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President's Message

By Shauna Rutherford • E-mail: srutherford@ucalgary.ca



Happy spring, everyone! As usual in Calgary, it's kind of hard to know what season we're in by looking at the weather, but at least the days are getting longer.

Copyright

We're now well over half way through our membership year and are gearing up for our spring program, "Cocktails & Copyright". If you're like me, you recognize that Copyright is an important issue for information professionals, but

it's not one of those things that I personally ever make an effort to keep on top of, however, now really is a crucial time to do so. The government is tabling new legislation that will have a detrimental impact on libraries. So, just as a spoon full of sugar helps the medicine go down, we're hoping that an evening of drinks and good company will entice people to come and get up to speed on the proposed changes, the implications they may have for your organization and some actions you could take to lobby against them. See page 5 for details on this program and mark April 21st in your calendars. I hope to see many of you there!

CLA Conference

Planning is also in full-swing for the upcoming CLA Conference here in Calgary this June. I'm sure many of us will be taking part as organizers, presenters, and attendees. As always, volunteers are a vital part of the success of the Conference and many will be required to keep things running smoothly. I strongly encourage everyone to pitch in and help out if possible. The benefit to you is that each half day volunteering entitles you to free access to the Conference for half a day. Contact Volunteer Coordinator (and past FLA president) Gerry

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Join us for an evening
of

Cocktails & Copyright

Thursday, April 21

6:30-8:00 PM

University Heights

Guest Speaker

Rob Tiessen,

University of Calgary

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details

Calgary Libraries in Action — Highlights

Our annual Calgary Libraries in Action event was held January 27 at the Memorial Park Public Library.

Unfortunately, keynote speaker, Lisa Atkins, did not speak due to illness, however, Madeleine Schmidt, Interior Designer from Cohos Evamy, and Barbara Killick, Planning

and Research Co-ordinator at the Calgary Public Library, engaged the audience with their expertise in library design.

Guests at the event heard about the intricacies involved in building new libraries and their environments.

Speaker notes and presentations can be viewed at the FLA Web site at <http://www.fla.org/activity>.

See page 6 for more information on our event.



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>.

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New Ways & New Technologies: October 2004

By Michelle Sinotte



When people from many disciplines gather to compare their intellectual views on the current landscape it is invigorating. It is also rather rare.

The New Ways & New Technologies Conference was held at the University of Calgary in October 2004. The conference addressed the use of New Technologies in Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts. One of the stated goals was "To encourage cross-disciplinary collaboration amongst publication experts,

technologists, and researchers from a wide range of disciplines" (http://newway.clarity.ca/bins/content_page.asp?cid=675).

From this librarian's point of view it is this cross-disciplinary focus that made the Conference particularly meaningful. As a profession, we seem to spend a great deal of our time dealing with both new ways and new technologies. What we don't often get to do is listen to, and reflect upon, how others are struggling with the same issues. Whether the topic is electronic journals, virtual reality or open archive initiatives, it is strangely comforting to know that the need to deal with technological change is as pervasive as the changes themselves.

This conference was both stimulating and educational. A keynote address by Dr. Kim Veltman will be well remembered as a highlight by all who were privileged to be bombarded by his energetic and dynamic presentation (his name also makes for an interesting Google search).

This experience has reminded me to take advantage of opportunities to engage in discourse with disciplines outside of my chosen field. When such an opportunity arises right in your home town, seizing it is just that much easier.

Michelle Sinotte is currently a librarian at the Health Sciences Library at the University of Calgary.

Did you know?

Copyright originated in Britain in 1710 with what is now known as the "Statute of Anne."

... President's Message

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Burger-Martindale at Gerry.Burger-Martindale@calgarypubliclibrary.com to let her know when you are available and whether there is a particular area you'd like to help out with.

The following assignments need to be filled:

- ◆ Registration Desk
- ◆ Hospitality Desk (knowledge of Calgary would be useful)
- ◆ Public Relations Desk
- ◆ JobLink Centre
- ◆ Help at Author book signings
- ◆ Work at the CLA office
- ◆ CLA book store
- ◆ Social events
- ◆ General set-up and take-

down (before and after), including stuffing delegate bags

FLA will also have a presence at the conference. We plan to host a hospitality suite with the Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT). So be sure to drop by and say hello.

