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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Linda Rempel

The success of the Bubbly Brunch at the Ski Jump on September 30th has buoyed the FLA executive, and we're looking forward to this year's events. We're hoping for a year sprinkled with a look at the lighter side of library work. The theme for this year's Calgary Libraries in Action will be Library Workers Overseas, and will focus on work and exchange opportunities abroad. Most of us will probably never embark on such an opportunity, but many of us will at least think about overseas work at some point in our career.

There is nothing like travel to a non-English speaking country to remind us of the difficulties faced by people with literacy problems. During my time in Spain last month, I was faced with a number of difficulties because I could not read Spanish fluently. On more than one occasion, my travelling companion and I were at the mercy of a restaurant server to explain the options on a menu. Figuring out

if it was chicken or tuna was attainable, but how it was going to be served was usually a mystery. The response to our problem varied significantly. Some simply handed me the English version of the menu. Some explained in speedy Spanish. Others made patient attempts to explain in broken English. The greatest frustration came when our dilemma was simply ignored.

It was a good reminder about the importance of organizations such as the Seniors Literacy Project, whose focus is on teaching functional literacy. The Executive is busy gathering door prizes for future events to help support the work of the Seniors Literacy Project. We're optimistic that, with your help, we will be able to donate a generous amount to them.

In addition to another joint AGM event in late spring, the executive is working on plans for a third event in early spring. The plans are still tentative, but we're hoping to involve both wine and chocolate. The details will be published in the FLAG when the arrangements are confirmed.

It promises to be a great year for FLA. I hope I'll have the opportunity to meet many of you at the upcoming events.

*president@fla.org*

## BUBBLY BRUNCH 2001

FLA's Bubbly Brunch took a departure from tradition in 2001. Instead of holding it at a member's house, the brunch was held at Canada Olympic Park's 90 Metre Ski Jump Tower on September 30th. The mood was festive, the view was beautiful, and the company was fun.

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This year, FLA will be raising funds in support of the Calgary Seniors' Literacy Project. Carolyn Arrell, Coordinator of the Project, attended the brunch and shared her experiences of the project with us. As its name suggests, the project helps seniors become literate in English. What makes it unique is that seniors

are paired one-to-one with a volunteer, with pairs being matched according to the specific skills and needs of the volunteer and the learner. The 'senior' as learner is loosely defined: it could be someone who is 55, 65, or someone who has been referred. The project falls under the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, so it serves a population also diverse in background. For example, some learners may be literate in their own language, but having immigrated to Canada, now need to learn to read using a new alphabet. Funds raised this year by FLA will be used to purchase much-needed picture dictionaries. To paraphrase Carolyn, "it's not always easy to have a car in the room when you're talking about transportation!", so the dictionaries will be extremely useful. Those who would like more information about the project are encouraged to call Carolyn at (403) 290-5756.

Draws were also held at the brunch, with proceeds going to the Calgary Senior's Literacy



Project. Congratulations to all the winners! The generous donors and their prizes were: the Eau Claire YMCA donating a fleece pullover, 5 membership plus passes, and 6 regular passes, the PanCanada Wordfest donating event tickets, the University of Calgary Medical Bookstore donating a denim logo shirt, the Cochrane Public (Nan Boothby Memorial) Library donating a bookbag, and the Calgary Public Library donating a block of post-it notes and a T-shirt.

Given the encouraging comments about this year's brunch, FLA is considering something similar for next year. Stay tuned for details!

*Submitted by Jennifer Lee  
Liaison Librarian  
University of Calgary Library*

## ABOUT THE SENIORS LITERACY PROJECT

The Seniors Literacy Project is under the umbrella of the Seniors Educational Partnership at the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society.

The Seniors Literacy Project is a volunteer tutor to learner (1:1) match-based program.



The intent is that seniors would be assisting seniors with their learning of English. The tutors are firstly broadly trained; then, more specifically trained regarding special needs for the learner with whom they are matched.

As much as possible, city geographics are taken into account when a match is set up. As well, the various strengths that each tutor has are taken into account when determining a suitable match. Each match is as unique as the learners' needs and goals are the determinants for each personal program. The learner may be a cradle Canadian or one from another country. S/he may be literate to some degree, or perhaps not, in their first language. It is surprising to most people to learn that 10% of our population is not functionally literate...the Seniors Literacy Project strives to change that statistic.

