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## 2014 CLA Conference & Trade Show

Victoria, British Columbia

May 28 - May 31, 2014

<http://www.cla.ca/conference/2014/>

Presidential Theme 2014:

*Building Bridges to the Future: Colleagues,  
Collaboration and Consultation will get us there!*

### Call for Volunteers Deadline Extended

There is still time to volunteer for the CLA 2014 National Conference and Trade Show. The deadline has been extended to Friday, April 18, 2014.

[Volunteer application form >>](#)

### Call for Papers - Student Views: Research from Canada's LIS Programs

*Deadline extended from March 31 to April 10,  
2014 - Don't miss your opportunity to submit your  
proposal!*

The Canadian Library Association will host a student research paper presentation program at the [CLA Annual Conference](#) in May in Victoria,

BC.

MLIS and LIT students, as well as recent graduates, are encouraged to submit presentation proposals. This is your opportunity to showcase and present your work at a national conference.

[Read more at blogs.dal.ca >>](#)

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## **Extended deadline: Call for Papers: Canadian LIS Research Forum; Pre- Conference Workshop**

Location: Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Deadline for proposal submission: Friday, April 18, 2014

Proposal length: 500 to 1000 words

Workshop fee: \$70.00 CAD (includes light breakfast, lunch, snacks and coffee)

[Conference / workshop registration page >>](#)

We are seeking presentations of 20 minutes or 45 minutes in length, on a wide variety of research-related themes. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Collaborative research
- Communicating your research
- Evidence based librarianship
- Open access publishing
- Public librarians and research
- Research and professional practice
- Research ethics
- Research methodologies

Submitted proposals will be peer reviewed, and authors will be notified regarding acceptance by April 30, 2014.

Please submit your proposals to Caitlin Bakker at [Caitlin.Bakker@unbc.ca](mailto:Caitlin.Bakker@unbc.ca), or to Jennifer Rempel at [Jennifer.Rempel@unbc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Rempel@unbc.ca).

See you at CLA!

Caitlin Bakker  
Jennifer Rempel

### CLA Executive Council Meeting Summary

Executive Council met on February 28 and again on March 28 via teleconference for one hour.

The review of the strategic actions that support the Strategic Priorities approved by Executive Council on December 6, 2013 was completed. Final edit and approval is underway so that the document can be shared with membership. One of the strategic actions is the development and completion of an environmental scan / community survey in order to help guide CLA in its direction and growth.

The By-laws were reviewed and approved in principle. The CLA President and Executive Director are completing a final edit for EC approval prior to distribution to the membership for review and approval at the 2014 AGM.

The CLA Networks Engagement Policy states that if a network has been inactive for a period of a calendar year (i.e. has not provided regular communication with members, via e-mail, social media or events), or has not organized any activities or undertaken any research, Executive Council may propose that the Network be disbanded. Due to inactivity, the Toronto Special Libraries Information Services Network has been disbanded.

Updates were provided by the President and the Executive Director, which included an update on the upcoming CLA conference. A letter had been received by CLA from Canada Revenue Agency regarding CLA's advocacy efforts and its charitable status: the law states that a charity cannot expend more than 10% of its budget on non-partisan advocacy initiatives. CRA reported that CLA was in compliance with this rule. We will be sharing this letter with the membership in the coming weeks along with a 2014 budget and report from the Treasurer.

CLA is pleased to see that Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has revised its controversial Code of Conduct, which was put into effect in early 2013.

In March 2013, CLA [urged LAC to revisit its Code of Conduct](#) in order to strike a more even balance between the duty of loyalty to the Government of Canada that all public servants have and the freedom of expression that is imperative to the work of librarians in a strong democracy.

The [LAC Code of Conduct: Values and Ethics](#) previously restricted unnecessarily the ability of librarians and information professionals to perform key aspects of their work, namely teaching and speaking at conferences and other public engagements. The conditions placed upon those activities, and the categorization of those activities as 'high risk,' effectively eliminated the possibility that librarians may engage in essential elements of their work, elements that benefit both themselves and the greater professional community as well as the public good.

