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ANNUAL REPORT
2007-2008

OUR MISSION

CLA is my advocate and public voice, educator and network. We build the Canadian library and information community and advance its information professionals.

OUR VALUES

We believe that libraries and the principles of intellectual freedom and free universal access to information are key components of an open and democratic society.

Informed and knowledgeable membership is central in achieving library and information policy goals.

Effective advocacy is based on understanding the social, cultural, political and historical contexts in which libraries and information services function.

OUR OPERATING PRINCIPLES

A large and active membership is crucial to our success.

Our association will have a governance structure that is reviewed regularly and ensures that all sectors of the membership are represented.

Our association places a high value on each of our members.

Sawubona!

Report of the President

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as president of the Canadian Library Association for 2007-2008. I've been asked if I have enjoyed the experience and whether it was worth it. Did the positive aspects make up for the volunteer hours and occasional anxiety? The answer, without a moment's hesitation, is a resounding yes!

CLA has opened many doors for me, and given me many opportunities to meet and share ideas with dedicated and dynamic leaders in the library community. I have met students and faculty from technician and graduate programs, practitioners, trustees, vendors, friends and supporters, and all of these people have affirmed my commitment to our national organization. Indeed, I have met colleagues not only within Canada, but internationally as well. If I thanked everyone to whom I am indebted for advice, inspiration and mentoring, this report would consist entirely of names!

I would be remiss, however, if I didn't take this opportunity to express particular appreciation to a number of individuals and organizations. I am deeply indebted to Anna Altmann, former director of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta, for her support in the form of a reduced teaching load during my year as president. Fern Snart, the dean of the Faculty of Education at the U of A, supported my attendance in Philadelphia in January 2008 at the annual conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education, and at the mid-winter conference of the American Library Association. Ernie Ingles, vice-provost and chief librarian at the U of A, has generously supported my travels this year, supplementing the modest funding provided in the CLA president's travel budget. I further thank Ernie for major sponsorship by the U of A on the occasion of its 100th anniversary at CLA's annual conference. I am also grateful to Pilar Martinez, executive director at Edmonton Public Library, for suggesting intellectual freedom as the core theme of my presidential year (this should have been obvious to me). Last but not least, thank you both to our team on Executive Council and to the CLA staff for fine leadership and gratefully experienced collegiality.

I could write at length about my marvellously serendipitous experiences as CLA president this past year, but will limit myself only to the highlights:

- The warm and appreciative reception I received to my many presentations across Canada in Fall 2007 to more than 300 students in five technician and six master's programs, including an overwhelming audience of 70 students and community leaders in Halifax! The opportunity to invite students' top-of-mind suggestions for CLA's future engagement with them was especially inspiring, resulting in 10 pages of ideas.
- Building bridges with library associations and librarians through informal meetings and lunches that were piggybacked onto those travels. These included: informal dialogue with University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus chief librarian Melody Burton and staff at the invitation of associate vice president for learning services Gwen Zilm; lunches with BCLA president Deb Thomas and executive director Mike Burris; a "hot-seat conversation" with newly appointed chief librarian Madeleine Lefebvre with 50 (!) staff at Ryerson University in Toronto; lunch with Wendy Newman and Judy Dunn at the Crystal Restaurant in the new glass wing of the ROM; attendance on the invitation of Toronto Public Library chief librarian Josephine Bryant at ceremonies in honour of the 30th anniversary of the Toronto Reference Library at Yonge and Bloor, with architects Raymond and Ajon Moriyama and Mayor David Miller; a roundtable discussion with local association presidents in Nova Scotia at the initiative of CAPL president Susan McLean; a reception hosted by the CLA Montreal Chapter at the graduate students' club on the McGill University campus; after-work drinks with Ottawa CASLIS Chapter members on the initiative of president Cabot Yu; dialogue with The Partnership at its January 2008 meeting during the OLA Super Conference, accompanied by incoming president Ken Roberts; and joining Gale's Salvy Trojman at the Toronto Public Library's 3rd annual Booklovers Ball gala evening during the OLA Super Conference.
- Memorable events such as the opportunity to present the CLA Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada for 2007 to the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE), at a gala fundraiser in Toronto on Nov. 1; a bitter-sweet occasion because we learned that two out of the three foreign journalists receiving awards had been killed since their selection the previous spring.
- Presiding over CLA Executive Council meetings, and chairing or participating in three major projects, 2008 conference planning, the CLA ad hoc strategic planning committee, and the Library Human Resources Summit steering committee.
- Overseeing the preparation of various position statements and proclamations, including: the position statement on the Deliberate Destruction of Libraries; the position statement on Equitable Compensation for Library Workers; the position statement on Diversity and Inclusion. Also, new Proclamations during Canadian Library Month (October 2007): one declared Library Support Workers Day; the other, Special Librarians Day.

- Getting up to speed on a dizzying array of issues and crafting (or at least signing) letters on, among other matters, the London Public Library filtering controversy; copyright; the Library Book Rate Private Member's bill; open access initiatives; the national network for equitable service for print-disabled Canadians; Canada Council strategic planning; and Bill C-10.
- The great pleasure (and challenge!) of writing the bi-monthly "President's column" for *Feliciter*. I have received positive feedback from readers of every issue, which is a source of great satisfaction for me. The columns covered intellectual freedom, writing and publishing, and student themes relating to professional engagement and the school-to-work transition.
- Initiating the 2008 conference theme of *Libraries and Publishing 3.0: Connecting Authors to Readers in the Digital Age*. This will be the first time CLA has focused its conference on publishing since 1974!

Suffice it to say, the past year stands as a very creative and energizing chapter in my career and life. This is a very good thing because my travel alone added up to 60 days away from home over a period of seven months in 2007, and promises to equal that in 2008. Highlights of my travels include:

- Meeting ALA president Lorienne Roy for the first time at our American counterparts' annual conference in June 2007 in Washington, D.C. Also, sitting at the head table for the Stonewall LGBTQ book awards luncheon, occasioning a bit of a stir when I was introduced as CLA president.
- Attending the IFLA World Congress alongside 3,000 delegates from 116 countries (1,200 from South Africa alone and another 400 from the rest of Africa) in Durban, S.A. One of my most intense and memorable conferences experiences ever was when I met Professor Archie Dick for the first time. He is a South African man on whose doctoral committee I was the external examiner 16 years ago! And in Durban, I chaired the "Canadian Caucus" meeting of Canadian delegates, a tradition adopted by many countries when 62 out of the 76 Canadian registrants congregated in a small overheated conference room to hear me open the meeting with a South African greeting, "*Sawubona. Sikhona,*" which means, "Greetings. I see you. I am here. Until you see me I do not exist. When you see me, you bring me into existence." During this trip, I also spent three days in Cape Town, visiting Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope. There, Vasco da Gama sailed in 1497 as he explored a sea route to India and ushered in an era of Portuguese colonialism that brought wealth and power as well as untold poverty and degradation for 450 years. When I was a land-locked farm boy from Rimbey, Alberta, who had never seen an ocean or any body of water larger than Sylvan Lake, da Gama's great maritime adventures appealed deeply to my feverish imagination. Who could ever have imagined that 50 years later, that farm boy would be standing on those shores where the great oceans meet, drinking a champagne toast arranged by his tour guide! And who could have imagined I would ever visit the location of the brutal murder of Steve Biko in the 1970s, or see the island near Cape Town where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years?
- Being invited, to cap off the 2007 calendar year, to the Governor General's Literary Awards at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Dec. 13. During the day, also at Rideau Hall, I attended a forum on "Art Matters" hosted by Their Excellencies the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, and Mr Jean-Daniel Lafond.
- Finally, attending five provincial or regional library association annual conferences in 2008, spanning the country from BCLA in Richmond to APLA in Charlottetown.

This has been, and is, an inspiring and revitalizing experience, a memorable education, and an unexpected deepening of my own personal and professional identity. Indeed, these feelings are amplified because I am doing something for, and on behalf of, people that I care about passionately, by contributing in my small way to the future of our profession. Being CLA president has been great fun and given me great satisfaction.

Given all my travels, I want to close by expressing my indebtedness to my partner Tony. Despite his often-heard refrain as I announced yet another meeting or conference ("You might be the president of CLA, but I'm not impressed with all your nights away from home!"), he lent me unwavering support and encouragement throughout my presidential year.

There were a number of challenging files this year. Ultimately, I hope you will agree they were handled well. Thank you again to everyone who has supported and encouraged me, offered me wise counsel, and reinforced my lifelong conviction that professional activism is its own reward.



Alvin M. Schrader
President

Activities Report June 2007 ~ June 2008

CLA continues to focus on the strategic initiatives defined within its 2004-2007 Strategic Plan and to develop a new strategic plan for 2008-2010.

In the 2004-2007 plan, CLA's members defined two main roles for the Association. The first is to be their national voice, which is implemented through activities like advocacy to the federal government; promotion of libraries and librarianship to others on the national stage like national media and other associations and organizations; and representing them in international affairs such as the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

The second main role is to advance the profession through national continuing professional development and other services to individuals and institutions.

Activities undertaken to be the national voice for librarians and libraries

No other association or network is as well-positioned to be the national voice for librarians, information professionals and institutions. In regular collaboration with ASTED, a national French-language association, CLA identifies national issues of interest to librarians and makes representations to appropriate government departments, committees, politicians, officials and media; participates in coalitions and networks such as the Book and Periodical Council and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO; and partners with appropriate national associations such as those from the museums and archives communities.

Over the past year, the federal political environment has been marked by continued uncertainty due to the minority government. This has proven to be beneficial for CLA, as MPs from both sides of the House of Commons are quite willing to meet with CLA representatives.

Library Book Rate: The Rate permits libraries to loan books to other libraries and to the public at special postal rates. It is no longer subject to an agreement between Canada Post and the Department of Canadian Heritage; however, Canada Post has extended the Rate until at least January 2009.

One of Canada Post's concerns with the Library Book Rate program was that there had been no reliable statistics on how much it was being used and which libraries were using it. CLA is a direct partner with Canada Post in gathering these statistics; CLA undertook to create and maintain the database of over 2,100 libraries eligible to access the Rate; and CLA provides free access for eligible libraries to a shipping tool. Because it is now mandatory to use electronic shipping tools to access the Rate, Canada Post and the library community now have comprehensive usage data.

MP Merv Tweed has introduced a private member's bill, Bill C-458, that would allow the government to compensate Canada Post for the discounted rate and would add audio-visual media to the list of library materials eligible for the Rate. CLA has been promoting this Bill (with excellent support from provincial, territorial and regional library associations). CLA organized a media event in Mr. Tweed's riding of Brandon, Manitoba on Nov. 10, 2007; and on April 8, 2008 hosted Mr. Tweed and eight other Conservative MPs at a breakfast on Parliament Hill to gain their support.

Copyright: CLA, mostly through its Copyright Working Group, continues to work with others in the information users community to ensure users' rights are recognized in balance with the rights of creators and rights holders in copyright. CLA's media conference on Dec. 21, 2007 generated front-page coverage in the *Globe and Mail*, on CBC radio news, and on websites and blogs. The Copyright Working Group's report elsewhere in this Annual Report contains more details.

Community Access Program: This program helps libraries and community development agencies provide Internet access and training. Originally set to expire March 31, 2006, the library and other communities have been able to convince the government to keep it going (in a much-reduced form) for the last two years. While it is still not on a firm foundation, CLA has confirmed that CAP continues in 2008-2009, and CLA is continuing to lobby government to make it a permanent program.

