



NEWS

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Message from the Editors

This edition of the newsletter is chock full of juicy information!! Inside you will find everything from upcoming events to the happenings of the School of Library and Information Studies.

Also included is a membership renewal form to make sure you "Continue the experience". If you have already renewed your membership, please pass this form on to a colleague in need!

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter, any recommendations or submissions from Alumni are always welcome!

And here's wishing you and yours the very best this holiday season!

Diane Tinnish, LISAA Vice President
Samantha James, LISSA Student Representative

A New Alberta Listserv: JEROME-L!

Have you ever missed out on a workshop because you were too late to register? Did you ever hear about a reception after

all the guests had gone home? Do you stay awake at night wishing for an easy

way to tell everyone, remind everyone, let everyone know? The School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta has a solution.

JEROME-L was created to foster communication among librarians, information professionals, and friends of libraries in Alberta. Everyone is welcome to subscribe and post:

--announcements about activities sponsored by professional associations and information related organizations

--news, including job openings, of professional interest

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--questions and exchange information relevant to the profession

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JEROME-L is hosted by the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta. Challenging but respectful, frank but good natured discussions are encouraged.

Why Jerome?

Saint Jerome, also known as Hieronymus Eusebius or Sophronius, is known mostly for translating the Holy Bible into Latin. He is the patron saint of translators, scholars, editors, libraries and librarians.

Born in what is modern day Croatia/Yugoslavia in 347 AD, St. Jerome was educated in Rome. At a very young age he argued with church scholars and disputed current doctrines, especially those dealing with the divisions between the eastern and western churches. Later in Bethlehem he opened a monastery based on his principles and started a convent that stressed the purity of Christian values.

St. Jerome was a vocal supporter of St. Augustine; this saint advised Christians to withdraw from the material world and wrote the line: "Ama Deum et pende laxa" or "Love God and hang loose".

In 382 AD Jerome went to Rome and was a secretary to Pope Damasus I, until the pope's death in 384. During this period, Jerome helped establish the papal library and began translating the Psalms and New Testament. This was the

beginning of a 20 year project to translate the entire Bible.

Paintings of Jerome often show him at a desk, surrounded by books, and with the figure of a lion nearby. He died in Bethlehem at the age of 90, in 420 AD, and is buried in the Church of the Nativity, the traditional place of Christ's birth. His feast day is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church on September 30, and is celebrated as a day of commemoration in Lutheran churches.

(Information culled by R. Lee Hadden US Geological Survey Library from Encyclopedia Britannica, Bartlett's Lives of the Saints, and Kaschins, Elizabeth and Jane Kemp. "Saint Jerome, the Patron Saint of Librarians." Library Journal. September 1, 1988, pages 135-136.)

Della Jacobson -- By day, Marketing & Account Manager for the Health Knowledge Network. Past-President Library & Information Studies Alumni Association by night.

PLANNING FOR REACCREDITATION OF THE MLIS PROGRAM

It's that time again! Over the next 18 months, SLIS will be actively engaged in the recurring 7-year cycle of review and reaccreditation of the MLIS program. This process is an international one. It is administered through the American Library Association's Committee on Accreditation with the support of the Canadian Library Association, which sends a CLA observer to all Canadian site visits.

This will be the School's first review under the new 1992 Standards for Accreditation. The new Standards take a much different approach from the previous (1972) Standards. The emphasis now is on the development of a continuous planning process of activities that have clearly identified, measurable outcomes. Broad constituency input on an ongoing basis is also mandated.

One of the new things under the 1992 Standards is the "Plan for Program Presentation", a 10 or so page document that describes a process that the School intends to follow that will result in the Program Presentation report. The "Plan" must describe the School's intended review process and data collection plans. The Program Presentation (formerly the self-study report) is then prepared and sent to COA. This is an outcomes assessment document, a self-reflection process, the school's story as a presentation of what we are doing. The process will culminate in February or March, 1999 with an External Review Panel who will make an on-site visit and then produce a report and recommendations about the program.

