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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?

Hot Off the Press

1. CLA Advocacy Survey

In recent weeks, concern has grown in the library community about federal budget cuts and their impact on libraries across the country. The cuts directly affect Library and Archives Canada and other federal libraries, and by extension the services they provide to libraries and library users in Canada.

As part of CLA's 2012 National Conference, association members met with 63 Members of Parliament (M.P.s), Senators and key Hill staff to raise library concerns directly with decision makers.

CLA is continuing to work with Library and Archives Canada on options to ensure adequate provision of services, including access to and preservation of Canada's documentary heritage.

In the wake of these meetings and based on our monitoring of social media on library issues, CLA Executive Council is issuing this special member survey to get your views on areas of concern, ensure that our advocacy message is evidence-based, and shape our strategy for communicating the impacts of federal cuts at the local and national levels.

As immediate advocacy actions, the Executive Council is undertaking a key contact program over the summer months, which includes targeted outreach to Minister James Moore, key Parliamentary Secretaries and senior officials, as well as a series of rolling meetings with Hill library champion M.P.s. We need your input to build and support a strong national united library voice.

Please complete the short survey at:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5WTXS98>
The survey deadline is **31 July**.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Kelly Moore
Executive Director
Canadian Library Association

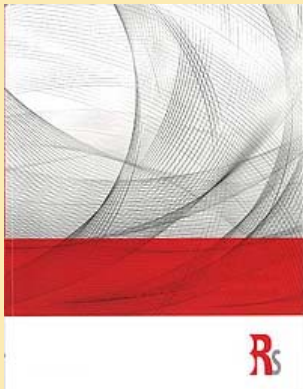
Retirements? Share your news with CLA and your fellow members by emailing info@cla.ca.

Shop CLA

This week's CLA featured publication:

[The Future is Now: Responses to the Canadian Library Human Resources Study](#)

Edited by Allison Sivak and Kathleen De Long
Foreword by Ernie Ingles
ISBN: 978-0-88802-337-7



Member Price: 39.95
Non-Member: 44.95

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:

[Director of Libraries](#)

Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Kamloops, British Columbia

[Copyright Officer and Head of the Copyright Office](#)
University of Winnipeg

2. CLA IT Infrastructure One-time Levy

As you are aware from President Karen's messages in *Felicitier* and the CLA Digest, our website and membership database require urgent upgrading in order to provide essential activities and services for our Association. We are currently working to acquire a robust and flexible technology solution to better serve your needs. The new website and database will cost upwards of \$100,000 to implement, and so far \$55,000 has been generously donated. Thank you so much to those of you who have contributed to date.

[A resolution](#) was presented to members at the CLA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa in June 2012 proposing a one-time levy of \$20 to be added to each Membership renewal* to help generate the remaining funds needed to acquire this new technology. Members approved this one-time levy and agreed that it would be added to your renewal invoice beginning with renewals in July 2012 and ending in June 2013. Your one time contribution to CLA's IT infrastructure renewal is greatly appreciated.

This new IT infrastructure will allow for better administration of member services and benefits, improved conference and event registration, and new tools for member communications. It will also provide better collaborative tools for CLA units to undertake the variety of activities that advance the mission of our Association.

If you have any questions regarding this levy, please contact Geraldine Hyland, Member Services Manager, ghyland@cla.ca.

**There are exceptions: members who pay Discount, Student, Unemployed, and Retired rates of membership and those who have already contributed to the fund will not be asked to pay the levy.*

3. Our Ontario by any other name...

Previously a service of Knowledge Ontario, Our Ontario is now **[OurDigitalWorld](#)**. ODW builds on Our Ontario's award winning technology and tools, providing a platform for 250 organizations and delivering over 4.1 million objects online. Our long standing community of grassroots organizations--public, academic and school libraries, government ministries, historical societies, museums, archives and community groups--make OurDigitalWorld a valuable "social-profit" community. Now we're ready for more, from anywhere!

We strive to increase access and discovery to primary materials online, so our services include offering the **[VITA Toolkit](#)** to increase and maintain sustainable digital collections online at competitive, accessible rates. The **[OurOntario.ca](#)** and **[GovDocs](#)** portals are constantly expanding with new material and our **[News](#)** portal is also growing exponentially. Keep an eye out: as content and contributors change, more portals will start popping up...

Digitization and data don't have to be complex: ODW provides data migration for portal and toolkit contributors as well as support and **[consultation](#)** for digitization projects of all sizes and at every stage.

New name...Still sweet. Learn more at **ourdigitalworld.org** or contact Loren Fantin **lfantin@ourdigitalworld.org** for more information.

VITA Digital Toolkit

[VITA](#) is a web-based end-to-end solution for libraries, museums, archives, heritage and historical and other groups looking to build, manage and display digital collections of images, newspapers, oral histories, 3D objects and more.

Library
Winnipeg, Manitoba

[Branch Manager, Bedford Public Library](#)

Halifax Public Libraries
Bedford, NS

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...

that the Calgary Public Library is celebrating 100 Years?

The origins of the Calgary Public Library date back to the first decade of the 20th century when Calgary was emerging as western Canada's fastest-growing farming and ranching centre. At the time, men of the frontier city predicted that sustained economic growth would soon cause the population to increase tenfold to 100,000. Women suggested that a great city required a great library.

