



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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To all alumni, best wishes for 2008!

Please allow me to bring you up-to-date since our last newsletter.

We had a wonderful time at the Celebration Brunch in September 2007 with our award winners Mary Card and Ione Hooper. See pages 2-6 to learn more about the event as described by our student members, Amelia and Kristen, and as seen through Kristen's camera lens.

LISAA was joined by FLA and GELA in hosting a reception at the Netspeed conference in October 2007. The event, officially known as NetPub, was a great success and will continue in its new format at future Netspeed conferences. Read more about it in Nicole's report on page 6.

At the LISAA Executive, we bid farewell to Dr. Anna Altmann who served for many years as Faculty Representative. We benefited from her knowledge and experience. ANNA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING! Dr. Ann Curry will join us officially in February as the new Faculty Representative, and we are looking forward to welcoming her and continuing our successful cooperation.

2008 is a special year for all of us: our university celebrates its 100th anniversary, while our School is turning 40! We are excited to share with you the plans to commemorate this special year, and we invite you to participate. The big celebration is happening on Saturday, September 20, 2008, 11 am—1 pm. LISAA and SLIS are joining forces in organizing the Celebration Brunch that will feature a good program,

good company, and much more! You will find the details of our celebration plans on page 7.

Being librarians, we are timely and well organized. We have plans for commemorating the 40th anniversary AND we are already building the foundation for the BIG 50th!

How?

It is my pleasure to announce that Dr. Robert Brundin, SLIS Professor Emeritus and Honourary LISAA Member gave us the permission to publish a book about our beloved School's history based on his book *From the Codex to the Computer: Twenty-five years of the School of Information and Library Studies*. Our plan is to have the publication date of the book coincide with the 50th anniversary of SLIS.

To do so, we ask for your help!

We are collecting information to bring the book up-to-date from the 25th to the 40th anniversary, as well as throughout the next decade to the 50th. The collected material will be accessible online as a multi-media work in progress. The final product will be a book in print format as well as an e-book.

The material that we have to date and receive by the publication deadline will be published in the *40th anniversary Special Issue of the LISAA Newsletter*. Please see the details about it on page 7.

Erika Banski

CELEBRATION BRUNCH — SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

MARY CARD, WINNER OF THE LISAA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

At the 2007 Celebration Brunch Mary Card was awarded LISAA's distinguished alumni award for the contributions she has made to librarianship over the past twenty-seven years, specifically within the field of youth services. In her acceptance speech, Mary noted that this award was particularly meaningful in light of her plans to retire in 2008. After the celebration brunch, I had the opportunity to ask Mary a few questions about her time at SLIS and her impressive career during which she has spent 25 years as a public librarian for the Strathcona County Library.

Before beginning her MLIS at the University of Alberta, Ms. Card worked for four years as a teacher librarian for the School District of Mystery Lake in Thompson, Manitoba. While this marked the extent of her formal library experience before beginning at SLIS, Mary always loved books and reading. In reflection on life in rural Manitoba, Mary recalls "We used to get books mailed from the University of Manitoba Extension Library". Through this service, Mary was able to access a variety of engaging books.

Mary completed her MLIS in 1981, and her passion and interest in children and youth services is reflected in some of her most fond memories of SLIS. Mary enthusiastically recalls "presenting my first teen booktalk (by my then favourite author, Richard Peck) to my Young Adult Services class" as well as other booktalks she did as a requirement for her major project *Its Another World* as some of her favourite memories.

Mary's education at SLIS served her well. She recalls that during a particular session of grade one programming, the magician was unexpectedly late. Mary improvised and put the skills that she acquired in her storytelling class to good use. She recalls, "I told *The Gunniwolf* and mentally thanked Shirley Wright for teaching the Storytelling class so well."