The language of the LAC Code of Conduct also appeared to infringe unnecessarily on the personal activities and opinions of public servants beyond the workplace. While CLA recognizes a duty of loyalty to the Government of Canada and its elected officials, a reasonable balance must be maintained in recognizing that public servants also have a first duty of loyalty to Canadians at large.

CLA is pleased to see that the unnecessary restrictions on librarians' and information professionals' participation at conferences and other public engagements have been significantly reduced. Additionally, the removal of references to discipline for the personal activities and opinions of public servants beyond the workplace is applauded.

While there is still more work to be done, the revised Code of Conduct highlights an improvement. CLA thanks Library and Archives Canada for revisiting its Code of Conduct and recognizing the strong leadership role that LAC librarians play in contributing to innovation in the

profession, in education, and in the field at large for the benefit of all Canadians.

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## Federal Budget 2014

On February 11th, the 2014 federal budget, entitled The Road to Balance: Creating Jobs and Opportunities, was presented in the House of Commons. CLA had a representative present at a private stakeholder Budget lock up on Parliament Hill where a small group of major national associations had an advanced preview and briefing on the Budget prior to Minister Flaherty delivering his Budget Speech on national television.

This budget commits to no new taxes for Canadian Families and businesses, and reduces tariffs on a number of goods. The budget also has a renewed focus on consumer issues, including targeting Canada-US pricing differences and eliminating a number of consumer billing costs.

[Read more at cla.ca >>](#)

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## IFLA 2014 General Assembly

The IFLA 2014 General Assembly will be held during the [IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2014](#), 80th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, in the Lyon Convention Centre, on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 August 2014.

IFLA Members may propose items for inclusion in the agenda (Statutes, Art. 9.5). These must reach the [IFLA Secretariat](#) by 16 May 2014.

The draft Agenda is available on the [IFLA website](#). The Convening Notice for the Assembly will be forwarded to Members in June 2014.

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## Library gets \$550,000 funding boost

A local library program for newcomers to Canada has received a \$550,000 boost from the RBC Foundation.

The funding for the Welcome to the Library program will support orientation tours, a welcome video - which is available in 18 languages and will expand to others - and free library access for newcomers for one year.

"Public libraries have historically been the first point of contact for people who are new to the community and new to the country," Bill Ptacek, CEO of the Calgary Public Library, said in a news release.

The funding was made in partnership with the Calgary Public Library Foundation.

[Read more at calgaryherald.com >>](#)

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## **University of Saskatchewan commits to open textbook program**

Cheaper textbooks are on the horizon for University of Saskatchewan students, as the governments of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia have agreed to establish an open-textbook program.

On March 12, Paul Merriman, the Member of Legislative Assembly for Saskatoon-Sutherland, called U of S Students' Union President Max FineDay to tell him that the Government of Saskatchewan had agreed to the establishment of an open-textbook program. FineDay announced the provincial government's intention at the March 13 University Students' Council meeting.

[Read more at thesheaf.com >>](#)

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## **Victoria library chosen for e-book pilot project**

The Greater Victoria Public Library is partnering with 3M for an e-book pilot project that will make more than 1,000 titles available for lending.

[Read more at vicnews.com >>](#)

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## **Children's Book Bank (Toronto) Wins 2014 IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion**

## Award

Children's Book Bank (Toronto) just won the 2014 IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award, along with a South African project that organizes projects for development of bilingualism and bi-literacy in ECE.

"The Children's Book Bank, Toronto, Canada and PRAESA, South Africa The IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award, initiated by the International Board on Books for Young People and sponsored by the Japanese newspaper company the Asahi Shimbun, is presented to projects that are judged to be making a lasting contribution to reading promotion for young people."

[Read more at ibby.com >>](#)

Note: In Ottawa a similar project is taking shape. It is called "Twice Upon a Time". Former CLA President and CLA Member, Barb Clubb is a member of the organizing committee as is Alexandra Yarrow (CLA member and committee chair) and Helena Merriam (CLA Member). The project already has space in Heartwood House (Vanier) and is collecting books etc. Contact [Barb Clubb](#) for more information.

