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

Library Association of Alberta (LAA) News

LAA President’s Award to go to OLA Executive Director, Larry Moore

In recognition of the leadership he has provided at a national level and the vision that inspired The Partnership that benefits LAA and the other provincial associations, Larry Moore will be presented with the LAA President’s Award at the Annual General Meeting in April 2007. The LAA Board is very grateful for the wisdom, support and friendship Larry has extended to the Alberta professional community during his many years of service with OLA.

Alberta Library Conference welcomes Silken Laumann and Todd Maffin

The annual conference to be held April 26-29, 2007 in Jasper, Alberta, will be enriched by two key note addresses.

Silken Laumann, Olympic Hero

Silken Laumann takes her audiences on the journey of a lifetime, as she shares her story, from broken bones and shredded muscles to Olympic glory. Far more than a sports story, it is a story of courage, perseverance and the triumph of the human spirit.

Tod Maffin
Futurist & Broadcaster

Tod Maffin is “one of Canada’s most influential futurists” according to The Globe and Mail.

Tod hosts a national technology column on CBC Radio, a technology series on CBC Television’s Canada Now, and is a producer for several radio programs including the country’s guide to modern culture, Definitely Not the Opera. He has been a host of several national CBC Radio programs including Real Life Chronicles and todradio.com.
British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) News

At its Annual General Meeting during the recently held BC Library Conference, the 2007-2008 BCLA Board of Directors was introduced. Members of the Board (and their library affiliation) are:

Deb Thomas, President (Burnaby Public Library)
Lynne Jordon, Vice President/President Elect (Greater Victoria Public Library)
Inba Kehoe, Past President (UVic Libraries)
Katy Nelson, Treasurer (UVic Libraries)
Stephanie Hall, Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer Elect (Powell River Public Library)
Trish Rosseel, Director – Conference (SFU Library)
Chris Middlemass, Director – Conference (Vancouver Public Library)
Heather Scoular, Director - CE (Port Moody Public Library)
Virginia Charron - Membership Secretary
Kevin Kierans, Director (Thompson Nicola Regional District)
Vicki Donoghue, YAACS Chair (Port Moody Public Library)
Sylvia Roberts, ALPS Chair (SFU Library)
TBA - Recording Secretary
Ted Benson, Reporter Editor (West Vancouver Memorial Library)
Ontario Library Association (OLA) News

Larry Moore to Retire in February 2008

Larry Moore, Executive Director of the Ontario Library Association since 1984, has announced that he will be retiring at the end of February 2008. Larry started his library career as a high school librarian at Clarke Road Secondary School in London in 1962. His first official position at OLA was as chair of the School Libraries Division in 1972 and 1973. He became OLA President in 1975-76, at which time he was Associate Professor teaching School Librarianship at Queen’s University. He was volunteer editor of publications for OLA through the rest of the 70s, winning OLA’s Distinguished Service Award in 1979. In 1980, he left Queen’s University to create Libraries & Learning, Inc., a consulting firm he founded with colleague Jane Moore. Larry then became OLA’s second Executive Director in October, 1984. Under Larry’s stewardship, the OLA has grown to 5,000 members and has established a variety of highly successful programs and projects. Among these are: Super Conference (Canada’s largest annual library conference), the Forest of Reading, the OLA Bookstore, the Education Institute, Knowledge Ontario, and the Africa Project. Larry has also been instrumental in the establishment of The Partnership, Canada’s network of provincial and territorial library associations. It is difficult to imagine the Ontario Library Association without Larry Moore as its Executive Director.

School Library Research Project

The executives of the Ontario Library Association and the Ontario Library Association have met with Queen’s University researcher, Dr. Don Klinger, and Gay Stephenson from People for Education to complete discussions on the direction and methodology of the second phase of research being funded by the OLA Board of Directors. The research will study the impact of school libraries on student learning.

The first research study correlated data collected by EQAO (the Ontario government’s Education Quality and Accountability Office) in provincial standardized testing, and the data on school library resources collected in the tracking reports of People for Education (a parents’ advocacy group). The resulting report, School Libraries & Student Achievement, was published by OLA last spring. It showed that there was a measurable impact on student attitudes toward reading. Dr. Klinger expanded on this research in the lead article of the Winter 07 issue of Access, the OLA’s official magazine.

