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Please send your news items by Wednesday, prior to the CLA Digest's Friday publishing date. To view the 2011 Digest schedule click [here](#). Email: jgreen@cla.ca

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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.

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Hot Off the Press

1. The Future of Libraries

There has been an exchange on the CLA Listserve regarding the recent publicity about the future of libraries, highlighted by the budget issues at Toronto Public Library. You can read the [thread of messages here](#). Below is CLA President Karen Adams's contribution to the discussion.

Join the discussion! Send your comments to cla@lists.cla.ca

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Hi, all. I am intrigued by the different perspectives being brought to the Toronto Public Library 'issue.' And, I am not entirely clear myself on the best thing for CLA to do next. Ken Roberts, as former CLA president, has been [interviewed](#) on CBC's *The Current*, and spoke eloquently on the contribution libraries make. I was interviewed last week for a *Maclean's* article that I have yet to see, and spoke more about the value of libraries, especially public libraries than about TPL specifically – but one never knows what will end up in the article (due to be published next week).

There is an irony here. Under our values with respect to informed debate, we should be pleased to see that the budgetary requirement of North America's largest public library system, Toronto Public Library, is the subject of serious public debate by the citizens of Toronto, and the City's Council. Libraries exist to support an informed and educated people, and to support such debate. It is important that decisions that touch the residents of an entire municipality are made through open processes.

The Canadian Library Association includes in its membership library supporters of all kinds: trustees, city councillors, librarians, and library workers of all types. CLA members want to support the value of public libraries within our society. The IFLA Public Libraries Section has documents containing good language about that value: the long lived [IFLA/UNESCO Public Libraries Manifesto](#), complemented by the more recent report, [The Role of Libraries in Lifelong Learning](#). Some CLA members want CLA to have a statement of its own – which takes time to develop. Some members want to know more about the issue from the senior staff and trustees who work most closely with the City Council. None of us wants to take action to make the situation worse, or

This week's ALA featured publication:

The Hipster Librarian's Guide to Teen Craft Projects



Tina Coleman and Peggie Llanes
168 pages
8.5" x 11"
Softcover
ISBN13: 978-0-8389-0971-3
2008

Member Price \$ 50.40

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Library Careers

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[Manager, Britannia Branch Library](#)

Vancouver Public Library
Vancouver, BC

[Management Consultant \(Early Literacy\)](#)

to harden City Council's view of its Public Library to the detriment of the Library. Some members see this as being OLA's 'turf.'

So, I am watching the list, along with other members of Council; Kelly and I will have a chance to discuss this more fully over the weekend. In the meantime, keep your thoughts coming.

Karen Adams
CLA President

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Shelagh makes a good suggestion for working together to build more awareness. Kelly will be contacting members of The Partnership to see if we could have letters to the editor in major cities from provincial associations, with CLA tackling the Globe & Mail and National Post.

And, I really like the fact that we have used the CLA list for a national debate!

Happy summer,
Karen Adams
President

2. OPL Introduces Android App and Mobile Website

The Ottawa Public Library (OPL) has introduced a mobile website and an app for Android, its second phase to providing library services on-the-go. Whether you use Blackberry, Android, Apple or Windows, a tablet or a phone, you can use OPL's mobile website or one of its apps to access library services.

The first phase of OPL's mobile beginnings was introduced last February with the release of its iPhone app. The new Android app enables smart phone users to:

- Search the catalogue
- Manage their account including placing holds, renewals etc.
- Download eBooks and Audiobooks
- Access databases that offer mobile options
- Register for programs
- Find a branch

Digital services, including podcasts, e-books, downloadable music and audio books, are now a big component of what OPL offers its users. OPL's mobile website is the core of its mobile strategy as it works across all devices and operating systems and ensures that services can be offered to all patrons.

OPL is the largest bilingual library system in North America. Serving over 900,000 residents, OPL helps build a strong, vibrant and sustainable community by supporting literacy and life-long learning, fostering inspiration and enjoyment, and connecting people to each other and the world.

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Did You Know...

CLA President Karen Adams and Executive Director Kelly Moore, along with 80+ other Canadians, are off this week to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico. On Thursday, we'll finally be inaugurating Ingrid Parent as the first Canadian President of IFLA. You can ["Follow the Congress as it happens"](#)!

You can also share the Digest using your favorite social networking tool!



3. Canadian Library Month 2011 is *Out of this World!*

The theme "Your Library, A Place Unbound / Votre bibliothèque : un peu, beaucoup, à l'infini" suggests that, as part of a changing world, libraries are growing and expanding their resources as they connect people to information and reading. Innovations such as digital and downloadable books, music, movies, Internet access, electronic databases, eReaders, gaming, and the utilization of social media such as Facebook and Twitter now appeal to a whole new generation of library users!

The website launches today complete with the following tools in both official languages to help libraries prepare for October celebrations:

- a customizable press release
- backgrounder
- ideas for special events, communications and advocacy initiatives for your library for October
- graphics for promotional materials

CLA members will receive a poster and bookmark in the October issue of *Feliciter*. If you would like to order extra copies for your library please contact Judy Green at jgreen@cla.ca. To view the CLM 2011 website click [here](#).

