



NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Caron Rollins

Continue the Experience

The Library and Information Studies Alumni Association was formally organized in 1986 to promote and support the goals of the School of Library and Information Studies. The Association offers membership to all graduates of the School as well as to faculty members and students. Alumni show their support for LISAA by paying annual membership dues. A proportion of membership dues are used to help fund the LISAA Scholarship which is awarded on an annual basis to a student entering the Program. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic excellence and professional promise. It is predicted that continued support from Alumni through LISAA membership dues and donations will allow for the creation of a second LISAA scholarship in a few years time.

Membership dues also enable the Association to sponsor various receptions for students and members. One example is the Welcome to the Profession Reception following the annual Professional Development Day organized by SLIS students each March. LISAA also contributes to the Partners in Education Reception. All alumni are invited to attend these events.

LISAA recognizes the professional accomplishments of alumni and supporters through Honourary Memberships, and the Distinguished Alumni Award. Alumni are encouraged to place nominations for these awards.

As an alumni you may have considered making a donation to the University of Alberta. If so, please consider directing this donation specifically to the School of Library and Information Studies. In 1994, alumni donated \$5162.00. These funds were used towards the purchase of an optical scanner for the School. This year, the School will be developing a new recruitment package. Donations received by the School in 1995 will go towards costs associated with design and printing of this package.

LISAA membership form on page 6.

REUNION WEEKEND

The Reunion Weekend SLIS Open House on September 29th marked the official 25th Anniversary of the Class of '70. LISAA would like to thank for Nita Cooke for contacting members of her class, and the School for mounting a display profiling the Class of '70. During Reunion Weekend 1996 the School and LISAA will honour the 25th Anniversary of the Class of '71. A contact person from this class will be needed for this event.

CLASS OF 1995

Congratulations to the Class of 1995 on their graduation! As new graduates you will receive a complimentary membership in LISAA for one year.

LISAA SCHOLARSHIP 1995

Congratulations to Lori Van Rooijen, this year's recipient of the LISAA Scholarship

COMING EVENTS

Fourth Annual Wine & Cheese Reception for Calgary, Alumni Thursday, October 26th.

Over one hundred and thirty of the School's alumni reside in the Calgary area. These alumni are invited to join members of the executive of LISAA to socialize with friends and acquaintances, and to make new contacts. Alumni will also be able to catch up on what is new with the Association and the School. The reception is being held at the University Club, MacEwan Centre, University of Calgary from 7 to 9 PM. Special Guest will be Pat Cavill, the 1995 Distinguished Alumni Award winner. Calgary area alumni should look for a fax, email or mailed announcement.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD 1995

Pat Cavill will be presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Wine & Cheese Reception for Calgary Alumni on October 26, 1995. Pat was a member of the class of 1970 and since that time has had an exciting and diverse career in libraries and information. Currently Pat operates her own business, Cavill Consulting, and is President of CLA. More on Pat in the next issue.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the School, and is presented on an annual basis to an alumni who has made a significant contribution to the profession. If you know an alumni who should be considered for such an award, please enter their name on the membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

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HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP IN LISAA 1995

John G. Wright and Shirley Ellison Wright were awarded Honourary Memberships in LISAA at the Annual General Meeting on May 12, 1995.

Shirley Wright completed her BA in English and Spanish at UBC and received Masters of Librarianship from the University of Washington .

She began her professional career as a children's librarian at the Seattle Public Library then moved onto the New Westminister Public Library where she was head of the Children's Department from 1955 to 1969. She was then appointed Deputy Chief Librarian, a position she held from 1966 to 1969

Shirley Wright joined the School of Library and Information Studies as a visiting associate professor in 1969. She stayed with the School and was Assistant Dean from 1977 to 1979, and a Professor from 1979 until her retirement in 1987.

While at the School Shirley Wright taught courses in children's services and public library services. Her research covered the role of public library trustees, images of Canada and the family in Canadian literature for children and young adults. She the author of numerous publications, several in the area of children's literature and library services. She received the Frances E. Russell Award for Research in Canadian Literature, Canadian Chapter, International Board on Books for Young People in 1983. Mrs. Wright was the Canadian consultant for the H.W. Wilson's children's catalogue from 1965-1976.

