Outstanding Academic Librarian: Gwen Zilm, the Associate Vice President Learning Services at University Of British Columbia (Okanagan),

CACUL Innovation Achievement Award: The University of Toronto Mississauga Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre

CACUL New Academic Librarian of the Year Award: to be announced at the 2008-09 CACUL AGM

CTCL Outstanding College Librarian Award: Katherine Wallis, Library Director, Georgian College

CTCL Innovation Achievement Award: The Banff Centre Library

Sponsorship

This year the executive was faced with the challenge of the withdrawal of sponsorship for the CACUL Innovation Achievement Award and the CTCL Outstanding Librarian Award. There have also been reductions in the level of sponsorship for the CACUL reception. CACUL was not the only Division in CLA to experience diminishing sponsorship. The Division budget was able to carry the cash value of the awards for 2008-09; future sponsorship will continue to be sought.

Committees

Standards for Libraries in Higher Education

Mandate: "to create standards that can be used to improve professional practice in Canadian academic libraries, meet the changing needs of our user communities, and to reinforce the values of the profession."

Membership: Richard Ellis (chair), Marie DeYoung, Donna Bourne-Tyson, Isla Jordan, Leeanne Romane and Pamela Drayson.

Re:Generations Committee

Mandate: to reach new academic librarians to re-energize the academic library profession

Membership: Deborah Hicks (chair), Megan Fitzgibbons, Christina Hwang, Susan Murphy and Karen Nicholson

Elections

CACUL

- Secretary/Treasurer
- Director at Large

CTCL

- Secretary/*Communiqué* Editor

Many thanks to the Nominations Committee: Donna Bourne-Tyson (Chair), University Librarian, Mount Saint Vincent University; Keith Walker, Director of Library Services, Medicine Hat College Library; Gillian Byrne, Head, Circulation, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Lorelei Harris, Librarian, University of Lethbridge

*****Outgoing CACUL Board Members in 2009 are: Elizabeth Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer; Shannon Gordon, Director at Large; Alison Nussbaumer to Past President

Membership

CACUL membership for 2008-09 (based on February 2009 data) is:

- 170 Institutional members
- 642 Personal members

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Nussbaumer, CACUL President 2007-09



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES

CASLIS uses our Strategic Plan, adopted in 2003, to direct our activities. We focus our efforts across 4 broad goals:

CASLIS will

- Develop and active, diverse membership
- Develop and provide services that are meaningful to its members
- Continue to develop as a dynamic organization that is responsive to its member's needs
- Ensure its membership is visible within the library, information management and employer communities

Active Diverse Membership

Our structure, with a strong local presence through the Chapters and the Government Section, creates many opportunities for us to interact directly with our members. This focus on our members relies on the hard work of dozens of volunteers across the country. CASLIS promotes the professional benefits of being actively involved, such as the opportunity to learn new skills or take a leadership role. A number our members became CASLIS volunteers for the first time in 2008, serving in a wide range of roles.

CASLIS continues to have a strong student cohort and a wide range of institutions are also included in our membership. Across all categories, CASLIS membership remains relatively steady, with seasonal fluctuations. We value all of our members, and want more of them to value. While we know that CASLIS provides services that are meaningful to our membership and to the broader special library community, we also see that such activities are not always sufficient to create new members.

Develop and provide services that are meaningful to its members

CASLIS, primarily through the Chapters and Section provided an exciting range of programs and member focused initiatives across Canada through out 2008, with over 700 attendees across more than 30 events. Our local presence has always been a CASLIS strength.

CASLIS programs aim for cost recovery; we learned in 2008 that our programs can in fact generate revenue. For example, Ottawa is financial self sustaining thanks to the 2 day seminar in early 2008. Programming revenues in Toronto allows that Chapter to stretch their disbursements from National to create a full year of events. Calgary generates sufficient revenue with their directory to also be self sustaining. Even Special Issues, through the publication of the CASLIS Cookbook, will generate revenues for the Division. Member attendance at programs is always substantial.

Continue to develop as a dynamic organization that is responsive to its member's needs

Bringing Chapter and Section representatives together in September allowed us to learn from and support each other. This planning meeting generates program ideas for the conference, the road show, and for local needs. The result is shared inspiration and motivation, such as Calgary and Edmonton's joint plans for a day long event in early 2009 after seeing the success of Ottawa's event.

While the Calgary-Edmonton event was postponed due to the economic downturn, it is one of many examples of the September meeting creating value for members locally.

The mentoring program has taken some time to get off the ground, but was pursued through 2008 as we determined the best way to post the actual mentoring application forms. We are now using SurveyMonkey to solicit mentors and mentees – please consider it!

