



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER
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Greetings from the President



Greetings Fellow Alumni!

As it has been a full year since our last Newsletter, there is a lot to share with you all. Firstly, we had a change of executive members in the spring at our AGM. We offer our thanks to Heather Sentes and Martina King for both serving the LISAA executive so well. I encourage you to read the brief bios of our new executive members on page two. In addition to officer changes, we also have two new student representatives this year: Katy Moore and Michael Calaresu. We thank their predecessors Lori Walter and Mark Radosh for their service to LISAA.

We have been busy trying to update LISAA as a whole. Over the course of year we have migrated our web page over to the SLIS webpage, started Facebook and Twitter accounts and reviewed the LISAA constitution. Much of this was due to the guidance of now past-president Dale Storie. You will notice also, at the top banner of this newsletter, that we now have a new logo, issued to us by the Office of Alumni Affairs. Over the next year I hope to develop an alumni survey, to investigate how LISAA can grow and how we can better reach out to those of you that no longer live in the Edmonton area.

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You do not, however, have to wait for the survey to get in touch with me. If you have something LISAA related you wish to discuss I can be reached via email at president@lisaa.ca with any of your questions or suggestions.

Best wishes,

Hanne Pearce

LISAA SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Slave Lake Library Fundraiser

On November 3rd, 2011, LISAA helped put on a fundraiser for the Slave Lake Regional Library, which was destroyed by a fire in May 2011. It was an elegant event, featuring a catered reception and a presentation from Marilyn Cavanaugh, chair of the Slave Lake Regional Library Board.

This fundraiser was organized in collaboration with the Greater Edmonton Library Association (GELA), Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association (NAHLA), Edmonton Law Libraries Association (ELLA), Alberta Association of Library

Technicians (AALT), and the Library Association of Alberta (LAA). Altogether, the event raised over \$1100 for the Slave Lake Library. A big thank you goes to the University of Alberta Libraries and Edmonton Public Library for helping to fund the event.

Dale Storie

Forum for Information Professionals

LISAA provided a donation to the annual one-day event hosted by SLIS Students at the School of Library and Information Studies. The Forum for Library and Information Professionals invites members of the library

community to come to SLIS for a day to hear library-related talks and to see presentations on student research.

Hanne Pearce

Net Pub – October 2011

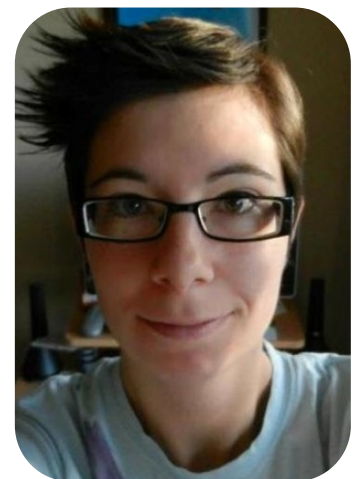
LISAA also supported the annual Netpub social, organized by the Foothills Library Association and held at the Netspeed Conference in Calgary last October 2011. The event was held at the Kings Head Pub, and was a sampling of food available for conference attendees to enjoy.

Hanne Pearce

Meet the new members of our Executive

Callie Joyce Perry, Vice President

Callie brings an eclectic educational background to the field. As well as a diploma in nursing, she has a bachelor's degree in Canadian History and French Literature. She has worked as a nurse, camp counselor, recreation aide, library assistant and garbage woman. Callie graduated from SLIS in 2011 and has since been working as the librarian at Wetaskiwin Public Library. Her interests include computer literacy instruction, and library service and access for people with developmental disabilities. She is very excited to represent you all as Vice President of LISAA.



Leah Plouffe, Communications Officer

Leah Plouffe is a librarian at Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton. She holds a B.Ed and MLIS, both from the University of Alberta. She is currently working on several information literacy initiatives including projects in assessment and active learning. In her spare time, Leah is also an avid crochet and knitting practitioner.

"Share Until it Hurts"

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Fall 2011, Anne Carr-Wiggin

By Mark Radosh



Last September LISAA awarded the distinguished alumni award to Anne Carr-Wiggin. Aside from being well respected amongst her University of Alberta colleagues, Anne has made significant contributions to library community in Alberta. Our student representative Mark sat down with Anne to discuss her career thus far...