The review process will be broadly based among all of our constituencies - students, alumni, employers, and associations. The process will use outcomes assessment to meet accreditation standards and to establish a process for continuous planning and improvement. Our preliminary planning ideas will be presented and discussed at the fall meeting of our School Council on December 5, 1997, at which time we will create a Steering Committee and Working Groups to carry out the many

and varied tasks between now and March 1999.

We invite comments and input from every graduate of the MLIS program about its effectiveness in preparing you for professional work and lifelong learning. We would ask that you submit your comments (by letter, fax, phone, or e-mail) to Dr. Alvin Schrader, Director, School of Library & Information Studies no later than April 30, 1998.

MLIS Student Recruitment Survey

At the start of each of the last two academic years, the School has conducted a survey of entering students to collect information that will contribute to the evaluation and improvement of our developing recruitment strategy.

The 1997 survey asked students to indicate how they learned about the program, whether there were any aspects of the program that especially interested them, and if they could suggest any means the School could use to increase awareness of the MLIS program.

Word of mouth is by far the most important way in which new students learned about the program. The most frequently mentioned sources of information among the 43 survey respondents were: a student in or recent graduate of the program, the U of A calendar, a practicing librarian, and a friend familiar with the program. Less frequently mentioned sources were the School's web page and the experience of working in a library.

In response to the question about what students were looking forward to learning in the MLIS program, students overwhelmingly expressed an interest in applications of technology. A small number mentioned reference services and academic libraries. Many students also indicated an eagerness to become acquainted with other students in the program and with members of the professional library community.

To increase program awareness, students suggested that the School continue its development of the School's website, that it advertise around the U of A campus, and that it consider hosting an annual student open house in the School. Other respondents suggested further cooperation with library workers, alumni, and professors from other faculties as ways to promote the program.

The MLIS Student Recruitment Survey is one part of the school's overall effort to evaluate its own performance on a continuous basis. Together with other means of assessment, such as focus groups, student course ratings, other program surveys, and student exit interviews, this survey helps elicit the kind of information that will prove useful to the School as it prepares for the review of its program in the spring of 1999 by the ALA accreditation committee.

Tim Haysom and Alvin M. Schrader,
November 1997

Z39.50 Information Session

This session, of interest to all libraries in Alberta, will include an overview of the Z39.50 standard, demonstrations of Z39.50 compliant systems, and a panel discussion of Z39.50 issues and trends.

This session provides an excellent opportunity for librarians and information specialists to find out what Z39.50 is all about and ask vendors about their products. It's not just for techies and will contain Z39.50 information for all!

Date: Saturday, February 21, 1998

Time: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Moderator: Fay Turner, Library
Network Specialist, National Library
of Canada**

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Greater Edmonton Library Association

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and Information Services

Library and Information Studies Alumni
Association

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Association

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Location & Registration Fee TBA

For further information as it is available:
[http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/gela/
events.htm](http://www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/gela/events.htm)

The Great T-Shirt Campaign

Samantha James wants you and all of your friends to wear her shirt.

As president of the Library and Information Studies Students' Association, Samantha, together with her executive council is getting ready to launch a brand new student fundraising campaign. The means of the campaign are specially designed t-shirts; the end of the campaign is to make student attendance at the Alberta Library Association's annual conference more affordable.

The LISSA has sold t-shirts in past years, but only on a cost recovery basis. This year's campaign team means to turn as much of a profit as they can manage. During the Fall semester, the executive formulated the plan, solicited t-shirt design ideas, and voted to decide on the final design. T-shirts have now arrived at the school and are selling fast for \$15 each.



Happy T-shirt owners; Lisa-Jane Watson (Class of '89) and Alison Nussbaumer (Class of '87).

The t-shirts feature the a top 10 list of cute and catchy pick-up lines librarians

have used or maybe wished they could have used.

Proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts will be placed into a fund and will be allocated equally among the students who wish to attend the LAA's annual conference in Jasper this April.

When asked about her reasons for instituting the campaign, Samantha stressed her desire to encourage student participation in the professional library community. She said that student attendance at such professional gatherings is a great way to support librarianship in the province. She went on to say that attendance can also benefit the student in several ways, such as providing a venue for the exchange of ideas and for forming personal relationships within the professional community.

Samantha likened the goal of this campaign to other extra-curricular activities the school already supports, like Partners' Day and Professional Development Day.