The re-launch of Special Issues in 2008 also has provided a venue for members to participate in the community and share knowledge.

Ensure its membership is visible within the library, information management and employer communities

2008 saw CASLIS kick-start a publishing program with the return of Special Issues and the release of three other publications.

After a hiatus of 18 months, Special Issues: Bulletin of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services made a comeback in 2008, publishing two issues in April and October. Over 30 members of the Canadian and international library community contributed articles to Special Issues, with numerous written by new professionals.

The CASLIS Chapters and Section continued to maintain strong relationships with student groups and faculty at many library education programs across Canada. Students from both technical and masters programs sat on local executives. Students also benefitted from reduced or no costs at local events.

As CASLIS President, I attended the National Summit on Library Human Resources in early October where I strongly advocated for broader inclusion (beyond the sample of government libraries) of the Canadian special library community in future surveys, preferably in the form of a complete census of all libraries in Canada. We learned of a number of research initiatives in the US and elsewhere that are useful for understanding the situation; it is important to note that many of these materials have strong special library related data sets, showing it can be done!

CASLIS continued to enjoy a presence on Canadian Library Month committee. Canadian Library Month is an important undertaking, promoting libraries of all kinds. We marked our second Canadian Special Libraries Day on the last Thursday of October, which was the 31st in 2008.

CASLIS invested in a professionally designed collapsible upright banner. The graphics we purchased for the banner will also be used on a new brochure to be developed through 2009, and we'll also be using them on our website. I hope you will see the banner some time soon as we try to get it to as many events as possible!

General Comments

CASLIS recognizes its duty to members to use their dues responsibly and in service of member needs. We have sought to keep our governance costs as low as possible, and in 2008 we were under budget in this regard.

CASLIS also recognizes that we would achieve very little without the dedication and efforts of CLA staff, who provide us with their time, expertise and so much more. Our heartfelt thanks go to all of them!

*Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Stockand*



CANADIAN LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

2008 Annual Report

By Jan Harder, President, Canadian Library Trustees Association, Chair, Ottawa Public Library Board, Councillor, City of Ottawa

In my address to the BC Library Conference last month, I talked about the 5 Ps: partners, passion, persuasion, purpose and politics. I used the 5 Ps to illustrate how libraries can respond to challenges in our modern world, but the 5 Ps can also be applied to our own situation within CLTA, and our work in the past year. We have striven to work with passion and purpose, to unite and partner with provincial trustee associations, to advocate on the political stage, and to persuade our members and all those invested in libraries to engage with the issues and work towards progress and development.

The Canadian Library Trustees Association is one of the five divisions of the Canadian Library Association. Your executive council for the 2008-2009 year has been: President Jan Harder, the Chair of the Ottawa Public Library Board, Vice-President Betty Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer Elaine Kivisto, the Deputy Chair of Regina Public Library, and Councillor-at-Large Darryl Lucke from the Regina Public Library.

Our goal is to build CLTA into a force for change across the country. As a result, your executive has focused on communications and reaching out to the provincial trustee associations. The results have been outstanding this year and I feel we have bridged many gaps across the country. CLTA has made contact with the Friends of Canadian Libraries, to explore initiatives where CLTA can further the goals of FOCAL. I also made a submission to the federal government regarding fiscal infrastructure programs on behalf of CLTA in January 2009, and urged you all to make the case for public library eligibility for infrastructure funds. As a result, libraries were included in the Culture section of the program. Our voice is growing stronger and is being heard! In these days of economic uncertainty, we need to demonstrate the value of the public library in the community if we are to move from awareness to sustainable funding in the long term.

CLTALK, our quarterly newsletter, has grown this year: its graphics were re-designed in Fall 2008 and content has expanded to include news from contributing members, events of note across the country, and a popular "News Watch" column with links to international library news of interest to trustees. CLTA has also made regular contributions to CLA Digest. In Fall 2008, I co-wrote an article for *Felicitier* about the trustee experience at the 2008 Annual Conference in Vancouver.

I have made many trips across the country in 2008-2009, and I have had the pleasure of meeting many Canadian trustees via the provincial association conferences. At the Ontario Library Association Superconference, CLTA hosted a reception for library trustees, and I gave presentations, including a joint presentation with our city librarian, Barbara Clubb, entitled "Advocacy at Work – Saving Branch Libraries." This session outlined the successful campaign designed by the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library, to save branches from closure in Ottawa. The Friends launched a "Save Our Services" website, an online petition, and an education campaign; as a result, no branches were closed and no hours were cut.