*Submitted by Carolyn Arrell  
Coordinator, Seniors Literacy Project*

## INTRODUCING NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

### Gerry Burger-Martindale Vice President

Gerry has been at Calgary Public Library for 20 years, working in a variety of jobs. In September she began her new challenge as Customer Services Manager of the Central Library, with a mandate to revitalize and re-position Central. Prior to that she was the Manager of the Business, Science and Social Sciences Department. She has also been Manager of Louise Riley and Georgina Thomson Branch Libraries, Assistant Manager of Fish Creek Library, Reference Librarian in the Business and Science Department and briefly, Research Librarian. Prior to coming to Canada from the UK (in 1980), she was a Librarian at IBM UK Ltd, librarian in a translating agency in Tunisia, and a non-professional at St Bride Printing Library, just off Fleet Street in London. Becoming actively involved in the community is important to her, hence her involvement in FLA. She is also involved in many

education-related organizations. She loves to travel, see new things, and meet new people with her husband and nearly 11-year old daughter. They have three other dependents: 2 fighting cats and a corn snake.

### Adrian Dalwood Secretary

Adrian graduated in 1990 from the University of Alberta with an MLIS. Since he had originally thought about taking social work, he chose to work as a Librarian for the Salvation Army in Winnipeg. He found this very rewarding, since he was able to work with many socially disadvantaged patrons. He also worked, at the same time, for Deloitte & Touche LLP. For the next three years he worked as a Librarian in Chicago's Southside as well as doing community work at a local AIDS residence for those dying of HIV. He returned to Alberta last year and is currently enjoying his appointment as Librarian for the Cochrane Public Library. He is a Beaver Boy Scout leader and is hoping to start community

service with Voiceprint: reading the news to clients who are visually challenged.

**Laura Taylor  
Treasurer**

Laura is a Librarian at the Village Square Branch of Calgary Public Library. She graduated from the University of Alberta's MLIS program in 1998 and has worked in Saskatchewan, BC and Alberta. She decided to become a member of the FLA executive because she wanted to meet colleagues in the library profession and give something back to the association since she has used the jobline on several occasions. Laura lives in Strathmore with her husband and takes care of her brand new spoiled puppy named Idaho.

**Cindy Wiebe  
FLAG co-editor**

Cindy is currently the Cataloguing Librarian at St. Mary's College. Since finishing her MLIS at the University of Alberta in June 1999, she has been working in various positions. She began her library career as a Cataloguer at Bennett Jones, a law firm here in Calgary. After just

over a year there, she moved on to The City of Calgary Youth Employment Centre, where she was the solo librarian. She finished there in mid-September this year and has now been at St. Mary's College for only a few weeks. Outside of work, Cindy enjoys reading (what librarian doesn't?), ballroom dancing and has just started a sign language class.

**Robert Tiessen  
Jobline Editor**

Robert is Head, Access Services at the University of Calgary Library. He received his MLIS from the University of Western Ontario and has worked in college libraries in Montana and Ohio before settling in Calgary. Robert is married and has two small children and enjoys Calgary's parks and hiking facilities.

*Compiled by Cindy Wiebe  
Cataloguing Librarian  
St. Mary's College*



**AROUND TOWN**  
*News of local library  
organizations and events of  
interest to the library  
community.*

**Browsing Around a  
Digital Library**  
*Ian Witten  
Sept. 18, 2001  
University of Calgary*

Dr. Ian Witten is a professor of Computer Science at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand and director of the New Zealand Digital Library Research project (<http://nzdl.org>). To a mixed audience of both computer scientists and librarians from the University of Calgary, Dr. Witten gave a humorous presentation outlining his vision of a Digital Library with examples of Digital Libraries from the New Zealand Digital Library Research Project and what it means to browse in a Digital Library.

According to Dr. Witten, a Digital Library is "a collection of digital objects (text, video, audio) along with methods for access and retrieval and for selection, organization and maintenance". Knowing that

there were a number of librarians in the audience, Dr. Witten pointed out that he places equal emphasis on the "methods for access and retrieval" (for the user) and the "methods for selection, organization and maintenance" (for the librarians). It is the "selectivity and organization that librarians add to the Digital Library that make a Digital Library worthwhile."

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Dr. Witten asked the audience to imagine Digital Libraries as "kitchens for knowledge preparation". Like a cook preparing a meal in a kitchen, a digital library is the researcher's space in which he or she creates new knowledge.