In order for the campaign to be a success, some 200 t-shirts need to be sold. The student executive is now busy encouraging you to support their efforts by buying or selling a few shirts each.

Anyone who would like to know more about the t-shirt campaign or who would like to purchase a t-shirt, please contact:

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SamanthaJames(sjames@slis.ualberta.ca)

Tim Haysom, SLIS student and Bibliophile Man

Partners in Education

Reception

Friday, January 30

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Timms Centre for the Arts Lobby

87 Avenue & 112 Street

Edmonton

*All Partners Day participants are
encouraged to attend.*

All Edmonton Area Librarian Welcome!

1997 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The School of Library and Information Studies is proud to announce the recipients of scholarships and awards in 1997. This year our students and graduates were awarded a record number of 32 scholarships, 13 academic prizes, and 3 travel awards.

We are especially pleased that so many who chose SLIS have received awards from the Library Association of Alberta, the Manitoba Library Association, and the Canadian Library Association: LAA awards went to five of our students, MLA awards to four, and CLA awards to two.

We are also delighted that Marios Socratous has chosen SLIS on the CANADIAN COMMONWEALTH

Program. And we are equally delighted that Deborah Lee has received the NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA Library Science Trainee Program Award, the third such award to go to a SLIS student (she's deferring full-time studies to the Fall of 1998).

We are also very pleased that the Howard V. Phalin-World Book Graduate Scholarship in Library Science was awarded to 1996 alum Steven Joyce, who began doctoral studies at the University of Western Ontario this fall. Our congratulations to all of them!

Research Seminar Series "Intellectual Freedom and Censorship"

The School of Library and Information Studies announces its series of Research Seminars for 1997-1998 on the theme of INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND CENSORSHIP.

The schedule for 1998 is as follows:

Jan 21, 1998 Professor Toni Samek

"Clash of Values: Social Responsibility and Intellectual Freedom"

Professor Samek, assistant professor of library and information studies, teaches in the area of reference and information resources. She is currently completing her Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her dissertation topic explores the impact of the 1960s U.S. alternative press movement on the ethos of American librarianship.

Feb 11, 1998

Dr. Alvin M. Schrader
“The Theory and Practice of Internet Filtering”

Dr. Schrader, professor and Director of the School, teaches research methodology for library and information studies. His research specialization is

intellectual freedom and censorship issues in all forms of media.

Location: Room 3-04 Rutherford South, 12 noon to 12:45 pm. for more details contact the SLIS general office, 492-4578.

Reunion Weekend Champagne Brunch

This year, the LISAA Reunion Brunch was held on Saturday October 3rd (1997) to honor the class of 1972.



Cosy camaraderie: Mary Campenot (Class of '96), Della Jacobson (Class of '91), Pam Ryan (Class of '95)



Drs. Dianne Oberg and Alvin Schrader with Class of '72 representative Margaret Russell.

To those who missed receiving notification about the event, please accept our sincerest apologies. As a result, we are doing our best to coordinate a revised membership list.

Library & Information Studies Alumni Association

"Continue the Experience"

Membership Features:

- Receive *newsletter* reporting on the School, professional issues, and people
- Support outstanding students when 37% of your membership fee is transferred to annual *scholarships*
- Develop your professional network at Reunion Weekend *Open House*, The Calgary Reception, Partners Day Reception, Welcome to the Profession Reception
- Exercise your vote at the *Annual General Meeting*

Membership Application:

Last Name First Name

Mailing Address

City Province Postal Code

Telephone

Membership Year: September 1st to August 31st
Membership Category: \$25 Full member - SLIS graduate
\$15 Friend of SLIS - Non-UofA SLIS graduate
\$5 Student member

In addition to my membership fee, I have enclosed:
\$ _____ as an added contribution to the scholarship fund
\$ _____ towards LISAA's annual fund raising project
1997/98 project: Pull-down projector screen
Tax receipts will be provided for all charitable donations.

Please make your cheque or money order payable to:
Library & Information Studies Alumni Association

I am interested in serving on the LISAA executive: Yes No
For the **Distinguished Alumni Award**, I nominate _____
For an **Honourary Membership**, I nominate _____

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