I also presented at the BC Library Conference and the Manitoba Libraries Conference in May 2009. My presentation in Manitoba centred on the bigger picture: fiscal, technological, and demographic challenges, and how libraries can face these challenges head-on with real solutions for growth and enrichment. More on these two trips out west in a forthcoming issue of CLTALK.

I am pleased to announce the winners of the two CLTA awards for 2009. The Stan Heath Achievement in Literacy Award winner is Windsor Public Library. Windsor's long-standing and multifaceted literacy program for adults is in its 29th year! The second award, the Merit Award for Distinguished Service as a Public Library Trustee, goes this year to Rod MacArthur of Sydney, Nova Scotia for his long-standing and active board membership, frequently as chair, on the Cape Breton Regional Library Board as both a councillor and citizen representative. Rod also served two terms as member of the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Funding Review Committee, and was recognized in 2001 by the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS), when he was awarded its Honorary Membership Recipient for Distinguished Service to Public Libraries in Nova Scotia.

As I write this yearly update, our annual conference is fast approaching. This year we meet in the stunning, diverse and dynamic city of Montréal, and the conference has a full buffet of learning opportunities for hungry trustees to devour. These include our CLTA Annual General Meeting & Reception on Sunday, May 31st, and session entitled "From Awareness to Funding: A Study of Library Support," "The Survey of Challenged Materials in Canadian Libraries: Sharing the Results, Discussing the Findings," "The Art of the Woo: Selling Ideas without Selling Out," "Setting the Course and Staying on Target: Implementing a "Just Enough" Model for Strategic Planning and Project Management," and "Questioning Success: Purposeful Thinking, Budgeting Basics for Your Library." To help prepare you for conference season, we focused the last issue of CLTALK on coping with conferences: you can check out <http://www.cla.ca/docs/CLTALKMar09.pdf> for some last-minute reminders!

I have greatly enjoyed my presidency of CLTA, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked with me. First of all, thank you to other CLA Executive Council members and to our new Executive Director, for their enthusiasm, commitment and great ideas. Thank you also to members of the CLTA Executive, for all their continued hard work and support this year, and a particular note of heartfelt thanks to the many, many trustees I have met and talked to all across the country, for giving me their precious time and inviting me warmly into their cities, their libraries, and their lives.

CLTA increasingly seeks to be a vehicle for trustees across the country to share with and learn from each other. To support this goal, the final section of this report includes an overview of many of our provincial trustee associations in action this past year.



Interest Group Reports

June 2008 ~ June 2009

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

ACTION FOR LITERACY

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Convenor: Maggie Weaver

- Members receive a Business Information Interest Group newsletter every 2 months featuring articles on innovative services, useful news and tips for members, and other announcements.
 - Promoted the interest group at other venues such as the OLA Super Conference to increase membership.
 - Featuring a session at the 2009 CLA Conference.
 - Planning a webinar for members.
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COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Report on Activities

April 8, 2009

The Collection Development and Management Interest Group (CDMIG) of the Canadian Library Association has the following terms of reference:

- To represent the interests of librarians involved in collections development and management.
- To arrange opportunities for continuing education, both at the national conference, and by means of regional workshops.
- To provide a means of communication between librarians involved in collections development and management.
- To raise the awareness of the library community at large with regards to the issues of concern to librarians involved in collections development and management.

The CDMIG has been involved in a variety of interesting activities in the last year:

Collections Pre-conferences

The collections pre-conference is an almost-annual event (it has been held every year since 2002, save for 2003) and has become the primary project for the CDMIG. The 2008 pre-conference, "Collections 2008: Collections 3.0", was held on Wednesday, May 21 at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver. Attendance was good, with over 75 people at the event. The 2009 pre-conference is entitled "Collections 2009: Collections in times of innovation and change". It will take place on Friday, May 29 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. There is an excellent slate of keynote and paper presentations and strong sponsorship support.

CDMIG Award

The CDMIG has an award, the CLA/YBP Award for Outstanding Contribution to Collection Development and Management. This award is designed to "recognize an individual member in good standing of CLA who has made an outstanding local, national or international contribution in the field library collection development or management". YBP Library Services very kindly provides a prize of \$1,000 to be awarded to the winner. The second presentation of the award will be at the collections pre-conference on May 29, 2009. The recipient will be Carol Stephenson, Head, Collections and Acquisitions at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Sponsoring Sessions at the CLA Conference

As in past years, the CDMIG will be a session sponsor at the main CLA conference. This year, there are several sessions that relate to collections work and the CDMIG will be sponsoring two of these:

C21-Collections numériques et services à distance de Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec

D22-The Notables: An Annual Survey of the Best Canadian Books for Young Readers

E-Mail List and Facebook Group

In spring 2008, a formal email list was set up for the Collection Development and Management Interest Group. Open to anyone, most official IG communications are through this list but it is also designed to serve as a tool to send information about and discuss Canadian collections topics.