Mrs. Wright is well known for her work with professional associations. She has served on numerous committees for the Canadian Library Association, the Canadian Association of Children's Libraries, and the Canadian Association of Public Libraries. Shirley Wright was instrumental in setting up LISAA, and was a strong advocate for the establishment of our scholarship.

She is also well known for her local volunteer work. She has been very active in daycare in Edmonton and was a founding member of the University and Community Daycare Centre, and was appointed to the community and family services advisory committee in 1993. She received the City of Edmonton's Salute to Excellence Citation Award in 1993 for her volunteer contributions to the City. These awards are presented by the Mayor and Council to recognize outstanding long term volunteer services. Shirley Wright continues to be active in both volunteer work, and the United Church, and is a strong supporter of the School and LISAA.

John G. Wright completed his B.Ed. in English and History at the University of Saskatchewan. He completed his M.S. and began course work in the PhD program at Columbia University.

Mr. Wright began his career as a School Librarian in Saskatchewan, and became Supervisor of School Libraries from 1963 to 1968 at the Curriculum Branch of the Saskatchewan Dept of Education in Regina.

Mr. Wright joined the School of Library and Information Studies as an Associate Professor in July 1968. He was appointed Professor in July of 1979, and was Dean of the School from July 1984 to June 1987. He retired in 1987,

but continued to teach as a sessional in the School Library Program at the Faculty of Education.

While at the School Mr. Wright taught in the areas of the school librarianship, children's literature, young adult literature, learning materials, and libraries and society. He has numerous publications in the areas of school librarianship, children's literature, and professional education for librarianship.

Mr. Wright is the recipient of many honours including the Governor General's Bronze Medal in 1947, Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation Scholarship in 1950, Saskatchewan Library Advisory Council Scholarship in 1956, Beta PHI Mu 1958, George Virgil Fuller Award for qualifying examinations and dissertation proposal at Columbia University in 1973, the Margaret C. Scoot Merit Award from the Canadian School Library Association in 1976, and the Laurence G. Wiedrick Award of Excellence from the Learning Resources Council of the Alberta Teacher's Association in 1984.

Mr. Wright has been very active in his work with professional organizations, holding a number of positions with the Canadian Library Association, the Canadian School Library Association, the American Library Association, the Canadian Association of Library Schools, the Library Association of Alberta, International Association of School Librarians, International Board on Books for Young People, Canadian Chapter. Mr. Wright has been a great supporter of the School and LISAA.

Honourary Memberships in LISAA are awarded to people who have made significant contributions to Librarianship, to the School of Library and Information

Studies or the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association. If you know of a candidate for an honorary membership in LISAA, please enter their name on the LISAA membership form found on page 6.

1994 SLIS PLACEMENT SURVEY

Summary

In 1994, 28 students graduated with Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of Alberta. A total of 27 graduates responded to this, our seventh annual survey, for a response rate of 71% (80% the previous year). The survey was conducted in May 1995 with follow-up in June, some 13-14 months after graduation from the MLIS program.

Among the 1994 graduates who participated in the survey, 85% found positions in library and information services. But, while the job market for them might be described as cautiously optimistic, in contrast to earlier years 1994 graduates took longer to find work, secured fewer permanent placements, and relied more on word of mouth and personal contacts for job information. Half of the graduates found placements in public and post secondary libraries, a decline from previous years; among other placements were government libraries, business libraries, and the libraries of non-profit organizations.

The average salary reported by 1994 graduate employed in full-time positions was \$29,807 per year. The majority of graduates found placements in Alberta, half remaining in Edmonton after graduation. Most graduates (employed or not) reported having library work experience by the time they graduated from the MLIS program.

For more information contact Professor Alvin M. Schrader at aschrader@slis.ualberta.ca.

ALUMNI NEWS

Over zealous recycling resulted in the demise of the file holding all the personal information received over the summer. Please resend to Caron Rollins for the next newsletter!

Did you know ...

This newsletter will reach over 800 Alumni of our School.