For twenty-five years, Mary has been at the Strathcona County Library where she currently holds the position of Supervisor of Children's Services. She reflects that "At the beginning of my career and

To Honour

Mary Card

*Recipient of the
Distinguished Alumni Award 2007
Library and Information Studies
Alumni Association*

*The book described herein
has been acquired for the
Bruce Peel Special Collections Library*



Alderson, Brian and Felix de Merez Oyens. *Be Merry and Wise: Origins of Children's Book Publishing in England, 1650 – 1859*. New Castel, Del: Oakknoll Books & The British Library, 2006.

In this lively bibliography the authors map the chronological development of children's book publishing from almost random beginnings to the broad diversity of the early Victorian period. The study is centered on the books themselves – mostly drawn from the Pierpont Morgan Library's holdings – to show how publishers adapted their trade methods to appeal directly to children and grew to realize this audience was to prove a profitable market. It is an excellent resource for the Peel's expanding historical children's collections.

throughout, I have always enjoyed front line service the most- answering reference and reader's advisory questions for all ages". Looking at Ms. Card's career it is obvious that she is a people person. Over the years, Mary has touched the lives of many through pre-schooler programming, working with the teen advisory program and mentoring library staff.

As Mary Card accepted her award at the Celebration Brunch she praised her colleagues at the Strathcona County Library and reflected that she was proud to be apart of such a "distinguished team effort". Based on the praise from her colleagues it is obvious that she is an integral part of this library's team and will be missed after her retirement. Mary's passion and dedication to youth services have made her career remarkable and meaningful. Congratulations to Mary from all of us at LISAA!

Kristen Holm



Emily Springer introduces Mary Card on behalf of the Strathcona County Library staff



Mary Card receives the award from Erika Banski, LISAA President



Mary's award acceptance speech



Mary with her family



Mary with her colleagues from the Strathcona County Library

IONE HOOPER, WINNER OF THE LISAA HONOURARY ALUMNI AWARD

As continuing student representative, I was delighted to be involved with my second LISAA celebration brunch! This year's event, held on Saturday, September 29th, was a particularly special occasion as we had the opportunity to present both Distinguished and Honourary Alumni Awards. LISAA was proud to present the Distinguished Alumni Award to Mary Card and the Honourary Alumni Award to Ione Hooper.

The LISAA Honourary Alumni Award is given to individuals who have not graduated from the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies, but have made a significant contribution to the local library community. This year's recipient, Mrs. Ione Hooper, graduated from the University of British Columbia's MLIS program after deciding she wanted to pursue her studies at the graduate level. She currently acts as Reference Coordinator for the University of Alberta's Humanities and Social Sciences Library and plays an instrumental role in mentoring SLIS students through the collaborative work program and her participation in Partners' Week. I had the distinct pleasure of working with Ione last year as part of the collaborative work program and can most certainly attest to her contagious enthusiasm for libraries and inspiring passion for mentoring SLIS students. She has also spread her fervor, knowledge and experience to SLIS students through presenting guest lectures and teaching LIS 503 Reference and Information Service in past years. Ione's dedication to not only librarianship, but the mentorship of SLIS students, makes her a more than deserving recipient of this year's Honourary Alumni Award.

Ione was on hand to accept her award, which was presented by current LISAA President, Erika Banski. The art book *Library Book with Wendy Cain's Story* was donated by LISAA to the Bruce Peel Special Collections Library in Ione's honour.

To Honour

Ione Hooper

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Lise Melhorn-Boe. *Library Book. With Wendy Cain's Story*. North Bay, Ont., Transformer Press, 2006. No. 16 of 30 copies.

This charming work is by one of Canada's foremost book artists. Melhorn-Boe has bound it in colourful striped cloth and incorporated three double page pop-ups and one pull-tab pop-up focused on illustrations from Andrew Lang's Fairy Books. After Cain's mother's death the family moved to the city near a public library. When she first visited the library she was directed to the fairy tale section where she stayed for several weeks until an observant librarian introduced her to other books shelves in the library. Thus began Cain's life in books. Melhorn-Boe has dedicated this work to all public libraries.