A CDMIG Facebook group was established in spring 2008. As of writing, it is just starting but, if successful, it will be another communication tool for members to utilize.

Membership Numbers

As of early 2009, the Collection Development and Management Interest Group has 111 members. This is the highest number of members the group has had since I have been convenor.

New Convenor/Co-Convenors

I had originally hoped to be stepping down as convenor after the 2008 CLA conference. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, I was unable to do so and have carried on as convenor for 2008-2009. I will definitely be leaving the convenor position after this year's CLA conference. There is one person who will be a co-convenor and I am in the process of finding one other co-convenor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Waller
Collection Development and Management Interest Group Convenor
April 8, 2009*

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN LIBRARIANSHIP

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

EVIDENCE-BASED LIBRARIANSHIP

Terms of Reference (amended May 2007):

- To represent the interests of librarians involved in evidence-based librarianship and library related research.
- To organize continuing education opportunities for librarians in this area.
- To provide a means of communication between librarians involved in evidence-based librarianship.
- To assist librarians with the dissemination of library research utilizing an evidence-based model.
- To partner with Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP) to select the journal's editorial board as required.

Activities of EBLIG in 2008/09:

- Advertised the availability of new workshop grants to support and encourage the development of continuing education activities in evidence based librarianship. Two grants are available for 2009.
- Developed a logo to be used in promotional materials and media as branding for the group.
- Continued development and maintenance of a wiki entitled eblibrarianship: the wiki of the Evidence Based Librarianship Interest Group (EBLIG) to facilitate interest group collaboration, sharing, and information access, as well as a means of communication: <http://eblibrarianship.pbwiki.com/>. Special thanks to Virginia Wilson, IG member and former Co-convenor, for coordinating updates and a version upgrade.
- The group sponsored the EBLIP5 Conference (5th Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference), to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, June 29th July 3rd 2009.
- EBLIG members are participating as editors, on the editorial advisory board, and on the evidence summary team of the open access journal, Evidence Based Library and Information Practice. The interest group and journal worked cooperatively to develop guidelines for a research award.
- EBLIG members continued to be involved in CE presentations and activities on EBL topics and promoted and reported on these activities through the EBLIG wiki and the listserv, including Cara Bradley, Julie McKenna, and Virginia Wilson's presentation at the joint Saskatchewan Library Association / Manitoba Library Association conference in Regina, SK, Virginia Wilson's session on EBLIP at the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL) annual

conference, Saskatoon, SK, and HLABC's Spring 2008 Workshop, "Critically Evaluating Research Papers - Essential Skills", by Lindsay Glynn in Vancouver, BC.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Fahey, Memorial University of Newfoundland and
Renée de Gannes-Marshall, Canadian Dental Association, EBLIG Co-convenors

INFORMATION COMMONS

INFORMATION LITERACY

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION NEEDS OF NATIVE PEOPLE

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

LIBRARY HISTORY

LIBRARIES IN COMMUNITIES

LIBRARY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES

Convenor: Deb Mann

Terms of reference:

- To provide a forum for discussion, advocacy and professional development in regards to providing service to individuals with print disabilities
- To collaborate with other interest groups, libraries and organizations
- To analyze and promote technologies and initiatives that improve service to individuals with print disabilities
- To encourage the utilization and sharing of alternative format materials among libraries for the benefit of individuals with print disabilities
- To coordinate and contribute to advocacy efforts regarding equitable library service in all types of libraries for persons with print disabilities

Update of activities:

In keeping with the goals set at our second annual meeting during the 2008 CLA Conference, group members put together a poster contest for students in Canadian library and information programs, and created a speaker's bureau to allow our members to connect with interested groups and classes.

We offered a very successful session at the 2008 conference entitled "Think you're providing equitable service? Think again!", and several members will be taking part in conference sessions related to print disabilities in 2009. Our members have been represented on the CLA Conference Program Committee and the CLA Working Group for the Initiative for Equitable Library Access (IELA), and have sponsored the IELA pre-conference session for the 2009 conference. We are scheduled to take part in the Print Disabilities theme issue of Feliciter in 2010, with content and editorship coming from members of the group. Interest Group members continue to communicate primarily through our listserv, with any official documents posted to our e-community site.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Mann, convenor

LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

April 14, 2009

Since the last CLA conference:

