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

British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) News

The BCLA Interest Group, Libraries Across Borders, is hosting a special event: Lolly for Libraries! on Friday, November 30, 2007 from 7-10 pm. This fundraiser is in support of the Assistance to Libraries Fund, so the group can continue to help libraries in developing countries. To find out more about this group, the Libraries Assistance Fund and projects they have assisted with, visit their website http://www.bcla.bc.ca/LAB/default.aspx.

Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) News

The Nova Scotia Library Association and the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia jointly hosted their 2007 annual conference Festival of Writers: from parchment to podcasts September 21-23 in Antigonish. It was a successful conference with over 110 delegates attending.

No New Books: CBC Nova Scotia

CBC Nova Scotia recently reported on budget troubles the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library system seemed to be encountering. According to the article the system has not only stopped placing new book orders but has had to halt staff training. They are currently seeking “outside funding” to keep many of their programs running. To read more, visit the Nova Scotia Library Association’s webpage http://nsla.ns.ca/.

The Québec Library Association/ L'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec (ABQLA) News

The Montreal Children’s Literature Roundtable and the Quebec Library Association will be hosting an exciting event during TD Canadian Children’s Book Week Nov. 17-24, 2007. On Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007 librarians, teachers, and children’s literature enthusiasts are invited to attend a special event with children’s and YA author Kristyn Dunnion. For more information visit the ABQLA website http://abqla.qc.ca/.

Ontario Library Association (OLA) News

Author JK Rowling visits Canada

A partnership between OLA, the International Festival of Authors (IFOA), Harbourfront Centre and Raincoast Books has allowed a lottery to be held with the winning prize being tickets to attend the JK Rowling author event happening
in Toronto on October 23, 2007. The lottery was open to OLA members as well as schools that were participating in the Forest of Reading® program from around Ontario. In a separate initiative OLA and The Partnership worked together to offer tickets to this exciting event to provincial and territorial library associations from across the country.

**People**

Maureen Cubberley, formerly the Provincial Librarian for Manitoba, will take on the position of CEO of the Huntsville Public Library

Retiring after many successful years of service: Marguerite Urban (CEO at Huntsville), Eleanor James (CEO of Oakville Public Library), and Colleen Abbott (CEO at Aurora Public Library)

Christina Wilson has left Cambridge Libraries and Galleries to become the Emerging Technologies Librarian at The Alberta Library.