National Network for Equitable Library Service for the Print-Disabled: In October 2007, the federal government released the long-promised \$1 million per year for three years to develop and test a national network for enhanced library service for the print-disabled through public libraries. Now known as the Initiative for Equitable Library Access, CLA's Library Services to Individuals with Print Disabilities Interest Group led the creation of a CLA IELA working group to liaise with Library and Archives Canada.

IFLA: CLA continues to provide support as Canada prepares to host the World Library and Information Congress in August 2008 in Quebec City. CLA and ASTED have created a separate charitable organization, Bibliomondialis. Its first activity is to provide bursaries to WLIC delegates to Quebec City; in the future, it will support international librarianship activities by Canadians.

Canadian Library Month: In 2004, CLA was asked by leaders in the community to revive a national public awareness campaign for libraries. With great support from provincial governments and organizations, Canadian Library Week grew quickly into Canadian Library Month, and the activity continues to improve. In October 2007, nationwide, 17,000 posters and 435,000 bookmarks were distributed to celebrate CLM 2007. The survey results were very positive with 94 percent of those surveyed liking the image used and 93 percent liking the theme. This year, 93 percent surveyed reported they received the materials in time for the event. CLM is building awareness yearly and is becoming much anticipated by the library community and patrons.

CLA continues to monitor and comment on other federal government or national advocacy issues, such as the potential constraints on freedom of expression in Bill C-10; open access for federally funded research; and the closure of Library and Archives Canada's Canadian Book Exchange Centre.

Activities undertaken to advance the profession

CLA advances the profession by providing continuing professional development, mostly through its annual Conference, Divisions, Interest Groups, magazine, books and listservs, and by working on national issues such as human resources.

Current notable activities to advance the profession are:

Annual Conference: The 2007 annual Conference in St. John's, in collaboration with the Atlantic Provinces and the Newfoundland and Labrador library associations, attract 800 delegates and over 100 exhibitors. The 2008 Conference is in Vancouver, BC; the 2009 Conference is in Montreal. A task force of Executive Council members is examining the conference program selection process to ensure the programming truly meets the diverse needs of the Canadian library community.

National Summit on Library Human Resources: In 2005, the 8Rs study from the University of Alberta identified human resource issues facing the Canadian library community. CLA created a "President's Council on the 8Rs" to take the research and develop or encourage tangible actions by libraries. CLA and the 8Rs Team are partnering, with the help of a pan-association Steering Committee, to develop a National Summit to create a national human resources strategy and action plan. The Summit will be held Oct. 6-7, 2008 in Ottawa.

Other Activities

The important work of CLA units – Divisions, Interest Groups, Sections, Committees and Task Forces – is fundamental to our success. More information on the activities of these groups follows in this Annual Report and is available on our Web site, www.cla.ca.

CLA launched a totally rebuilt Web site on Nov. 1, 2007, on time and under budget, to a strongly positive reaction. During the first five months of operations, members have identified a few tweaks to further improve the site, which will be made over the next few months. Select volunteers will be trained how to manage parts of the Web site themselves, to help ensure timely, relevant content.

It has been an award-winning year for CLA:

- June 2007, Summit International, Public Relations silver (no gold given) for "Launch Your Future with Reading".
- October 2007, Canadian Society of Association Executives, "Associations Make a Better Canada Award", Public Information / Education, for the November 2006 "Launch Your Future with Reading" essay and questions contest for children.
- December 2007, *PR News* (international public relations magazine) Not-For-Profit Awards, honourable mention for "Launch Your Future with Reading".
- January 2008, Canada News Wire, "Top 10" award for having one of the top 10 news releases downloaded by journalists (682 times on December 21, 2007) for "21 Million Library Users Concerned about Copyright".



Don Butcher
Executive Director

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members,

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES

We have audited the Statement Of Financial Position of the Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques as at December 31, 2007 and the Statements Of Changes In Net Assets, Operations and Cash Flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 352,841	\$ 340,054
Short term investments	55,000	55,000
Accounts receivable	45,786	134,967
Inventories	24,550	27,722
Prepaid expenses	103,958	98,484
	<u>582,135</u>	<u>656,227</u>
INVESTMENTS	560,540	547,779
CAPITAL (note 3)	53,999	48,393
	<u>\$ 1,196,674</u>	<u>\$ 1,252,399</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)	\$ 240,928	\$ 276,317
	<u>245,690</u>	<u>218,213</u>
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	486,618	494,530
NET ASSETS	507,127	505,830
Mary Elizabeth Allan Operating Fund	283,440	302,024
Special Purpose Funds (note 7)	(80,511)	(49,985)
Unrestricted	<u>710,056</u>	<u>757,869</u>
	<u>\$ 1,196,674</u>	<u>\$ 1,252,399</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2007	2006
NET ASSETS RESTRICTED TO MARY ELIZABETH ALLAN OPERATING FUND		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 505,830	\$ 497,533
Gain on investments	1,297	8,297
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 507,127</u>	<u>\$ 505,830</u>
NET ASSETS RESTRICTED TO SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 302,024	\$ 310,767
Transfer to unrestricted net assets	(18,584)	(8,743)
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 283,440</u>	<u>\$ 302,024</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ (49,985)	\$ (171,303)
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the year	(49,110)	116,437
Transfer from net assets restricted to Special Purpose Funds	18,584	4,881
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ (80,511)</u>	<u>\$ (49,985)</u>

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2007	2006
REVENUE		
Membership services	\$ 425,690	\$ 453,371
Conference and exhibits	590,863	723,508
Book sales	160,664	166,544
Felicitator and website	147,078	122,340
Investments and miscellaneous	10,576	22,900
Executive	15,489	8,900
Projects	420,997	534,082
Continuing education	-	1,943
Special purpose funds and projects (note 7)	23,748	23,971
	<u>1,795,105</u>	<u>2,057,559</u>
EXPENSES		
Member services	123,071	140,838
Conferences and exhibits	281,527	387,581
Book sales	127,729	135,593
Felicitator and website	177,506	117,652
Finance	98,389	97,942
Executive	625,413	584,152
Projects	420,781	496,496
Continuing education	-	1,336
Recovery of administrative costs	(52,533)	(49,325)
Special purpose funds and projects (note 7)	42,332	28,857
	<u>1,844,215</u>	<u>1,941,122</u>
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (49,110)</u>	<u>\$ 116,437</u>

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2007	2006
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (49,110)	\$ 116,437
Amortization	23,511	12,414
Net change to non-cash items related to operations:		
Accounts receivable	89,181	(66,719)
Inventory	3,172	(1,598)
Prepaid expenses	(5,474)	49,646
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(35,389)	(16,130)
Deferred contributions	27,477	40,246
	<u>53,568</u>	<u>134,296</u>
CASH FLOWS USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in investments	(11,463)	(14,598)
Acquisition of capital assets	(29,117)	(17,259)
	<u>(40,580)</u>	<u>(31,857)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH POSITION	12,788	102,439
CASH POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>340,054</u>	<u>237,615</u>
CASH POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 352,842</u>	<u>\$ 340,054</u>

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
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- THE ORGANIZATION**
PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION
 The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques mission is to promote, develop and support library and information services in Canada, and the people who provide those services, by being a national advocate, public voice, educator and network for the Canadian library and information community. The Association is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.
PURPOSE OF THE FUND
 The Mary Elizabeth Allan Operating Fund represents a donation received in 1973 from the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Allan. This donation was bequeathed by Mrs. Allan to ensure the continuous work of the Canadian Library Association.
THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS have been established by groups of members, divisions and others for specific projects and purposes.
- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**
INVENTORY
 Inventory is valued at the lower of average cost and net realizable value.
INVESTMENTS
 Investments in mutual equities and bonds funds are recorded at market value.
AMORTIZATION
 Amortization of capital assets, other than leasehold improvements and systems software, is calculated using the declining balance method. Amortization of leasehold improvements and systems software is calculated using the straight-line method. Amortization of other assets is calculated using the straight-line method. The rates are as follows:

Office furniture and equipment	20%
Computer hardware	30%
Computer software	20-100%
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Systems software	2 years

 Amortization of additions to capital assets, other than systems software, is calculated at 50% of the rates reflected above in the year of acquisition.
REVENUE RECOGNITION
 The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
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3. CAPITAL ASSETS	COST	ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION	NET BOOK VALUE 2007	NET BOOK VALUE 2006
Office equipment	\$ 48,655	\$ 34,119	\$ 14,536	\$ 18,170
Computer hardware	50,322	40,482	9,840	14,058
Computer software	54,883	25,556	29,327	15,571
Leaseholds	50,375	50,079	296	594
	<u>\$ 204,235</u>	<u>\$ 150,236</u>	<u>\$ 53,999</u>	<u>\$ 48,393</u>

Amortization expense of capital assets for 2007 is \$23,511 (2006 - \$12,364)

4. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

The Canadian Library Association is a custodian of funds allocated to various Divisions and Interest Groups. These funds amount to \$146,544 as at December 31, 2007 (2006 - \$115,542) and are included in the accounts payable.

5. COMMITMENTS

The Association is committed to the leases of office facilities and equipment over the next three years as follows:

2008	\$ 78,554
2009	\$ 68,780
2010	\$ 28,600

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments reflected in the statement of financial position consist of cash, investments, amounts receivable and amounts payable. The Association does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes and does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments.

INTEREST RATE RISK

The Association is subject to cash flow risk with respect to its holdings of investments.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Association's exposure concentration of credit risk relates to project contributions receivable and customer receivables. The project contribution receivables are due from various government agencies.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Association incurs expenses denominated in foreign currencies and is exposed to risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The Association does not currently hold any financial instruments that mitigate this risk.

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES
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7. SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS AND PROJECTS

	BALANCE OPENING	REVENUES	EXPENSES	BALANCE ENDING
Book Award Fund	\$ 47,995	\$ 9,394	\$ 9,907	\$ 47,482
Intellectual Freedom Fund	55,554	1,726	35	57,245
Research And Education Fund	33,027	952	805	33,174
Scholarship Bursary Funds	85,333	8,118	9,500	83,951
Bibliomondialis	-	600	-	600
Northern Exposure To Leadership Fund	3,975	1,618	2,800	2,793
Library Advocacy Now Fund	4,764	292	520	4,536
Advocacy Award	30,423	635	1,021	30,037
Chancellor Award	6,335	186	-	6,521
Angela Thacker Fund	7,570	227	760	7,037
Disaster Relief	14,802	-	14,802	-
Hurricane Relief	1,715	-	1,715	-
SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS	<u>291,493</u>	<u>23,748</u>	<u>41,865</u>	<u>273,376</u>
Information Rights Week	5,095	-	-	5,095
Book Rate	5,436	-	467	4,969
PROJECTS	10,531	-	467	10,064
	<u>\$ 302,024</u>	<u>\$ 23,748</u>	<u>\$ 42,332</u>	<u>\$ 283,440</u>

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Division Reports

June 2007 ~ June 2008

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Mission: Working together to build a vibrant future for Canadian Public Libraries

In the process of revising the CAPL strategic plan, the executive revised the CAPL mission statement to (1) provide a brief, clear, dynamic statement which reflects member input and (2) which articulates a mission that is relevant to the role of a national association. The new mission was posted on the CLA website and listserv for feedback.

Professional Development

CLA Conference Program

Barb Love was the CAPL liaison for the conference program this year. She reviewed all CLA programme submissions for the 2008 conference for their relevance to public libraries. Of the 10 sessions that CAPL submitted, six were accepted into the final programme and one additional one, *Random Acts of Poetry*, was being incorporated into the all-conference reception. There were three CAPL-related pre-conference proposals submitted, of which two will be going forward.