- After the LIT Program Chairs/Coordinators meeting in Vancouver, I met Alvin Schrader. Upon recommendations from Alvin and in cooperation with the LIT Program Chairs/Coordinators, I have sent a letter to the CLA Executive Council requesting that a Task Force be formed to review and update the *Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians* document.
- Participated in the CLA IG conference call meeting in October.
- Arranged the LIT Program Chairs/Coordinators meeting in Montreal.
- Coordinated the Networking Social Supper during CLA Conference.
- Emailed LTIG members as well as the provincial LIT associations and interest groups of events and news.
- Maintained regular contact with CLA Councillor, Catherine Steeves, as well as CLA Office Staff.
- Placed the nomination call for the LTIG Award of Merit. No nominations were received this year.
- No applications were received for this year's LTIG Conference Bursary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hildebrandt
LTIG Convenor, 2008-09

MONTREAL CHAPTER

Activities Report 2008-2009

Submitted: April 14, 2008

Executive

President: *Lina Gordaneer*
Vice-President/President Elect: *Leticia Cuenca*
Past-President: *Jocelyne Andrews*
Member-at-Large: *Pat Riva*
Liaison-CLA McGill Student Chapter: *Janelle Ramsay*
CLA Councillor liaison: *Catherine Steeves*

Membership

As of January 31, 2008, we had a total of 41 members, which is an increase of 17% over the previous membership report on July 31, 2008.

Events

1. The CLA Montreal Chapter continued its monthly series of informal, bilingual meetings for the Montreal library community called Salon des Bibliothécaires. These get-togethers are centered on a theme and offer an opportunity for librarians and anyone connected to the local community to come together to share their experience and point-of-view with others. Most months, the gatherings have been attended by approximately 10-14 people, and have taken place in various cafés where participants are not charged admission, and are free to purchase supper or refreshments. We have one more Salon to be held April 30th, which will bring our total to 5 of these events in 2008-2009.
2. The Chapter participated in the national Librarians Run for the Cure team on September 30th, 2008. Local team members ran or walked the Run for the Cure route in Montreal, and Jocelyne Andrews represented the Chapter as our local team captain. Lina Gordaneer, Laura May and Leticia Cuenca also attended.
3. On November 21st, 2008, the Chapter joined with CASLIS Ottawa to offer a Project Management workshop given by Colin Lindsay. Around 50 people attended. The event was very popular and much appreciated.
4. This year's reception for the CLA President, Ken Roberts, took place on January 27th, 2009. The Chapter continued its tradition of supporting the McGill Student Chapter in this event by helping to defray the cost of refreshments.
5. The Chapter once again participated in the 24th annual holiday fundraiser for CODE, co-hosted by ABQLA, SLA and the Montreal Chapter of CLA. The event was held on December 3rd, at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish. 51 people attended and a contribution of \$1600 was made.

6. The Chapter co-sponsored a workshop entitled, “**Web 2.you: A Workshop for Information Professionals**,” on February 13th, 2009, at McGill’s School of Information Studies, Approximately 50 people attended. A record of the event, including audio and video recordings, is available on the official wiki at: <http://web2pointyou.pbwiki.com/>
7. The April 30th Salon will be a “special edition” celebrating the upcoming CLA Conference. Past CLA conference attendees will join us as experts for the evening and described both their experiences with CLA as well as what participants might expect if they attend this year.

Communications

1. The Chapter blog for news and local events at <http://clamontrealchapter.blogspot.com> has continued to expand, and we have had close to 4338 hits since the beginning of 2008.
2. We created a Facebook group for the Chapter in September 2007, which has been well received by members. Using Facebook, we were able to create “events” listings for Chapter events, and post additional notices, photos and supporting materials for some events.
3. We continue to maintain excellent relations between the Chapter and ABQLA and CASLIS Ottawa, in part because of the involvement of executive members in these other associations. We hope to continue to collaborate on other events in the future.
4. Our standard e-mailing list notifying other organizations of our events was continued to include groups in the French library community as well as other specialties, which has led to increased attendance at Salons and other events from a spectrum of library schools, types of library, and various levels of experience. This cross-pollination has been extremely valuable for both networking and learning.

NEW LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

2008-2009 Report

Recent activities

- At the 2008 CLA/ACB Conference, the NLIP-IG presented a popular conference session that focused on challenges faced by new professionals. Feedback from this session indicated that audience members particularly appreciated the exchange of ideas that took place among newer and more experienced professionals. In response, we developed a follow-up panel session, “Walking the walk and talking the talk II: An intergenerational conversation about work,” for the 2009 Conference.
- The NLIP-IG has also undertaken additional Conference-related activities:
 - Organizing the First-Timers’ Breakfast (with help from CLA staff)
 - Publishing *The First-Timer’s Guide to a Successful Conference*, for distribution at the First-Timers’ Breakfast
 - Supporting the Conference Pub Night (under the leadership of the Local Arrangements Committee)
 - Sponsoring Lynne Mackay’s session “When first impressions count: Creating your professional image” (organized by CASLIS)
 - Coordinating and sponsoring the Conference Colleagues mentoring program
 - Compiling and publishing the travel guide *Montréal on the Cheap*, featuring recommendations from NLIP-IG members, for distribution online, at the First-Timers’ Breakfast, and at the Conference hospitality table
- Communication with members continues to take place via email newsletter, and to a lesser extent, through Facebook and our blog (commongroundnlip.blogspot.com).

