

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

British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) News

In January, the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) announced that it had signed an agreement with the Health Libraries Association of British Columbia (HLABC). This agreement will not only allow members of both associations to benefit from a close working relationship but the BCLA annual conferences will now expand to include health related topics.

The finalists have been announced for the 24th Annual BC Book Prize. BCLA has been a supporter of the Sheila A. Egoff Children's Literature Prize since 1987. The finalists for this award are:

The Alchemist's Dream by John Wilson

Baboon: A Novel by David Jones

The Corps of the Bare-Boned Plane by Polly Horvath

For Now by Gayle Friesen

Porcupine by Meg Tilly

The awards will be handed out April 28, 2008 in Vancouver. For more information visit BCLA's website at www.bcla.bc.ca or visit the BC Book Prizes site at www.bcbookprizes.ca

Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) and Manitoba Library Association (MLA) News

The Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) and The Manitoba Library Association (MLA) hosted a joint conference "Prairie Partnerships: Expanding Our Horizons" from May 1-3, 2008 at Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina. According to the MLA website "[t]his weekend has been designed to provide value for both provinces' library communities by offering the opportunity to take part in a larger, regional conference." For more information visit the MLA site at www.mla.mb.ca or the SLA site at www.lib.sk.ca/sla

Ontario Library Association (OLA) News

The 2008 American Library Association (ALA) Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship will go to Larry Moore, the former Executive Director of the Ontario Library Association. According to the association's website, Larry held this post for 24 years until retiring in February of this year. The award will be handed out in June at ALA's Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. For more information visit the ALA website at www.ala.org/ala/awardsbucket/haycockaward/haycockaward.cfm

People

Dan Sich begins a new job as a Research and Instructional Librarian at the University of Western Ontario, after just under 8 years as the Liaison Librarian for Physics and Mathematics at the University of Waterloo.