Using examples from the New Zealand Digital Library: such as the Humanity Development Library, the Historic Maori Newspaper Collection, Dr. Witten demonstrated the ease with which researchers could search these collections.

Ian Witten received an MA in mathematics from Cambridge

University, England; an MSc in computer Science from the University of Calgary; and a PhD in electrical engineering from Essex University, England.

He is the author of a number of books, his latest: *Data mining: practical machine learning tools and techniques with Java implementations* (Morgan Kaufmann, 2000).

*Submitted by Sandra Wong  
Liaison Librarian  
University of Calgary Library*

### University of Calgary Library

Fall at the University of Calgary means one thing: the return of students! This year saw over 5000 new full-time students enter the UofC. Many of these students were introduced to the University Library at the Academic and Resource Expo. A booth for Information Resources was set up at the Expo, from which eager volunteers answered questions, and handed-out material on the University Library and other IR departments. Tours of the Information Commons were also avail-

able for those keen to learn more about the Library.

Students can expect continued opportunities to enhance their research skills as the Library launches a series of Library Survivor Skills classes designed to improve information literacy.

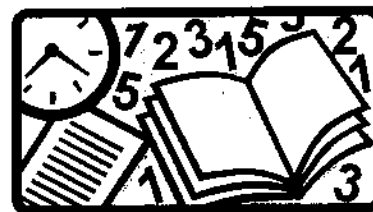
The beginning of fall has also brought a new resident to the MacKimmie Library Tower. The newly created Prairie Regional Research Data Centre is located on the first floor of the Tower. The purpose of the Research Data Centre is to provide researchers with access to "confidential data collected by Statistics Canada". More information is available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~rdc/>

The summer saw Collections and Technical Services staff temporarily relocate from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the MacKimmie Library Block to a portable office. The 4<sup>th</sup> floor is currently undergoing renovations.

Finally, the University welcomed a new President on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Harvey P. Weingarten became the seventh president of the Univer-

sity. He comes to the UofC from McMaster University, where he was the Provost and Vice President Academic.

*Submitted by Justine Wheeler  
MBA Librarian,  
Management Resource Centre  
University of Calgary Library*



### Calgary Public Library

Since June 2001 there have been many changes at Calgary Public Library. CPL opened two new branches: Shawnessy (which replaces Midnapore) and Glenmore Square (replacing Ogden Branch).

Staff changes and movements are also significant: **Laura Taylor** is Branch Librarian at Village Square, **Marje Wing** is new Manager at Alexander Calhoun & Memorial Park, **Barb Lake** is new Manager at Glenmore Square and Southwood, and **Carole McCloy** is Manager at Georgina Thomson Branch in addition to Louise Riley.

At the WR Castell Central Library, **Gerry Burger-Martindale** has taken the role of Manager, Central Library; **Rosemary Griebel** is Manager of the Fourth Floor; **Jo Anne Houston** is Manager, Third Floor; **Karen Mark** is Manager, Main Floor; and **Allison Inglis** is Manager, Circulation Services.

CPL has also just launched an *Early Bird Phone Service* (trial) from 8:00am-10:00am. Call 260-2782 for your information needs.

<http://calgarypubliclibrary.com>

*Submitted by  
Gerry Burger-Martindale  
Manager, WR Castell Central Library  
Calgary Public Library*

### Mount Royal College Library

The big event at Mount Royal College this year has been Library renovations. \$1.7 million was budgeted in 2000-2001 for a reconfiguration of the public areas of the Library (First Floor) and the staff office area (Second Floor). A Library Renovation Planning Group, with representation from all Library departments, met weekly throughout

the year with the College's Facilities Planners and the design consultants from Hutchinson Architects. The detailed plan and budget were approved in April 2001. The plan called for:

- more transparency between the Library and Main Street;
- a reconfiguration of service desks around a new Library entrance/exit;
- rearrangement and modest expansion of book-stacks and seating areas;
- the addition of group study rooms, a Reserve Reading Area, and an alcove for media carrels;
- an improved technology infrastructure -- more computers, wired study tables;
- expanded and upgraded Library staff offices and work areas.

During May, the Library was vacated and all staff, collections and services were moved to several other temporary locations on campus. Library renovations began in late May under the direction of CANA Management. The trans-

formed Library reopened in September. We are happy with the results.

In other news, Pearl Herscovitch has been appointed to a tenure-track librarian position. Geoff Owens, formerly of Lethbridge Community College, has also joined our professional staff.

