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President's Message

By Shauna Rutherford

Welcome to another membership year with FLA! For me, fall, far more than spring, has always been the season of new beginnings. As a kid, there were new clothes, new school supplies and new teachers and friends, and it was all tremendously exciting and energizing. As an adult, I have to confess, I often feel more overwhelmed than energized, but it's still an exciting time. I certainly feel that way about our upcoming year in FLA.

As you'll see further on in this issue, this year's Executive includes some old, some new, and some returning faces. We're quick out of the gate this fall with some changes we

hope will improve and energize our organization. First of all, you will have already noticed that the FLAG has gone electronic! This move will result in significant savings in printing and mailing costs, is better for the environment, permits us to get information out to you in a more timely manner, and allows us to do a lot of nifty things with colour, graphics, photos, etc. We're looking forward to your feedback on the new look.

We've also changed our Web site host (although you'll still find us at <http://www.fla.org>) and have made some modifications to the ever-popular Jobline. It is hoped that these changes will

streamline our work and make things easier for the volunteers who give of their valuable time on the executive to make FLA a success.

Speaking of making FLA a success, we rely almost entirely on membership sales to keep the organization going. The last few years have been difficult in this respect. We have lost over 80 members in just the past 3 years! Each year, we do pick up some new members, but this has in no way made up for the exodus.

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Thank you to Cindy and Amanda!

For the last three years, Cindy Wiebe and Amanda Pitchford have kindly committed their time to editing the FLAG.

We commend them for their humour, contributions and efforts in keeping the FLAG going. As new editors, we understand the complexities associated with putting an issue together.

Bubbly Brunch — Sunday, October 3rd, 2004

Join us for our Annual Bubbly Brunch on Sunday, October 3rd in University Heights.

This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow FLA members and learn about some of the events we will be hosting this year.

It is also your opportunity to renew your membership for the 2004-2005 year.

This year, we will be holding a fundraising draw in support of Share the Magic, a children's literacy program offered by the Calgary Learning Centre.

Please see page 6 for more information on this program and for ticket information on the Bubbly Brunch.



Foothills Library Association
A Calgary-based group in existence since 1973

OBJECTIVE

To bring together individuals within the Calgary community to share and promote the concerns of the library and information professions.

MEMBERSHIP

Library personnel from academic, public, school, and special libraries.

ACTIVITIES

Lectures, seminars, tours, and special events organized September through June, concluding with the Annual General Meeting.

PUBLICATIONS

FLAG, Annual Membership Directory, and the FLA Web site.

SERVICES

The FLA Jobline lists library openings in Calgary and surrounding areas at the professional, technical, and clerical level. It is available at: <http://www.fla.org>.

We're on the Web:

<http://www.fla.org>

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... *President's Message*

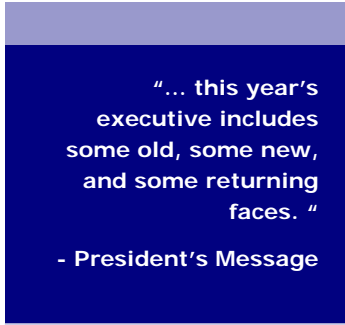
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So, this year, we are embarking on a major membership drive, hoping to bring back old colleagues and recruit many new ones. Please take some time to read Mavis' article on page 7 to see how you might qualify for a membership discount or reward.

Foothills Library Association is unique in that it brings together people from all work sectors in this region. As someone who has spent her entire career in academic librarianship, I have really appreciated the opportunity to meet others who work in

public, special and school libraries, as well as some people who have left libraries entirely but still want to keep some connection to the library world. We offer programs on issues of professional importance, as well as events that are purely social. Either way, our events offer opportunities to network, learn something new and enjoy yourself. And, of course, one of FLA's greatest accomplishments is the creation and maintenance of the Jobline. So many of us have benefited from this service, both as employers and as job-seekers.

Your membership allows us to keep this going. I know all of us are feeling great demands on our time, both professionally and personally, however, I do believe that the Foothills Library Association serves a worthwhile purpose and is deserving of your support. So, please remember to renew your membership, and come out to the Bubbly Brunch on October 3rd, and, better yet, bring a friend or colleague along!



