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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that I'm in my second year as President of LISAA, I find I'm starting to run out of creative ideas for the President's Letters. However, inspiration comes in odd forms and this month is no exception! We recently had a LISAA executive meeting. At the end of the meeting, our executive member in charge of memberships very diplomatically asked me: "By the way Tracy, you realize you haven't renewed your membership yet, don't you?" Oops! A number of you will be getting similar notices this month – don't feel bad, but please do renew your memberships right away and I encourage you to take the opportunity to top up your membership fee with a donation to the scholarship fund or the special project fund.

Organizations recognize this and devote resources to sending out reminders in advance of your membership expiring, as well as the reminders after the fact. I heard from "a friend" that CLA can send up to 5 notices. However, most of the smaller associations hope you will remember to renew and then resources only need to be spent to remind the people like me. I do feel bad about forgetting to renew my memberships because I know it takes an effort by someone to notify me, but more than that, my fragile ego is wounded. As a librarian, I like to think I'm organized, on the ball, a decent task manager, etc. I take pride in being the one who reminds others, not vice versa! When I was advised that I forgot my LISAA membership, my lofty views of myself came crashing down into a pile of psychological rubble.

However, let us go back to this problem of remembering to renew memberships. Most librarians I know belong to more than one library association. Most librarians I know are involved in organizations outside of the library world. Most of us have many things occupying our brains, of which dates to renew library association memberships is a very teeny, weenie, part. Some people do have this wonderful aptitude to remember such things; unfortunately, I'm not one of them. Big library or-

Okay, I may be a little melodramatic! Nonetheless, it's time to look for some solutions to this problem. While riding the bus to work, I got a few ideas, and I wanted to share them with you:

- At the association's AGM, always renew your membership for the next year. The AGM is once a year: go to the AGM, renew



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- LISAA's membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Renew now for 2001-2002! Membership forms are available in this newsletter, by contacting any Executive member, via e-mail (lisaa@ecn.ab.ca), and on the LISAA website at <http://www.ecn.ab.ca/lisaa>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: MARCH 8, 2002

On March 8, 2002, the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies is holding its annual Professional Development (PD) Day for Alberta's library community, directed towards both graduate students and practicing professionals. Our theme is Technology and Tradition: Working Together in Libraries and Information Centres. Speakers will comprise both MLIS students and information professionals from both the local and national setting. In past years, this one-day mini-conference has drawn speakers such as Dr. Roma Harris (Vice-Provost and Registrar, University of Western Ontario) and Roch Carrier (National Librarian).

Professional Development Day invites librarians and information professionals from across Alberta, giving them the opportunity for continuing education and networking with their fellow colleagues. Door prizes, as well as a wine and cheese poster session sponsored by the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies Alumni Association are among the attractions from which attendees can benefit.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for future announcements that will provide further details regarding the time, location, and speakers at PD Day.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, 2001-02

“This year’s recipient is a model of persistence and vision, for her endeavours have transformed library service in Alberta and attracted attention across North America and beyond.”

On Saturday October 6, the University of Alberta Library and Information Studies Alumni Association (LISAA) at its annual reunion breakfast honoured Lucy Pana with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Lucy is the fourth recipient of this award, which was first awarded in 1995. Recipients of this award, like Lucy Pana, are University of Alberta Library School graduates who have made outstanding contributions to the library community.

This year’s recipient is a model of persistence and vision, for her endeavours have transformed library service in Alberta and attracted attention across North America and beyond.

Before being appointed to her current position with The Alberta Library, Lucy held several positions with the Government of Alberta. During a period of reduction in departmental budget and staffing, Lucy as Director of the Library Services Branch, Alberta Culture, was steadfast in maintaining library services: her persistence and dedication gained her the support of the library community during a difficult time. Her responsibilities in other positions included administration of library legislation and library grants and regional library system development. She spearheaded the initiatives by the library community by developing the Libraries ASAP strategic plan for library services in Alberta.



