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President's Message

By Dr. Alix Hayden • E-mail: ahayden@ucalgary.ca



Another year has sped by for the Foothills Library Association. We are in the midst of planning our Annual General Meeting for Wednesday, June 21st. Given the significance of this date (summer solstice) we are planning an event to kick off summer right – an evening tasting seasonal wines. The AGM will be held at the Outdoor Resource Centre, which is a two-story heritage brick building, that was once a firehall. It is located at the

gateway of Kensington (easily accessible by C-train, bus, and car), and is right on the Bow River. A beautiful location to enjoy listening to Richard Harvey who is the founder of the Calgary Wine Academy and proprietor of Metro Vino, and has been a wine educator since 1995. He teaches the International Sommelier Guild Sommelier course, in addition to the courses offered by Calgary Wine Academy, and is a certified Sommelier. Prior to the wine tasting, FLA will have a brief meeting, so feel free to bring along a friend or spouse who might also enjoy learning about seasonal wines.

I must thank my FLA board colleagues for their

tremendous support and enthusiasm this year. Our Calgary Libraries in Action was a splendid event, encompassing thoughtful, educational, and entertaining presentations. Both the venue and food added to the terrific atmosphere. The Board made a conscious effort this year to help its members by absorbing some of the costs for our various events. As FLAG is now electronic, our expenditures are significantly less. We've discussed other ways to give back to our membership, and will present to the members during the AGM details of a proposed conference travel grant for

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THE FLA AGM

Good wine
&
Good food

(and the
possibility of
something
mildly
educational—
about wine)

Annual General Meeting—Wednesday, June 21

As we wind down the 2005/06 membership season, we'd like to invite you to our final gathering, the Annual General Meeting on June 21st at the historic Outdoor Resource Centre in Calgary.

Our agenda for the evening includes our AGM and a session by wine expert Richard

Harvey. Our reception menu includes:

- Thai coconut prawns
- beef yakitori with scallion and teriyaki plum glaze
- Vietnamese salad rolls
- assorted petite sweets
- and much more...

So join us as we celebrate the the solstice and the beginning

of summer!

For more details on the event, see page 4.



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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We thank those who have contributed to this issue. The opinions shared are those of the individuals and not of their organizations.

... President's Message

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FLA members. As FLA has members from all library “walks of life”, many of our colleagues in public, school, and special libraries are not afforded the opportunity for such grants, the new grant would be a welcome initiative. As membership seems to continue on its slow decline, we hope that a conference travel grant will rejuvenate the membership – both in terms of individuals wanting to provide

their support to colleagues, and for members interested in applying for the grant.

Thank you for your continued support of FLA and I hope to see many of you at the Annual General Meeting.

Alix Hayden

Alix Hayden is this year's FLA President. She is currently a Liaison Librarian at the University of Calgary.

CBC Canada Reads 2006

By Cindy Wiebe

The third week of April brought a new installment of CBC Radio's Canada Reads competition. Beginning in 2002, and every year since then, CBC Radio has chosen five Canadian celebrities to debate on behalf of their favourite Canadian work of fiction. And the result of the debate: “to find a homegrown book for all Canadians to read.” In a *Survivor*-style vote at the end of each day for five days, one book is voted back “on the shelf” and is eliminated from the competition. Here's the rundown for how this year's competition went...

The panelists this year, who would be arguing for their chosen books, were: John K. Samson, who is a singer, songwriter, poet and publisher from Winnipeg; lawyer and author, Maureen McTeer; Nelofer Pazira, an internationally recognized filmmaker, journalist and

author; author Susan Musgrave; and, writer and performer, Scott Thompson.

Their chosen books...*A Complicated Kindness* by Miriam Toews (Samson's pick), *Deafening* by Frances Itani (chosen by McTeer), *Three Day Road* by Joseph Boyden (Pazira), *Rooms for Rent in the Outer Planets: Selected Poems, 1962-1996* by Al Purdy (Musgrave), and *Cocksure* by Mordecai Richler (Thompson).

After the first day of debate, the panelists each got one vote...on Day 2, the results of the first vote were revealed, and, after a tiebreaker, Mordecai Richler's *Cocksure* was placed back on the shelf. There was then much discussion about whether a book of poetry – *Rooms for Rent...* (as the other book that came close to being eliminated with this vote) - should be part of the competition or whether poetry should have its own competition.

& NOTICE TO FLA MEMBERS & CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dear FLA Member:

The following is your slate of volunteers for the 2006-2007 Executive:

President: Leeanne Morrow

Vice-President: Michelle Sinotte

Secretary: Sarah Jones

Membership: member volunteer

Jobline: Paul Pival & Heather Robertson

FLAG: Taryn Lenders & one more member volunteer

Webmaster: Jerremie Clyde

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Executive, please contact Alix Hayden by Friday, June 16, 2006 at ahayden@ucalgary.ca. If more than one volunteer is interested in a position, we will have an election at the AGM. Otherwise, volunteers will be acclaimed.

