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Hot Off the Press

1. International Literacy Day 2012
2. CLA 2012: text of Opening Keynote Speech available
3. CLA is pleased to offer members a discount rate on registration to the Internet Librarian 2012 conference!
4. IBBY Canada Call for Proposals: Frances E. Russell Grant
5. Public Library Leadership Fellows Program
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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

September 19, 2012.

6. York University Learning Commons



The Scott Library at York University is a monumental concrete building, built in the late 1960's that reflects the social and political spirit of its time period. In order to meet the current needs of the university, York required the interior of this building to be more welcoming, better suited to its diverse student population, and to an evolved ethos of relaxed, self-initiated and collaborative learning methodology. In response, we established a Learning Commons on the main

floor with a variety of study and tutorial spaces.

Focusing on modifying the interior atmosphere rather than the architectural

structure, our concept grew from custom-designed, hybrid interior/furnishing elements, that prompt various informal, socialized study experiences. Their bold colours and simple geometries defuse the somewhat imposing environment, creating an entirely new scale and branding for the library that is fresh, modern, and relaxed; like the students themselves.

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7. Call for participation: Poster Contest on Knowledge Societies

Are you inspired by the ability of today's communications technologies to empower people with knowledge? Are you a believer in knowledge as the gateway to connected, creative and resilient societies? Share your vision of Knowledge Societies with UNESCO, the only UN agency with a mandate to promote freedom of expression and information as a human right. The poster contest will be running from now until 20 September 2012 at eYeka.

Marking the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the WSIS Plan of Action, UNESCO, in cooperation with ITU, UNCTAD and UNDP, is organizing the first review meeting entitled "Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development" to be held in Paris, France, from 25 to 27 February 2013.

emailing info@cla.ca.

CLA welcomes the following new members:

Institutional Members

Royal Canadian Artillery Museum,
Shilo, MB

Personal Members

Anna McCarthy,
Cambridge, ON

Rachel Seigel,
Mississauga, ON

Mary Lightly, Victoria, BC

Student Members

Paul Grewal, Montreal, QC

Yanli Li, Richmond, BC

Bianca Mastromatteo,
London, ON

Lukas Millar, London, ON

Amy Poon, Brampton, ON

Carla Reimer, London ON

On this occasion, UNESCO is organizing a poster contest at [eYeka](#) (online platform) until 20 September 2012.

Selected entries will become the graphic identity of the event and will be used for poster, brochure, roll-up and other promotional materials.

The first winner will also earn 300 euros, and the second and third places will receive an official UNESCO certificate. Artists, graphic designers, photographers and everyone interested are encouraged to submit their proposals.

For more information and submission of your entry, please [click here](#).

The partners and audience for this first WSIS+10 review meeting are Ministers and high-level government officials, Heads of UN agencies and intergovernmental organizations, CEOs of the private sector, leaders of NGOs and other civil society entities, practitioners and experts in the field of education, culture, science, human science and communication and information.

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This week's ALA featured publication:

[More Outstanding Books for the College Bound, 2005 Edition](#)

Young Adult Library Services
Association,

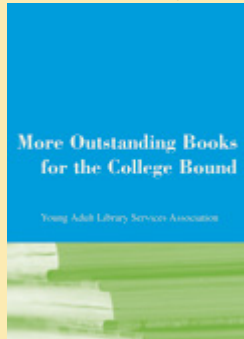
edited by Linda Waddle
2005

224 pages

7" X 10" Softcover

ISBN10: 0-8389-3553-2

member rate - \$ 44.00



Library Careers

Employers? Ads range from \$175 - \$300 per month (depending on level

Reminders

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,*

of membership)! Job Seekers? Free to access and apply!

Check out this week's career ads:

[Library Director](#)

The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies & Research
Abu Dhabi, UAE

[Executive Director](#)

Okanagan Regional Library
Kelowna, British Columbia

[Librarian 2 \(Youth Services\)](#)

Halifax North Public Library,
Halifax, Nova Scotia

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 Science.gc.ca is setting a record for the World's Largest Practical Science Lesson?

It is a world record-setting event that will take place for 30 minutes on Friday, October 12, at exactly the same time across Canada.

The event will follow a simple lesson plan about Bernoulli's Principle, and attendees will perform two very simple experiments based on it.

All participating organizations and schools will be recognized, and event certificates for awarding to all who participate will be available for downloading from Science.gc.ca.

Please visit

Science.gc.ca/newrecord to find out more and register. This record-setting event will also mark the beginning of the National Science and Technology Week, which will be held this year from October 12 to 21 with celebrations and fun events for all Canadians.



and Retired rates of membership and those who have already contributed to the fund will not be asked to pay the levy.

