

CLA New Library & Information Professionals Interest Group Newsletter



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Introductions

Manjit and I have been working on various projects relating to the Interest Group. Read on to find out more about visits to library schools, free interest group membership and plans for the ALA/CLA conference in June.

Please contact us whenever you want to get more details

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Library School Visits

Toronto, Montreal, London and Halifax

In November and January, Dawna visited the Faculty of Information Science at U of T. The first session was a Brown Bag Lunch orientation to Public Librarianship and the many benefits of association membership. In January, Dawna participated in a resume clinic, giving students direct feedback and suggestions for resumes and approaching the job market.

CLA president Wendy Newman and CLA Executive Director Don Butcher visited the library school at University of Western Ontario in December and McGill University in January. Meeting with large groups of new and graduating students, they talked about job prospects for new librarians, the future of librarianship, keys to surviving and thriving in the first few years of working life, and the necessity of a good network of new and experienced professionals through membership in CLA.

Library School Visits cont'd

Wendy and Don particularly encouraged the students to attend the CLA/ALA joint conference in Toronto this year to avail themselves of the lifetime opportunity to meet experienced professionals from North America. Wendy also mentioned the prestigious Northern Exposure to Leadership program and how students can investigate the opportunity to participate in the program.

Also in January, Madeleine Lefebvre, incoming CLA president and Don took the same messages to the Library School at Dalhousie on January 8.

Web Sitings - What to read next? Try this site

<http://www.centralbooking.com/>

Or if you want ideas right to your in-box sign up for the [Central Booking Newsletter](#).

Also - for a treat look at

<http://www.librarysupport.net/librarianslovers/index.html>

Book marks for beloved books and loved ones....

Free NLIPIG membership for Student Members

We are very pleased to announce that NLIPIG is the first CLA Interest group to offer automatic one year free membership for student CLA members. Thanks to the Dalhousie students who proposed this suggestion to Don Butcher and Madeleine Lefebvre a few weeks ago. This idea first came up at our Business meeting in Halifax and it is great to see that it is now a fact.

ALA/CLA Conference June 19 - 25

The conference website is at
<http://www.cla.ca/conference/cla-ala2003/>

The earlier you register the better price you will get.

You can then use 'My Agenda' feature of the online Events Planner; a helpful planning tool for getting the most out of the programs, exhibits, and meetings in a huge conference that will include some 1,500 individual events.

CASLIS Toronto needs your help!

Last year NLIPIG helped with the publication of Halifax on the Cheap and CASLIS wants to do it again this year.

They are working on a guide to help people make the most of the CLA/ALA Toronto conference, and would love to hear what you have to say. This year's guide will be something more than just "on the cheap", but also a "best of", with personalized write-ups on favourite spots. The working title: CLA/ALA Toronto Conference Survival Guide - Making the Most of it, Spending the Least

Please contact Robyn Stockand (416)-869-6763
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NLIPIG at the Conference –

Friday, June 20, Pub Clubbing in Toronto "the good"

Join us for pub clubbing in downtown Toronto on Friday, June 20 - see the local spots and patios that make Toronto the place for fun. Join veteran and new librarians as we stroll from venue to venue. At 7pm the group will depart from the conference centre to explore patios, pubs, wine bars, brewpubs and sports bars, including live entertainment. Join us mid-route, or be self-directed. A combined effort of the NLIPIG and NMRT

If you are interested in helping with this event email Terry Milligan Milligan@fis.utoronto.ca and Alison McCullough McCullough@fis.utoronto.ca at FIS. Our next planning meeting is set for March 5 at FIS.

"Together in Toronto" is the theme for the social. Ariel Lebowitz, FIS student and NLIPIG member is working on this event with our ALA counterpart the New Member Round Table (NMRT)

Conference Colleagues - This provides first time conference attendees or new librarians the chance to connect with experienced professional librarians who can help them get the most out of the conference. Manjit is looking after this and there will be more info in the months ahead.

Saturday June 21 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm Interest Group Meeting – location to be announced.