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## Connect: Canada's Learning & Technology Conference

Connect 2014 is a two day Canadian National Conference that connects educators with technology for 21st century teaching and learning. This conference will give technology leaders the opportunity to work with educators; provide them with the knowledge, teaching methods, and hands-on experiences to help them bring technology into their everyday lessons in the classroom. Teaching that is relevant to our global, innovative, diverse, and complex society requires that we embrace technology as part of our education in the same way that it is part of our lives.

[Read more at cevent.com >>](#)

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## OLA Super Conference 2015: Call For

## Proposals Deadline: Friday May 16, 2014

Share your knowledge, research, expertise, and ideas! Creativity is an idea that resonates with many of us. We're imagining our libraries as creative spaces, and we are engaged in creative thinking to make that shift.

But as David Usher put it - 5% of creativity is inspiration and 95% is hard work.

This year's theme focuses on creativity, the creative process, and the hard work that that implies! It's not enough to have creative ideas - we need to have the gumption to realize those ideas in practical terms. We need to be able to transform our ideas into solutions. We need to be able to "Think it. Do it!"

[Complete and submit the proposal >>](#)

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## Registration now open for the Atlantic Provinces Library Association's annual conference.

Registration is open for the 2014 APLA conference in the vibrant city of Moncton, NB. Come learn about innovative marketing, outreach and advocacy efforts from Atlantic Canadian libraries from June 3rd - 6th. Keynote speakers Maureen O'Reilly (president of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union) and CBC radio host Terry O'Reilly are also sure to have valuable insights to share.

[Read more at apla2014.wordpress.com >>](http://apla2014.wordpress.com)

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## OCULA Spring Conference Registration Open

*Celebrate the letter M: marketing, mobile and more.*

Theme: This year's event will focus on various library dimensions that start with the letter M. Sounds crazy but why not! We all love the Letter M and just imagine the possibilities...marketing,

managing, metrics, meetings, mentorship, mobile, and much more.

[Read more at oculaspring.wordpress.com >>](http://oculaspring.wordpress.com)

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## **Augustana Information Literacy Workshop**

*Building Capacity for Information Literacy Through Wisdom, Courage, and Humor*

When: Wednesday, December 3 (optional information literacy consultations with Mary and an evening workshop dinner) and Thursday, December 4, 2014 (workshop)

[Read more at library.ualberta.ca >>](http://library.ualberta.ca)

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## **ProQuest Completes Digitization of NAACP Papers**

Completed ahead of schedule, PDFs of original documents are fully searchable, enabling an intriguing look inside the U.S. civil rights movement ANN ARBOR, MI, March 24, 2014 - ProQuest, an information firm central to global research, has completed the digitization of the archives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), making one of the most famous chronicles of the civil rights movement accessible to millions of researchers and students.

[Read more at proquest.com >>](http://proquest.com)

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## **Ukrainian Library Association Statement on the International Conference "Crimea 2014"**

Ukrainian Library Association declares protest against the decision to hold an International Conference "Crimea 2014" in Sudak, Crimea. For twenty years librarians from Russia, Ukraine and other countries have gathered together to discuss

the current problems of the development of library science and information delivery. For many years, the Ukrainian Library Association has been one of the co-organizers of this conference; members of the Ukrainian Library Association actively worked in the organizing committee, supervisory board, the program committee of the conference, and participated in its work. However, in light of recent events - the illegal "referendum" on the status of Crimea, illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, and non-recognition by Ukraine and the international community of these illegal acts - the Ukrainian Library Association considers it unacceptable to hold this international conference in Crimea.

[Read more at utlibrarians.wordpress.com >>](http://utlibrarians.wordpress.com)

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## Library 2.014 Worldwide Virtual Conference

The fourth annual [Library 2.014 Worldwide Virtual Conference](#) will be held October 8 - 9, 2014. The conference is online, in multiple time zones over the course of two days, and free to attend.