Continuing Education Committee

Following the 2007 CLA Conference, a call went out on the listserv and the CAPL blog for interested members to join a revived Continuing Education Committee. Nine members stepped forward. The mandate has been to work with The Partnership's Education Institute to provide continuing education opportunities for CAPL members. Suggestions were solicited from the membership about what sort of sessions they were interested in. The committee met with the Education Institute, and has agreed to co-sponsor a session on developing a gaming collection and sending OLA's popular "RA in a Day" event on the road, the first of which will be as a pre-conference event with APLA 2009. We are also hoping to explore the idea of co-sponsoring regional workshops for public libraries.

Advocacy/Information Sharing/Partnering

Public Libraries: Building Capacity

CAPL has been developing a wiki to provide access to documents and "quotable quotes" to assist libraries and individuals developing advocacy programs, grant proposals, service enhancement or budgets. Kelli Wooshue, Halifax Public Libraries, provided volunteer assistance in setting up the wiki, Pat Cavill, Pat Cavill Consulting, was hired to help with populating the wiki. The CAPL Executive were particularly interested in Pat's experience with Library Advocacy Now! A subcommittee of the CAPL Executive: Susan McLean, Andre Gagnon, and Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins met regularly to both populate and develop the site. Documents from the bibliography developed by the researcher hired by CAPL in 2006-2007 are included as relevant. The wiki is intended as an ongoing project to provide information to build capacity in public libraries. The site will continue to evolve as new information is identified and members provide feedback. The wiki builds on work in the earlier *Dividends* document. CAPL is working to have a first phase available for the conference in May 2008.

Submission to Canada Council

CAPL worked jointly with CLA Council to make a submission to the Canada Council Strategic Plan. In addition, CAPL made its own submission to the review based on input from members. I would particularly like to acknowledge Sarah Wenning, Halifax Public Libraries for her significant contribution to the submission. The CAPL submission was posted to the CAPL blog for member response. The Atlantic Provinces Library Association also used the information on the blog to make a supporting submission to the Canada Council.

Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-Being

CAPL was invited last year to send a representative to Strengthening Canadian Communities: a National Showcase on Community Safety, Health and Well-Being held in Winnipeg "because of the central role libraries play in communities across the country". CAPL was then invited, and did join, the Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-Being, a project initiated by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. The vision of the coalition is that a balanced approach is needed for crime prevention, through emphasizing social development as well as enforcement.

Member Communications

CAPL Listserv

This continues to be the primary mode of communication between the CAPL Executive and its members and among and between members of the public library community. Traffic on the listserv is not extensive, however, requests for information, feedback, and opportunities for participation on CAPL committees do elicit a good response.

Facebook profile

At the suggestion of members at the 2007 CAPL AGM Town Hall, Kimberly Sutherland Mills created a Facebook profile for CAPL. There are currently 48 active members, 30 public library photos on the site and a number of items on the discussion board.

Blog

The CAPL blog continues, although additions have been focused on issues requiring discussion and information sharing such as the CAPL town halls and the submission to the Canada Council.

CLA Website

Louise Reimer, CAPL Councillor, worked with CAPL member Jason Hammond, Southeast Regional Library, Saskatchewan, on the CAPL section of the new website. Website information was updated and revised. Discussion will continue on how to best use the new site for member communication.

CAPL Town Hall, St. John's

A very successful town hall was held at the CAPL AGM in St. Johns, organized by Louise Reimer, CAPL Councilor, and facilitated by Pat Jobb, Edmonton Public Library. Results of the session were posted on the CAPL Blog for member feedback.

CAPL Teleconference Town Hall

CAPL conducted its first ever teleconference town hall in early March 2008. Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins and Louise Reimer co-hosted the town hall, with Louise providing the introduction and overview of what CAPL has been working on in the past year, and Rachel facilitating the town hall discussion. Six CAPL members participated in the teleconference. The information provided by the participants was extensive and will be used by the CAPL executive as they plan the future direction of CAPL. The participants also felt that the teleconference format was positive, providing a cross-country perspective on issues. The next step forward could be video-conferencing.

Awards and Bursaries

CAPL/Brodart Award

The award committee met via conference calls and have chosen a winner. An announcement will be made prior to the conference.

CAPL Conference Bursary

The committee sent out two calls for applications for the bursary on the CAPL listserv, as well as calls on all the provincial library association listservs. An award winner this year is Kelli Wooshue, Halifax Public Libraries, who is also a speaker at this year's conference.

NELI Bursary

This Bursary was not awarded in 2007-2008 due to the timing of the Institute.

Nominations

A Nominations Committee was struck. The Committee identified members for each of the vacancies on the CAPL Executive.

CLA Council

As a member of CLA Council, I sat on the CLA strategic planning subcommittee this year. CAPL Executive provided input to the process. We have also provided input to a subcommittee on conference review. Recommendations and ongoing requests for member input and feedback will come from the CLA Council

Acknowledgments

I would like to thank all of the CAPL Executive for their commitment, thoughtfulness, professionalism and dedication volunteered to the Association. One of the greatest pleasures of being CAPL President has been working with the CAPL Executive. Everyone has worked to engage members, create a great conference and move the CAPL agenda forward. I would also like to thank you the members for giving me the opportunity to be President. The issues, the people, and you the members have made it a wonderful experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McLean, President CAPL 2006-2008

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS

Summary of Activities

2008 Annual Conference

A call for proposals was sent out to the CACL membership and several suggestions were received. After consultation during a conference call with CAPL executive session proposals were submitted as part of the CAPL package. We were pleased to have a number of these proposals accepted for the conference.

Book Awards and Reception

At last year's AGM the decision was made to form a Book Awards Working Committee with the CACL past president as chair. This group composed of Heather Mackenzie (chair) Helen Benoit, Maureen Sawa, and Lisa Weaver worked on organizing the book awards reception and dealt with various issues as they came up.

The biggest issue faced by the book award committee this year, was the closure of our sponsor NBS. We were able to move forward with plans for the Book Award reception using money in the Book Award fund. CLA is actively seeking new sponsors. A conference call with the Book Award Committee, the CACL president and CLA will be held to discuss future sponsorship.

At last year's AGM the Book Award convenors raised the issue of lack of technical support for the Book Awards committees. A motion was passed that CACL executive follow up to ensure that there is appropriate communication support for all three book awards committees. This was brought to the CAPL executive and the executive voted to provide each book award committee with two conference calls. One call could be used to help the committee arrive at a short list and another to discuss which book should receive the award. The book award committees have been very appreciative of these conference calls. All short-lists have been announced for the 2008 Book Awards.

2008 -2009 Executive

Lita Barry Vice president/President Elect will be taking over as President. One person has expressed an interest in being president and one person has expressed an interest in being secretary/treasurer. They will be nominated from the floor at the AGM.

Other Activities

I have been contacted by the media on a number of issues, including controversy around Harry Potter books being pulled from library shelves, the suitability of Junie B. Jones books for the intended audience and what libraries are doing to appeal to teenagers.

I assisted *Feliciter* in finding people to review books on children's services.

Last, but certainly not least I was thrilled to represent CACL at the Governor General's Literary Awards at Rideau Hall on Dec. 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cohen

President, CACL



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

To begin, we all must acknowledge and thank the members of the CACUL executive, who do a tremendous amount of work on your behalf. I appreciate the energy and passion of Candice Dahl (Director Institutional) University of Saskatchewan, SK; Donna Bourne-Tyson (Director Personal), Mount Saint Vincent University, NS; Shannon Gordon (Director at Large), Memorial University, Nfld; Elizabeth Marshall (Secretary/Treasurer), Western; Keith Walker (Chair, CTCL), Medicine Hat College, AB and Heather West (CTCL Secretary/*Communiqué* Editor), Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, SK.

CACUL had two tremendous conference convenors working on your behalf for this year's Vancouver Conference. We thank Inba Kehoe and Lisa Petrachenko from the University of Victoria for their commitment and energy in working out the many details of planning CACUL's portions of the conference.

CLA Conference 2008, Vancouver, British Columbia

Highlights of this year's conference include two peer reviewed sessions; the 10th Anniversary of *The Great Debate*, and the always oh-so excellent CACUL reception. We are very pleased to have ProQuest sponsor this year's reception.

Awards

The CACUL awards program provides an opportunity for members to celebrate the accomplishments of their peers. Without generous sponsorship these awards would not be possible. We express our great appreciation to Blackwell's, sponsor of the Miles Blackwell Award for Outstanding Academic Librarian; SIRSI/DYNIX, sponsor of the CACUL Innovation Achievement Award; The Bibliocentre, sponsor of the CTCL Award for the Outstanding College Librarian, ProQuest/Micromedia, sponsor of the CTCL Innovation Achievement Award; and the Robert Blackburn Award.

We also thank the many individuals who took the time to acknowledge their peers and to submit nomination packages on their behalf.

The 2007-08 award winners are:

Miles Blackwell Award for Outstanding Academic Librarian: Margaret Law, Associate Director, Learning Services, University of Alberta

CACUL Innovation Achievement Award: Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library initiative of The Alberta Library

CTCL Award for the Outstanding College Librarian: Joanne Kemp, MacEwan College Library, Edmonton

CTCL Innovation Achievement Award: Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology Library's "Coffee Break @Your Library" initiative

Robert Blackburn Award: "Looking for a link: comparing faculty citations pre and post big deals," *Electronic journal of academic and special librarianship*. 8 (1), 2007 by Don Taylor, Electronic Resources Librarian at Simon Fraser University Library
At the 2008 AGM CACUL will announce a new award.

As a popular member benefit CACUL offers several grants to encourage conference attendance, research, and publishing. These include Workshop Grants, Conference Grants, a Mid-Career Conference Grant, and Student Membership Awards. In addition, the CACUL Research Board acknowledges contributions to research through its Occasional Papers Series, and Research Support Grants. The 2007-08 grant recipients are:

Workshop Grants: Lyn Currie for "Research Methods For Librarians"; Nancy Goebel for "Student Engagement: Connecting With Learners Through Interest, Understanding, and Support"; and Allison Sivak for "Personal Competencies of Leadership".

Conference Grants: Graeme Campbell, Christine Hwang, Barbara King, Jenny Thornhill

Mid-Career Conference Grant: John Sinclair

Student Membership Awards: awarded to six library science students and two library technician students

Committees and Task Forces

Re-generation Committee

The Re-generations Committee had an excellent year reaching out to younger professionals and to library and information studies students. Members on this committee: Heather Berringer (Chair); Donna Bourne-Tyson (CACUL Liaison); Stan Orlov (overseeing Resume reviewing service); Susan Murphy; Deborah Hicks (new professional representative); Krista Hill (student representative). Ambassador visits occurred at the University of Alberta and UBC. Approximately 35 resumes and cover letters were reviewed as part of the Resume Reviewing Service. The Re:Generations blog continues to be fairly active.

Standards for Libraries in Higher Education

The goal of the CACUL Standards Task Force is to investigate ACRL's *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education* and their relevance to Canadian Academic Libraries. The committee is working on transferring the committee's wiki to the CLA website. The long term goal of this Task Force is the development of a set of standards both meaningful and relevant for Canadian academic libraries. They hope to have a final product completed in the original two- to three-year time frame. Committee members are: Richard Ellis, Memorial University (chair); Jennifer Soutter, University of Windsor (past-chair); Isla Jordan, Carleton University; Donna Bourne-Tyson, Mount Saint Vincent University; Marie DeYoung, Nova Scotia Community College; Pamela Drayson, University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

Many thanks to out-going members from Phase I including Laraine Tapak, Confederation College; Patricia Moore, University of Saskatchewan; Brent Roe, York University; and Brigitte Peter-Cherneff, British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Cross Country Dialogue Series

CACUL intends to create a 'cross-country dialogue series' to replace the Teleconference program. We have put some funds in the budget for the coming year for this project. A small committee has been struck to oversee this, including Beth Dunning and Jo-Anne Naslund.