Museum of the Regiments Library & Archives

By Jan Roseneder

The Library and Archives at the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary is a partnership between the Museum, the University of Calgary—Information Resources and the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies located at the University of Calgary.



There are approximately 6,800 catalogued titles (available through the University's online system) and probably another 2,000 items still to go – with more coming in every day.

Although we don't have an acquisitions budget, we get donations from many sources:

retirees, military collectors, authors, special presses and other libraries, including the Calgary Public Library and the University of Calgary Library.

The Archives measure about 20 metres now, again with more donations received nearly every week. The non-circulating Library and Archives are open to the public by appointment, and many of our questions come from people researching the military history of a family member. We do, however, also serve students in the Military and Strategic Studies program at the University and active members of the Canadian Forces.

Our collection of military manuals, from how to strip a machine gun to how to handle

a chemical spill, is one of the largest in the country. Journalism students at Mount Royal College use our War Correspondents Archives and art students from the Alberta College of Art make use of the many uniform and weapons handbooks we hold. The Aboriginal Veterans Archives are unique in Canada.



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The Museum of the Regiments is located at 4520 Crowchild Trail S.W. in Calgary.

Visit their Web site at

<http://www.museumoftheregiments.ca>

Introducing your FLA Executive for 2004-2005



Shauna Rutherford

PRESIDENT

Shauna grew up in Calgary and got her BA in English at the University of Victoria and her MLIS from Dalhousie in 1995. She worked briefly as a legal database editor for QuickLaw in Halifax before returning to Calgary in 1997. She is currently the Information Literacy Coordinator at the University of Calgary.



Alix Hayden

VICE PRESIDENT

Alix is the Liaison Librarian responsible for nursing and kinesiology, at the University of Calgary. In her recently completed PhD dissertation, she investigated the information-seeking behaviours of undergraduate students from a phenomenological perspective. Alix is currently working part-time. In her off-hours, she volunteers as the fundraising coordinator for her children's daycare.



Justine Wheeler

SECRETARY

Justine is the MBA/EMBA Librarian at the Haskayne School of Business—University of Calgary. She earned her MLIS from the University of Alberta and her BA from the University of Calgary. The mother of two, Justine enjoys spending time with her family and looks forward to introducing her children to the joys of world travel. Long bitten by that same bug, Justine has been fortunate enough to travel to a number of countries including Tunisia, Australia, and the UK. Justine enjoys hiking and fine food, and tries to include her family in these pursuits



Lonestar Stone

TREASURER

This year has brought some exciting changes for Lonestar. She is now working as a Children's Librarian at the new Country Hills branch of the Calgary Public Library and was married in March—each new venture bringing it's own

challenges, but mostly rewards. September marks the beginning of her second year as Treasurer for the Foothills Library Association and she is looking forward to another successful year.



Mavis Holder

MEMBERSHIP

The shock of being sent from Lagos, Nigeria to Calgary in the winter of 1973 by Shell International took her by surprise, but her family is now “Albertan” and they love the opportunities that living so close to the Rockies afford. Mavis worked for 15 years in various locations with the Calgary Public Board and has spent nearly three years with Volunteer Calgary. She and her family recently moved to Canmore, where they enjoy hiking, biking and cross-country skiing—depending on the weather. Their greatest delight, in recent years, is becoming grandparents.

WordFest 2004

Banff-Calgary International Writers Festival

October 13 – 17, 2004

For more details, visit

[http://
www.wordfest.com](http://www.wordfest.com)

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Jennifer Lee
JOBLINE

Jennifer is currently a Liaison Librarian at the University of Calgary. She previously spent a year cataloguing at St. Mary's University College after graduating from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information Studies. She plays with the Rocky Mountain Concert Band and, with what's left of her spare time, enjoys many arts and crafts including cross-stitching and sewing.