The conference will once again be held entirely online around the clock in multiple languages and time zones. Everyone is invited to participate in this forum designed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among information professionals worldwide. The call for proposals opens April 1st.

[Read more at library20.com >>](http://library20.com)

## News From CLA Committees and Networks

[CLA networks](#) are established by and for CLA members and non-members: they provide an area for focus on member-identified needs within the broad national library and information community. Networks may be established in a variety of areas, including but not limited to: a type of library activity; a type of material; a type of library or library patron; a geographic location; a social, political or educational issue; a category of worker in the information sector.

There is no cost to join these networks. To subscribe, simply e-mail [membership@cla.ca](mailto:membership@cla.ca) indicating your preferred networks.

## **In this issue of the CLA Digest the Library Technicians and Assistants Network is being profiled.**

The [Library Technicians and Assistants Network](#) (formerly CLA's Library Technician Interest Group) was amongst the first and biggest networks to form. Since we are far-flung across the country we've been sending out LTANews, a very brief, quarterly e-mail to keep us somewhat connected in-between CLA conferences. For the social media savvy, we also have a Facebook page.

Those of us who manage to get to the conference attend our informal annual meeting. We also get together for a dinner or pub night, including members of the local provincial associations. It is the one national venue where library techs and assistants can get face-to-face from sea to sea!

We now have a new moderator, Lauren Bourdages, a recent Library Technician graduate from Waterloo, ON with an interest in childrens/youth programming, & the role of library technicians in the library, and in non-traditional information work roles. She is a Supply Library Technician with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board currently on the hunt for a permanent position. She is also the Canadian & International Volunteer Coordinator for the I Need a Library Job e-Resource Center (<http://inalj.com>), where she is also the Head Editor of the Ontario page. Lauren will be working with Kathy in the upcoming months to transition into the role of primary Moderator for the network so that Kathy can focus on work and other activities. Kathy will be co-Moderating, attending the conference, chairing the LTAN meeting and arranging the pub night.

## **CLA Awards**

**CLA Student Article Award deadline extended**

The CLA Student Article Award deadline is extended to Friday, April 10, 2014. For more information please click [here](#).

[Read more at cla.ca >>](#)

## CLA Workshops and Webinars

### April Webinars

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2014

#### **Becoming Indispensable: The Value Proposition**

Time: 2pm (ET)

Speaker: Ulla de Stricker, de Stricker Associates

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014

#### **Digital Scholarship from the Bottom Up: The Library's Role in Open Access Student Journals**

Time: 2pm (ET)

Speaker: Robyn Hall

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

#### **Transferable Competencies: Opportunities for LIS Graduates in Non-Librarian Positions**

Time: 2pm (ET)

Speaker: Melissa Fraser-Arnott

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014

#### **Beyond Traditional Training: Delivering Dynamic Apps Sessions**

Time: 2pm (ET)

Speakers: Kerry Macdonald and Lori Giles-Smith, University of Manitoba Libraries

[Register >>](#)

## Library Careers

Employers? Ads range from \$175 - \$300 per month (depending on level of membership)! Job Seekers? Free to access and apply!

Check out this week's career ads:

#### [Manager of Programs and Community Development](#)

New Westminster Public Library,  
New Westminster, British Columbia

#### [Manager, Public Services](#)

Regina Public Library,  
Regina, Saskatchewan

[Chief Librarian](#)

Essex County Library,  
Essex, Ontario

Look to CLA for all your career ad needs! With over 16,000 page views monthly, it ranks the highest-viewed area on the CLA website

## People

### **Board of the Squamish Public Library announces new permanent Director**

The Board of the Squamish Public Library is pleased to announce that we have hired a permanent director of library services. After an extensive hiring process Hilary Bloom has been chosen as the permanent director.

This change takes affect April 1, 2014.

We had a very strong group of candidates apply for this job. Hilary's success is a reflection of her great leadership and management skills, long-time library experience and all-around wonderfulness! We look forward to working with her to ensure the library continues to be a fantastic resource that connects the community to the world of learning, discovery and creativity.