The new study will take Dr. Klinger, his colleague Dr. Elizabeth Lee, and other Queen’s University researchers into a variety of schools to look at the collaborative behaviours of teachers and teacher-librarians in delivering student learning. This will be augmented by surveying both students and classroom
teachers. Some of the core research to identify the impact of specific behaviours on student success will be done in the winter of 2007-2008.

**Ontario Budget Increases Funding for Public Libraries**

Public libraries will be getting $5,000,000 more in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, according to the 2007 Ontario provincial budget. Some of this will be provided in conjunction with a government information project through Service Ontario. Academic libraries will also benefit from increased funding to postsecondary education.
Association des bibliothécaires du Québec – Quebec Library Association (ABQLA) News

ABQLA CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY: 1932-2007

A Gala celebration in honour of the 75th Anniversary of l’Association des bibliothécaires du Québec / Quebec Library Association is taking place on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Montreal. Past and present members are cordially invited to come for fun, reminiscing and reuniting with long-lost colleagues. ABQLA Board member, Prof. Peter McNally, McGill Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, will acquaint us with our historical past and Jack Rabinovitch, founder of The Giller Prize, will be our guest speaker.

Much of the planning for the 75th Anniversary festivities has been inspired and facilitated by the wealth of information found locked in the ABQLA Archives. The contribution to librarianship in Quebec, Canada and beyond by ABQLA members throughout our 75-year history is impressive. As part of the year-long celebration, the Association is updating its Album of Past Presidents and has commissioned the writing of its history from its inception in 1932 to the present. Indeed the occasion has spawned renewed interest in our archives and steps are now being taken to organize the material according to archival standards.

The Gala celebration also marks the opening of the 2007 ABQLA Annual Conference, continuing on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at the Holiday Inn Midtown in Montreal. The theme of this year's conference is E-volving Libraries – the Best of the Past, The Promise of the Future. The idea behind the theme is that librarians should strive to maintain core values of customer service, all-the-while capitalizing on available technologies, in order to continue moving into the future. An exciting line-up of speakers will address these present-day issues.

To view the full program and register for the ABQLA Gala and 2007 Annual Conference, visit: [www.abqla.qc.ca](http://www.abqla.qc.ca)
Nunavut Library Association News

Nunavut Curriculum Materials Relocated and Reorganized

Curriculum materials have recently become more accessible for educators in Nunavut. The Iqaluit Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC) of the Government of Nunavut is responsible for producing, distributing and storing curriculum materials, chiefly in Inuktitut, to support the Nunavut primary and secondary school systems. Carol Rigby, a freelance cataloguer, was contracted by the TLC to assist with the move and organization of its resources.

After years of working out of government offices and a Cold War-vintage warehouse space, the TLC had the opportunity to move into their own proper production and storage space in the newly renovated Aqsarniit Middle School in Iqaluit. Last year Carol began the project with a storage needs assessment and the preparation of shelving specifications. The shelving was installed in February, and then came the task of taking the haphazard piles of boxes from the old warehouse and organizing them in a fashion that would promote easy access to material and give teachers the ability to browse the storage area for resources and ideas. A brainstorming session with staff determined that a standard library classification system would not be the most useful way to organize these particular resources. Carol therefore helped them develop a simple faceted classification system based on Nunavut’s curriculum structure, identifying grade level (Primary, Middle, Junior, High School), curriculum area (Science, Mathematics, Language Arts, etc.) and curriculum topic (Land Animals, Size and Shape, Syllabic reading, etc.) An intense few weeks were then spent opening and classifying unidentified boxes of material.

The results are rewarding: already teaching staff have been wandering in and asking “is this a library?!?” as they look through materials and appreciate what the TLC has made available for Nunavut's students. There are still many boxes to be unpacked, and undoubtedly the sorting and shelf arranging will go on for some time, but already access to all of these materials has been markedly improved. Ms. Rigby reported that one of the most gratifying aspects of the project was how much the TLC staff “recognized and appreciated the professional quality of organizational skill that could be provided by someone with library training and experience”.