Future directions

- Over the course of the next year, the NLIP-IG’s main priority will be to become more beneficial to members who do not attend the CLA/ACB Conference. To this end, we are exploring several potential new initiatives, including the establishment of awards recognizing new professionals.

Respectfully submitted,
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 Sarah Polkinghorne, University of Alberta
 NLIP-IG Co-convenors

OPEN ACCESS INTEREST GROUP

RESOURCE SHARING

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Annual Report

April 13, 2009

In March of 2009, it was confirmed that the proposed merger of TSIG and SIG was approved. An email had been sent to both memberships in order to confirm that this was a change everyone understood and approved of; the response was overwhelmingly popular, and it was submitted to CLA Executive Council for final approval. We expect this to be a time saver for CLA administration, and reduces the need to drum up interest for two executives. The convenor-elect for TSIG, Marcia Salmon, is aware of the change and has no problem with taking this on. Both the CLA website, and the TSIG [wiki](#) have been updated to reflect the merger.

Pre-conference and conference planning has been active this year. TSIG has two sponsored sessions approved for the conference in Montreal. They are as follows:

1. Implementing Primo at the Tri-University Group of Libraries – presented by Alison Hitchens
2. SACO (The Subject Authority Component of the PCC) : An Introduction and Discussion of McGill's Experience – presented by Karen Jensen

We have also coordinated an evening social event during which topical discussion groups will be organized. This provides an excellent opportunity for like minded individuals to discuss issues that they are facing in their libraries in a relaxed atmosphere with refreshments. We held this same event last year and it was met with great success. We had a good turnout, enough to fill three round tables, and with help from the organizer, Doug Kariel, there was much engaged discussion at each table with suggested topics and talking points. Everyone enjoyed the snacks and drinks provided; it was a good mix of socializing and a chance to discuss “hot topics” in technical services. We will hold it again this year, and again, assess if we should make it a standing event (budget permitting).

Most activity this year, however, has been focussed on organizing TSIG's second pre-conference. This time, we will be focussing solely on RDA. Myself, Pat Riva, Chris Oliver, Trina Grover and Marcia Salmon have been working together to secure outstanding speakers who are able to speak authoritatively about the development of the new cataloguing standard. We have had an overwhelming response so far; at press time, there were well over 100 registrations. We decided to use an off-site venue as we did expect a large turnout. Pat Riva was able to secure the Bibliotheque Nationale auditorium for the day, at no cost. I was able to secure some sponsorship from Coutts and Blackwell's to help offset the refreshment costs at break time. Due to the size of the event, we will be supplying a list of nearby restaurants for lunch.

We wanted to keep registration affordable, however, we also decided that any profit we made would be beneficial as we anticipate upcoming expenses for supporting the delivery and development of RDA training. We will also be looking to CLA for support for any such approved endeavours. It has been agreed that this is a good fit for TSIG activity, and we have the membership and expertise to be leaders in this area. Furthermore, we also decided to explore possibilities for webcasting the day's events. Through a great deal of research and consultation (not to mention the purchase of equipment by none other than Ryerson Library), we will be offering a free webcast for the masses. It will be hosted on an open source website called [ustream.tv](#). We anticipate that this will be a popular option for many who cannot afford to travel to Montreal.

Contrary to last year's experience, we received an overwhelming reaction to our call for nominations for the CLA/3M award for achievement in technical services. A new committee was formed (again, with a very positive response), comprised of myself as Chair, and Marcia Salmon (convenor-elect and standing member), and the newest member, Thomas Brenndorfer. Thomas will stand for two years, Marcia will act as Chair and we already have a new member ready to step in to replace Marcia as a standing member.

As for the award itself, we received five very impressive nominations. Two were from public libraries and three from academic libraries. It was a unanimous decision of the group to select the “Open Sourcing the Serials Workflow” submission from the Robertson Library team at the University of Prince Edward Island. Mark Leggott, the chief librarian, will accept the award during the pre-conference event.

