

CLA Digest

Canadian Library Association
Association canadienne des bibliothèques

www.cla.ca



In this Issue...

[Hot Off the Press](#)
[CLA Conference 2012](#)
[CLA Awards](#)
[Library Careers](#)
[People](#)
[Shop CLA](#)
[Did You Know...](#)

Hot Off the Press

1. CLA Elections Call for Nominations - Executive Council 2013
2. Help us shape the future of reading in Canada.
3. Urban Libraries in 2012: Under Pressure and In Demand
4. International Adult Learners' Week in Canada - March 24th - April 1st, 2012

News from CLA Units

Please send your news items by Wednesday, prior to the CLA Digest's Friday publishing date. To view the 2012 Digest schedule click [here](#). Email: jgreen@cla.ca

People

Do you have any exciting updates in your workplace?

Hot Off the Press

1. CLA Elections Call for Nominations - Executive Council 2013

In any membership-based organization, all governance activities involve a balance of rights and obligations of the members. Elections are a prime example: members have the right to stand for elected positions, and the right to vote for candidates; they also have the obligation to put themselves forward as candidates when possible, and the obligation to exercise their vote. Good governance depends on active participation.

We are now seeking nominations for positions on the CLA Executive Council for 2013. The elected individuals will start their terms on 1 January 2013.

- The CLA Executive Council consists of:
- President
- Vice-President/President-Elect
- Treasurer
- 3 Councillors-at-large

For the 2013 term we are seeking candidates for the following two positions:

- Vice-President/President-Elect (2013, becoming President for 2014)
- One Councillor-at-large for a two year term (2013-2015)

If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, please submit your name and a short statement to nominations@cla.ca. Nominations must be received no later than April 30, 2012.

Thank you for considering elected service for your association.

The CLA Nominations Committee
Keith Walker (Chair)
Heather Cai
Sarah McCormack

Appointments?
Retirements? Share your news with CLA and your fellow members by emailing info@cla.ca.

Announcement: Nicholas Spillios receives first Norman Horrocks-Scarecrow Press Award - The ALA Retired Members Roundtable (RMRT) is pleased to announce that Nicholas Spillios has been chosen as the first RMRT member to receive the Norman Horrocks-Scarecrow Press Annual Conference Award. The \$1,000 Award, sponsored by Scarecrow Press, was established in 2011 to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Norman Horrocks, who contributed to ALA throughout his life and was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee that worked to establish the RMRT. The travel grant will help retired members of the RMRT to defray the costs of attending an ALA Conference. [To read more>>](#)

Announcement:



Rebecca Graham has been named the University of Guelph's new chief information officer (CIO) and chief librarian. Her

2. Help us shape the future of reading in Canada.

Register Now for the TD National Reading Summit III – Space is limited!

Vancouver May 2 – 4

Join us in Vancouver for the third and final summit! Throughout the two days, dynamic speakers and panel discussions will provide food for thought. But the important work will be done by you, the attendees. During the summit, participants will roll up their sleeves to review a draft of the National Reading Plan. In facilitated group discussions, participants will decide how best to shape the plan and establish a grassroots movement to make reading a priority in Canada. Work has already begun on a campaign to increase awareness of reading for the joy of it. This will be unveiled at the TD National Reading Summit III.

[Read More >>](#)

3. Urban Libraries in 2012: Under Pressure and In Demand

Big-city public libraries have rarely been as popular as they are today and rarely as besieged.

The hard economic times of recent years have generated increased demand for the free and varied services that libraries provide, even as revenue-challenged local governments have cut back on contributions to library budgets. All of this comes at a time when libraries are being asked to perform a new and changing range of functions.

Due partly to their role as society's default providers of computer and Internet access, today's urban libraries do much more than lend books and DVDs. They help city residents--including those with limited incomes and educations--find jobs, obtain health information, and get connected to government services and benefits.

In so doing, libraries are fulfilling what has been called their "shadow mandate," supporting and complementing the work of other public and quasi-public agencies. City residents have come to see libraries, particularly neighborhood branches, as multipurpose community centers, offering business services, tax assistance, safe havens for children after school, public meeting spaces, and places where immigrants can learn English. (source: Larry Eichel, The Huffington Post, 03/13/2012)

[Read more >>](#)

4. International Adult Learners' Week in Canada - March 24th - April 1st, 2012

International Adults Learners' Week in Canada IALW - 10th Anniversary

"I am still learning"

five-year term begins May 23. The announcement was made today by provost and vice-president (academic) Maureen Mancuso, who chaired the search committee.