Edmonton's newest Ward 1 Alderperson, Wendy Kinsella, is a 1978 alumni.

ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE OF NEWS

Ex Libris Association

1995 SLIS Scholarship and Award Winners

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO
FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP
FORM FOUND ON THE REVERSE
OF THIS PAGE. YOUR SUPPORT
IS APPRECIATED.**

NEWS is the official newsletter of the University of Alberta Library and Information Studies Alumni Association. The mandate for *NEWS* includes reporting the activities of LISAA, SLIS, and highlighting the activities of members and individuals of interest to LISAA. Kathy Carter will be producing the next issue of *NEWS*. Please send newsletter submissions to Kathy Carter, Cataloguing Division, Cameron Library, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2J8 or Kathy.Carter@ualberta.ca

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1995 - AUGUST 31, 1996

Membership in LISAA helps fund an annual scholarship, and shows support for SLIS students and the School. Membership dues also provide funds for the annual events that LISAA sponsors such as the *Reunion Weekend Open House*, the *Calgary Reception*, and the *Welcome to the Profession Reception*.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN IT WITH THE
APPROPRIATE FEE TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone No: _____

Are you interested in serving on the executive of LISAA or Committees? _____

Your nomination for Distinguished Alumni Award 1995: _____

Your nomination for LISAA Honourary Membership 1995: _____

I have enclosed \$25.00 membership fee: _____

I have enclosed \$15.00 associate fee (non-SLIS graduates): _____

I have enclosed \$5.00 student fee: _____

In addition to my membership dues which help fund the LISAA scholarship I have enclosed an additional _____ to be added to the LISAA Scholarship fund *

I have enclosed _____ towards LISAA's 1996 fund raising project (An improved student recruitment brochure for SLIS) *

***Receipts will be provided for all charitable donations. Please return this form along with your cheque payable to the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association to:**

Kathy Carter, Cataloguing Division
Cameron Library, University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
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1995 SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD WINNERS

The School of Library and Information Studies is proud to announce the following recipients of scholarships and awards in 1995.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

H.W. WILSON Award
Value: \$1000

Kenton Good
Clement Ho
Susan Hulme

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and professional potential of an entering or continuing MLIS student.

**JOHN EDWIN BISSETT Memorial Fund Scholarship
(Manitoba Library Association)**
Value: \$2500

Kimberley Clarke

Awarded to an entering or continuing MLIS student who is a graduate of the University of Manitoba.

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION Scholarship**
Value: \$1200

Lori Anne Van Rooijen

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and professional potential of a student entering the full-time MLIS program.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Continuing Education Award
Value: \$500

Nadine Carter
Norman Friesen
Steven Joyce
Erika Radenovich-
Banski
Susan Wong

Awarded for continuing education activities to entering or continuing MLIS students.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Scholarship
Value: \$1000

Steven Joyce

Awarded for academic achievement to a full time entering or continuing MLIS student.

M.E.P. HENDERSON Scholarship in Library and Information Studies
Value: \$2000

Cory Stier

Acknowledges academic performance and professional promise of a full time continuing MLIS student.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA Library Science Trainee
Program Award**

Deborah Pelletier
Donna Lyn Penteluke

Value: tuition fees, book costs, living allowance, summer training

Awarded for a two-year period to an aboriginal student to increase the representation of aboriginal peoples in the library field in Canada.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA Graduate Scholarship
Value: \$9300, \$6200 for September commencement

Mary Campenot
Norman Friesen
Steven Joyce
Maureen Pelensky
Michael Taft
Gary Weber

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and research potential of entering or continuing full-time Master's students at the University of Alberta.

SARAH REBECCA REED Memorial Scholarship in Library and Information Studies

Rose Schlegl

Value: \$1200

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance of a full-time continuing MLIS student.

AWARDS:

BAKER AND TAYLOR COMPANY Prize in Technical Services

Ana López-San Miguel

Value: \$50 and plaque

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional potential of a student in the MLIS program specializing in technical services.