LISAA President Tracy Stewart presents Lucy Pana with the 2001-02 Distinguished Alumni Award

In 1997, Lucy was appointed as the first Executive Director of The Alberta Library (TAL); its membership represents most public and academic libraries in the province, as well as some special libraries. Lucy’s vision, astute management and powers of diplomacy have been instrumental in overseeing this organization’s tremendous growth. Furthermore, she initiated the development of a library network plan, which subsequently led to

the establishment of the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network. This network already connects many of Alberta’s libraries, and more are being added. Thus, information resources are made available to both urban and rural residents in a cost effective way.

Lucy is currently Chair of Consortia Canada, which provides a leadership role in national licensing initiatives. Lucy’s dedication to the profession of librarianship shows in all her accomplishments - past, present, and future.

Congratulations, Lucy!

*Margaret Rutherford
Communications Officer*

PROFILE: DENIS LACROIX, LISAA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

As the recipient of the 2001-2002 LISAA Scholarship for entering students, I am pleased once again to thank the selection committee and to provide LISAA members with a brief biography. I come from a small francophone town in northeastern Saskatchewan called Zenon Park. This is where my interest in languages, culture, and interdisciplinary knowledge arose. I grew up on a grain and cattle farm, in a modern pioneering family: my mother had just immigrated to Canada from France and my father’s family, also from France, had settled into the region in 1913. I was immersed in a setting that fostered an appreciation for the earth and agriculture, along with a deep sense of identity, culture, ancestry, and the necessity of linguistic versatility.

It is this mindset that inspired my multifarious educational choices. I obtained, from the University of Saskatchewan, a B.A. double honours degree in French and Spanish, following which the Department of Languages and Linguistics sent me to the University of Nantes, France, as an English monitor (lecteur). Delighted with my intellectual, cultural, and linguistic experiences, I returned to my alma mater a year later, pursuing a B.Ed. degree with French, Spanish, and English as my teaching specialties. Moved with the desire to learn more about my father’s work, I took one year of courses in vocational agriculture. Afterwards, I spent three years teaching both as a substitute and full-time teacher in Zenon Park’s French Immersion and Francophone schools. During that time I undertook a translation

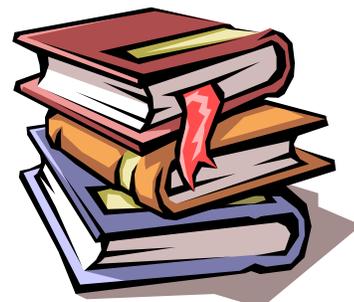
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BOOKS ABOUND AT SLIS!

The School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta is very pleased to announce the recent release of three new books authored by faculty members.

On April 20, 2001, a Book Launch was held for Dr. Toni Samek's *Intellectual Freedom and Social Responsibility in American Librarianship, 1967-1974* (McFarland and Company, Inc., ISBN 0-7864-0916-9). This book presents a critical summary of the ferment and political infighting that raged within the American Library Association during a brief but eventful period when advocates of social responsibility pushed for fundamental change in the profession. They challenged fellow professionals to examine the most basic assumptions about the nature of librarianship and the cultural terrain it defends, in particular the checks against intellectual freedom that had arisen unbidden and unnoticed as ALA pursued other, perhaps equally worthy, goals. Dr. Samek is an Assistant Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies with teaching specialization in the areas of reference and information services, intellectual freedom and professional ethics, and practicum.



On November 30, 2001, another Book Launch was held, this time to celebrate the release of two books written by three SLIS faculty members. One book unveiled at the launch was *Subject Analysis in Online Catalogs*, 2nd ed, by Dr. Hope A. Olson and Dr. John J. Boll (Libraries Unlimited, ISBN 1-56308-800-2). It is based on the premise that subject access in online catalogs is a complex process involving interaction between a number of components that together form a subject access system. These components are the database of the online catalog, the languages used for subject analysis and the policies and principles of their application, the users, and the hardware and software that allow users to interact with the system. All of these components have to work together for successful subject retrieval. Therefore, this book is about subject analysis, online catalogues, and where they meet. *Subject Analysis in Online Catalogs* is primarily addressed to students who have some background in organizing information and are ready to focus on subject access, and to librarians interested in subject access in online catalogs and the adaptation of traditional methods of analysis to new information technologies. Dr. Olson is an Associate Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies and teaches in the area of cataloguing and classification as well as feminism and globalization and diversity in LIS. Her co-author, John J. Boll is a Professor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Library and Information Studies.