After coming to Canada from England, Anne Carr-Wiggin began working at the Guelph Public Library (GPL). She found herself drawn to the public service aspects of librarianship. One day while taking shelter in the library from the cold, she observed library

staff interacting with patrons, and was inspired to join their ranks. Several years (and a few different positions at public and college libraries across Canada) later, Anne took the opportunity to move to Edmonton where she completed her MLIS at the University of Alberta School of Library and Information Studies.

After graduating from the MLIS program, Anne quickly gained a position coordinating programs for The Alberta Library (TAL). While this was initially meant as a nine week position, it ended up as a long term post after several contract extensions. During her tenure with TAL, Anne worked on the team that instituted The Alberta Library Card, and she also coordinated the annual Netspeed conference. Under her guidance, Netspeed grew from a small conference of around two hundred attendees to a much larger event with an extensive waiting list. Despite this success, Anne remains modest, and she attributes much of Netspeed's growth to the excitement around the "integration of technology into libraries at the time".

In 2003, Anne was hired by the NEOS Library Consortium while it was still a part of Learning Systems Enterprises at the University of Alberta. NEOS moved under the auspices of the University of Alberta Libraries, and later Anne was seconded into a position as the Head of Circulation for Rutherford Library and she coordinated the initiative that brought self-check machines to the University of Alberta. In 2010 Anne returned to her position as NEOS Manager, the position she currently holds.

Concurrent with that position, Anne became involved with initiatives related to the Indigenous community at the U of A. After her experience with both the TAL and NEOS library cooperatives, Anne was the perfect choice to organize, with other skilled and

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dedicated U of A staff, and the college librarians, a collective library system for several provincial First Nations colleges. The First Nations Information Connection (FNIC) was born out of those efforts. FNIC joins the print resources of seven different Alberta First Nations educational institutions into one shared catalogue. In addition to the shared catalogue, FNIC allows the member colleges web access to the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library resources. FNIC, and the resources it provides, has played an integral role in the development of the students of its member institutions.

Anne also coordinates a traditional knowledge program with the goal of "improving services to the indigenous community". Beginning in 2009, this program has afforded U of A library staff the opportunity to learn about the culture "from the inside". In order to learn more about Alberta's indigenous cultures, participants take part in four different traditional ceremonies, including a sweat, over the course of a year. This experience helps the staff members bring a new perspective to their daily interactions with the community at large.

While Anne's involvement with the program is rewarding in itself, it also led to a unique opportunity for her and a fellow co-worker to attend a traditional Sundance, a ceremony that was at one time outlawed by the government. Anne's work with indigenous cultures is not limited to those within our own borders. In 2010 she visited the Republic of Botswana in Southern Africa to provide information for a project concerned with preserving indigenous knowledge. The perspective she gained through that experience continues to guide the work she does with Aboriginal Initiatives at the U of A.

Much of Anne's professional career has been spent working with library cooperatives (TAL, NEOS, FNIC), and these positions fit perfectly with her general philosophy. When asked what

she enjoys most about her job, Anne points to the collaborative aspect of the work. "I always liked to make people share 'til it hurts" she says with a smile. She points out the impact this kind of sharing can have on the member institutions of library consortia like NEOS. "NEOS makes a difference for the smaller libraries that may not be able to run a robust Integrated Library System on their own. When a smaller library comes up for accreditation, for example, it is a tremendous asset to be able to say that their students have access to a collection of ten million items". NEOS has grown considerably during Anne's time with the organization, and it is currently self sufficient in terms of membership fees.

In closing, Anne offers some succinct advice to recent MLIS graduates. "Keep an open mind. Don't focus so much on the choice between working for a public or academic library. Ultimately the institution you work at is secondary to how you reflect the library profession in your job". I imagine she would also remind us all to remember to "share 'til it hurts".

NOMINATE SOMEONE!