“Rebecca possesses the knowledge, skills and qualities that we were looking for in our next CIO and chief librarian,” Mancuso said. “She is a strategic thinker and an exceptional leader whose experience, vision and passion will help us further build our reputation as a forerunner in information technology and library systems.”

In making the announcement, Mancuso expressed gratitude to Catherine Steeves, the University’s associate chief librarian, who has been acting in the role since Mike Ridley completed his second term in January.

Mancuso also thanked members of the search committee, which included faculty, students and staff members, for their hard work and commitment, and the University community for its participation.

Most recently, Graham was the associate librarian for preservation, digitization and administrative services at Harvard College Library (HCL) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She oversaw all administrative services and managed a \$90-million budget and 12 library buildings, and was responsible for HCL’s

For the 10th anniversary of International Adult Learners’ Week in Canada (IALW) 2012, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO would like to stress the urgent need to reach a broader public.

At the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI), in Belém, Brazil, 2009, the adoption of the Belém Framework for Action was a defining moment of the conference. The Belém Framework of Action highlights in particular that “Inclusive education is fundamental to the achievement of human, social and economic development.

By adopting “I am still learning” as its slogan, the 2012 campaign reminds everyone, no matter what their skills, of the importance of lifelong learning. The slogan was well received by ministers of education in over seven provinces and territories who have confirmed their commitment to *International Adult Learners’ Week in Canada (IALW)*.

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO, together with its partners, considers International Adult Learners’ Week as an opportunity to raise the awareness of a broader public about lifelong learning and the need to adapt programmes to different needs. Better synergy among stakeholders facilitates the sharing of lessons learned, as well as it giving greater visibility to learners across the country.

A message from the *Canadian Chamber of Commerce* published in *Connect* adds an economic perspective to this call for inclusion. It states that to increase the size of its workforce, Canada will need to draw far more extensively on underutilized sources of labour within its borders. These include young people, older workers, the Aboriginal population and people with disabilities. Skill adjustment is also part of the solution.

Some new programmes linked with the recognition of prior learning and inclusion are worth mentioning:

- An Aboriginal Adult Literacy Assessment Tool is being proposed by Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network. It incorporates a culturally and linguistically relevant context for assessing work place literacy skill development as well as linking literacy to community and societal values and activities.
- The Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials has updated its website and is facilitating access to relevant information for immigrants.
- The Northwest Territories is using the week to launch an information campaign to reach out to a linguistically diverse and geographically dispersed public through a judicious use of the media, both traditional and social. This information is illustrated by true stories told by those who overcame challenges and therefore provides relevant models to help adults share their successes. Some of the messages are in Aboriginal languages.

Once again IALW provides the opportunity for productive alliances and better governance of lifelong learning programs.

- The Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training will use

preservation and digitization program. She also led the effort to expand the library's digitization of special collections, particularly in support of teaching and learning.

She was also the co-director at Harvard Medical School's Countway Library of Medicine and headed computing services and the digital library program at Johns Hopkins University. Graham also served in various capacities at the Digital Library Federation in Washington, DC, and managed integrated systems at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Given the continuing influence and impact of technology in higher education, the opportunity to serve in a strategic role with oversight of both IT and the library is unparalleled," Graham said. "To do so at an innovative institution like the University of Guelph is all the more compelling. I look forward to joining the Guelph community."

At U of G, Graham will be responsible for the overall strategy and policy administration of the University's information technology, information services and information resources. She will also oversee the administration of the library as chief librarian and of Computing and Communications Services (CCS).

the week, to launch a poster as part of their campaign to implement the 2009-2014 literacy action plan in the region.

Do not hesitate to share your successes, connections that worked and your innovations on the National Adult Literacy Database.

Share your stories on Facebook: IALW 2012

1. <http://saln.ca/>
2. <http://www.cicic.ca/383/foreign-credential-assessment.canada>
3. <http://camef.ca>
4. www.nald.ca/annualevents/ialwc
5. [Canada's Demographic Crunch: Can underrepresented workers save us?](#)
6. *NWT Literacy Council:* <http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/whatsnew.htm>

CLA Conference & Trade Show

Ottawa - May 30 - June 2, 2012

<http://www.cla.ca/conference/2012/>

What's happening at CLA 2012 Ottawa!

Introducing the Local Arrangements Committee for the CLA Conference in Ottawa:

- Chair, Alexandra Yarrow
- Donations Coordinator: Frances Murray
- Library Tour/Hospitality Coordinators: Kayleigh Felice and Stirling Prentice
- Volunteer Coordinators: Helena Merriam and Laura May
- Public Relations Coordinator: Wendy Robbins
- Secretary: Mariya Maistrovskaya
- Designated CLA staff member liaison: Melanie Culina
- Photographer : Danielle Robinson

Fantastic Pre-conferences!