Annual General Meeting

June is also the time for our annual AGM, so stay tuned for details on that in the next few months. This is when we always announce our new Executive for the upcoming year, so if you are considering serving on FLA, please let me or one of the other Executive Members know. It isn't a big

time commitment, and it's a great way to meet other people in the information professions. It can actually be quite fun. It would be great to get some new blood (or not-so-new blood with new ideas) on the Committee. Let one of us know if you want to join the team.

Shauna Rutherford is this year's FLA President. She is also the Information Literacy Co-ordinator at the University of Calgary Library.

June is ... the time for our annual AGM, so stay tuned

Vancouver Public Library — Library Square at 10

By Lesli Boldt

...created a design that captured the collective imagination of the city...

Ten years after the Central Library opened its doors for the first time, Library Square has emerged as a true Vancouver icon, a destination for visitors, and a place for residents to discover the world.

The Central Library is the largest of 22 branches in the VPL system, which has the distinction of being one of the most widely-utilized library systems in North America. A stunning sixty-five percent of Vancouver citizens hold a library card and there are more than 2.5 million items in the VPL collection. At the Central Library alone, library staff field over 666,000 reference questions from the public each year.

VPL's roots can be found on the shores of Burrard Inlet in 1869, when the Hastings Mill established a small library for its employees. In 1901, American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated \$50,000 for the establishment of a library and, in 1903, the Carnegie Library opened as VPL's Central Library at the corner Main and Hastings (and present location of the Carnegie Branch). In November 1957, the Central Library was moved to a new home at the north-east corner of Burrard Street at Robson. The Central Library would prosper at this location for the next 38 years, before expanding to its current location at 350 West Georgia Street.

Vancouver's Central Library today

In a 1990 referendum, Vancouver citizens voted overwhelmingly to approve capital funds for a new Central Library, and, with a total price tag of just under \$160 million, Library Square was the most ambitious project Vancouver had ever undertaken.

The political will needed to move the project forward was provided by then-Vancouver Mayor Gordon Campbell and members of Vancouver City Council. Other key supporters included Kim Campbell, a BC MP at the time; former BC NDP Finance Minister Glen Clark and BC Premier Mike Harcourt; former BC MP and VPL Board Chair Mary Collins; and Madge Aalto, VPL's visionary chief librarian at the time. A capital campaign led by John and Kip Woodward also raised critically-important funds for the project.

Moshe Safdie -- the internationally renowned architect selected to design Library Square in partnership with local architectural firm Downs Archambault -- created a design that captured the collective imagination of the city. Safdie's vision was bold and somewhat controversial. He disregarded conventional library design of the time and put books in the center of the library, with people at the outside.

He also created plazas with a people-friendly exterior space, a promenade with retail space,

and a federal government office tower. The two floors above the library are provincial government offices, held through a 20-year lease that will mature in 2015.

Library Square was completed on time and on budget, and opened its doors for the first time on May 26, 1995. The complex has become a centre for development in the area, spurring the redevelopment of the older downtown neighbourhood of Yaletown and the return of Vancouver residents to the north shores of Vancouver's False Creek.

Today, the Central Library attracts an average of 6,700 people a day. Many are attracted by the diverse, multi-lingual programs, ranging from basic literacy, to the latest Internet and job searching techniques, to genealogy and jazz.

We're having a party

To celebrate our Central Library's 10th birthday, VPL's is hosting **Library Square at 10** - ten days of special events, author readings and performances between May 24 and June 2 that will welcome visitors from across Canada. Library Square at 10 highlights VPL's achievements of the past decade, and celebrates the many contributions of the Library to people throughout Vancouver and BC.

Between May 24 until June 2, 2005, each day of the celebration will feature a different theme with related programs that highlight the



Central Library Exterior
Photographer: Tim Pelling
Photo Courtesy of Vancouver
Public Library

... *The World at Your Library*

role that the Library plays in the community, complete with music, entertainment, speakers, and of course, books and authors. Library Square at 10 is a chance for people of all ages and interests to explore the world at your library. A wide range of exciting events will be offered, including special readings by both well-known and up-and-coming authors, such as Canada's beloved children's author Robert Munsch, Canada's first Poet Laureate George Bowering, Karen X. Tulchinsky, Vancouver's own Rafe Mair, Howard White, Pam Withers, Inosh Arani, and Sean Patrick O'Reilly of Arcana Studios.