If you know a fellow alumnus or colleague that has made a significant contribution to:

- 1) The library profession
- 2) The School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta
- 3) The advancement of knowledge

Consider nominating them for a LISAA award. The Distinguished Alumni and Honourary Alumni award are awarded annually. Nominations accepted year round at:

president@lisaa.ca

University of Alberta School of Library and Information Studies—SLIS

An Update by Ernie Ingles, Director

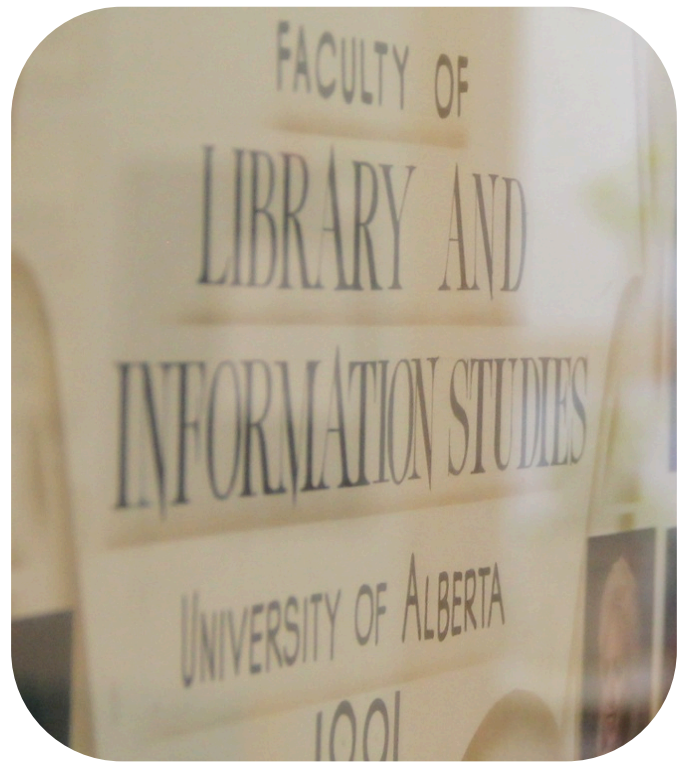
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Within the context of renewing the SLIS faculty cohort, we are pleased to report the appointment of **Dr. Tami Oliphant** to a tenure-track position (previously on a term contract), and the appointment of **Dr. Michael McNally** also to a tenure-track position. Both individuals have earned doctorates from the University of Western Ontario.

In addition, the School enthusiastically welcomes the return of **Dr. Jennifer Branch** to SLIS. Jennifer is currently the Coordinator of the Teacher-Librarianship by Distance Learning program within the Faculty of Education. Hereafter this program will be a collaborative, partnership endeavor with SLIS. She now will assume the role and title of Coordinator for all of the SLIS library e-learning initiatives.

Within this context, SLIS has received approval for its online MLIS program, with a specialization in small and medium size public librarianship. Recruitment of the first cohort will begin later in the fall, with the program scheduled to begin in the late spring of 2013. Finally, and in this latter regard, SLIS was awarded a Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research 'Innovative Graduate Projects' grant of \$500,000 to develop further our e-learning programming.

Currently making its way through University governance is a combined Masters of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. This program recognizes the market and student demand for librarians and information professionals with management and administrative expertise.



Considerable of the physical facilities have recently been upgraded. Classrooms are electronically enhanced creating new opportunities in teaching and learning. Each of the SMART classrooms contains a data projector, retractable projector screen, sound system and amplifier, a document camera, a wireless microphone, a DVD player, a computer and touch screen smart podium with Smart Board emulation. In addition, the Computer Lab was upgraded with 12 Apple iMAC 21.5 inch LED widescreen computers. Soon also SLIS students will have a dedicated Smart Board for their use in preparing class assignments. A video conferencing suite will soon add capability to all of the SLIS outreach programs.

Class Notes

Keith Walker, 1984 was inducted into the Alumni Honour Society of the University of Lethbridge as part of the spring convocation celebrations on May 30, 2012. Keith received this award partly in recognition for the work he did leading the reorganization of the Canadian Library Association during his tenure as CLA President in 2010-2011.

In August 2012 Keith was a co-presenter of the keynote speech, on the topic of change management at the Canadian Library Association, in The Hague, Netherlands at the *Future of Information and Library Associations* conference, a satellite of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions conference. Keith is the Director of Library Services at Medicine Hat College and has served in the past on many national and provincial library associations, including a three-year term as the Chair of The Alberta Library.

Tabitha Nordby, 2009 After graduation worked as a librarian for St. Albert Public Library in the adult services division. In 2010, she had the opportunity to move to Winnipeg to become an instructor in the Library and Information Technology Program at Red River College. She has been teaching Reference, Readers' Advisory and Children's Literature for 2 ½ years now. "I love my job!"