2013 CLA Conference & Trade Show

Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 29 - June 1, 2013

<http://www.cla.ca/conference/2013/>

News from CLA Units

Ottawa Network:

September 24

CLA Ottawa Fall Kickoff
Ottawa

[More Info >>](#)

September 26

Info Session about co-op programs at SLAIS: The iSchool at UBC
Ottawa

[More Info >>](#)

CLA Webinars/Seminars

September 17

(Registration closes Sept. 13)

Mother Said There'd Be Days Like These: Dealing Professionally & Elegantly With the Unforeseen at Work
Webinar

[More Info >>](#)

October 17

Strategy and Persuasion: Four Practical Tools for Info Pros
Toronto

[More Info >>](#)

People

Retirement: After 21 years as head of the Calgary Public Library, Gerry Meek is retiring.

"It's amazing how fast the time has gone," said Meek, who has worked for a total of 39 years as a librarian.



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Meek is stepping down Sept. 1, the same day he first joined the library more than two decades ago. As part of his legacy, Meek said he hopes to be remembered as "someone who truly cared and tried to make a difference."

In his time as director and now CEO, Meek is credited for helping lead the Calgary Public Library into the 21st century. From establishing an electronic cataloguing and inventory system to developing virtual online virtual services that allow users to access the library 24 hours a day, Meek has helped abolish the library's now antiquated physical card catalogue system.

"When I first started my career, I actually punched cards that used to have to go through an old IBM machine," recalled Meek, with a laugh.

During his tenure, the Calgary Public Library also introduced public access computers, as well as computer workstations for use by Calgarians with visual, mobility and learning disability issues. Meek said it was important for him to see that the library was welcoming to everybody in the community.

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Announcement: Mount Allison University is pleased to announce two recent appointments:

- **Laura Snyder**, Music Librarian (with tenure). Laura comes to Mount Allison from the University of Alberta, where she served as Music Librarian from 2007, and for the past two years also acted as Public Services Manager for the Humanities and Social Sciences Library. Her long library career has taken her to many places, and many different types of positions. After a brief stint as Music Librarian at the University of Houston, she was Head of Research and Instructional Services there for seven years. Prior to that, she spent eight years working with the fabulous collections at the Sibley Music Library (Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY); she also taught a graduate music research course for several years. Other posts have included Oberlin College & Conservatory Libraries, St. Olaf College and the Indiana University Music Library.

- **Anne LePage**, Technical Services Librarian (tenure track). Anne comes to Mount A. from Athabasca University where she also held the position of Technical Services Librarian. Not coincidentally, she is also a graduate of Mount Allison (BMus 2001). Anne has two graduate degrees from UBC, an MLIS completed in 2006 and a MMus completed in 2003. Anne has also worked at Douglas College, the Vancouver Public Library, the University of British Columbia, and the New Brunswick Public Library Service.

Announcement - Alison Nussbaumer (MLS, '87; MA; 2007), previously University Librarian at the University of Lethbridge, accepted a three-year reassignment as the Interim Dean (Internationalization) at the University of Lethbridge. In her new role, Alison is responsible for leading the development and implementation of an Internationalization Strategy for the University. Alison is also pursuing her Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership from the University of Calgary.

Alison was University Librarian at the University of Northern British Columbia; Head, Access Services, University of Saskatchewan, and Program Coordinator at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Alison was

President of CACUL, President of BCLA, VP/Pres. LAA, Board member of CRKN and Vice Chair of COPPUL.

In Memorium: Remembering Basil Stuart-Stubbs

There will be a Celebration of Life event to honour Basil Stuart-Stubbs – University Librarian at UBC from 1964 to 1981, and Director of UBC’s School of Library, Archival and Information Studies (SLAIS) from 1981 to 1992 – on Sunday, September 16 at 2 p.m. at [Sage Bistro](#), located at UBC Vancouver’s University Centre. The nearest parking is the [Rose Garden Parkade](#).

No RSVP is required. Attendees are requested to arrive by 2 p.m. Please view this [tribute](#) for more on Basil’s life and legacy.

Announcement: Joyline Makani will be the acting head of the Killam Memorial Library

for a one-year term, effective September 2012. This is a new position for the Killam Library.

Before accepting this appointment, Joyline worked as the management and economics librarian at the Killam Library. She has taught management courses at the Dalhousie School of Information Management since 2004.

A well-known and highly respected colleague in the Dal Libraries and the Faculty of Management, Joyline holds a PhD in knowledge management, as well as MLIS and MBA degrees, all from Dalhousie. Joyline’s strengths as a mentor, an instructor, an innovator, a manager and an advocate were noted by the search committee.

When making the announcement of the appointment, University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson observed, “Among her colleagues at the Killam, Joyline is recognized as a supportive role model for junior associates and a leader of many Dal Libraries’ initiatives.”

Joyline played a key role in establishing the Live Help service for the Novanet Libraries. She has experience developing and managing services in reference, information literacy and instruction and is the author of many journal articles on subjects including organizational management, digital libraries, and knowledge management. In addition, she has also presented at numerous local, national, and international conferences, including one in South Africa in September.

“I am thrilled to join the senior management team at the Dalhousie Libraries and feel very honored to have the opportunity to work with the talented and dedicated staff and librarians at Dalhousie in this new capacity,” says Joyline.

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