Canadian Technical and College Libraries Section (CTCL)

Two issues of the CTCL newsletter, *Communiqué*, were produced and distributed online; work was begun on an online directory of college libraries to be available through the CLA website; a conference session titled “Inspiring Spaces” and a panel discussion at the 2008 AGM were organized; membership work was done on behalf of CACUL and CTCL.

Carole Compton-Smith will be leaving the CTCL Executive at the end of the conference and Keith Walker becomes Past Chair for the next two years.

Elections

CACUL had elections for three positions this year: VP/President Elect, Director Institutional and Director Personal. CTCL had elections for one position: CTCL Chair/CACUL Executive member. Thank you to the Nominations Committee for their excellent work and thank all of you who let your name stand.

The members of the Nominations Committee were: Jan Guise (Chair), Heather Pretty, Donna Bourne-Tyson and Carole Compton-Smith (CTCL).

Outgoing CACUL board members in 2008 are: Candice Dahl, Director Institutional; Donna Bourne-Tyson, Director Personal; and Keith Walker, Chair CTCL. Many, many thanks for the great job done by each of them.

Membership and Marketing

CACUL has 814 members as of April 1, 2008. This is an increase of four percent over this time last year. Two key promotional activities occurred to increase our presence with our members and to reach out to non-members: the CACUL electronic brochure was revised and updated, and CACUL joined Facebook. Success also came from a membership drive which included welcome letters to all new and renewing members and follow-up messages to people whose memberships had lapsed.

To obtain information, exchange ideas, provide feedback etc members may interact via the CACUL-listserv; CACUL Facebook and use the CACUL pages on the CLA website.

It has been a pleasure working on behalf of CACUL's members in 2007-08 and I look forward to the second year of my term as President.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Nussbaumer
President, CACUL 2007-2009



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES

CASLIS uses the strategic plan developed some years ago to direct our activities.

Strategic Objectives:

1. CASLIS will develop an active, diverse membership

We actively pursue students to become part of CASLIS. This year again, chapter executives from Manitoba, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax represented and promoted CASLIS to library and library technician students.

This year's CLA Conference Grant was awarded to Solaiman Talut and will be presented to him at the AGM. The Conference Grant Committee members were: Debbie Schachter, Jodi Peterson and Terrance Romaniuk.

Ottawa Chapter took a number of steps to build relationships with members of the library technician community. A result of these efforts has been an increase in the number of library technician students joining the association.

The brochure “Join CASLIS”, developed as a recruitment tool, was the brainchild of the ever-creative Cabot Yu.

2. CASLIS will develop and provide services that are meaningful to its members

We acknowledge the enthusiasm and hard work of Maggie Weaver as she took again the lead in preparing the CASLIS proposals for the 2008 CLA conference. Eight conference proposals were submitted and four were accepted. CASLIS is also partnering with the New Librarians and Information Professionals Interest Group in delivering a fifth session; and are offering a pre-conference session - *DIY Building A Product Evaluation Toolbox* and a poster session that presents the extraordinary work and successes of our chapters.

CASLIS' six chapters provide direct member services by organizing professional development and/or networking events. More than 20 activities have been delivered last year.

A tremendous success, due mostly to the ingenious mind and hard work of Cabot Yu, was the two-day seminar "The Value of Libraries", organized in January 2008 by CASLIS-Ottawa. More than 100 participants from across the country attended and net revenue was over \$15,000. A roundtable at the end of the second day generated ideas for CASLIS and its chapters to pursue as possible services and learning opportunities.

For a second year, CASLIS National sponsored a traveling road show: a workshop that was delivered for all chapters. This year it was Gail de Vos' "Storytelling as a Major Communication Tool" that entertained and educated us.

Kerry Macdonald initiated the CASLIS Mentoring program, a formal process through which the mentoring committee pairs a mentor or trusted advisor with a new librarian or library technician with the goal of providing professional development, growth, and support to this individual.

3. CASLIS will continue to develop, as a dynamic organization that is responsive to its members needs

The Chapter Advisory committee had a second face-to-face meeting in Ottawa, September 2007. It was a wonderful opportunity for chapter presidents and national executive to meet, exchange best practices, and brainstorm for new ideas.

Last year, in order to provide support to chapters, we have developed three models of chapter financial governance. This year, the National treasurer handled also the duties of the Manitoba chapter treasurer, in addition to the duties of Edmonton chapter treasurer and of course, the National treasurer duties.

CASLIS Ottawa set up a summer student executive to organize professional development and social activities for the some 50 LIS students who come to the Ottawa-Gatineau area for summer jobs with Government of Canada departments. The group of four students from across Canada, with the chapter president as an *ex officio* member, organized a series of library tours including the United States Embassy, the Library of Parliament, Canadian War Museum, and the National Gallery.

In recognition of its membership needs, CASLIS created the Government Information Professionals Section, representing the interests of librarians and information workers who provide library and information services to departments, agencies, and crown corporations of federal, provincial, territorial or municipal governments.

Maggie Weaver created, administrated and compiled the Satisfaction Survey for special librarians and information specialists. CASLIS and non-CASLIS members responded to nine questions that allowed us to measure the members' satisfaction and participation in their professional association.

4. CASLIS will ensure its membership is visible within the library, information management, and employer communities

At its September 2007 meeting, CLA's Executive Council authorized the CLA President to proclaim Canadian Special Librarians Day. October 25, 2007 thus became the first Canadian Special Librarians Day. Atlantic and Toronto chapters celebrated it with events held that day.

Robyn Stockand, Vice-President and President-Elect of CASLIS National, participated for the third year on the Canadian Library Month planning committee.

All chapters developed programs in collaboration with other local professional organizations. This approach promoted the CASLIS brand, reduced costs for each function, resulted in improved program attendance and opened the doors for future jointly organized sessions.

With the income generated by the January seminar, CASLIS Ottawa provided funding for CASLIS activities in parts of the country without a chapter. In partnership with that city's CLA chapter, Maggie Weaver's "Making the Business Case" workshop was offered in Montreal. An activity was organized also in Vancouver. At the invitation of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians (OALT), CASLIS Ottawa has agreed to be a sponsor of the OALT's annual conference in May.

CASLIS Ottawa decided to organize a fundraiser in partnership with the CLA World Libraries Interest Group.

CASLIS Atlantic sponsored the Information without Borders Conference, the 2nd annual conference organized by students at Dalhousie's School of Information Management.

CASLIS is visible on the Net with Manitoba, Ottawa and Atlantic chapters blogs, Ottawa and Atlantic chapters have a Facebook presence, Toronto chapter redesigned their website and a newly designed 38-pages rich *Special Issue* was published by CASLIS National.

At CLA Executive level, we have been involved in CLA Strategic Planning Task Force and the CLA Conference Task Force.

Maggie Weaver resigned last September from the CASLIS National Secretary position. Cabot Yu graciously accepted to fill the position until this year's AGM. Two positions were open for 2008-2009 and Laura Lemmens was acclaimed the CASLIS National Treasurer and Melissa Fraser the CASLIS National Secretary.

I was privileged to rely and benefit from the hard work, passion and dedication of many people. I would like to thank CLA staff, Chapters Executive, all the volunteers and speakers who made our programs possible. Special thanks to my colleagues on the Executive: Maggie Weaver, Ingrid Langhammer, Robyn Stockand and Cabot Yu.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Moasil
CASLIS President



CANADIAN LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Library Trustees Association is one of the five divisions of the Canadian Library Association. We are a unique division because we represent the public who use the public libraries under our care, rather than library personnel. Our bylaws call for a small executive council of four. Your executive council for the 2007-2008 year has been: President, Lawrence Lavender from Creston, BC, past-president of the B.C. Library Trustees Association; Vice-President and President-Elect Jan Harder, Chair of the Ottawa Public Library and member of Ottawa City Council; Secretary-Treasurer Elaine Kivisto, Vice-Chair of the Regina Public Library Board; and Director at Large, Don Hamilton, a trustee with the Greater Victoria Public Library. Due to the illness of President Lavender, Jan Harder assumed the position of A/President in early 2008. A/President Harder has been a library trustee for four years.

In his inaugural address to trustees at the 2007 conference in St. John's, Nfld., Lawrence Lavender stated: *With a concerted effort we can rebuild the CLTA. We can do that with the participation of the leadership on our provincial organizations, an expanded team of trustees working with the CLTA executive and increased support from CLA. We need to develop and implement action of a provincial advisory council. There are national issues and library trustees are key public representatives in advocating support for public libraries and literacy. A collective voice is a stronger voice at the national level. We can also facilitate the sharing of resources and support among our provincial partners, and we can assist CLA in providing better conferences.*

Our goal is to build CLTA into a force for change across the country. As a result, your executive has focussed on communications and reaching out to the provincial trustee associations. The results have been gratifying. We established the provincial advisory council to the CLTA executive consisting of the presidents of the provincial trustee associations or their designates. We initiated an electronic quarterly newsletter called **CLTALK** under the leadership of Don Hamilton, and produced issues for June '07, October '07 and March '08. They were distributed far and wide. Soon we will be adding information on a monthly basis to *CLA Digest* so that we extend the trustee reach to all CLA members and beyond. We have even posted information and photos on the CLA Facebook site.

In the coming year as your president, I am committed to meeting hundreds of Canadian trustees by attending many of the provincial association conferences. We will expand the content on our section of the CLA website. I will leverage my location in Ottawa to work with CLA to meet personally with the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Librarian and Archivist of Canada. In addition, I want to encourage a cross-country legislative action strategy where all boards assume responsibility to meet annually with their local councils and councillors (outside of budget time) as well as with local provincial parliamentarians

and where all provincial trustee associations meet annually with their Minister responsible for libraries. CLTA will also be working more closely with FOCAL-the Friends of Canadian Libraries, with our sister division CAPL-the Canadian Association of Public Libraries and the ALTA –the American Library Trustees Association. This will all support learning, communication and joint action.

The CLTA has an award program with two categories. The first is the Stan Heath Achievement in Literacy Award and I am delighted to announce that the 2008 winner is the Ottawa Public Library. The second is the Merit Award for distinguished Service as A Public Library Trustee. This year's recipient is Doug Deans of Dauphin, Manitoba.

This year's annual conference in beautiful Vancouver has a full spectrum of workshops and events to inspire and stimulate trustees. These include *Get Strategic: Library marketing in the digital age*; *Public Library Success: how do we measure*; *Creating a Reading Culture in the Digital Age*; *City Council and Library Boards, working together, working apart*. Just as important is the learning and fellowship at meetings, in the hallways and over coffee.

Finally, I want all boards to consider sending trustees and staff to the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Associations) conference to Quebec City, Aug. 10-14. For many of us this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet public library practitioners from more than 125 countries and to learn and share in a global environment.

Earlier this year I not only stepped into the CLTA presidency but as a result found myself a member of the CLA Executive Council. I would like to thank council members and our executive director for their warm welcome and their patience as I worked to get up to speed. Finally, I would like to thank the members of my executive for all their hard work and support this year and to the many, many trustees I have met and talked to all across the country.

CLTA increasingly seeks to be a vehicle for trustees across the country to share with and learn from each other. To support this goal, the final section of this report includes an overview of many of our provincial trustee associations in action this past year. The common strategic themes running through most association activities have been communications, funding, advocacy and trustee training. Collectively, we have been a very busy group.