Following the popular and critical success of *New Tales for Old: Folktales as Literary Fictions for Young Adults* in 1999, Dr. Anna Altmann and Professor Gail de Vos have published a companion text, *Tales, Then and Now: More Folktales as Literary Fictions for Young Adults* (Libraries Unlimited, ISBN 1-56308-831-2). A resource for librarians, storytellers, folklorists, scholars and educators, this book examines re-workings and critical interpretations of nine classic folktales and ballads, including five by Hans Christian Andersen: The tales and ballads explored are Beauty and the Beast, Jack and the Beanstalk and Jack the Giantkiller, Tamlin and Thomas the Rhymer, The Little Mermaid, The Wild Swans, The Snow Queen, the Emperor's New Clothes, and the Princess on the Pea. Anna Altmann is an Associate Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies and Gail de Vos is an Adjunct Professor in the School and a professional storyteller of international renown. Dr. Altmann teaches the required introductory course on the foundations of library and information studies as a discipline, and both she and Professor de Vos teach courses in the area of library services and materials for children and youth.

The School is very proud of these diverse and important contributions to the body of knowledge in the library and information studies discipline.

Alvin M. Schrader, PhD
Professor and Director



Happy Holidays
from your
LISAA Executive!



SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS 2001-2002

The School of Library and Information Studies is proud to announce the recipients of scholarships and awards in 2001. So far this year our students and graduates have been awarded 39 scholarships, 14 academic prizes and honours, and 19 travel awards. Our congratulations to all recipients, and our sincerest thanks to all scholarship donors and award supporters.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

HOWARD V. PHALIN-WORLD BOOK Graduate Scholarship in

Omolola Salami

Library and Information Science, Canadian Library Association

Value: \$2500

Awarded for study leading to a degree in library and information studies.

H. W. WILSON Award

Value: \$1000 (3)

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

Linda Harmata
Geoffrey Harder
Shona Dippie

H. W. WILSON Scholarship, Canadian Library Association

Value: \$2000

Awarded to an entering student for study leading to a degree in library and information studies on the basis of academic achievement, leadership potential, and demonstrated interest in the profession.

Kirsten Wurmman

JIM PARKER Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$1500

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

Krista Berezowski

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI

ASSOCIATION Scholarship

Value: \$1500 (2)

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and professional potential of one student entering and one student continuing in the MLIS program.

Denis Lacroix
Mary Smagler

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Continuing Education Award

Value: \$200-\$500 (3)

Awarded to support a student in the MLIS program.

Omolola Salami
Kristie Saumure
Mary Smagler

M.E.P. HENDERSON Scholarship in Library and Information Studies

Value: \$1300, \$1500

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

Rebecca Cook
Maggie Shane

MARION SHERMAN BURSARY FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS

Value: \$500

Awarded in support of studies in children's librarianship to entering or continuing MLIS students.

Jessica Cammer

MISS LESLEY HEATHCOTE Graduate Scholarship in Library and Information Studies

Value: \$6500 (2)

Acknowledges academic performance and professional promise of one entering and one continuing full-time MLIS student.

Jocelyn LaFace
Stephen Carney

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA Graduate Scholarship

Value: \$6200, \$9300

Acknowledges outstanding academic performance and research potential of full-time entering or continuing Master's students in all disciplines at the University of Alberta. One of 43 awards at the Master's level.

Ariel Collins
Kristie Saumure

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ROBERT AND GRETCHEN BRUNDIN Scholarship in Library and Information Studies

Darcy Gullacher

Value: \$1700

*Acknowledges outstanding academic performance of a full-time entering MLIS student.***ROGER K. SUMMIT Scholarship, DIALOG, Special Libraries Association**

Shelagh Genuis

Value: \$5000 U.S. and travel to the SLA annual conference

*Awarded to an MLIS student based on superior academic achievement, interest in electronic information services, and proficiency using DIALOG's online services as demonstrated on the Roger K. Summit Scholarship Test.***SARAH REBECCA REED Memorial Scholarship in Library and Information Studies**