Prominent among those women was a literary enthusiast named Annie Davidson who led the successful drive to have Alberta's first public library built in Calgary. With an endowment from the Carnegie Corporation, the Calgary Public Library opened to the public in early 1912. Over the ensuing century it continued to prove its value to city patrons. Much more than a repository for books, this award-winning institution provides a

The VITA toolkit enables the creation of sustainable digital collections, with a dynamic online presence for sharing and telling community stories. The toolkit includes a user-friendly data management system, full customization options, and interactive, multilingual websites for exhibiting your collections. See [who's already using VITA](#). Our advanced technology also means all content is easy to search and is optimized for online discovery on the World Wide Web. Thinking ahead? VITA is a strategically sound choice for kick-start grant-based projects and justifiable for long term budget allotments.

Digitized Newspaper Content

Thinking of digitizing your local newspaper collection? We can help! OurDigitalWorld is ushering many organizations through the process of digitizing newspapers, from [microfilm](#), index collections and print, to bring them online using the VITA Toolkit. ODW's newspaper service already provides access to over 300,000 pages of Ontario newspapers, with over 1,000,000 pages in the pipeline. If you're just starting, we can help you find vendors, calculate costs, determine your [workflows](#) for the digitization process and [plan ahead](#). Once you've digitized, upload your news content to the [VITA Toolkit](#) so your staff and volunteers can manage and enhance even huge full-run newspaper collections easily and with stunning results. And, consider our [hit highlighting](#) process option to make those microfilms jump off the screen! Talk to us about your newspaper project or visit vitatoolkit.ca/pricing/newspapers.

Learn more at vitatoolkit.ca or contact Jess Posgate jposgate@ourdigitalworld.org for more information.

4. S&B Books Acquired by ULS and Whitehots

United Library Services Inc., of Calgary, Alberta ("ULS") and Whitehots Inc., ("Whitehots") of Aurora, Ontario have jointly acquired S&B Books Ltd. of Mississauga, ON, effective July 12, 2012.

ULS and Whitehots are leading Canadian library service providers serving Public and School Libraries across Canada.

The S&B Mississauga operation will continue to operate with the current staff as a division of Whitehots and the S&B operation will focus largely on the Eastern Canadian market. ULS will assume 100% of the existing S&B customer orders for Western Canadian-based libraries and schools, and the Canadian distribution rights for Thorndike Large Print.

Russ Culver, CEO Whitehots, said "This strategic move will allow us to continue to invest in our people and technology. We will now be in an excellent position to expand the services we provide to public and school libraries in Canada."
[Read more >>](#)

5. Applications for Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary Now Being Accepted

The Saskatchewan Library Association is pleased to accept applications for the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary. This bursary, in the amount of

cornucopia of services and programs to empower, enable, and excite the imagination of Calgarians.

([Source](#))

[Check out the CPL website for events and more>>](#)



\$5,000, is open to all students enrolled in or accepted in an ALA-accredited graduate degree program at the time of the award (usually November of the award year) in library and information science or equivalent. Applicants must be willing to live and work in Saskatchewan for at least one year following completion of their MLIS program. Deadline for applications is September 30.

For full information and an application form go to <http://saskla.ca/awards-bursaries/saskatchewan-libraries-education-bursary>

6. The fourth International m-libraries Conference - 24 – 26 September 2012

“From margin to mainstream: mobile technologies transforming lives and libraries”

Mobile technology has transformed so many aspects of our lives: how we work, how we communicate, how we study and how we play. This conference will explore and share work carried out in libraries around the world to deliver services and resources to users via a growing plethora of mobile and hand-held devices.

The m-libraries conference offers you the opportunity to find out more about the transformation of services, learners or providers because of mobile technology, and hear about the inspiring and innovative projects which challenge current thinking and practice.

The fourth International m-libraries Conference is hosted by The Open University and Athabasca University with support from conference sponsors EBSCO Host, Sage, Springer and OCLC. It will bring together researchers, educators, technical developers, managers and library professionals to share experience and exchange expertise with colleagues at the cutting edge of mobile use and development and to generate ideas for future developments.

Registration is now open for this exciting and engaging conference which will be held at The Open University in Milton Keynes from 24 - 26 September 2012.

Keynote speakers include:

- Ellyssa Kroski, New York Law Institute (US)
- Char Booth, Claremont Colleges (US)
- Thomas Cochrane, AUT University's Centre for Learning and Teaching (NZ)
- Steve Vosloo, Programme Specialist in Mobile Learning at UNESCO (FR)

For more information about the conference including the full list of speakers go to: <http://www.m-libraries.org/>

2013 CLA Conference & Trade Show
Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 29 - June 1
<http://www.cla.ca/conference/2013/>

CLA 2013 Trade Show in Winnipeg

Exhibitors surveyed on the 2012 Trade Show rated it "83% - Good to Excellent". This is your opportunity to develop new customers and reconnect with existing clients in the library community.

The early bird deadline for CLA 2013 in Winnipeg expires July 31, 2012. To ensure optimum positioning and pricing please take advantage by booking your booth space early.

Details may be found here: <http://www.cla.ca/conference/2013/>

People

In Memoriam - Gail Dulce Davies

Peacefully in hospital, on June 23, 2012, age 83 years, surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late John. Gail retired from the Canadian Library Association after 30 years of service. She will be remembered for her love of knitting, her many charitable acts, and her devotion to her family. A Private Family Service was held at the West Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry. Memorial donations to the Ottawa Humane Society would be appreciated.