As for our upcoming meetings, we have decided to forgo the IG breakfast meeting this year. We have been unsatisfied with this venue for our AGM for quite some time. It was too late to try to reserve a conference room to hold it during an alternate time slot, so we have made alternative off-site arrangements. In the future, we will be recommending that alternatives are explored for these breakfast meetings as they almost always run into conference session time slots, and the rooms in which they are held are often too noisy to actually conduct a proper AGM. Especially since this year a new convenor, Marcia Salmon will be taking over, we decided to opt for something quieter. We will therefore, be holding our AGM on Saturday May 30th, at 11am at La Popessa located at 115 St. Antoine Ouest. Lunch will follow.

WORLD LIBRARIES

YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

Committee Reports June 2008 ~ June 2009

COPYRIGHT WORKING GROUP

Submission to the Annual Report

The Copyright Working Group had two main tasks over the last year.

At our annual meeting in Vancouver, one of the issues we discussed was *demand letters* and how libraries should respond to them. A subcommittee comprised of Margaret Ann Wilkinson and Mary Anne Epp came up with a statement that is now posted to the CLA website:

<http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Resources&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=5800>

Hopefully this will prove to be an important resource for libraries that receive demand letters.

Taking much more of our time leading up to the election, was CLA's response to Bill C-61 the government's attempt to amend the Copyright Act before the Fall election. Here is a link to the news release that CLA sent out the day after the legislation was released:

<http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=News1&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=5374>

The CWG was also very involved in the creation of the advocacy kit that went out in August encouraging CLA members to try to meet with their Members of Parliament to discuss the copyright legislation:

http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Copyright_Information&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=4507

As the election got started, the CWG issued our brief on Bill- C-61. This took a huge amount of time and was the focus of our efforts over July, August and early September:

<http://www.cla.ca/copyright/Unlocking%20the%20public%20interest-Final.pdf>

Among other things that were done, CLA signed Essential Action's global petition asking for governments to make the negotiations over Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement public.

<http://www.essentialaction.org/access/index.php?/archives/173-Secret-Counterfeiting-Treaty-Public-Must-be-Made-Public,-Global-Organizations-Say.html>

This is a follow up to the work that had been done last year by both the Copyright Working Group and the International Trade Treaty Working Group on CLA's brief regarding ACTA.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE TREATIES WORKING GROUP

Annual Report. May 2009

Convenor: Kirsti Nilsen.

The International Trade Treaties Working Group (ITTWG) is a division of the Standing Committee on Intellectual Property and Public Access, along with the Copyright Issues Working Group and the Information Policy Working Group. These groups cooperate in their efforts to ensure that the broader CLA membership is aware of issues related to these topics, and to provide input to the CLA executive.

At the CLA 2008 annual meeting in Vancouver, ITTWG brought forward a resolution on the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), which was approved at the AGM on May 24, 2008.

At the request of the executive, the convenor prepared a "Backgrounder and Annotated Bibliography on AIT and on TILMA and AIT" which was available for the January 2009 board meeting and which is now available on the CLA Web site at <http://www.cla.ca/AM/CLA-AITandTILMAbackgrounderJan2009byNilsen.doc>

On behalf of the Intellectual Property and Public Access Committee, Kirsti Nilsen wrote an article entitled "Book and Magazine Publishing Policies in Canada" which was published in *Feliciter* 54 (3): 109-112.

The Committee also proposed a *Feliciter* theme issue on information policy which is being co-edited by Kirsti Nilsen and Heather Morrison, co-convenor of the Information Policy Working Group. A call for papers has been issued. This theme issue is tentatively scheduled to appear in July/August 2010.

ITTWG has scheduled no conference presentation on trade issues for the 2009 CLA conference. However, the convenor participated in planning discussions, and the group will participate in the Intellectual Property and Public Access Committee meetings.

Kirsti Nilsen's term as convenor ends this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirsti Nilsen

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Annual Report to the CLA Executive Council for 2009-10

Committee members:

Margaret Haines, co-convenor (Carleton University)
Pamela Drayson, co-convenor (University of Ontario Institute of Technology)
Cabot Yu (Citizenship & Immigration Canada)
Ann Curry (University of Alberta)
Beth Dunning (McGill University)
Carol Shepstone (Mt Royal University)

Committee activities:

Research & Development Grant:

- Promoted the Grant primarily by notice in *Feliciter* and CLA website. Also posted reminder messages on the CLA listserv and various library listservs including CARL and others.
- Reviewed and scored applications for the CLA Research and Development Grant. We received 3 applications this year, down from 10 last year. This year all applications were received via email rather than hard copy. One of the co-convenors blinded all applications before distributing them to committee members to limit bias. A committee member excused herself from offering comments on one application as she was familiar with the candidate. The grant was awarded to **Jean McKendry** for her project : *A Qualitative Analysis of Public Library Architecture and the Use of Public Space in Libraries by Persons Experiencing Homelessness*.
- The committee used the scoring sheet developed by the committee in previous years. As a result of our grant deliberations this year the committee will review the scoring tool and evaluation criteria again for next year.
- Although no applications in French were received this year CLA has agreed to accept applications in French and then pay to have the application translated into English for review.