Mary Smagler

Value: \$2700

*Acknowledges outstanding academic performance of a full-time continuing MLIS student.***UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA Graduate Assistantship Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research**

Krista Berezowski, Shelagh Genuis
 Meagan Weber, Geoffrey Harder
 Stephen Carney, Jocelyn LaFace
 Shona Dippie, Juliet Nielsen
 Yanming Fei, Kristie Saumure

Value: \$1260-\$3360 (10)

*Awarded to continuing or entering students on the basis of academic standing and research expertise to assist SLIS faculty members with research activities.***UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA Graduate Intern Tuition Supplement, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research**

Stephen Carney, Jocelyn LaFace
 Ariel Collins, Juliet Nielsen
 Shona Dippie, Kristie Saumure
 Heather Ganshorn Mary Smagler
 Geoffrey Harder

Value: \$2,433-\$2,890 (9)

*Acknowledges academic and scholarly achievement of outstanding scholars who are entering or continuing in the full-time MLIS program and who hold at least \$7000 from other scholarships and awards or from other University of Alberta sources as outlined in the Academic Internship Model.***PRIZES and AWARDS:****BERTRAM LIS 501 Prize**

Shelagh Genuis

Value: \$100

*Recognises outstanding academic performance and professional potential of an MLIS student enrolled in LIS 501 in the Fall 2000 term.***BETA PHI MU INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY Membership**

Angela Kublik, Kim Nayyer
 Joel MacKeen, Tami Oliphant
 Ann Marie Melvie, Connie Winther

Value: qualification for election to the Society (6)

*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). Six students were nominated for membership in Beta Phi Mu this year:***BRUNDIN LIS 503 Prize**

Mary Smagler

Value: \$100

Recognises outstanding professional potential for reference services of an MLIS student enrolled in LIS 503 in the Fall 2000 term.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS, CONT'D.

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CASLIS/GELA STUDENT Essay Contest **Shelagh Genuis**

Value: \$150 and one-year membership in CLA/CASLIS

Winner of the student essay contest sponsored by the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services and the Greater Edmonton Library Association.

DAVID AND RHEA JENKINSON Prize in Young Adult Literature **Kim Nayyer**

Value: \$300

Recognises outstanding academic performance of an MLIS student in young adult literature LIS 515.

**MARY ALICE SCOTT Prize,
Association of Professional Librarians: University of Alberta** **Tami Oliphant**

Value: \$250

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 **Angela Kublik**

Value: gold medal, one-year membership in CLA and LAA

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

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Award, University of Alberta **Joel MacKeen**

Value: \$250 (2)

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

CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS:

ED DIVINE CONFERENCE TRAVEL Award **Ann Marie Melvie**

Value: \$250

Recognizes outstanding academic performance and professional contribution of an MLIS student to support attendance at the annual Alberta Library Conference, Jasper, Alberta.

**LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA
Continuing Education Award** **Lana Bzdel**

Value: \$500

Awarded to support attendance at the Alberta Library Conference, Jasper, April 2001.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Prize **Tami Oliphant**

Value: conference expenses, one-year membership in LAA (2)

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

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA Special Projects Award **Kristie Saumure**

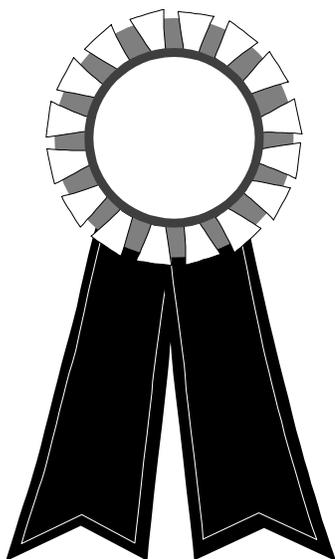
Value: \$500

Travel support for participation in an invitational workshop on resource sharing services for print disabled Canadians sponsored by the Council on Access to Information for Print Disabled Canadians, National Library of Canada, Ottawa, October 2001.

MARY LOUISE IMRIE Graduate Student Award **Angela Kublik**
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta **Joel MacKeen**

Value: \$300(2)

Travel assistance to present papers at conferences.



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SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS, CONT'D.

