News from the Provincial, Regional and Territorial Library Associations of Canada

**British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) News**

The Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) is trying to find ways to cope with a 22 per cent cut in provincial government funding. According to a recent article in the Times Colonist and on the GVPL website, the Library system will see cuts in collections, cancellations of programs like the writer in residence and the closure of branches on Sundays. For more information visit GVPL's Library Board page or read the entire Times Colonist article by clicking on the links below.

http://gvpl.ca/news_and_events/GVPL_Board_News.php


The BC Ministry of Tourism (Culture and the Arts) recently pulled funding from three provincial literary organizations: the Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia, BC BookWorld newspaper and the B.C. Association of Magazine Publishers. According to a press release from the Coalition for the Defence of Writing & Publishing in B.C. “The literary community is aghast at total withdrawal of funding from three of its integral organizations." To read the entire press release, visit the BCLA website by clicking on the link below.

http://www.bcla.bc.ca/News/Coalition%20letterhead%20FULL%20version.pdf

**Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) News**

The new provincial program Borrow Anywhere, Return Anywhere was launched on October 21, 2009. According to the Libraries Nova Scotia site “The new service allows library card holders access to more than 100 libraries in the province, with no fees for borrowers, which were charged to out-of-town or off-campus borrowers." This program was developed by Libraries Nova Scotia and is a collaboration of public, college and university libraries in the province creating "seamless, barrier-free library access". For more information about Libraries Nova Scotia or the program, click on the link below.

http://librariessns.ca/
**Ontario Library Association (OLA) News**

The Ontario Public Library Service Awards shortlist has been announced. Winners for both the Minister's Award for Innovations and the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence are scheduled to be announced at the 2010 Super Conference, February 24 - 27, 2010. To view the shortlist of Libraries and their programs visit the Ontario Ministry of Culture’s website via the link below.


**Library Association of Alberta (LAA) News**

November 14th was the deadline for Albertans to place their vote for the best book published in Alberta in 2009. The Edmonton Public Library (EPL), in partnership with the Book Publishers Association of Alberta (BPAA), is presenting the Alberta Readers' Choice Award. The Alberta Readers' Choice Award promotes the works of Alberta authors and publishers, and encourages the reading public to support literary works published in Alberta. The winner of the Alberta Readers' Choice Award will be announced at the BPAA Award Gala on Friday, May 14th, 2010. For more information visit the award site below.

[http://www.albertareaderschoice.ca/](http://www.albertareaderschoice.ca/)

**Manitoba Library Association News**

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This summer, the Manitoba Library Association (MLA) worked with the Province of Manitoba to revise Labour and Immigration's guide for new immigrant women, to ensure that libraries were featured as a key resource for newcomers. MLA provided plain language content that was included as a supplement to the English edition, and submitted extensive content that was used for the French edition. The guide is available online at [http://www.gov.mb.ca/msw/publications/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/msw/publications/index.html).

In conference news, MLA, the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT), and the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) are pleased to announce the Manitoba Libraries Conference 2010: The Power of Many -- The Power of Partnerships, to be held on May 17 - 19, 2010, at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. Please visit the website for more information ([http://www.manitobalibrariesconference.ca/](http://www.manitobalibrariesconference.ca/)).