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Hot Off the Press

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

Hot Off the Press

1. CLA dismayed by impact of budget cuts on federal libraries

The Canadian Library Association is seriously concerned about the negative impact of government budget cuts on libraries in federal departments and at Library and Archives Canada. While not all details are known at this time, indications are that libraries are being hit hard by budget reductions.

At Library and Archives Canada, 430 people have been given notices, with more than 200 jobs to be cut over the next three years, representing a reduction of 20% of their workforce. They have also had to cut their acquisitions budget, end their role in national inter-library loan activities, and cut the National Archival Development Program, which has provided funding to Canadian archival organizations to increase their capacity to preserve archival materials and make them available to Canadians. These cuts will negatively impact Library and Archives Canada's ability to provide front-line services, resulting in reduced access to information for Canadians.

[Read more >>](#)

2. CLA releases CAP Toolkit

The federal government recently announced that it is cutting the Community Access Program (CAP). All CLA members are encouraged to contact their Members of Parliament to protest the cut and urge them to reconsider the value of the program.

The CLA Member Toolkit for CAP provides you with a sample letter to send to your MP, details on requesting a meeting, key speaking points, and information on how to contact MPs.

Do you have stories about the impact of CAP in your community? Share them with your MP, in a letter or in person. These stories provide strong evidence of the importance of the program.

Contact your MP today!

Click [here](#) for the CAP Toolkit

Click [here](#) for the CLA Press Release on the cut to CAP

Shop CLA

This week's ALA featured publication:

[Protecting Intellectual Freedom in Your Academic Library](#)

Barbara M. Jones
Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF)
256 pages/ 9" x 6"/Softcover
ISBN13: 978-0-8389-3580-4
ISBN10: 0-8389-3580-X
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Member Price: \$ 61.60

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:

[Head, E-Resources & E-Learning Support](#)

OCAD University
Toronto, Ontario

[Children's Services Librarian](#)

Fort McMurray Public Library
Fort McMurray, Alberta

[Library Technician](#)

Law Society of Saskatchewan Library
Regina, Saskatchewan

Look to CLA for all your

3. 2011/2012 Review of Free Expression in Canada launched for World Press Freedom Day

Wednesday, May 2, 2012 - Examining issues including privacy and anonymity on the Internet, cyber surveillance, whistleblowers, access to information, and collaborative journalism, CJFE's third annual Review of Free Expression in Canada provides an overview of issues facing Canadians from coast to coast.

In CJFE's annual report card, which grades key free expression issues and major institutions, it is clear to see that there are a number of problems threatening Canadians' free expression rights.

Launched to coincide with World Press Freedom Day, the Review serves as a reminder of why we cannot afford to be complacent, and must continue to defend our rights and freedoms.

Read the review [here](#).

CLA Conference & Trade Show Ottawa - May 30 - June 2, 2012 <http://www.cla.ca/conference/2012/>

Only 10 Tradeshow Booths Left!

Book by 8 May to be included in the CLA Final conference program. There are still great booths available.

Click here for more information: <http://www.cla.ca/conference/2012/>

4 Weeks to CLA National Conference & Trade Show!

UPDATES

Advocacy

The conference starts with a strong advocacy focus on Wednesday 30 June. The [Advocacy "Boot Camp"](#) pre-conference session and the afternoon "[On the Hill](#)" are taking place at an opportune time. Recent headlines indicate that we need to advocate for the profession and libraries. Register and see how and why advocacy matters!

Trade Show

This year we have an expanded and diverse tradeshow with new [concepts and exhibitors](#). Be sure to visit all exhibits! Also on the Trade Show floor:

- Living Library
- Internet Café
- Posters

CLA Booth

Make room in your suitcase! There will a sale on a wide variety of CLA and ALA books at the CLA Booth in the Trade Show. Pick up quality publications at bargain basement prices. A list of available titles will be included in all delegate bags. **Sale prices are valid for on-site purchases only!**

NEW CLA AWARD

[Poster presentations](#) form an important part of the CLA conference. To recognize their contribution, we're pleased to introduce the new CLA Best

career ad needs! With over 16,000 page views monthly, it ranks the highest-viewed area on the CLA website.

Did You Know...

that May is [Asian Heritage Month](#)? This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Read a [statement from the Minister on Asian Heritage Month 2012](#).

Canada's cultural diversity strengthens the country socially, politically and economically in innumerable ways. Asian Heritage Month is an ideal occasion for all to celebrate the beauty and wisdom of various Asian cultures.

Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated in the United States since 1979. Over the past decade, many Asians in Canada have begun to celebrate their heritage during the month of May. In December 2001, the Senate adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the [Government of Canada signed an official declaration](#) to designate May as Asian Heritage

Poster Award. Two jurors will review all posters, and the award will be presented at the Closing Session of the conference. Posters will be available for viewing during Trade Show hours and you can meet the presenters from 11:30 - 1:30 on 1 June.

Thanks to Dysart & Jones Associates who have generously agreed to sponsor the first "Best Poster" award, as well as the poster presentation area in the Trade Show.



IMPORTANT DEADLINE

[Pre-Registration for conference](#) – May 18, 2012

(on-site registration only, at higher rates, after this date)

The hotel booking deadlines have passed. Still looking for room at the inn? Please contact Wendy Walton for assistance.

TRANSPORTATION

Travel discounts are still available for VIA Rail and Porter Airlines for the following time periods

- **VIA Rail**, for travel between May 27 and June 5, 2012.
 - **Porter Airlines**, for travel between - May 29 to June 3, 2012
- [More information >>](#)

Already registered? If you haven't received a confirmation receipt from CLA you aren't registered! Please contact Wendy Walton at 613.232.9625 extension 302 or email wwalton@cla.ca

CLA Awards

(i) CLA is proud to announce the following 2012 award winners:

Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada

The Canadian Library Association is pleased to announce that the Calgary Freedom to Read Week Committee has been chosen as winner of the 2012 Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada for its continuous and varied efforts over 18 years to promote and defend intellectual freedom issues in the City of Calgary, Alberta.

The Calgary Freedom to Read Week Committee, an ad hoc partnership that has consistently included citizens, school board representatives, and public library staff members, came together in 1994 when a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (MLA) demanded that John Steinbeck's classic novel *Of Mice and Men* be removed from schools in Alberta, a book that the MLA admitted he had not read. The Committee made a stand against the removal of the book, and has remained active in the pursuit of intellectual freedom in the community ever since.

[View media release >>](#)

CLA/OCLC Award for Innovative Technology

The Canadian Library Association is pleased to announce that the 2012 recipient of the CLA/OCLC Award for Innovation Technology is Windsor

Month.

Canadians are invited to take part in the events that honour the legacy of Canadians of Asian heritage. It is a time to participate in festivities across the country that celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage, who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. (Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

Download or order the [Asian Heritage Month poster](#).



Public Library for their project *Tomorrow Today*. The award is given in recognition of the ground breaking and innovative use of technology to provide exceptional library service to their community members.

[Read more >>](#)

CLA/Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship

Pilar Martinez, Executive Director, Public Services, Edmonton Public Library, has been named 2012 recipient of the CLA/Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship. This award honours individuals who have demonstrated exceptional success in enhancing public recognition and appreciation of librarianship. Martinez's inclusive, dynamic approach to raising the awareness of libraries and promoting their value – in Alberta, across North America and internationally – made her the ideal candidate for this year's award.

[Read more >>](#)

CLA / Alan MacDonald Mentorship Award

The CLA is pleased to announce that the first recipient of the new CLA / Alan MacDonald Mentorship Award is Kae Elgie, Manager of Information Services, Region of Waterloo Library. This new award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to mentoring activities either within their workplace or in an association. Alan was a natural mentor. Always positive, always receptive to new ideas, always ready to see potential, he inspired those around him to strive for and realize their dreams. He was also a fierce champion of Canadian enterprise. As beneficiaries of Alan's spirit, the founders of the Canadian Electronic Library are proud to sponsor this award.

[Read more >>](#)

CLA Emerging Leader Award

CLA is pleased to name Ms. Gillian Nowlan as the recipient of the 2012 CLA Emerging Leader Award. A liaison librarian at the University of Regina's Dr. John Archer Library, Ms. Nowlan has contributed to the library community at the provincial, national, and international level. Since graduating in 2010 from Dalhousie University's School of Information Studies, Ms. Nowlan has already built up an impressive record of giving back to the profession through her association work and showing leadership well beyond that expected of a first year librarian. [Click here for more >>](#)

Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award

The Canadian Library Association is pleased to announce that the winners of the 2012 Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award are Lorie Kloda, Denise Koufogiannakis, and Katrine Mallan, who are honoured for their 2011 paper entitled, "Transferring evidence into practice: what evidence summaries of library and information studies research tell practitioners," published in *Information Research* (16:1, March 2011).