Alberta: 2007 was another active year for ALTA. We created a vision statement “Great Public Libraries, Effective Trustees” which was introduced in the trustee voice newsletter, our quarterly electronic ALTA Announces, and the 6th edition of the Trustee Handbook. In 2007, 220 trustees attended the Alberta Library Conference (ALC) thanks in part to registration and travel subsidies to 30 public library boards from towns in Alberta serving populations under 10,000. Feedback from members continues to confirm that this subsidy and the ability for trustees to attend the ALC Conference, to network with other trustees and attend educational and personal development sessions are very important to trustees serving boards in rural Alberta.

ALTA provided Trustee Workshops in 2007 for nearly 100 trustees. Our main focus for 2007 was on reaching out to members to solicit their input on trustee development. We conducted an online survey of members and received excellent feedback. We used this feedback in its successful application for funding from the Provincial Public Libraries Development Initiative program. The \$42,500 received will be used in 2008 to create two additional on-line modules in partnership with the Board Development Program (Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture), the Alberta School Board Association, and two technology and content providers.

ALTA's members passed a balanced budget for 2007, updated its three-year business plan and did a comprehensive review of its policies in 2007. We continue to update our website regularly, and we encourage members to go to the web site first for information, forms, and breaking news. ALTA is now using the web site increasingly for trustee development and educational programs and information.

ALTA continued to represent Alberta's public libraries in advocating for the continuance and expansion of the Book Rate, the continuation of CAP funding, sustainable increased operating grant dollars from the Alberta government linked to current population figures, and improved public library services to all Albertans, regardless of location, ability, or culture. Finally, ALTA joined over 200 other not-for-profit organisations in speaking out against items within the *Lobbyist Act*, which resulted in government changes to this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Campbell, President, ALTA

British Columbia: 2007 was a busy year for the British Columbia Library Trustees' Association. From training to advocacy, conference and communication initiatives, board members and staff have been working with a full itinerary. Our stand-alone trustee conference in Kelowna last spring was well received and well attended by the trustee community. We participated in the Library 2020 Symposium this past fall and continue to provide representation on the follow-up Library 2020 Steering Committee. Likewise, our participation in the "Libraries in Dialogue with Government" initiative continues, with sessions planned for the 2008 BC Libraries Conference and the 2008 CLA Conference.

Trustee development has been a continuing focus for the Association, with over 100 BCLTA members attending our Trustee Orientation Program (TOP) in 2007 thanks to funding and support from the provincial Public Library Services Branch (PLSB). We continue to work closely with the PLSB (Public Library Services Branch) on various projects and initiatives – including the 2007 BCLTA/BCLA/PLSB distribution of the advocacy publication *It Takes a Library to Raise a Community: A Community Development Activities Tool Kit for Libraries*. Our annual meeting with the Minister of Education and our BC Libraries reception at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention were other activities designed to keep the various levels of government informed and aware of trustee concerns.

Within the Association, activities focused in large part on communication initiatives in 2007, including development of a formal communication plan, completion of a BCLTA membership survey, the addition of a new online discussion feature to the BCLTA website, and continuing distribution of our bi-annual newsletter and periodic bulletins. We also saw Executive Director Maureen Black leaving BCLTA to pursue new career opportunities this past fall and welcomed her successor, Errin Morrison, in late 2007.

Errin Morrison, Executive Director, British Columbia Library Trustees Association

Manitoba: The Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA) has for the past number of years concentrated on encouraging all libraries, both independent and regional, to become full members of MLTA. We have not reached our goal of 100 percent but we do have over 75 percent membership. The Board of the MLTA has determined to continue with the annual "Award of Distinction" to be presented to a deserving library trustee in Manitoba.

The new MLTA Board of Directors, 2007 to 2009, has identified our strategic goals including: improving the quality of the newsletter (four times a year) as a very good tool to encouraging libraries to become and stay as members; improve direct contact with Board chair persons by members of the MLTA Board. This is a difficult task. Because of freedom of information provisions within Manitoba, we can not easily access the list of members for each Board. However, we are developing means to directly contact individual Board Chairs; improving our relationship with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) since these municipal councils appoint trustees and include one of the elected councillors on the Library Board.

A major task the MLTA has embarked on is looking at the funding formula now in existence on Manitoba and finding ways to improve the formula, especially for the special and unique needs of specific library boards, for example a bookmobile system for a very, geographically, large regional library system with a declining population. Finally, the MLTA, with the assistance of the BC Library Trustees and Manitoba Public Library Services Branch has embarked on the development of a training program which will be relevant and useful to each and every library system in Manitoba.

Conrad Artibese, Chair Manitoba Library Trustees Association

New Brunswick: The New Brunswick Library Trustees' Association (NLBTA) held a successful workshop and annual meeting on Sept. 29, 2007 in the Town Hall in Dieppe. The workshops concentrated on fundraising and the effectiveness of boards. The Executive of NBLTA met with the Minister responsible for public libraries, the Honourable Dr. Ed Doherty, in October. The Executive emphasized, that although great strides have been made in technology and developing equity throughout the system, the government needs to commit additional funding for collections.

On May 16, 2008 the NBLTA will be hosting a reception for MLAs in the Members' Lounge of the Legislative Assembly in Fredericton. This reception gives trustees from across the province the opportunity to meet with MLA's and discuss the importance and needs of the public libraries of the province.

Marielle Caron, NBLTA President

Nova Scotia: Many of the nine regional boards carried out extensive advocacy programs, which were well received by communities across the province. Over the year we sent out three newsletters to our members, keeping them up to date on what was going on across the province. LBANS (Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia) continued to lobby MPs in regard to the Library Book Rate. We hosted several meetings with the Chiefs and Chairs of the individual boards to discuss our common issue, the need for sustainable funding. Following these meetings we had the opportunity to meet with Minister of Education Karen Casey and Jennifer Evans, Director of NS Provincial Libraries. Minister Casey at that time committed to setting up a task force to deal with our concerns. The task force will develop a cohesive approach to sustainable funding, to be presented to the Government; and at the completion of this report, an MOU will be signed by all partners. Minister Casey has the buy-in of her cabinet and government and they are committed recognizing the need and the struggle libraries are dealing with.

Our fall 2007 conference was held in Antigonish, with an excellent turnout. The joint conference with NSLA (Nova Scotia Library Association) has really been working out well with lots of networking and sharing of ideas. Larry Honey of AVRL (Annapolis Valley Regional Library) Board received our annual Merit and Honorary Membership Award. We are working presently with NSLA getting ready for the 2008 fall workshop to be held at the Old Orchard Inn in the Valley. The theme this year will be Sharing Resources and Building Communities.

All and all 2007 was busy but 2008 is proving to be even busier, with three LBANS members sitting on the Task Force committee and meeting every second Friday in Halifax. We hope for a most positive outcome.

Claire Detheridge, President, Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia

Newfoundland: Public Libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador are provided by the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (PILRB), an independent board established by the Provincial Government through the *Public Libraries Act*. The Chair of the Provincial Board is Calvin Taylor. From the very beginning in 1935 the board has been responsible for public library services throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. This makes the organizational structure different from most other Canadian provinces.

The Provincial Board presently operates 96 public libraries throughout the province, which is divided into four divisions, one being the City of St. John's. Each of the libraries has its own local library board which is responsible to the Provincial Board. St. John's also has its own advisory board. These local boards advise and assist the Provincial Board. They are active in promoting the public library in their communities; making representations to town councils and other community groups to build support for the public library; raising funds locally to extend hours of service or to acquire additional library materials.

The Provincial Board is comprised of 10 to 15 members: The current Provincial Board has 10 members with four non-voting 'observers' – one from each of the geographic divisions and the St. John's library board. The Provincial Board has a multi-year strategic plan with a strategic focus on legislative review, establishing a baseline for staffing requirements, evaluation tools and service prioritization. Earlier in 2008 the Provincial Board launched a province-wide promotional campaign to raise the awareness of public libraries and their services.

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Ontario: The Ontario Library Boards Association (OLBA) is delighted to be invited to contribute to the annual report of CLTA. What better evidence of CLTA's goal to promote and support cooperation and communication among library trustee associations?!

Within the trustee division of the Ontario Library Association, our eight-member council has been hard at work in a concerted effort to fulfil our mandate to provide the tools, resources and networking opportunities that trustees need to ensure sound library governance. We have focussed our efforts on our *Leadership by Design Program (LBD)*, the primary resource for all public libraries in Ontario to find the information needed to expand their knowledge and understanding of their governance role and responsibilities, and strengthen their capacity as community development leaders.

LBD is a six-element program being developed incrementally by 2010. In 2007, OLBA launched *Cut to the Chase* – a laminated, four-page, quick reference guide on Public Library governance in Ontario. Simultaneously, a series of audio conferences available through *The Partnership – Education Institute* was offered to library boards and their senior staff available right across the country. These teleconferences provide an opportunity for boards to go beyond their immediate surrounding and engage in a dynamic exchange of ideas with Dr. Ken Haycock, creator of the *Effective Board Governance* series.

We are very excited to announce that the latest element, One Place to Look is up and running on line. One Place to Look is essentially an on-line library of board development resources accessed by the click of a mouse! Please try it out... you'll be amazed at the wealth of information at your fingertips! www.accessola.com/olba/oneplacetolook

In May 2008 the next element in LBD, 'Leadership Development Planning Tool' will be on-line. This is a diagnostic instrument designed to help your library boards plan their training and development activities by identifying the board members' knowledge gaps. As part of the pilot project, my library board was very impressed with this tool's abilities to identify our training needs and we have planned our board training sessions accordingly.

OLBA strives to promote opportunities for board members to network, to learn from our successes and share our stories. Our constantly evolving website acts as a conduit towards this goal. We take library-related news stories from provincial, country and world-wide newspapers and feature them on our website feature 'Headline Stories.' At the present time, we are categorizing these stories into subject types for easy access to specific information.

OLBA is firmly committed to building partnerships with organizations that share the ultimate goal of stronger libraries and stronger communities. We have been privileged to be afforded opportunities to collaborate and network, mutually support and share information with OPLA, Ontario Public Library Association, SOLS, Southern Ontario Library Service, and OLS-N, Ontario Library Service-North. By working together in areas of commonality, our organizations will help Ontario's public library boards with the provision of sound library governance.

Like most widespread membership organizations, deciding the most effective vehicles of communication within our membership continues to plague our mission. We are constantly seeking better and more efficient methods to address this problem. Hopefully, our thrice-annual publication, 'Inside OLBA'; our website: www.accessola.com/olba; our listserv; our attendance at SOLS Trustee council meetings; our attendance at the upcoming OLS-N conference at Sudbury, in May 2008; continued communication with CLTA; and OLBA-sponsored sessions at the Ontario Libraries Association annual Super Conference will serve to enhance the profile of OLBA. And if all else fails, we are not averse to using carrier pigeons to reach our present and future membership!

The OLBA councillors and volunteers are truly a hard working, dedicated group of trustees who hail from all corners of Ontario and represent the many sizes and types of public library boards. I am very blessed to work with such a fine group! I would like to convey my thanks to CLTA for this opportunity to share our story with Library Board Trustees and Members throughout Canada. From your colleagues in Ontario Library Boards' Association, I would like to extend our best wishes for success in your endeavours towards excellence in library governance!

Lynn Humfress-Trute, President OLBA

Saskatchewan: SLTA's (Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association) primary objective is to promote and foster the development of libraries and library services in the province through idea and experience exchange, conferences and publications and inter-provincial trustee cooperation. Through its annual brief to the Saskatchewan Minister responsible for libraries, SLTA strives to seek improvement to and foster necessary changes in funding, provincial initiatives and legislation affecting libraries.