Wednesday 30 May

A great way to start your conference! This year we're offering [four workshops](#) to provide in-depth discussion of specific topics. Register early to ensure your space.

- 1. CLA Advocacy Boot Camp – training for the "CLA on the Hill" Advocacy Afternoon
- 2. Hate Speech in Canadian Law: Purpose, Practice and Democratic Values – a look at a key issue for intellectual freedom in Canada
- 3. Copyright in 2012 – the latest information on national copyright issues and legislation

She earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Wilberforce University in Ohio and a master of library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was a member of the inaugural cohort of the Association of Research Libraries Research Library Leadership Fellows in 2004.

[Online Version >>](#)

Shop CLA

This week's ALA featured publication:

[Reading with the Stars: A Celebration of Books and Libraries](#)

Edited by Leonard Kniffel
168 pages
5.5" x 8.25" Hardcover
ISBN13: 978-0-8389-3598-9
2011



Member Price \$ 20.00

Library Careers

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

- 4. OCLC Canada symposium: The Short and Long of Library Collaboration -

Opening Session & Keynote

Thursday 31 May

“Finding our Place on the Digital Shelf”

What does the future hold for knowledge repositories? Don't miss this opportunity to hear Daniel Caron, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, as he looks at knowledge repositories, past and present, and the role they play in societal transformation. The value added to these repositories has shifted as they rapidly become hubs within social networks with physical and virtual nodes centred on the democratic creation, curation and distribution of information resources. Will this, indeed, become the new look of knowledge repositories?

Daniel J. Caron, Ph. D., Deputy Head and Librarian and Archivist of Canada and Chair, Heads of Federal Agencies

The Great Debate is back!

Thursday 31 May

“Be it resolved that the core values of modern librarianship are antiquated and obsolete.”

We predict a stellar debate as teams of industry icons and new professionals take the stage to debate the values of our profession.

Moderator: Ernie Ingles, Vice-Provost, Director & Executive Professor, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta

Pro:

- Stephen Abram, Vice President, Strategic Markets and Partnerships, Gale Cengage
- TBA

Con:

- Michael Ridley, Librarian, University of Guelph
- Andrea Siemens, Children's Librarian, Cambridge Libraries & Galleries

Plenary Session: The International Impact of National Advocacy Efforts

Friday 1 June

Learn how CLA's national advocacy efforts have an impact at the international level. Ingrid Parent, Canada's first IFLA President, will lead this session and discussion. Increasingly, decisions are being taken by consensus between governments at international forums which have a direct impact on the ability

Check out this week's career ads:

[University Librarian](#)
University of Technology
Sydney
Sydney, Australia

[Executive Director, Library Services](#)
Nipissing University
North Bay, ON

[Reference and Instruction Librarian](#)
York University Libraries
Toronto, ON

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.

Did You Know...

each week Miss Kathleen provides links to a variety of stories about libraries, authors, and books?

[Check out Miss Kathleen's blog >>](#)



for libraries to serve their local communities. IFLA works with its national association members to connect with federal governments to promote specific issues under consideration. Ingrid will be joined by Victoria Owen who will highlight specific IFLA advocacy initiatives

Ingrid Parent, IFLA President and University Librarian, University of British Columbia
Victoria Owen, Chair, IFLA Copyright and other Legal Matters Committee and Head Librarian, University of Toronto Scarborough

Closing Keynote Speakers generously sponsored by:

CUPE·SCFP | Canadian Union of Public Employees
Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique

Not with just a keynote speaker but a whole panel of speakers! Join renowned journalists Evan Solomon, Rob Russo, and Lawrence Martin in a wide-ranging discussion of all things politics. Get a look inside Ottawa with these Ottawa insiders!

All About Deadlines!

Deadlines for all things conference are fast approaching:

- Early-bird registration: 13 April
- Westin Hotel booking cut-off: 29 April
- Novotel Hotel booking cut-off: 30 April
- Les Suites Hotel booking cut-off: 24 April

Register today!

You will be sent a confirmation receipt by email from CLA upon registration. If you do not receive a receipt, contact Wendy Walton: wwalton@cla.ca, 613-232-9625x302

CLA Awards

With the exception of the CLA Student Article Award (deadline of 31 March) and the CLA/Dafoe and H.W. Scholarships (1 May) all award nominations have now closed. Thank you to everyone who nominated their colleagues or institutions.

Announcements of award winners will begin with the CLA Book Awards on 16 April.