[View full press release >>](#)

(ii) **The CLA Book Awards Juries are Looking for Three New Members**

Criteria

CLA is looking for jurists who are:

- widely read in children's and young adult's literature as well as illustration of children's books.

- passionate about connecting children and teens with books
- a member of the CLA or willing to join for the duration of their term on the Jury
- for the Young Adult Jury: a resident of Eastern Ontario, Québec or Nunavut, although applications from across Canada will be considered
- for Book of the Year for Children Jury: a resident of Eastern Canada, although applications from across Canada will be considered
- for the Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Award: a resident of Eastern Canada, although applications from across Canada will be considered

Commitment: This is a five-year commitment, from June 2012 through June 2017.

Please contact the Jury Chairs for more information:

Myra Junyk, Chair, Book of the Year for Children Award, myrajunyk@yahoo.ca
Carol Rigby, Chair, Young Adult Canadian Book Award, cerigby@xplornet.com
Delilah Cummings, Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Award, delilah.cummings@gmail.com

News from CLA Units

CLA Members invited to comment on CNIB HUB Plan

The Library Services to People with Print Disabilities Advisory Committee is seeking comment from CLA members on a business plan developed by the CNIB for national network of equitable library access for people with print disabilities.

Members are invited to review the [Executive Summary](#) and [HUB business plan](#), and to submit comments.

Please send any comments to Ralph Manning, ralphwmanning@gmail.com, no later than Monday 7 May 2012.

People

Announcement: The Board of the Hamilton Public Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Paul Takala to the position of Chief Librarian/Chief Executive Officer.

Paul has held the role of Director of Digital Technology with the Hamilton Public Library since March of 2009 and has been with the Hamilton Public Library in a managerial capacity since 1999. He has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Toronto. Paul brings over seventeen years of public library experience, including several years at New

York Public Library, to the position of Chief Librarian/Chief Executive Officer. As one of Canada's foremost leaders of library technology, Paul has played an integral role in the implementation of many innovative projects at Hamilton Public Library that have enhanced operations and improved the customer experience. He has also been instrumental in creating efficiencies within the Hamilton Public Library that have resulted in an increase in the circulation of over 2 million items in the last five years. Paul's expertise and leadership skills will create opportunities for continued advancement in technology, customer service and community engagement.

Paul has been active on community boards and committees throughout his library career and currently serves as Treasurer for the Board of the Ontario Library Association. He has demonstrated his commitment and dedication to the Hamilton community through his involvement with many organizations including 10 years of service on Community Information Hamilton's Board with two years as President from 2006 to 2008. With strong ties to the library community, Paul has also served on provincial and academic committees and is a member of the Canadian Library Association and of the American Library/Public Library Association. He has received several awards in recognition of his commitment to the public library field. The W.J. Robertson Medallion was awarded to Paul in 2006 by the Ontario Library Board's Association. In 2003, he received the University of Toronto Alumni Association Arbour Award for the Faculty of Information Studies. Paul is also a graduate of the Bay Area Leadership program.

Paul's appointment was unanimously approved by the Board of the Hamilton Public Library. He will assume his new role on June 1. George Geczy, Chair of the Hamilton Public Library Board, said, "Paul's experience and background are important assets that he brings to the role of Chief Librarian, but his greatest strength is his passion for libraries and the communities we serve. This passion has been a hallmark of Hamilton's past Chief Librarians and Paul is set to continue those traditions as he takes the reins of one of the most respected library systems in Canada."

CLA Welcomes the following New Members:

Institutional Members


- Comprise Technologies Inc., Navesink, NJ
- Thompson Rivers University Library, Kamloops, BC
- ScreenScape Networks Inc., Oakville, ON
- Chestermere Public Library, Chestermere, AB

Personal Members

- Lubna Daraz, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
- Denise Fung, Marigold Library

Student Members

- Kathryn, Alexander, Montreal, QC
- Jisok Chung, Nepean, ON
- Hannah Dugas, Beeton, ON
- Erika Fyfe, Orleans, ON
- Lindsay Gibb, Toronto, ON
- Cynthia Griffioen, Toronto, ON
- Michael Groenendyk, Dartmouth, NS
- Helen Horrocks, Guelph, ON
- Anne Hurrell, Calgary, AB
- J. Tammie Mercado, Port Coquitlam, BC
- Katie Quinn, Halifax, NS

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- System, Strathmore, AB
 - Michelle Kovac, Stoney Creek, ON
 - Josée Tardif, Gatineau, QC

- Ian Reddy, Toronto, ON
- Rebecca Ross, Ottawa, ON
- Amy Weir, Courtice, ON

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