SLIS Conference Support Award

Value: \$45 (3)

Conference registration subsidy for attendance at Netspeed 2000, Calgary, September 2000.

Louisa Fricker, Joel MacKeen

Ann Marie Melvie

SLIS Conference Support Award

Value: \$30 (8)

Conference registration subsidy for attendance at the Alberta Library Conference, Jasper, April 2001.

Heather Broere, Geoffrey Harder

Jessica Cammer, Kim Hebig

Stephen Carney, Cheryl Patterson

Louisa Fricker, Omolola Salami

SLIS/CLA Student-to-CLA Award, Canadian Library Association

Value: conference registration and expenses

Assistance to the president of the School's Library and Information Studies Students' Association to support attendance at the annual conference of CLA in exchange for help with conference work activities.

Meagan Weber



For further information, contact Dr. Alvin M. Schrader, Chair, Scholarships and Awards Committee.

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SLIS FACULTY: "ENERGIZED AND FULLY ENGAGED"

For the first time in a decade, the School enjoys a complement of eight full-time faculty members, "energized and fully engaged" as the recent graduate program review of the School characterized them.

The group is seen here following the School's "Advance", the annual review and planning meeting held in May, 2001.

From right to left, 1st row:
Anna Altmann, Lisa Given,
Heidi Julien (newest appointment
at July 1, 2001), and Alvin
Schrader (Director)

2nd row:

Toni Samek, Darlene Syrotuik
(School Administrator), Hope
Olson, Margaret Mackey, and
Dennis Ward.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT'D.

membership, done! Of course, AGMs for all associations notoriously have low attendance, so this may not be suitable for many. One should remember that AGMs almost always have free food, so perhaps this will serve as an incentive.

- I use this method for remembering things at work. Half of my co-workers think I'm brilliant; the other half think I have dementia. The function you need is available in Microsoft Outlook™, but should be available in other e-mail programs too. At some point in the year, generally well in advance of the time for membership renewal, you'll be reminded of a particular association you belong to: you may see an event posting on JEROME-L or a letter. At that time, write an e-mail to yourself saying it's time to renew your membership. Before you send it, click on Options (remember, this is in Outlook™). One of the options is, "Do not send message before [you choose date]." Choose the date when you have to write your renewal fee cheque. Now send the message. Six months down the road, you'll get an e-mail that tells you to renew! I recommend putting something like DIARIZE in the subject line because it can be quite alarming to receive an unsolicited e-mail from yourself!
- Here's one for those of you with regular access to a number of children. You will need at least one child for each membership you have. Let's use LISAA as an example; the beginning of the year for LISAA is September 1. Tell little Jamie, the kid next door, that Harry Potter's birthday is on September 1. Little Jamie absolutely must come to you on Harry Potter's birthday and remind you of the secret magic store, "LISAA". Your job is to sit down and write a cheque to LISAA so they'll send Harry a gift on Jamie's behalf; Jamie's job is to nag you ceaselessly until you send Harry his present. No kid will forget Harry Potter's birthday!

I hope some of these suggestions are helpful to those of you, who like myself, have the best intentions of renewing memberships on time, but it's just too much for our mental faculties. Fortunately, events are much more fun and easier to remember. I look forward to seeing my fellow Edmonton alumni at the upcoming Partners In Education reception on January 25. Until then, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

*Tracy Stewart
MLIS 1995*

LACROIX, CONT'D.

certificate through the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface's Internet programs.

A very knowledgeable and inspiring University of Saskatchewan librarian planted the seed of librarianship in me. Although it took many years to spring up, like the bonsai tree, my interdisciplinary roots are well established and I am prepared to serve my new profession well. Again, it is the love of culture, identity, language, and knowledge that inspired me to enter the noble profession of organizing, preserving, and disseminating information.

My interests reside in many aspects of librarianship: reference, cataloguing, collection development, and archives; therefore, as of yet, I have not decided on my specialization. Nevertheless, I wish to become a well rounded librarian prepared for all the profession's challenges. In this spirit, I hope to embark upon a work experience program during the summer of 2002 at a new state-of-the-art municipal library in Troyes, France.

*Denis Lacroix
LISAA Entering Student Representative and
scholarship recipient*