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

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British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) News

For the third year in a row the province of British Columbia proclaimed October Library month. According to a press release put out by B.C.’s Ministry of Education "The concept for a month dedicated to library and information services in British Columbia was developed by library partners from across the province to help raise public awareness about the fundamental role that libraries play in people's lives."

The 2009 BCLA annual conference will take place from April 16 to April 18, 2009 at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel and the Holiday Inn Express Vancouver Metrotown in Burnaby. The conference theme this year is Be Curious…think, learn and discover: explore the possibilities of learning and teaching. Visit the conference website below for more information.

http://www.bcla.bc.ca/Conference2009/

Library Association of Alberta (LAA) News

The LAA Election Kit has been updated to now address issues of advocating for libraries in Alberta. The new kit Advocacy: talk about libraries and influence the political process was revised by LAA's Advocacy Committee. According to their website "This document includes an overview of the structure of libraries in Alberta and the funding process for public libraries, as well as specific guidelines for writing effective letters and organizing a letter-writing campaign. It also contains a sample lobbying plan which you can adapt for your local situation." To view the document, visit the LAA website below and click on "Advocacy".

http://www.laa.ca

LAA is pleased to partner with the Writers Guild of Alberta and the Education Institute to offer Wired Writers: author talks with a twist. This pilot project, funded by the Alberta Public Library Development Initiative, includes three online and in person author talks taking place in various libraries across the province. According to the LAA website "The primary purposes of this project are twofold: to promote literacy initiatives in libraries, and showcase the capabilities of SuperNet high speed internet connections in libraries in Alberta." All participants
need is a telephone and internet connection. To register, visit The Partnership site and click on "EI: Education Institute".

http://www.thepartnership.ca/

Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) News

The newest edition of the APLA Bulletin is now available on the APLA website. The Bulletin covers news, events and communication from the Atlantic regions of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Visit the APLA site below and click on "APLA Bulletin" to read about what's going on in these regions.

http://www.apla.ca

Ontario Library Association (OLA) News

Chesley Friends of the Library from Bruce County, Ontario has been awarded the 2008 Gabriele Schreiber Friends of the Library Award. The group worked to raise more than $54,000 for the Library through various community initiatives. The award is sponsored by Random House and includes $1000 worth of new books for the Library.

Jefferson Gilbert, Deputy Director of OLA has moved to take a new position as the Executive Director of the Canadian Urban Libraries Council/Conseil des Bibliothèques Urbaines du Canada (CULC). Jefferson's contributions to OLA and the Ontario Library community for the past 18 years have been extensive and he will be missed as part of the OLA staff team.