

Leadership in library and information services

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The Canadian Library Association, founded in 1946, is a national association dedicated to the provision of leadership in library and information services in Canada for the benefit of Association members, the profession, and Canadian society. Its membership comprises personal and institutional members (from public, school, university, college, business, and government libraries), as well as commercial members from the information industry.

The Association's structure includes four type-of-library divisions, a trustee division, fifteen committees, and twenty-two interest groups — the two most recent being the 'Entrepreneurship in librarianship interest group' and the 'Electronic publishing interest group.'

The Association's office is located in the nation's capital, Ottawa, and has a staff of fourteen energetic and expert individuals. Membership dues provide approximately thirty per cent of the annual \$2 million budget, with the balance being self-generated. No government handouts here!

Association programs include the publication of ten issues annually of the membership magazine, *Felicitier*; an annual conference and trade show; publication of monographs on Canadian librarianship; discounted member access to selected compact disc subscriptions and on-line services through bulk purchases; the *Library Advocacy Now!* program and a strong government relations program — libraries were mentioned in the federal throne speech for the first time in 1997.

Because the Association is not a federated structure, and Canada has other library associations — some based on geography, some based on subject — the Canadian Library Association also seeks to play a co-ordinating role on federal government issues like copyright. Early in 1997, we issued a formal invitation to each provincial, regional, and territorial association to appoint one of their members to the Association's Copyright Committee to minimise duplication of effort and maximise the consistency of the library message to the politicians. The Information Policy Committee is also a joint committee, and other collaborated committees include the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

The Canadian library community has a strong interest in continuing education combined with a formidable geography. One of the Association's challenges is to identify topics suitable for a national travelling roadshow which must both satisfy the community and break even financially.

For more information, please visit the Canadian Library Association site at <http://www.cla.amlibs.ca> — the 1998 conference program will appear there in February. ■

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ALIA's PREMIER AWARDS

Nominations are now being called
for the following honorary awards of the
Australian Library and Information Association

HCL ANDERSON AWARD

This award commemorates HCL Anderson, who was the principal librarian of the Free Public Library of New South Wales from 1906 and is the highest honour the Association can bestow on a professional member. The HCL Anderson Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to librarianship, the profession, ALIA, or to the theory and practice of librarianship.

Previous winners of the award include John Wallace Metcalfe, Harrison Bryan, Warren Horton and Margaret Trask. To be eligible for the award nominees must be Associate members of the Association.



REDMOND BARRY AWARD

The Redmond Barry Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to ALIA, to the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science or an associated field. Nominees must be people who are not eligible to become a professional member; and not employed in the field of library and information science. Prof Donald Lamberton and The Hon EG Whitlam are previous recipients of this award.



ELLINOR ARCHER AWARD

Ellinor Archer was a foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians and its first woman president. The Ellinor Archer Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to a library and information service, the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science, or an associated field. Nominees must be, or have been, employed in libraries, but be ineligible for Associate membership. A previous recipient is Ena Noël.



Confidentiality

It is essential that nominees should NOT be aware that they are nominated for an award. Nominations are considered by the Honorary Awards Committee and General Council in committee, and details are published only when the nominations are successful. Divisions of ALIA are particularly asked not to note nominations in their agenda papers or minutes. Disclosure of such details can prejudice a nomination.

Nomination forms

Nomination forms are available from
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Nominations close 1 February 1998