As an organization SLTA has initiated or facilitated projects, such as CommunityNet, letter campaigns expressing concern over the postal rate and lobbying for fair changes to the Copyright Act. One of the major current projects is the development of a Single Integrated Library System (SILS). The boards of Saskatchewan's ten public library systems and the Ministry of Education have signed a SILS protocol agreement identifying their support for the project and to create a steering committee to develop the RFP. It is hoped that this project will be approved in the 2008-2009 provincial budget. This year we hired a new executive director Ciara McIllwaine. Our newsletter is now available in an e-version.

We held our annual meeting in February in Regina and during the joint MLA/SLA joint conference in Regina May 1-3, 2008 the SLTA will be sponsoring two workshops.

Bev Dubois, President, Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Harder
A/President, Canadian Library Trustees Association*



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The 2007-08 year has been a transition year for CASL. Our work in the past few years has been one of advocacy across Canada on behalf of school libraries, teacher librarians, and provincial School Library Associations for increasing funds to school libraries so that each student in Canada has the advantage of a full time teacher librarian and an up to date library collection to assist them in learning the multiple literacy skills needed to be lifelong learners.

New Developments across Canada

Saskatchewan has published a new document for school libraries: *Connections: Policy and Guidelines for School Libraries in Saskatchewan*, 2008. Part of the document refers to school library standards in *Achieving Information Literacy: Standards for School Library Programs in Canada*.

Ontario has launched the first draft of "Together for Learning: Transforming School Libraries in Ontario." A committee of OSLA teacher librarians and a group from the Ministry of Education wrote it. It is considered a draft resolution at this time and they have now released it to the general membership. They are now in the process of reviewing it and to add or delete components. The committee is hoping to have the document approved as an official document by the Ministry by next fall.

Alberta Education is advertising a position for a resource manager who will work on several documents to write a new policy for school library standards for our province. (The current document is from 1984.). This is a significant accomplishment of the hard work of many in this province to draw attention to the need for a re-evaluation/crisis of school libraries in our province.

On Oct. 22, 2007, the BC Ministry of Education invited the presidents of the BCTLA and CASL to participate in Library 2020 Symposium, a discussion on the future of library collaboration in BC.

The presidents of CASL and the BCTLA were also invited to participate in the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada (CMEC) Pan-Canadian Literacy Forum in Vancouver. What I appreciated the most about this forum is the access we had with officials from the Ministry of Education. Having taken responsibility for public libraries, we were able to meet with Ministry officials who are librarians and have worked in libraries.

Following this Pan-Canadian literacy forum in BC is a meeting on May 7 to explore the opportunities that are provided by school and public libraries to support literacy learning from the early years through adulthood. The group will include teacher-librarians, public librarians, school district administrators, and post secondary resource people. The Literacy and Public Library branches of the Ministry of Education are jointly planning the meeting.

Advocacy

A major part of our yearly activities is advocacy on behalf of teacher librarians and school librarians.

Meeting with Heather Reisman from Chapter-Indigo.

Sandra Hughes had a meeting with Ms. Reisman to discuss her Love of Reading foundation and advocacy for school libraries in Canada. We expressed interest in participating in her advocacy and explained our position within schools. The Writing on the Wall video from her Love of Reading foundation had a positive message about school libraries but only administrators or library technicians were interviewed. We indicated our willingness to participate in the process and she has responded favorably.

I met with the TALCO group and we have been invited to participate in the process of vetting the new school library proposed by the Ministry of Education in Ontario. "*Together for Learning: Transforming School Libraries in Ontario*". It is the first significant school library document proposed by a ministry of Education in Canada since the 1990s.

We are in the process of putting the finishing touches to a copyright monograph for school libraries in Canada. We hope to have it ready for distribution (and sale through the CLA) before the end of this school year.

We are preparing a second edition of *Achieving Information Literacy: Standards for School Libraries in Canada*. We hope to have it ready for printing at the end of 2008 for a launch at the CLA Conference in 2009 in Montreal.

Like other divisions within the CLA we launched a new membership pamphlet at the CLA booth at the OLA/OSLA conference.

We continue to meet with CASL-PAC by teleconference four times a year plus one face-to-face meeting at the CLA Conference to support provincial associations and offer a means of discussion and dialogue at the national level.

CASL Collaboration

We continued working with Andy Giffen on streamlining our online resources within the framework of the CLA website. With my background in technology, I have assumed the role of liaison with Andy on the maintenance of the CASL website for the next two years.

We continue to use the listserv as a major communication tool with our membership. We have taken memberships in all provincial and territorial associations to keep informed with local and provincial issues.

We continue to meet by teleconference or face-to-face with CASL-PAC members to discuss advocacy issues.

CASL has joined the Canadian Library Month Committee to coordinate our National School Library day within the CLM activities. More provinces and territories than ever have officially declared NSLD in October 2007.

As division president, I continue to meet with the CLA Executive Council in September and February. We changed our constitution at the St. John, Newfoundland Conference in 2007 to have a two-year presidency of CASL to streamline our Executive with other CLA divisions.

*Respectfully submitted,
Richard Beaudry
CASL President*

Interest Group Reports

June 2007 ~ June 2008

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

ACTION FOR LITERACY

BUSINESS INFORMATION

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

The Collection Development and Management Interest Group (CDMIG) of the Canadian Library Association has the following terms of reference:

To represent the interests of librarians involved in collections development and management.

To arrange opportunities for continuing education, both at the national conference, and by means of regional workshops.

To provide a means of communication between librarians involved in collections development and management.

To raise the awareness of the library community at large with regards to the issues of concern to librarians involved in collections development and management.

The CDMIG has been involved in a variety of interesting activities in the last year.

Collections Pre-conferences

The collections pre-conference is an almost-annual event (it has been held every year since 2002, save for 2003) and has become the primary project for the CDMIG.

The 2007 pre-conference, entitled "Collections 2007: Reinvigorating Collection Development and Management", was held on May 24 at the Memorial University campus. It was well-attended, especially for a smaller conference like the St. John's event, with over 40 people taking in several collections-themed presentations.

On May 21, 2008 the latest edition of the pre-conference, "Collections 2008: Collections 3.0", will be held at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver. There is a good slate of keynote and paper presentations and strong sponsorship support.

CDMIG Award

CDMIG members have developed and CLA Council has approved a collections-themed award, the **CLA/YBP Award for Outstanding Contribution to Collection Development and Management**. This award is designed to "recognize an individual member in good standing of CLA who has made an outstanding local, national or international contribution in the field library collection development or management". YBP Library Services has very kindly provided a prize of \$1,000. The first presentation of the award will be at the collections pre-conference on May 21. The first recipient will be Dr. Merrill Distad, the Associate Director of Research & Special Services at the University of Alberta.

Sponsoring Sessions at the CLA Conference

As in past years, the CDMIG will be a session sponsor at the main CLA conference. This year, there are many sessions that relate to collections work and the CDMIG will be sponsoring four.

Membership Numbers

The CDMIG has 106 members, as of early April 2008. This is the highest number of members the group has had in at least the past several years, making the CDMIG one of the larger CLA interest groups.

New Convenor

I will be stepping down as convenor after the 2008 CLA conference. I have very much enjoyed the position but it is time for me to move to other projects. In addition, I don't feel that an interest group should have the same convenor for too long a time; others should have the opportunity to lead the organization. I am in the process of trying to find a successor (or successors; we could have co or alternating convenors).

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Waller

Collection Development and Management Interest Group Convenor

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN LIBRARIANSHIP

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

EVIDENCE-BASED LIBRARIANSHIP

Terms of Reference (amended May 2007):

To represent the interests of librarians involved in evidence-based librarianship and library related research.

To organize continuing education opportunities for librarians in this area.

To provide a means of communication between librarians involved in evidence-based librarianship.

To assist librarians with the dissemination of library research utilizing an evidence-based model.

To partner with *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP)* to select the journal's editorial board as required.

Activities of EBLIG in 2007/08:

Successful submission of a pre-conference workshop proposal to CLA 2008 Conference: "Reading between the lines: how to study a paper", May 21, 2008 with Lindsay Glynn, Instruction Coordinator, Health Sciences Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland. (Workshop was subsequently cancelled due to low registration.)

In the fall of 2007 EBLIG established a new workshop grant to support and encourage the development of continuing education activities in evidence based librarianship in conjunction with local/regional/provincial associations or institutions. EBLIG Co-convenors and volunteers will evaluate applications and determine awards based on the established criteria, including relevance to the profession and to the advancement of evidence based librarianship, value to expected participants and regional/geographic location. For more information, go to

<http://eblibrarianship.pbwiki.com/EBLIG+Workshop+Incentive+Grants>

Continued development and maintenance of a wiki entitled *eblibrarianship: the wiki of the Evidence Based Librarianship Interest Group (EBLIG)* to facilitate interest group collaboration, sharing, and information access, as well as to be a means of communication: <http://eblibrarianship.pbwiki.com/>

Promotion of international membership opportunities for EBLIG in CLA through the CLA IG web space, the EBLIG listserv, the eblibrarianship wiki, and the Evidence Based Librarians group on Facebook.

EBLIG members are participating as editors, on the editorial advisory board, and on the evidence summary team of the open access journal, *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*.

EBLIG members continued to be involved in CE presentations and activities on EBL topics and promoted and reported on these activities through the EBLIG wiki and the listserv. For example, Cara Bradley, Julie McKenna, and Virginia Wilson will be presenting a session on Evidence Based Library and Information Practice at the joint Saskatchewan Library Association / Manitoba Library Association conference in Regina, SK. Virginia Wilson will be presenting a session on EBLIP at the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL) annual conference, May 25-28, 2008 in Saskatoon, SK.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Fahey, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Renée de Gannes-Marshall, Canadian Dental Association
EBLIG Co-convenors

INFORMATION COMMONS

INFORMATION LITERACY

Summary of goals:

- * To promote information literacy instruction as an integral library service.
- * To provide a forum for discussion of activities, programs and challenges in information literacy.
- * To contribute to the education and training of librarians in the delivery, promotion and evaluation of information literacy programs.
- * To serve as a channel of communication on information literacy.

Activities:

ILIG created a Facebook account in response to members request for a place to look for tips and new trends in information literacy.

ILIG is contributing funds to Augustana's annual Information Literacy Workshop for 2008.

Direction for upcoming year:

ILIG is looking at promoting information literacy to teachers and faculty.

Respectfully submitted by
CJ de Jong, University of Winnipeg
ILIG Convenor

LIBRARIES IN COMMUNITIES

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION NEEDS OF NATIVE PEOPLE

The Interest Group is providing funding support for a session at the 2008 CLA Annual conference on literacy work in tribal schools and aboriginal communities, being organized by Interest Group member, Kim Lawson. It will bring together educators and librarians from Canada and the U.S. to describe the need for and successes from programs developed to support reading at First Nation and Tribal schools. Loriene Roy, ALA president, will participate to describe the national reading club for Native children: "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything" and report on an international celebration of Indigenous children's reading and culture taking place during the U.S. National Library Week in April 2008.

Our special project, on First Nations/Aboriginal Recruitment and Public Education, will be completed and launched this spring.

Upcoming Activities:

Member communication via listserv regarding:

- identification of current issues and concerns
- development of a short-term work plan
- call for volunteers to assist with work plan tasks;
- recruitment for the 2008-2010 co-convenors.