BETA PHI MU International Library Science Honor Society

Value: qualification for election to the Society

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional promise of students graduating from the MLIS program with GPA of 8.2 or better on the 9-point scale (3.75 on a 4-point scale). Seven students were nominated for membership in Beta Phi Mu this year.

DAVID AND RHEA JENKINSON Prize in Young Adult Literature

Jill Cerezke

Value: \$100

Recognizes outstanding academic performance of an MLIS student in young adult literature.

JIM PARKER Memorial Scholarship

Judy Brown

Value: \$700

Recognizes superior academic achievement of an MLIS student in archival administration or records management.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Prize

Joan Martin

Value: \$200 and conference expenses

Tracy Turnbull

Acknowledges outstanding performance as a student, academic merit, and potential contribution to the library profession of two students graduating from the MLIS program.

MARY ALICE SCOTT Prize

Lorraine Toews

Value: \$150

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and professional potential of a student in the MLIS program specializing in academic librarianship.

SARAH REBECCA REED Medal in Library and Information Studies

Ana López-San Miguel

Value: gold medal

Recognizes the graduating student(s) with the highest academic standing in the MLIS program.

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

Certificate of Honour

Acknowledges outstanding contributions to the School and the academic community of the University of Alberta, with particular reference to sustained leadership in the Graduate Students' Association.

Kimberly Krushell

Brent Roe

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Outstanding Professional and Academic Achievements Award

Value: \$250

Acknowledges academic achievement and professional promise of a student graduating from the MLIS program.

Gail Mazure

TRAVEL AWARDS:

BRASS/DISCLOSURE Student Travel Award, Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS), Reference and Adult Services Division, American Library Association

Value: \$1000

Travel bursary for attendance at the 1995 annual conference (in Chicago) and participation in BRASS activities at the conference.

Tracy Turnbull

INSURANCE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION (IEBD), Special Libraries Association Conference Scholarship

Value: \$1000

Travel bursary for first-time attendance at the 1995 annual conference (in Montreal) and participation in the activities of IEBD.

Sarah Killoran

MARY LOUISE IMRIE Graduate Student Award, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta

Value: \$400

Research travel support to participate in the 1995 American Folklore Society annual meeting (in Lafayette, Louisiana) and collaborate with colleagues.

Michael Taft

STUDENT PAPER CONTESTS:

RITTENHOUSE Award, Medical Library Association

Value: \$500

Awarded to the best paper on medical librarianship submitted annually by an MLIS student or recent graduate, for her paper "A Comparison of CD-ROM MEDLINE and CD-ROM BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS for Retrieval of Therapeutic Drug Information." The paper is submitted by the awards committee to the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association for consideration.

Georgia Makowski

For further information please contact:

Dr. Alvin M. Schrader, Chair

Scholarships and Awards Committee

October 10, 1995

RETIRED? THINKING OF RETIREMENT?

KEEP IN TOUCH! HAVE FUN!

The Ex Libris Association is open to all who have been or still are active in the library world, and to others interested in library history, archives, publishing, and related fields.

The Association provides an opportunity for retired members to continue intellectual and social contacts with fellow members and colleagues. Recent annual meetings/get-togethers have featured Canadian authors, like Jean Little, discussing their recent books, and speakers, like William Poole, Director of the Mackenzie Huntingdon Printing Museum, on aspects of publishing and library history. The get-togethers enable members to renew acquaintances and to stay in touch at the informal lunches.

Reports on the presentations at the get-togethers appear in the twice-yearly newsletter, Ex Libris News. Memoirs and newsnotes about former classmates and colleagues are other popular sections in the newsletter.

Association members try to keep the history of the profession alive by identifying, collecting, organizing, and preserving documents related to library history in Canada. A major long-term project has been to initiate and publish the early history of the Canadian Library Association and a tribute to Elizabeth H. Morton. The Morton Years: The Canadian Library Association, 1946 to 1971 is expected to be published in 1995.

Most current members live in Ontario, but others are spread from Newfoundland to British Columbia and to the United States. Some current members have said that they belong to the Ex Libris Association because it's fun!

The current annual membership fee is \$15.00 for regular members or \$25.00 for sustaining members. To inquire about membership, please write to:

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