4. Now available from IFLA! Five films: Copyright, Open Access & Libraries and Human Rights

Five films created in conjunction with the IFLA Presidential Meeting in April 2011 present current issues for libraries concerning copyright, Open Access and human rights.

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/five-films-now-available-copyright-open-access-libraries-and-human-rights>

5. Burnhamthorpe Library Benefits from Government Partnership

Government officials and library patrons joined the City of Mississauga on August 6 for a special ceremony to mark the official reopening of the Burnhamthorpe Library.

At 40,000 square feet, the library is one of the city's largest, providing over 60,000 residents with a wide variety of borrowing materials and community programs. In addition to housing the popular Maja Prentice theatre, the library is now home to the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre, which offers free employment, family and newcomer services to local residents.

The broad list of facility improvements also includes numerous accessibility upgrades, more programming space, a built-in puppet stage, a redesigned entranceway and lobby, new windows and carpets, a new roof, upgraded HVAC and fire alarm systems, and new exterior lighting and pathways.

"The Burnhamthorpe Library plays an important role in the Mississauga community," said Stella Ambler, Member of Parliament for Mississauga South,

on behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, and Communities. "Many families enjoy visiting the branch and benefiting from its many services, and the completion of this infrastructure project means they can continue to do so well into the future. Our government is proud to support the redevelopment of this facility and its grounds."

"The McGuinty government is proud to support our local libraries, which help provide our children and grandchildren with lifelong learning and development opportunities," said the Honourable Charles Sousa, Member of Provincial Parliament for Mississauga South. "Mississauga's libraries play a vital role in our neighbourhoods and I'm certain that this beautifully renovated library will serve as a vital community hub for many years to come."

"The renovated and expanded Burnhamthorpe Library is architecturally striking," said Hazel McCallion, Mayor of Mississauga. "And, with the library, Maja Prentice Theatre and Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre under one roof, the facility conveniently provides a range of services and opportunities for joint programming and cost sharing."

The governments of Canada and Ontario have each committed more than \$5.5 million toward the redevelopment project. The City of Mississauga is contributing the balance of the total eligible project cost of nearly \$16.7 million. Federal funding for this project comes from the Government of Canada's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, which is supporting over 4,100 infrastructure projects across the country.

6. Toronto International Antiquarian Book Fair

October 28 - 30, 2011

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

The Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of Canada presents nearly 50 distinguished booksellers from around the world. This will be a great opportunity to peruse and purchase rare and antiquarian books and manuscripts from some of the world's foremost booksellers.

www.torontoantiquarianbookfair.com

CLA Conference & Trade Show - Ottawa - May 30 - June 2, 2012

The CLA 2012 National Conference and Trade Show website has been launched at: <http://www.cla.ca/conference/2012/>

The Conference will take place in Ottawa, ON from May 30 to June 2 at the new Ottawa Convention Centre, a truly magnificent exposition venue on the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and minutes from Parliament Hill.

News from CLA Units

CLA Ottawa Network - CLA Ottawa Summer Social

Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 5:30 pm

Parliament Pub, 101 Sparks Street

Join friends and colleagues for a drink and appetizers and celebrate the summer together at the CLA Ottawa Summer Social.

There is no cost to attend; guests pay for their own food and beverages.

For more information, contact: cla.ottawa.network@gmail.com

People

Appointment: (Press release from Dalhousie University President, Tom Traves)

Donna Bourne-Tyson appointed Dalhousie University Librarian following a national and international search process. Ms. Bourne-Tyson assumes her new position effective Nov. 1, 2011.

Donna has been the University Librarian at Mount Saint Vincent University since 2005, where she has led numerous innovative changes in that system. In addition, her knowledge of copyright issues will be valuable in informing the strategy of the university as we proceed further into electronic resources. Donna is recognized regionally and nationally in the university library community and we look forward to working with her to expand the reach and effectiveness of the information resources at Dalhousie as we go forward.

Donna is familiar with Dalhousie as an alumna of Dalhousie's Master of Library and Information Studies program. In addition, she holds a Master of Arts in English Literature from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Arts from Nipissing University.

Announcement: The Canadian Library Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Geraldine Hyland to the position of Member Services Manager.

Geraldine Hyland is a graduate of the School of Information & Library Studies, University College Dublin, Ireland and she has also received her CAE designation from the Canadian Society of Association Executives. She worked for many years in public libraries in Ireland both as a manager and as a librarian, her specialty being reference and genealogy as well as schools and children's services.



Since coming to Canada, she has worked mainly in the not for profit and charities sector and has been very fortunate to have held positions in reader services at the CNIB Library, in volunteer management at the Canadian

Payroll Association and in professional development at the Ontario Bar Association and Canadian Real Estate Association. She has also worked in the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada, with responsibility for human resources and operations.

Geraldine speaks French, Irish and some German and enjoys reading, dog walking and playing golf in her spare time. She is married to Eric with a son Gregory aged twelve and is delighted to be working at CLA.

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