Special thanks go to CLA members:

Ann Doyle, Interest Group member, for taking on the First Nations/Aboriginal Recruitment and Public Education special project
Reegan D. Breu, Interest Group member, for her efforts to recruit new convenors

Camille Callison, Interest Group member, who has come forward to take on an Interim co-convenor role for the remainder of the 2007-2008 term of office.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

LIBRARY HISTORY

As part of the CLA Annual Conference, the Library History Interest Group met at the Delta Hotel, St. John's, Newfoundland, on May 25, 2007, when the following papers were delivered under the theme "Regeneration Through History":

- "Zealots, Ambassadors, Activists: Libraries and Adult Education in Early 20th Century Nova Scotia." Sue Adams, Librarian, Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University.
- "Public Library Bills in the Province of Canada, 1852-66." Lorne Bruce, Head, Archival and Special Collections, University of Guelph Library.
- "From Closed Shelves to Open Shelves: Access to Information in Canadian and American Public Libraries." Marina Pluzhenskaia, Doctoral Candidate, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

At the Business Meeting held earlier in the day, the following points were made:

1. There was agreement that electronic media provided the most effective communication available to members of the Interest Group. Consideration was given to Wikis and Blogs. L. Bruce cautioned that a web site might prove too demanding. P. McNally said that he would utilize group emailings.
2. It was agreed that P. McNally would issue a call-for-papers for the Vancouver conference.
3. There was no consensus on the motion being presented at the AGM on Saturday concerning fees for Interest Groups and Sections.
4. With the assistance of Elaine MacLean (and her successor), the IG's representatives on CLA Council, advice was provided on publishing. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of doing a theme issue on Library History in *Feliciter*, and/or a regular column.
5. The meeting did not have time to consider the "Writing the Future Report."
6. Ways of attracting young people to Library History were considered. It was agreed that overtures should be made to Librarianship programmes not giving courses in Library History, to have a representative of the IG speak before students.
7. It was agreed that close links should be encouraged between the IG and Ex Libris.
8. No one present knew the fate of the Library Documentation Centre, formerly at the National Library of Canada. Its collection had been very helpful for various types of research, including historical.
9. It was agreed that awards and other forms of recognition would be an effective way of raising the profile of Library History and the IG.

A program has been organized for the 2008 CLA Conference in Vancouver under the theme, "Connecting Authors to Readers Over Time."

- "New Listeners and Users: Radio and Public Libraries between the Wars." Lorne Bruce, Library, University of Guelph.
- "The Courage to Connect: Mary Kinley Ingraham and the Development of Libraries in the Maritimes – a Multi-Media Approach." Tanja Harrison, Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University.
- "Library History 3.0: A Methodological Argument for User Centered Histories." Deborah Hicks, Humanities and Social Sciences Library, University of Alberta.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter F. McNally

Convenor, Library History Interest Group

LIBRARY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES

The Interest Group for Library Services to Individuals with Print Disabilities is in its first year of existence. In that time we have had our first meeting in St. John's, where we set initial goals for the future and identified shared issues and concerns. One of our goals came to fruition when we successfully put together a program session for the upcoming CLA conference in Vancouver. We have also set up a listserv to facilitate communication between members and developed a presence on the CLA web site. Group discussion has centred largely on the new Initiative for Equitable Library Access, with several members taking part in the working group. Future goals include initiating a speakers' bureau and a poster competition for LIS students.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mann

LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

Since the last CLA conference:

LTIG submitted two session proposals for the 2008 CLA conference. "Developing Your Professional Portfolio", will have Maggie Weaver presenting; and "Connecting Albertans: The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Initiative (LHCADL)" will have Kit Wilson and Ernie Ingles presenting.

The award committee received and selected the 2008 award winner for the LTIG Award of Merit which will be presented during the business meeting at conference. Frank Mussche, President of Libramation and sponsor of the award, will make the presentation.

New this year is the CLA LTIG Conference Bursary. The purpose of this bursary is to provide funding for Library Technicians that may not otherwise receive funding to attend the CLA National Conference. It allows them the opportunity for professional development as well as networking opportunities on a national level that they may not otherwise have. The bursary covers the early bird conference registration fee. This grant may be awarded each year and is based on need. Recipients can only reapply once every ten years in order to allow others an opportunity to receive the bursary.

I have also been working with the program chairs of the library technician programs as they make revisions to the *Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians* document and will be convening their meeting at this year's CLA Conference as well.

Preparations for the annual Networking Social Supper during CLA Conference have also been made. This year we are partnering with BC LTAIG.

Throughout the year email communications are sent out to LTIG memberships as events or news transpires and I communicate with my CLA interest group Executive member on a regular basis as well as with our CLA staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hildebrandt
LTIG Convenor, 2007-08

MONTREAL CHAPTER

Membership

As of January 31, 2008, we had a total of 31 members, which is an increase of six percent from over the previous membership report on Oct. 31, 2007.

Events

The CLA Montreal Chapter launched a monthly series of informal, bilingual meetings for the Montreal library community called Salon des Bibliothécaires in September. These get-togethers are centered on a theme and offer an opportunity for librarians and anyone connected to the local community to come together to share their experience and point-of-view with others. Most months, the gatherings have been attended by approximately 10-14 people, and have taken place in various cafés where participants are not charged admission, and are free to purchase supper or refreshments. Our total will be seven of these events in 2007-2008.

The Chapter participated in the national Librarians Run for the Cure team on Sept. 30, 2007. Local team members ran or walked the Run for the Cure route in Montreal, and Laura May once again represented the Chapter as our local team captain, and Jocelyne Andrews, Lina Gordaneer, and Pat Riva also attended.

This year's reception for the CLA President, Alvin M. Schrader, took place earlier than usual this year, on Nov. 15, 2007. The Chapter continued its tradition of supporting the McGill Student Chapter in this event by sending printed invitations to all Montreal Chapter members and by helping to defray the cost of refreshments.

The Chapter once again participated in the 24th annual holiday fundraiser for CODE, co-hosted by ABQLA, SLA and the Montreal Chapter of CLA. The event was held on Dec. 6, at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish due to the closure of the Fraser Hickson Library. Fifty-eight people attended and a contribution of \$2,000 was made which was matched by a private donor. This total was then multiplied several times by a development agency.

We assisted Concordia University in bringing Samuel Trosow to Montreal on Jan. 14, 2008 to speak about copyright issues in Canada. It was a successful event with lively discussion and approximately 30-40 attendees.

On Jan. 22, 2008, the Chapter joined with CASLIS Ottawa to offer a workshop by Maggie Weaver entitled, "**Making the Business Case.**" Fifteen people attended.

The Chapter participated in the organization of a workshop entitled, "**Web 2.you: A Workshop for Information Professionals,**" on Feb. 15, 2008, at McGill's School of Information Studies, Approximately 50 people attended, and the event was partially funded by a CLA IG and ETIG grants. A record of the event, including audio and video recordings, is available on the official wiki at: <http://web2pointyou.wiki.zoho.com/>

The March 25, 2008 Salon was a "special edition" celebrating the IFLA Congress to be held in Quebec City in August 2008. Four local IFLA members joined us as experts for the evening and described both their experiences with IFLA as well as what participants might expect if they attend this year.

Communications

The Chapter blog for news and local events at <http://clamontrealchapter.blogspot.com> has continued to expand, and we have had close to 1,000 hits since the beginning of 2008.

We have created a Facebook group for the Chapter in September 2007, which has been well received by members. Using Facebook, we were able to create "events" listings for Chapter events, and posted additional notices, photos and supporting materials for some events.

We continue to maintain excellent relations between the Chapter and ABQLA and CASLIS Ottawa, in part because of the involvement of executive members in these other associations. We hope to continue to collaborate on other events in the future. Our standard e-mailing list (notifying other organizations of our events) was expanded to include groups in the French library community as well as other specialties, which has led to increased attendance at Salons and other events from a spectrum of library schools, types of library, and various levels of experience. This cross-pollination has been excellent extremely valuable for both networking and learning.

Respectfully submitted.

Jocelyne Andrews

NEW LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

RURAL AND REMOTE LIBRARIES

RESOURCE SHARING

SERIALS

TECHNICAL SERVICES

In September 2007, a Ryerson journalism student was hired to transcribe the audio tapes that were recorded during the pre-conference in St. John's. The conveners of TSIG and SIG will soon be reviewing the transcripts and submitting them for publication to Jim Cole, editor of the *Serials Librarian*. Jim had approached the convener of TSIG prior to the pre-conference about this possibility. We hope to have something submitted by summer's end.

Conference planning has been active this year. TSIG has three sponsored sessions approved for the conference in Vancouver. They are as follows:

RDA, Resource Description and Access for the digital age – presented by Ingrid Parent, Lynne Howarth, Susan Andrews
Managing E-book Workflow Issues from Acquisition to the Catalogue – presented by Catherine Davidson, Heather Fraser, Nancy Hall

A Simplified Approach to Acquisitions – presented by Jane Schmidt

In addition, we have coordinated an evening social event during which topical discussion groups will be organized. This will provide an excellent opportunity for like-minded individuals to discuss issues that they are facing in their libraries in a relaxed atmosphere with refreshments. We look forward to seeing how this event is attended and received, and may consider holding it regularly.

A Facebook group was created for TSIG this year. It is open for all to join, but is closed to the public unless one becomes a member. Members must be approved by the group administrator. It is intended to be a forum for online discussion, and is a place to share multi-media files, such as the video clip that was taken of our keynote speaker at the pre-conference last year, Rick Anderson. Thus far, the discussion and interaction has been minimal.

A call for interest in a new executive was put out on the listserv. There has been an expression of interest from two parties. The new executive will be confirmed at the AGM in May.

Only one nomination was submitted for the CLA/3M Award for Innovation in Technical Services. The project that was nominated was awarded the CACUL Award for Innovation last year, and therefore, the committee decided not to recognize it again. Thus, the award was not given this year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jane Schmidt*

WORLD LIBRARIES

YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

Committee Reports

June 2007 ~ June 2008

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

1 – Key Action Items

Submitted a committee organized conference session proposal for the CLA Annual Conference 2008 on the topic of workplace speech. Title: “Inside Talk: Freedom of Speech in the Library Workplace”. Approved.

Submitted to the CLA Executive a Resolution on the Deliberate Destruction of Libraries. Adopted on Sept. 16, 2007. (President Schrader shared with us a Jan. 21, 2008 letter of praise on this action from ABQLA President Janine West.) See:

http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Position_Statements&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=4712.

Developed and conducted second annual web survey titled “Tracking Challenges in Canadian Libraries: A Web Survey”. Results used in tandem with the Book and Periodical Council’s Freedom to Read Week. Resulted in a February 22, 2008 CLA Press Release titled “Library Users Challenge Books, Videos”, as well as a February 25, 2008 Express News Story at the University of Alberta titled “Freedom to Read Week Guards Against Censorship” and a radio interview in Windsor, ON. See:

<http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=News1&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=4620> and <http://www.expressnews.ualberta.ca/article.cfm?id=9114>.

Recommended to the CLA Executive that Nancy Branscombe and Gina Barber receive the 2008 Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada. Both nominees are elected members of the City Council of London, Ontario and they serve as members of the Board of Trustees of the London Public Library. CLA Executive Council accepted our recommendation.

Collaborated with Sam Trosow (of the CLA Copyright Working Group) on a draft of a CLA letter on Bill C-10. Final version of the letter posted to the CLA website on April 1, 2008. See:

<http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=News1&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=4863>

2 – Ongoing Advocacy Work

Promoted intellectual freedom in the CLA community and in sister communities (e.g., ALA, IFLA) via listservs, events (e.g., Freedom to Read Week), and non-library groups (e.g., Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, Amnesty International). Responded to approximately 10 Canadian inquiries for resources and supportive advice, including for challenges to Golden Compass. Media interviews were done re the latter challenge.

Promoted the Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada on Canadian library and other listservs.

Liaised and cooperated with sister CLA Committees (e.g., Copyright Working Group) and Interest Groups (e.g. Information Commons), as well as other intellectual freedom committees (e.g., BCLA IF Committee).