Heather Ganshorn
JOBLINE

Heather completed her MLIS in 2002 at the University of Alberta. After graduation, she worked in two different contract positions at the University of Calgary Library. She is currently employed as the video librarian at CBC Calgary, a job that allows her to put both her MLIS and her BA in Journalism to good use.



Taryn Canete
CO-EDITOR, FLAG

Taryn is currently a Liaison Librarian at the University of Calgary. She recently completed her Library and Information Science degree at the University of Western Ontario in London, following a career as a nurse. She enjoys photography, sketching, and writing.



Jerremie Clyde
WEBMASTER

Jerremie is new to FLA but not to local library associations, previously serving as Vice President and President of GELA. He is currently the Licensing Coordinator for The Alberta Library. Jerremie studied modern Chinese history—doing an MA at UBC/University of Alberta and was an advanced scholar at Nanjing University before completing his MLIS at UofA. His interests include intellectual property law, modern Chinese history, miniature gaming and the Settlers of Catan.



Nicole Villeneuve
CO-EDITOR, FLAG

Nicole is new to the Library Association this year, lending a helping hand as co-editor of the FLAG. Although she does possess a Library Technician Diploma from Langara College in Vancouver, her career path has kept her outside the library field. She hopes that this new challenge of working on the FLAG will help her stay connected with the library field.



Leeanne Morrow
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Leeanne is the FLA's Member-at-Large. She works at the main branch of the Calgary Public Library where she is responsible for their research service "Enhanced Information Services." Prior to her current position, she worked at the University of Calgary's Business Library. In her free time, she enjoys shopping and biking. She is looking forward to meeting you all at our events!

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- President's Message

Sixth Word on the Street Book & Magazine Fair

Sunday September 26

11am – 5pm

Eau Claire Market

- ◆ features up to 50 authors reading their selected works
- ◆ you can buy books and magazines from vendors

For more details, visit

<http://www.thewordonthestreet.ca/calgary.php>

Share the Magic

By Kathleen Hogan

Imagine being transported, for a time, to worlds of talking animals, superheroes in fire trucks and spaceships, cowboys on the fastest horses alive, ballerinas in dresses made of real rainbows, and not being able to return to those magical realms. With the Calgary Learning Centre's "Share the Magic" program, children—who may have few such opportunities—are able to visit these imaginary worlds, by having a story shared with them and by choosing books to take home to keep.

Through "Share the Magic," many wonderful books are introduced to children in daycare centres, pre-schools, kindergartens and after-school programs. Both personal and corporate donors supply books to the Learning Centre, where they are sorted, bookplated and selected for designated visits by volunteers.

The target audience is composed of children who may not otherwise be read to or have easy access to books.

By reading to them in small groups and assisting them with selection, volunteers give children the opportunity to explore the world of books. The laughter, surprise and wonder that light up the bright eyes and small faces are the rewards for all involved in the program – the volunteer readers, the staff of the Calgary Learning Centre and of the many centres visited, attendant parents, the invisible donors and, most importantly, the children themselves.

Several memories stand out: a three-year-old who announced he couldn't wait to start "shopping" for his books; a single young mother who planned to wrap her baby's books as his only Christmas

presents; a four-year-old girl (a librarian-in-training, no doubt!) who arranged all the stuffed animals in a semi-circle and "read" her new books to them; a three-year-old who explained that the pile of hay in "Rosie's Walk" was a "hairstack" and, the rake beside it, a "farming comb".

Although the program is barely two-years-old, thousands of books have been donated and distributed. If you would like to know more about Share the Magic, or have potential donations, please call Sue Tersmette at the Calgary Learning Centre, 403 686-9300 extension 118.

"Rosie's Walk" is by Pat Hutchins

Kathleen Hogan is a School Librarian at the Calgary Catholic School District

Did you know?

2003-2012 is the United Nations' International Literacy Decade

For more information, please visit

<http://www.nald.ca/WHATNEW/hnews/2002/undecade.htm>

To support our fundraising activities, we ask that if you have any items you wish to donate for auction, please contact any member of the Executive.

Donors will be acknowledged in upcoming issues.