Jill Griffith, 1987, recently moved from her position of 22 years as Manager of the Dawe Branch of Red Deer Public Library, to take on the position of Youth Services Manager at the Main Branch of Red Deer Public Library. She will be overseeing both the Children's

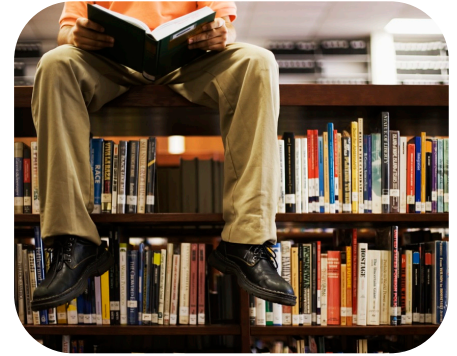
Department, which will be undergoing a major renovation in September, and the mezz, which is Red Deer Public Library's Teen Department. Jill replaces Donna Alberts who had previously held the post for 27 years.

Michael Dudley, 1993 recently joined the University of Winnipeg Library as the Indigenous and Urban Services Librarian, after working at the Institute of Urban Studies for 11 years. He has a book forthcoming from ALA Editions, *Public Libraries and Resilient Cities*. He also contributed a chapter to *Writing and Publishing: The Librarian's Handbook* also from ALA Editions, as well as a chapter for *Multimedia Explorations in Urban Policy and Planning: Beyond the Flatlands* and nine entries for the SAGE *Green Society* series.

For the past two years he has also served as the Chair of the Editorial Board of Plan Canada Magazine, the official publication of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Alison Nussbaumer, 1987 ended her term as University Librarian at the University of Lethbridge, AB by co-presenting a paper at ALIA in Sydney Australia. The paper / presentation, "Rebooting the Library Organization: non-library tools and techniques for leading systemic organizational change" was a huge success.

Alison accepted a three-year reappointment as Interim Dean (Internationalization) at the University of Lethbridge. Alison is also working on her Doctor of Education Administration, in Higher Education Leadership, from the University of Calgary.



Kenneth D. Garipey, 2006 and former SLIS Sessional Lecturer, has been appointed faculty member in the Department of Library & Information Technology at the University of the Fraser Valley. He has also co-edited a forthcoming book, *Canadian Education: Governing Practices & Producing Subjects* (Sense Publishers), which includes a chapter based on his doctoral research, entitled "Towards a Genealogy of Academic Freedom in Canadian Universities".

Diana Keto-Lambert, 2009 Started as the librarian at Cosyn Technologies in April 2012. She is currently in the middle of negotiations to moving the CoSyn library to a newer, more exciting location in the building, discussing new layouts and facilities planning. Also, she will be liaising with the Syncrude R&D libraries to discuss joining their Syncrude Consortium for better ILLs. Her position is expanding to include hands-on research to support projects at Cosyn.

We are continuously collecting material for the next newsletter. If you have some news or accomplishments you would like to share with your fellow alumni please send it along to communications@lisaa.ca

Annual Celebration Pastry Brunch

Saturday September 22, 2012 – 11-1pm

Henderson Hall, SLIS University of Alberta

The LISAA Annual Celebration Brunch is being held September 22, 2012 in Henderson Hall at the School of Library and Information Studies on the University of Alberta campus. A pastry breakfast, including coffee and tea will be served. Please come and join us to catch up with old classmates and to see this year's award winners receive their awards:

Kathleen Pine – Distinguished Alumni Award

Kathleen is being recognized for contribution to Librarianship and the Edmonton Library community through her work as a Children's librarian and as the retired manager of Youth Services at the Edmonton Public Library.

Christine Nelson – Honourary Alumni Award

Christine is being honoured for her contribution to the Alberta Library, in particular rural libraries, through her career with the Alberta Government.

LISAA Membership

- Develop your professional network and help fund social events.
- Support outstanding students with donations to scholarships and special project funds.
- Exercise your vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- Honour colleagues with nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award and Honorary Memberships.

In the past, alumni have been asked to make an annual donation of at least \$25.00 to be a member of good standing in LISAA. Now you may choose the newly adopted lifetime membership, for a one time low cost of \$75.00!

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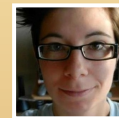
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