Convenor served as the CLA representative to the Book and Periodical Council’s Freedom of Expression Committee.

3 – Future Plans

Hold our annual “open” business meeting at the CLA Annual Conference in Vancouver.

Keep the annual survey going and enhance it as we go. Toni Samek has a conference call booked with the Book and Periodical Council folks in May 2008 in order to discuss possible enhancements for 2009.

Create a CLA-based Intellectual Freedom listserv.

Intensify our liaison work.

Infuse a stronger activist agenda into the Committee workings.

Produce an FAQ on Workplace Speech and ultimately a Resolution on Workplace Speech in the style of ALA’s 2005 Resolution on Workplace Speech. See:

http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/council/councilagendas/annual2005a/CD38_1.doc

Per our Terms of Reference, plan to review the Statement on Intellectual Freedom and the inextricably linked Code of Ethics.

Toni Samek has offered to lead this effort. A Subcommittee or Task Force will be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Samek

Convenor

INTELLECTUAL ACCESS COMMITTEE

Copyright Working Group

At the last annual meeting in St. John's, the Copyright Working Group had a productive meeting in developing a resolution on copyright which passed at the AGM: http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=AGM_2007 .

The resolution gave CLA and the Copyright Working Group four broad principles on which to lobby the government in terms of future copyright legislation:

Protect the broad interpretation of fair dealing as a user's right in the spirit of the Great Library of the Law Society of Upper Canada's victory in the CCH Canadian v. Law Society of Upper Canada Supreme Court of Canada decision;

Ensure that any legal protection of technological protection measures should be specifically limited to acts of infringement, should not include device prohibitions, and should not impinge on the exercise of fair dealing or other user rights;

Recognize that government documents and government data belongs to all Canadians and that all Canadians should have liberal access to these materials;

Recognize that exceptions for print-disabled individuals must ensure that these individuals have the same ability as others to access content.

After the cabinet shuffle in August which resulted in new Ministers of Industry and Canadian Heritage, a letter was written to the new ministers about CLA's copyright position and trying to arrange meetings with the new ministers:

<http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=News1&CONTENTID=3959&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm> .

The chair of the CWG was able to meet with a staff member from the Ministry of Industry's Office in November to discuss copyright issues.

The government planned to introduce copyright legislation in December but has indefinitely postponed introduction of a bill in the face of copyright protests by many, but centering around the protests by law professor Michael Geist and his Facebook group *Fair Copyright*. Many organizations including CLA have been concerned that new legislation would closely copy the American Digital Millennium Copyright Act and specifically that a new bill would include legal protection of digital rights management (DRM). Thanks to work by CLA Executive Director Don Butcher and our government relations firm Impact Public Affairs, CLA had a very successful media event on Dec. 21, 2007, which allowed CLA to bring up all four of our major concerns about copyright legislation including DRM.

CLA has used the material from the resolution and the letter to Ministers Prentice and Verner in conjunction with work from the CWG to establish a grass roots advocacy package: http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Copyright_Information&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=4507 . We are using the package to continue to lobby MPs at the grassroots level.

In other work, the CWG in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries has submitted a response for a report commissioned by the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights examining the exceptions and limitations in copyright law applicable to libraries and archives. The CWG is also making submissions to the House of Commons Industry Committee on copyright and to the Department of Foreign Affairs on a proposed Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Tiessen

Chair, Copyright Working Group

INTERNATIONAL TRADE TREATIES WORKING GROUP

The International Trade Treaties Working Group (ITTWG) is a unit of the Standing Committee on Intellectual Property and Public Access, along with the Copyright Issues Working Group and the Information Policy Working Group. These groups cooperate in their efforts to ensure that the broader CLA membership is aware of issues related to these topics, and to provide input to the CLA executive. In response to a request made to these working groups, ITTWG convener, Kirsti Nilsen, prepared an article on book and periodical publishing policy issues which will appear in the *Felicitier* 2008 conference issue. The group has proposed a *Felicitier* theme issue on information policy, to be co-edited by Kirsti Nilsen and Heather Morrison, co-convener of the Information Policy Working Group.

ITTWG presented a session at the CLA annual meeting in St. John's Newfoundland on May 26, 2007. Scott Sinclair, a senior research fellow with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives was invited to bring the audience up-to-date on trade treaty developments. Sinclair is the coordinator of the CCPA's Trade and Investment Research Project and, in addition to advising governments, has written reports and books on the impacts of trade treaties on public services and public interest regulation. The overheads for his CLA presentation, "International Trade Treaties and Canadian Libraries: An Update", are available on the CLA web-site at http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=International_Trade_Treaties_Working_Group

ITTTWG has scheduled no conference presentation on trade issues for the 2008 CLA conference. However, the group is working to bring a resolution forward to the AGM regarding two domestic trade agreements that are of potential concern to the membership. These are the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT).

Respectfully submitted,
Kirsti Nilsen
Convenor (Co-convenor with Sabina Iseli-Otto until December 2007)

WORKING GROUP ON INFORMATION POLICY

The Working Group on Information Policy is active in two areas: advocacy and education.

In 2008/2009, the WGIP provided advice to the CLA Executive to assist in advocacy in the following areas:

Input to CRTC consultation on Diversity of Voices in Canadian Media, drawing on a CLA Members' Resolution on Media Concentration (Resolution 2003-4).

<http://www.cla.ca/resources/resolutions2003.htm>.

Consultations to assess Canadian intellectual property interests in Colombia, Peru, and the Dominican Republic, emphasizing that corporate intellectual property interests must be balanced with values such as access to information, knowledge sharing and public good.

In the Education portfolio, the Student Poster contest is proceeding for the May 2008 CLA conference. We are anticipating four Posters reflecting student research, and will organize a travelling show for the posters in the fall. We are also pleased to be offering the following session; "Linking Users with Traditional Knowledge: Respectful Access, Meaningful Service", which is co-sponsored by the Information Policy Working Group and the Library and Information Needs of Native People Interest Group. 2008/2009 was a year of group development for the WGIP. With the support of CLA, the WGIP has held several teleconferences, including a teleconference with special guest Michael Geist to identify key policy topics and begin to identify opportunities to leverage volunteer time by cooperating on policy topics with like-minded groups around the country.

At CLA 2008, an open meeting of the WGIP is planned, as well as a joint meeting with the other sub-groups of the Intellectual Property and Public Access Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Morrison & Sandra Toze
Co-Convenors

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Committee activities:

Promoted the CLA Research and Development Grant through postings to relevant listservs.

Reviewed and scored applications for the CLA Research and Development Grant. We received 10 applications this year, up from 7 last year. The grant was awarded to Kevin Manuel, a Liaison Librarian at Brock University, for his research project, "Working Together: Brock University Library's New Learning Commons". His project has the institutional support of their University Librarian, Margaret Grove. A short release was sent to the CLA Office and will be included in the *CLA Digest* issued post-conference.

Continuing to explore ways to increase grant funding in order to increase the attractiveness and usefulness of the award. Informal talks with vendors and also implication of a higher award value on other CLA awards.

Continued to explore feasibility of an online research register for LIS in Canada. Information discussions were held with other groups that keep research registers (e.g. LIRG, a UK library research group), and other stakeholders interested in such a project in Canada (e.g. CARL).

Margaret Haines and Pamela Drayson volunteered to take on co-convenor role for 2008/09.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Dunning & Gillian Byrne
Co-Convenors

Task Forces June 2007 ~ June 2008

CLA TASK FORCE ON OPEN ACCESS

The CLA Open Access Task Force was formed in 2006, with a mandate to prepare a report for CLA Executive Council providing:

1. a draft Policy Statement on Open Access in the Canadian Library Association;
2. recommendations on procedures and practices to implement the Policy should it be approved;
3. a draft CLA Position Statement on Open Access in Canadian libraries.

The Policy Statement on Open Access for CLA's own publications was completed and approved in 2007/2008. The full report is available for download from: http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Open_Access_Task_Force&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=2564

Task Force members have been working cooperatively with CLA staff and committees on implementation of the policy. Much progress has been made thanks to Judy Green of the CLA office:

Digest is made available online immediately after publishing. *Feliciter* is made available online with a one issue embargo (not one month). Currently there are 33 issues of the *Digest* online - all of 2007 and 2008.

Currently all the issues for *Feliciter* for 06, 07 and 08 are online.

The annual reports are on the website from 2004-05 onwards.

CLA just made a PDF of Margaret Law's 1991 publication, *Friends for Small Libraries*, which will soon be available on the website. We are currently redesigning the resources & issues section on the website to help accommodate this.

The Task Force on Open Access will be recommending to Executive Council five more steps to complete implementation of the CLA Open Access Policy.

1. Post the Open Access policy prominently on the CLA website. Following is the appropriate text, from the CLA *Digest*, June 29, 2007: http://cla.informz.net/cla/archives/archive_155065.html
2. Minor changes to the wording on the Author's Agreement for *Feliciter*, to eliminate inconsistency.
3. Explore a partnership with E-LIS. The Canadian E-LIS Editors will contact CLA about encouraging presenters at CLA 2008 to upload presentations at E-LIS; this would be a good start on this partnership. Task Force member Kumiko Vézina is the Regional E-LIS Editor.
4. Encourage the publication and promotion of the CLA Open Access Policy. Task Force members may be willing and available to assist, for example by writing short pieces for *Feliciter*.
5. Schedule a review of the one-issue embargo of *Feliciter* in 2008/2009.

In 2008/2009 A *Position Statement on Open Access for Canada's Libraries* was drafted, and CLA members were consulted, first through Divisions and then through a CLA-wide opportunity to comment. The *Position Statement* will be brought forward to the CLA Executive for final approval at the May 21, 2008 meeting.

The CLA Task Force on Open Access drafted a strong pro-open-access response to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's *Policy on Access to Research Outputs*. CIHR adopted a policy requiring open access to CIHR-funded research, which came into effect January 2008.

The Task Force on Open Access also drafted responses to Library and Archives Canada's consultation on a *Canadian Digital Information Strategy*, working cooperatively with the Copyright Working Group, and Canada Revenue Agency's *Consultation on Proposed Guidelines for Research as a Charitable Activity*.

The Task Force coordinated a preconference to the First International Public Knowledge Project (PKP) Conference, in Vancouver July 2007, in cooperation with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), called *Transitioning to Open Access*. This preconference is described in the article Christina Struik, Hilde Colenbrander, Stephen Warren, Halina de Mauricez, Heather Joseph, Denise Koufougiannakis, Heather Morrison, Kathleen Shearer, Kumiko Vézina, Andrew Waller, *Transitioning to open access (OA) First Monday*, Volume 12 Number 10 - 1 October 2007: <http://www.uic.edu/htbin/cgiwrap/bin/ojs/index.php/fm/article/view/1996>

Andrew Waller and Heather Morrison wrote an article for *Feliciter* on the work of the Task Force, and will be presenting a session on the topic at CLA 2008 on *Open Access and Canadian Libraries: Taking a Position*.

The Mandate of the Task Force on Open Access has now been substantially fulfilled, and the Task Force will be discussing with Executive Council its future after approval of the *Position Statement on Open Access* and the disposition of a few other items.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Morrison, Co-Convenor
Andrew Waller, Co-Convenor



CLA Award Winners 2008

Outstanding Service to Librarianship
Vivienne Monty

CLA/Information Today Award
Richmond Public Library

CLA Research & Development
Kevin Manuel

Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada
Nancy Branscombe & Gina Barber

CLA/Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship
Lucy Pana

25th Student Article Contest
Liz Fulton Lyne

W. Kaye Lamb Award for Service for Seniors
Oshawa Public Library



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