Bubbly Brunch Information

When: Sunday, October 3rd, 2004
11 am – 1 pm
Location: 3508 Underhill Dr. N.W.
Tickets: \$15 members and students
\$20 non-members

*Draws in support of
FLA fundraising
events!*

*Please make cheques payable to:
Foothills Library Association
P.O. Box 2985, Station M
Calgary, AB T2P 3CP*

Catering by Sunterra!
*Meet your fellow
FLA Members!*

Contact Lonestar Stone by e-mail at treasurer@fla.org or by phone at 403 260-2685 by September 30th.

FLA Membership Update

By Mavis Holder

September is the time for members to renew their membership in the FLA. Our number of members has been dropping for the past three years and, so, the Executive decided that this year we will focus on Membership and have a membership drive to reverse the trend.

Fees have been set as follows:

Regular membership	\$25
Student and "Underemployed" membership	\$20

Any member who introduces a new or returning member—who has not been registered for two or more years – will receive a \$5 voucher for Chapters Indigo.

Please ask your co-workers to support the Association and keep the Jobline available to all of us!



The membership form can be downloaded from the Web or copied from this issue of FLAG, and returned either by regular mail or e-mail to membership@fla.org.

Please send cheques to:
Foothills Library Association
PO Box 2985, Station M
Calgary, AB

CONFERENCE UPDATE

New Ways, New Technologies

International and Canadian experts will gather at the University of Calgary, October 13 to 15, to describe and discuss all aspects of digital research, preservation and communication.

Complete program details can be found at

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/newwaysconference>

Early bird registration reductions are in effect until September 15, so register today!

A Reference Tale

Submitted by Jan Roseneder

Many of the reference questions we receive at the Museum of the Regiments Library & Archives are from other cities, provinces and even countries – by phone, regular mail and, most frequently, by e-mail. These can be quite challenging at times!

For instance, someone in Red Deer, cleaning out their parents' garage, phoned to find out how you tell if a grenade is still active. Another woman

found letters and other personal items in her mother's belongings – from a fiancé killed in World War I – and wanted to return them to his family somewhere in Australia. A sergeant on an Air Base in Alaska phoned to find out the patron saint of tank drivers (St. George) and, most recently, we



were requested to find a live black goat (male, two-years-old, and

NOT altered) for a ritual involving a visiting Gurkha regiment.

One day you can attend a formal presentation by a visiting dignitary (of a book, flag or other appropriately military item) and the next day have the chance to ride in an

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What did you think?

If you have any questions or comments about our new format, or have suggestions for stories, please contact the Editors at flag@fla.org.

Expect your next issue in December.

If you have a Reference Tale you wish to submit, please e-mail us at flag@fla.org.



Foothills Library Association

Membership Application 2004 - 2005

Last Name		First Name		
Name of Member Who Introduced You (if applicable)				
Type of Membership (please check TWO as applicable)				
Personal	Corporate	New	Renew	
<p>Correspondence will be sent to the organizational address, which will be listed in the FLA Directory. For members with no organizational address, please indicate below if you DO NOT want your home address published in the Directory.</p>				
Organizational Mailing Address:		Home Address:		
PC		PC		
Business Phone:		Home Phone:		
Fax Number:		E-mail Address:		
Web Address:		Web Address:		
Type of Library (please check ONE)				
Academic	Public	Government	Special	Other
<p>Please give any specific instructions for your entry in the FLA Directory:</p> <p>List my business phone: Yes ___ No ___ List my home phone: Yes ___ No ___</p> <p>List my business e-mail: Yes ___ No ___ List my personal e-mail: Yes ___ No ___</p> <p>List my home address: Yes ___ No ___</p>				
<p>Information provided to Foothills Library Association is recognised as private and confidential and will not be shared, sold or disclosed by the Association other than through the Member Directory.</p>				
<p>To become a member, please mail your completed form and send your membership fee (\$25 — Regular Membership or \$20 – Student or Underemployed Membership) in a cheque payable to FOOTHILLS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION to the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Foothills Library Association P.O. Box 2985, Station M Calgary, AB T2P 3C3</p>				