Central Library Promenade
Photographer: Tim Pelling

Photo Courtesy of Vancouver Public Library

Other highlights will include special performances by artists and musicians, and special appearances by Mayor Larry Campbell and internationally renowned architect Moshe Safdie.

For more information about Library Square At 10 events, visit <http://www.vpl.ca> - and check back often for updates.

Lesli Boldt is the Manager of Marketing and Communications at the Vancouver Public Library. We thank her for her contributions to this issue on Libraries and Architecture.

A copy of May 2004 Interim Report on Copyright Reform by the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage can be found at

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/infocomdoc/Documents/37/3/paribus/commbus/house/reports/herirp01/herirp01-e.pdf>

Copyright

The full-text of the Copyright Act

(R.S. 1985, c. C-42)

Can be found at

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/C-42/index.html>

Cocktails & Copyright

Join us for an evening of
Cocktails & Copyright

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2005

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Location: 3508 Underhill Drive NW

Admission: \$10.00, plus a toonie bar

Speaker:

Rob Tiessen

Head of Access Services,
University of Calgary

Appetizers will be served

Okotoks Public Library Expands

Courtesy of Tessa Nettleton • [Okotoks Public Library](#)

We are not a new library as such but we are in the process of expanding our existing facility and refurbishing the existing library. This will double the size of the Library giving us much needed administrative and operational space, and allowing us to provide more programs and services to the community. The “new” facility will have two meeting rooms for renting, dedicated adult, youth, senior, and children’s areas, a large 14 workstation free Internet area, wireless “hotspot” access for laptops, study area, a quiet reading lounge and a decorative fireplace. There will be additional storage and administrative space for the staff. We can’t wait!



Okotoks is one of the fastest growing towns in Canada (mainly due to its proximity to Calgary), with a highly educated community and wide range of demography. With that in mind, we have taken the last three years to plan this project using statistics, surveys and feasibility studies in order to give the community what they require from their public library. Obviously, budget and lot constraints have tempered our enthusiastic “wish list”, and rendered a “need” list with futuristic projections. With the support of the Town of Okotoks, we were able to start construction in January 2005, and hope to have a completed facility by the end of July. We are not closing the Library during construction, so there are daily operational challenges!

The Library has 15 staff (part-time and full-time), runs a comprehensive portfolio of adult and children’s programs,

and is open 62 hours a week. We have a 7 workstation Internet hubs and provide computer tutorials and general computer training. We are extremely busy. Over 60% of the Okotoks community are members of the Library. This is high for a rural library. The Okotoks Library is part of the Marigold Library System, and thus part of the TRAC consortium. The main mandate of TRAC is to share the resources of its member libraries. There are over 150 libraries in this consortium from four different regions in Alberta. When someone joins the Okotoks Public Library, they get “The Alberta Library” (TAL) card. This entitles the holder to utilize all libraries in Alberta and thus can be used with limits at Calgary Public Libraries as well.

We thank Tessa Nettleton for this article. She is the Director of the Okotoks Public Library.



Expansion site of Okotoks Public Library

Photos Courtesy of the Okotoks Public Library

Calgary Libraries in Action

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Many thanks to Marje Wing, our hostess and the Manager of the Memorial Park Library, who helped us organize this event.

We also extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to our sponsors whose generous donations helped raise money for the Share the Magic:

Butterfield Acres Farm provided 3 sets of passes for adults, and 2 for children, inviting winners to explore rustic farm life.

The **University of Calgary Press** donated three of their titles including: *The Wild Rose Anthology of Alberta Prose*, *Treasures: The Stories Women Tell About The Things They Keep*, *An Unsettled Spirit: The Life and Frontier Fiction of Edith Lyttleton*.

These books are sure to engage and delight our draw winners, Carolyn Patterson, Gerry Burger-Martindale, and Helgi Leesment.

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