

CLA Montreal Chapter Activities Report 2006-2007

Executive

President:	Alexandra Yarrow
Vice-President/President Elect:	Jocelyne Andrews
Past-President:	Daphné Bélizaire
Member-at-Large:	Laura May
Member-at-Large:	Pat Riva
Liaison-CLA McGill Student Chapter:	Jill Boruff and Genevieve Hillsburg
CLA Councillor liaison:	Judy Dunn

Membership

As of January 31st 2007, we have a total of 29 members.

Events

1. The CLA Montreal Chapter participated in the national Librarians Run for the Cure team on October 1st 2006. 10 local team members ran or walked the Run for the Cure route in Montreal, and Laura May represented the Chapter as our local team captain, and Jocelyne Andrews, Alexandra Yarrow and Pat Riva also attended.
2. The Chapter participated in the 23rd annual Christmas Fund-raiser for CODE, co-hosted by ABQLA, SLA and the Montreal Chapter of CLA. The event was held on December 6th 2006 at the Fraser-Hickson Library and 65 people attended.
3. The Chapter co-sponsored a Library of Congress "Basic Subject Cataloguing Using LCSH" workshop, held at Concordia University on November 23rd and 24th, 2006. This event will be co-sponsored by Concordia University Libraries and CACUL. There were 26 attendees.
4. We supported the CLA McGill Student Chapter's Reception for the CLA President Linda Cook, held on February 6th 2007.
5. We will be sponsoring a session at the 75th annual ABQLA conference May 3-5, 2007. We will be sponsoring the keynote speaker on Saturday, May 5th 2007, Rebecca Jansen of Librarians without borders.

Communications

1. We have set up a blog for Chapter news and local events at <http://clamontrealchapter.blogspot.com> We hope to expand the blog's content over the coming months and draw up guidelines for its use. It is listed on the CLA Blogs page, on the popular CASLIS Ottawa blog and on the Blogging Libraries Wiki (under library association blogs). The launch of the blog was

- celebrated at the CLA McGill Student Chapter's reception in February: flyers were distributed publicising the blog.
2. Excellent relations have been maintained between the Chapter and ABQLA and CASLIS Ottawa, in part because of the involvement of the President and Vice-President of the Chapter in these other associations. This has provided opportunities for collaboration, sharing of ideas and cross-promotion of events.

Meetings/Representation

Members of the Executive represented the Chapter at the following meetings and events:

1. Alexandra Yarrow represented the Chapter at the 6th Annual Canadian Library Association Open House on Friday, September 15th, 2006. She also helped organize a tour of the new Greenboro Branch of the Ottawa Public Library for CLA McGill Student Chapter students attending the Open House.
2. Jocelyne Andrews attended the kickoff events for both ABQLA (Oct. 5th, 2006) and SLA (Sept. 19th, 2006)
3. Alexandra Yarrow represented the Chapter at a round-table at McGill's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies on November 23rd, 2006. The topic was Professional Associations: The Benefits to Students and New Professionals, and ABQLA President Mary Jane O'Neill and CASLIS Ottawa President Cabot Yu joined Alexandra in speaking about professional associations in Canada and personal involvement in association work.
4. Laura May represented the Chapter at the "Basic Subject Cataloguing Using LCSH" workshop on November 23rd and 24th, 2006. Jocelyne Andrews handled registration at the event.
5. Christmas CODE Fundraiser (co-hosted by ABQLA, SLA and the Montreal Chapter), December 6th 2006. Daphné Bélizaire, Jocelyne Andrews and Alexandra Yarrow represented the Chapter. Daphne assisted with set-up and equipment, Jocelyne thanked a speaker, sold raffle tickets at the door and introduced the raffle prize giveaway, and Alexandra helped with publicity and set-up.
6. Daphné Bélizaire, Jocelyne Andrews, Alexandra Yarrow, Pat Riva and Laura May, along with many other Chapter members, represented the Chapter at the CLA McGill Student Chapter's Reception for the CLA President Linda Cook, held on February 6th 2007. The Chapter also split the cost of the event with the Student Chapter and mailed invitations to each member of the Chapter. The Chapter contributed a student membership to a draw held by the students at the event, and the membership was awarded to Janis Dawson.