Collaborative Activities

- The R&D Committee has been in regular contact with LIRG – the Library and Information Research Group of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in the UK, including three face to face meetings in the UK, one in December 2007 with several members of LIRG including the Chair, one in November 2008 with the Chair and the LIRG Officer responsible for developing their research register and another in April 2009 with the Editorial Board for LIR – the journal of LIR. The purpose of these meetings was first to determine if there was interest in collaboration in a) developing a register of research findings in the LIS fields b) sharing research training tools, encouraging publication in LIRG for Canadian researchers and d) sharing research strategies including lists of research priorities and other documents related to research awards, etc.
- There was initial interest from LIRG in collaborating with CLA R&D Committee at the first meeting and subsequent meetings were set up to explore this further. The CARL Library Education Working Group which leads on CARL's R&D initiatives and strategy was also part of this meeting. Since that meeting, there was been an exchange of strategies and documents e.g. criteria for awarding research grants.
- At the November 2008 meeting, the main focus for discussion was focused on developing a shared research register of LIS research in the UK and Canada. LIRG was in the process of developing their register and demonstrated their Beta version. However, this turned out to be a register of researchers in the UK and not published research findings. LIRG said that there was an Italian open access website which does take LIS research from around the world as long as authors agree to open access. LIRG was interested in having Canadian researchers listed in their register and asked for a Canadian “editor” to handle contributions to the register when it is ready.
- The third meeting involved the LIR Editorial Board. One of the CLA Co-Chairs of the R&D Committee is on the Editorial Board. There was great enthusiasm for Canadian contributions to the journal.
- The R&D Committee discussed these meetings very briefly at its last meeting. The view was that it was a shame the LIRG register was not of research findings and there was consensus that Canada needed its own research register which included sabbatical and in-house research findings. Members agreed to discuss with CARL whether work on a Canadian register could be shared (NOTE – a CARL member had volunteered to do a register of Canadian academic LIS research but subsequently withdrew the offer).
- There was some interest in encouraging Canadian LIS researchers to contribute to the Italian site but it was recognized that not all researchers would publish in an open access international repository. Similarly there is interest in encouraging Canadian researchers to contribute to LIR and other international research journals but it was also felt that we should be encouraging publication in Canadian and particularly open access journals e.g EBLIP.
- Liaison with LIRG and with the CARL LEWG and other groups focused on LIS research will continue and proposals for a Canadian LIS research register may be brought to the CLA Board in due course.

The CLA R&D Committee would welcome an opportunity to speak with the CLA Executive about the importance of research in the CLA Strategic Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Haines

Pamela Drayson

Co-Convenors, Standing Committee on Research and Development



Task Forces
June 2008 ~ June 2009

CLA TASK FORCE ON OPEN ACCESS

CLA WORKING GROUP ON THE INITIATIVE FOR EQUITABLE LIBRARY ACCESS (IELA)

Report on activities – 2008-09

CLA's Working Group on IELA began early in 2008 and has met one time in person at the 2008 CLA Annual Conference and seven times via teleconference since then. We were pleased that staff members from Library and Archives Canada's IELA Project have been able to participate in the meetings. Terms of reference were developed to guide the Group's work.

The working group has supported the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) IELA in a variety of ways. The working group consists of eleven CLA members and two members representing visually impaired and learning disabled library users. IELA is building the case for government funding of equitable access to public library service for people with print disabilities who need alternative format materials. The working group has provided input to LAC on a variety of topics including: a survey of public libraries to assess technology readiness and gaps; marketing and communications strategies for services; the electronic clearing house and library service standards and training guidelines. LAC is tasked with making recommendations to the federal government on funding strategies. In conjunction with this the Working Group is pressing for a broader discussion of the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in this initiative: public libraries, CNIB Library, BAnQ, and LAC. A sub-committee has been formed to address this and report in early Fall 2009.

*Submitted by
Beth Barlow and Trevor Surgenor
Co-Convenors.*

CLA Award Winners 2009

Outstanding Service to Librarianship
Barbara Clubb

CLA/Information Today Award
Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

CLA Research & Development
Jean McKendry

Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada
Kim Bolan

CLA/Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship
Karen Lindsay

26th Student Article Contest
Manuela Boscenco

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