I was proud to be a part of this year's LISAA celebration brunch. It was very moving to see a standing room-only crowd gathered in the SLIS Carrel Room to celebrate the achievements of these two outstanding women. This year's celebration brunch was a true testament to the unparalleled sense of collaboration and support that exists within our local library community.

Amelia Martin



Erika Banski introduces Lone Hooper



Lone receives the award from Erika



Lone's acceptance speech



Lone with students



Our award winners

LISAA EVENT REVIEWS

Celebration Brunch 2007

As a first year student, the LISAA annual Celebration brunch was one of the first library community events that I attended. Although I was nervous, everyone I met was very friendly and this event offered me and all the other students who attended an excellent opportunity to chat with former SLIS graduates working in the library community. I was thrilled to speak with working librarians and to hear about all the diversity within our field. This was such a good opportunity to begin to make contacts and network with working professionals.

As a new student the first few weeks at SLIS were very overwhelming, and it was inspiring to hear from both Lone Hooper and Mary Card. For me, listening to these two women talk about their careers was one of the brunch's highlights. It was obvious that both Lone and Mary have had a positive impact on both their clients and their colleagues. I was very impressed to see the positive impact these two women have had throughout their careers and the diversity in roles that are available to librarians. Watching both Mary and Lone receive their awards and hearing about how much they enjoyed their work gave me something to strive towards as I embarked on my studies. After the first few weeks in class, it was just what I needed to hear. After the brunch I was really excited about my choice to become a librarian.

Next year I will definitely recommend this event to the incoming students. It is an excellent opportunity to interact with professional librarians, fellow students and SLIS faculty. In addition to this, the celebration event recognizes distinguished librarians who have made outstanding contributions to the field. In turn, this provides new students with role models, which can be very encouraging in the first few weeks of school as they wet their feet and embark on a new path.

Kristen Holm

NetPub at Netspeed 2007 a success!

On October 18, 2007, the first NETPUB reception debuted. The event took place during Netspeed 2007 and was a joint venture of the Foothills Library Association (FLA), the Greater Edmonton Library Association (GELA) and LISAA. Co-hosting NETPUB was a natural evolution for LISAA, who for years has invited LISAA members (and everyone else!) to a reception on the second day of Netspeed. It had become one of LISAA's most popular and well-attended events. For the 2007 conference however, all three associations decided to collaborate for one big celebration.

Since Netspeed took place in Calgary this year, the folks from FLA took the lead in planning and organizing this joint reception. They were able to locate a pub directly across from the conference site that featured a private room called, appropriately, "The Library". So, after the regular sessions ended at Netspeed on Thursday of the conference, about 50 people gathered in "The Library" of the King's Head Pub, across from the Carriage House Inn. Michelle Sinotte and Kat Marlowe, President and Vice-President of FLA, served as the evening's stellar hostesses. People toasted, mingled, noshed and had an all-round wonderful time.

NETPUB which is also known as PUB.NET and PUB 2.0, featured the tagline "NETPUB: taking social networking out of the computer and back into the pub". It succeeded in its mandate exceptionally well!

We are looking forward to seeing you in October 2008 in Edmonton for NETPUB Part 2.

Nicolle Lemay

LISAA EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

LISAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, May 15, 2008

WHERE: University of Alberta Faculty Club Patio (or Lounge, if it's raining)

TIME: 5 pm

Join your fellow alumni to vote for the Lifetime Membership option, elect the new members of the Executive Committee, hear a summary of the activities and plans, and have a nice visit with your colleagues!

A NEW LOOK FOR LISAA

LISAA has a brand new website! This time, we have an address that is much easier to remember! Just type in www.lisaa.ca/ to get all the latest information about memberships, upcoming events, and LISAA award winners. Keep checking back for regular updates on the upcoming SLIS 40th anniversary celebrations, or submit recollections about your time at library school. We look forward to your visit!

40TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE LISAA NEWSLETTER

In honour of the SLIS 40th anniversary, the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association would like to compile a special commemorative issue of its newsletter full of anecdotes about students' experiences at SLIS. It is hoped that ten years down the road we will have enough stories to publish a book about the history of SLIS that is full of personal recollections about the school.

40 years is a long time and many students have come and gone through the welcoming doors of SLIS during that period. We'd like to hear from all of you! Please share with us any stories you have about funny incidents or antics, supportive professors, memorable classes/assignments, etc. We'd also love to hear about where you are now and your accomplishments since graduation. Or tell us about what SLIS meant to you, either during your school days or afterwards. Basically, tell us anything at all about you and SLIS! Also, if you have pictures, audio files, or videos to share, please send those on as well. To complement the print newsletter, we plan to design a multimedia website to host these memories.

So please, if you have a spare moment in your hectic schedule, please jot down a paragraph or scan a picture or two and email them to Trish Chatterley at patricia.chatterley@ualberta.ca. We hope to have a form up on the LISAA website soon, so you will be able to submit your anecdotes there as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send them to the address above.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project. We hope to hear from you soon!

Trish Chatterley

40TH ANNIVERSARY LISAA CELEBRATION BRUNCH

Save the Date for this year's special Celebration Brunch!

To be held in the SLIS Carrel room on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 11am – 1pm.

2008 will mark the 40th anniversary of SLIS and the 100th anniversary of the University of Alberta, so we plan to make our Celebration Brunch an extra special event! As usual, lunch will be provided and Distinguished and Honourary Awards presented. To this will be added historical displays, special guests, and recognition of the school's first alumni.

Another announcement with RSVP information will be provided in the next issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, please mark the date in your calendar so you will be able to join in the food, fun, and other festivities! We hope to see you there!

Trish Chatterley

SLIS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, February 8, 2008

Edmonton Room (basement),
Stanley A. Milner Edmonton Public Library,
7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton

The student association at the School of Library and Information Studies is pleased to announce that its annual Professional Development Day will be held on Friday, February 8, 2008. The theme of this year's event is Reaching Out: Serving Diverse Populations.

We are especially honoured to present Dr. Lorie Roy, President of the American Library Association, as this year's keynote speaker. Dr. Roy is the director of a national reading club for native children in the United States, called If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything, a professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin, and was named one of Library Journal's "Movers and Shakers" in 2005.

Other speakers include:

- Dr. Ann Curry, incoming Director of the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies. Dr. Curry will be speaking on Serving the LGBTQ Community: Reference Services and Relevant Resources.
- Jason Openo, Head Librarian at Edmonton Public Library's Whitemud Crossing Branch and Past-President of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. Mr. Openo will be presenting on the Solid Ground program, Meet Them Where They Are, a mobile service delivery program for homeless individuals and families in Seattle.
- Sarah Polkinghorne, Reference Librarian, University of Alberta's Augustana Campus, and Cameron Hoffman, Education Librarian, University of Lethbridge. Ms. Polkinghorne and Mr. Hoffman will be speaking on information literacy and web 2.0 in a session entitled Consumers or Learners? Discursive Constructions of Undergraduates and Social Media.
- Laura Morin, Aboriginal Community Development Librarian at Edmonton Public Library. Ms. Morin will be presenting on how library services to aboriginal peoples came to be developed and some current initiatives to promote community involvement.

The event is free of charge and lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. For more information please visit <http://www.ualberta.ca/~slis2/pdday.htm>.

SLIS NEW DIRECTOR CELEBRATION

Please join SLIS at a reception to welcome our new Director

Dr. Ann Curry

WHEN: Friday, February 8, 2008

WHERE: Stanley A. Milner Library, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square,
Centennial Room (in basement)

TIME: 4pm - 6pm

Hors D'oeuvres and Refreshments will be served

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Coming in the next issue of the LISAA newsletter:

Personal Reflections from the Inaugural Bachelor of Health Sciences Librarian / by Marcus Vaska, MLIS 2007

Class of 1999: A Memory / by Nicolle Lemay, MLIS 1999

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