FLA Executive, 2005-2006

At the beginning of Day 3, the second book voted off was revealed: *Deafening* was the next to go. The rest of Day 3 centered on discussion of both *A Complicated Kindness* and *Three Day Road*. And it was time to vote again...

Day 4 opens with another book being sidelined. On this day the banished book is...*Three Day Road*. A strong and heated discussion came about following this announcement. In fact, this discussion had to be broken up via the bell that announces the end of each day of debate. Once everyone calmed down again, discussion turned back to the two remaining books.

On Day 5, the winner is revealed... in a close 3-2 vote, *A Complicated Kindness* by Miriam Toews is the winner of this year's competition. Toews' book joins other books such as: *In the Skin of a Lion* by Michael Ondaatje (winner in 2002), *Next Episode* by Hubert

Do you have pictures of libraries or story ideas you'd like to share?
Please e-mail us at flag@fla.org.

... CBC Canada Reads

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Aquin (2003), *The Last Crossing* by Guy Vanderhaeghe (2004), and *Rockbound* by Frank Parker Day (2005) as the winner of this highly entertaining competition.

Next year will likely shape up to be one of the most entertaining competitions yet, as it will be an all-star Canada Reads debate, with the celebrities who argued on behalf of all the previous winners returning to fight for all new books of their choice. I, for one, am very much looking forward to it.

You can read summaries of the debates (or listen to the full debates) of this year's competition at: www.cbc.ca/canadareads. There is much more information on the website about all the books, panelists, etc., and links to previous years' competitions as well. Enjoy!

Cindy Wiebe is currently with St. Mary's University College. She was Co-Editor of the FLAG for three years.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who supported our fundraising efforts for Pebbles in the Sand. So far, we raised \$267 this year and we couldn't have done it without you!

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For more information about Pebbles in the Sand: Visit the Calgary Immigrant's Women's Association Web site: <http://www.ciwa-online.com>

<h1>Toasting Summer</h1> <p>An Evening of Seasonal Wines</p> <h2>Foothills Library Association Annual General Meeting</h2>				
Wednesday June 21, 2006 6:00 – 9:00			RSVP by Friday June 16 fla_rsvp@fla.org	
	Richard Harvey founder of the Calgary Wine Academy and proprietor of MetroVino, has been a wine educator since 1995. He teaches the International Sommelier Guild Sommelier course, in addition to the courses offered by Calgary Wine Academy, and is a certified Sommelier.			Learn about reasonably priced summer wines. Taste them too!
Cost: Members: \$25 Non-members: \$30				Location: Outdoor Resource Centre - is a beautifully restored heritage building, situated centrally alongside the Bow River at the corner of Memorial and 10 th St NW 1111 Memorial Dr. N.W.

\$2 from each ticket will be donated to Pebbles in the Sand!

FLA Jobline Report

The FLA Jobline continues to provide a valuable service to FLA members. This year we upgraded the Jobline to take advantage of two new delivery options: an RSS feed and an email alert option. New ads are now posted as they are received rather than once per week, and job-seekers can subscribe to the postings via Bloglines or another RSS aggregator, or can choose to receive new postings via email (look for the subscription box on the left side of the screen).

Approximately 200 people now subscribe to the FLA Jobline postings through one or both of these methods.

By popular demand we were also able to bring back the "most recent postings" section to the top of the page for those folks who do choose to visit manually. On average, over 400 people manually visit the Jobline site each day.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Pival
Jobline

FLAG Report

This year marked our second year with our electronic format, and so far everything has gone as smoothly as it could possibly go.

We featured a variety of articles on a number of topics, from evidence-based librarianship, information on the different conferences being held in the Calgary area, to photos of libraries from around Canada and the world.

Due to the success of our new format, we are looking at increasing your access to the FLAG by uploading our older

issues onto the FLA Web site. Check our Web page for further developments.

If you'd like to help out with the FLAG, we're looking for a new co-editor to join Taryn. You don't need to have any experience, but ideas for articles would be most welcome. For more information on becoming involved with the FLAG, email us at flag@fla.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Sinotte &
Taryn Lenders
FLAG

FLA Membership Report

As of our publishing date, we have 74 members, an increase of 10 members from last year. By affiliation, our membership is distributed as follows:

U of C: 20
CPL: 11
Schools/Board: 6
Corporate: 4
Other universities: 5
Colleges: 3
Other public libraries: 2
Special libraries: 3
No affiliation given: 21

If you work in one of these sectors, and think that your group is under-represented and could benefit from joining, please encourage anyone to join.

Most of our members join at the annual Bubbly Brunch, which gets everything off to a great start and ensures that all members will continue to receive regular information. Members continue to join throughout the fall and early winter, after which new and renewing membership tapers off.

The Executive would like to thank the membership for its support of FLA's activities, and welcomes ideas on increasing roster and services.

Respectively submitted,
Kathleen Hogan
Membership

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**See you in
September at
the Bubbly
Brunch!
Have a great
summer!**