

**Canadian Library Association  
Library and Information Needs of Native Peoples Interest Group  
Annual Report 2005**

**(29 May 2005)**

1. Thanks to Yvonne Earle, Councillor-at-Large

Many thanks to Yvonne Earle, Legislative Librarian, Legislative Library - Nunavut, for her assistance and support of the IG. Yvonne has served as the Interest Group Councillor liaison for the past three years and is finishing her term June 2005.

2. Request for Special Project Funds

At the Business Meeting (2004) the implementation of the CLA Resolutions re: Native Peoples proposed by Jim Bruce and passed at the CLA AGM 2002 was discussed. The IG proposed the development of First Nations/Aboriginal recruitment and public education materials about LIS services and career options as a first step. An application for Special Project Funds has been submitted to CLA requesting \$3500.00 to develop and produce recruitment materials (brochure and website content). The proposal supports CLA's commitment to diversity and its recognition that "effective advocacy is based upon understanding the social, cultural, political and historical contexts in which libraries and information services function."<sup>1</sup>

3. Interest Group Website

Thanks to Peter Wilson, CLA Communications Co-ordinator, for assisting with developing additional sections for Annual Report and Business Meeting minutes on the Interest Group website. It is hoped that an Aboriginal recruitment and career information area will be added this year.

4. Interest Group Conference Call

Ann Doyle "attended" the CLA Conference Call, 25 April 2005 on behalf of the IG.  
See: Summary of Conference Call for details - distributed 30May2005

5. OLS - North First Nations Conference Sponsorship

The Interest Group responded to a request from the OLS (Ontario Library Service - North) - North First Nations Conference to sponsor a session at the North First Nations Conference May 24-27, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Cost: \$150.00 The OLS- North annual conference brings together First Nations public librarians and trustees together for training and networking opportunities.

6. 2005 Annual Conference Events

- Glenbow Library & Archives Tour. Thanks to Janice Linton, University of Manitoba, for submitting the event proposal, budget, and organizing this session providing the Interest Group members with an opportunity to network and learn

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian Library Association. Values Statement. online accessed 25my2005  
<<http://www.cla.ca/about/mission.htm>>

about resources relating to the First Nations of southern Alberta along with some of the unique resources and collection management challenges in this special library. The Library holds over 100,000 items that document the history of the region. The Archives, one of Canada's largest non-governmental repositories, has over 3500 metres of textual records and over a million photographs. The visit to the museum's library will be followed by the opportunity to tour the museum at your leisure (\$12 admission to the museum). At 5 pm, we will meet in the lobby of the Glenbow to walk across the street to the CLA Opening Reception at the Devonian Gardens.

Date: Wednesday June 15, 2005. 2:00-5:00 pm

- Business Meeting. Convenor: Ann Doyle. Agenda: Distributed  
Date: Friday June 17, 2005 Breakfast 7:30 am-8:45 am
- Hot Topics Panel: Aboriginal Libraries: Advocacy on the Move -- How you can support the movement. Thanks to Patty Lawlor for co-ordinating this late opportunity for a panel session. Speakers: Convenor: Jim Bruce, College Librarian, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Merritt, British Columbia; Jeff Burnham, Trustee, Six Nations Public Library, Ohsweken, and President, Goodminds.com, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Brantford, Ontario; Camille Callison, Tahltan Nation, working on her community's House of Traditional Knowledge project and Resource Librarian, British Columbia Aboriginal Child Care Society, West Vancouver, British Columbia; Ann Doyle, Xwi7xwa Library, Acting Head, Vancouver, British Columbia; Patty Lawlor, First Nations Consultant, Southern Ontario Library Service, Toronto, Ontario; Janice Linton, Aboriginal Health Librarian, Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Deborah Pelletier, Manager, Aboriginal Heritage Initiatives, Strategic Office, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario; Chris Pepin, Public Library Services Coordinator, Provincial Library, Saskatchewan Learning, Regina, Saskatchewan Howard Saunders, Manager, Sprucewood Branch, Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton, Alberta

Program Description:

Developments across the country indicate momentum is building to improve awareness of and support for Aboriginal libraries and related library issues. Learn about wide-ranging initiatives, including Ontario's First Nation Public Libraries Strategic Plan, provincial promotion weeks, First Nation Communities Read, and how you can support and contribute to this growing support movement from your own native or non-native library.

Date: Saturday June 18, 2005 9:20 am-10:50 am

Conference Planning Activities:

Due to circumstances this year the IG was not able to sponsor the conference registration of Aboriginal LIS students or students who are engaged in Aboriginal LIS studies. Also, often the IG tries to encourage local community interest and linkages by holding an event at a local Friendship Centre. These are ongoing

challenges for the IG whose fundamental mandate is contingent on making space for a diversity of Aboriginal voice and presence in the decision-making processes in libraries, the profession and professional organizations.

7. Many thanks to the CLA and the Native Peoples Interest Group for the opportunity to serve as Convenor for the past two years. As the CLA Bylaws stipulate, the IG Convenor or co-convenors hold a two year term, the IG is recruiting for a new convenor 2005-2007.

Submitted with respect,  
Ann Doyle  
Convenor 2003-2005  
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