*Submitted by Ross Thrasher  
- Director, Library Services  
Mount Royal College Library*



## Pardon Our Dust!



### SAIT Library

The completion of a \$176 million campus expansion project has transformed SAIT. Three buildings have been constructed over the past two years. They include the Clayton Carroll Automotive Training Building, a new 459-bed student residence, and the Heart building. Heritage Hall has also been restored to its 1921 glory. The Heart building has become the hub of the campus with a new two floor library, book store, food court, four floor glass atrium and over 90 electronic classrooms.

The SAIT Library's move from the Senator Burns Building to the Heart Building was completed on August 13. We are located on Level 1 and Level 0 of the MC block. We

opened amidst a team of painters, plumbers, electricians and installers who were completing the final touches to the facility. Each week since then has seen steady progress in service levels.

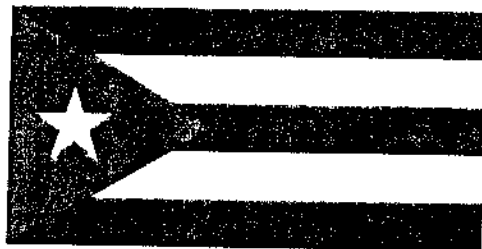
As with classrooms in the Heart Building, the library offers the latest in electronic access for students, staff, and instructors. Over fifty desktop computers are available on wave tables on Level 0 and Level 1. All study carrels, seminar rooms, and wave tables have data ports for lap top computers. The library also has a thirty-seat classroom with student lap top ports, instructor desktop computer, SMART Board port, data projector, ELMO video projector, and VCR.

Library staff and our clients are making a successful adjustment to the new facility. Everyone will see significant changes to the new library over the next few months. New signage, elevator service, and workstation installations should be completed soon.

*Submitted by Dave Weber  
Head of Customer Relations  
SAIT Library*

### Invitation

2nd Library  
Tour of Cuba  
Feb. 4 - 18, 2002



The first Library Tour of Cuba last February was extremely successful. This second tour is being organized in response to high demand.

Seeing is believing and the Cuban Government and Ministry of Education want you to see and experience the library and education services that are provided for its citizens and to enjoy the beauty of the island and the warmth of its people. You will have the opportunity to learn 'first hand' all about Cuban libraries as well as acquaint yourself with Cuban literature, culture, history and much more. The main factors in making this an experience you will remember for life are the contacts and new friends you will make, both with the other participants on the tour and your Cuban colleagues.

New this year will be a visit to the Havana International Book Fair. France will be the Guest of Honour at this Fair, and the theme will be 'Reading means Growth'. The fair will be held in the San Carlos de la Cabaña Fortress, built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The building, set in extensive grounds, is one of the most beautiful cultural and tourist attractions in the Cuban capital and has been declared a part of world heritage.

You need not be a librarian to participate in the tour, but a love of literature, learning, and books would certainly help!

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### AFTERTHOUGHTS

### *HALLOWEEN LINKS*

#### *HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN*

##### *The History of Halloween*

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/halloween/main.html>

This History Channel web site includes information on Ancient Origins, Modern Traditions and the Evolution of Halloween. It also includes Pumpkin/ Jack-o-lantern information, Ghost Stories, Halloween Around the World and Haunted Houses.

##### *The Hallowed Evening*

<http://www.pithos.com/samhain/>

This site is "dedicated to reclaiming the 'pagan' roots of Hal- lowe'en by exploring the significance of the modern symbols and mythology associated with the holiday."

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## AFTERTHOUGHTS

### *HALLOWEEN PARTIES*

#### *Recipecard.com: Happy Halloween*

<http://recipecard.com/holidays/Halloween/index.htm>

A very large variety of recipes with a Halloween theme.

#### *Halloween Party Ideas*

<http://www.robinsfyi.com/holidays/halloween/party.htm>

Includes games, decorations and food ideas. . .

### *MISCELLANEOUS HALLOWEEN*

#### *Halloween on the Web*

<http://www.allhallowseve.com/index.html>

This site includes a brief history of the holiday, very good makeup tips, Halloween safety, music, true ghost stories, jack-o-lantern tips and "Scary Links".

#### **Oakland Children's Hospital: Halloween**

<http://www.kron.com/kidsfirst/halloween/home.html>

Contains safety tips for kids, easy and inexpensive costume ideas and a brief history of Halloween.

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