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**MINUTES
of the
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION
OF COLLEGE LIBRARIANS MEETING
held at
PRAIRIE BIBLE INSTITUTE
Friday, April 3, 1998**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 16, 1997 AACL meeting were approved with one addition: Connie Hall's name was omitted from the list of attendees. She attended the meeting for Medicine Hat College.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with two additions: "Copyright" under "Business/Discussion items" and "Workshop Committee" under "Other".

4. CHAIR'S REPORT
(Geoff Owens)

4.1 The Chair reported that the business plan for AACL had been developed. A copy was sent out on the listserv and the plan would be

discussed later on during the meeting.

4.2 AACL sponsored two workshops this past year. They are Z39.50 workshop put on by GELA, that was held in February and an Alberta Library Conference session entitled "Better Searching Better Sites" that will take place in Jasper in April.

5. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT
(Kristine Black)

5.1 The association's audited financial report was distributed for approval.

5.2 A summary of the AACL 1997 Financial report was presented:

Opening balance (01/01/1997):	4299.76
Receipts:	828.59
Total income:	5128.35
Less total expenses:	681.86
Closing balance (12/31/1997):	4446.49.

5.3 The association's current financial state is good, with a balance of \$4,067.94 as of March 2, 1998.

5.4 An update was given regarding the motion passed at the last meeting that any money left over from the CACUL workshop grant be given to Sandy Slade as an

honorarium. As there was no grant money left after his expenses were reimbursed, there was no honorarium given.

5.5 Further to the Z39.50 workshop that AACL sponsored, because it was such a success, sponsors made money off the event. AACL received a cheque for \$526.80. That was a profit of \$276.80. Keith Walker asked what other sessions AACL sponsored and at what cost. As Kristine did not have the information on hand, she promised to send the information out over the listserv, as well as date and time for the ALC session AACL is sponsoring.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

6.1 Newsletter Coordinator (Joyce Van Scheik)

Submissions should be made by the first week of May (there will be an e-mail reminder). Submissions can be faxed or e-mailed; please send them to Carol Nicks instead of Joyce.

6.2 Union List of Serials (Pat Waterton - absent)

Geoff distributed, on behalf of Pat, a report on the status of the AGLC/ AACL Union List of Serials.

Geoff will have Pat re-iterate on the listserv two questions from the report regarding custom programming request (for example, having your library's holdings display first) and copyright with regards to full-text CD-ROM licensing agreements.

There was discussion regarding members that have dropped out of the Union List and why they did so - was there a point in carrying on with the Union List? Margaret Russell spoke to this, giving Concordia's reasons for doing so

(staffing issues and a duplication of effort, as Concordia's holdings are available through NEOS' online catalogue, the GATE). Is the Union List of Serials a waste of effort if everyone's holdings are available via the Internet? The question was then asked, how many libraries have their catalogue available on the Internet? It was found that a good number of AACL libraries do not have their catalogues available via the Internet, so it is worthwhile to keep the Union List going. The ILL agreements between AACL libraries (free ILLs) still exist whether a library participates in the Union List or not.

6.3 Director-at-Large (Keith Walker)

Keith reported on AACL communication both internally (AACL Newsletter, and listserv) and externally (submissions to 'Letter of the LAA', The Alberta Library, and CTCL's 'Communique').

6.4 Statistics Coordinator (Tom Skinner - absent)

Geoff pointed out that the survey results are out - every library should have received their copy by now. Discussion ensued regarding all the work it takes to compile these statistics - but it was generally agreed that the work is worthwhile, as the numbers have come in handy for many libraries in terms of requesting more funding, etc. It was also reported that ACIFA may have used AACL stats in an editorial published in many newspapers across the province, criticizing cuts to post-secondary education.

6.5 CTCL Chair's report (Susan Brayford - absent)

Bill Glaister passed out copies of Susan's report, which she posted on the listserv a couple of days before

the meeting. Keith, as past chair of CTCL, reported that the Micromedia Award of Merit will be presented to Betty Harris, formerly of the University College of the Fraser Valley in British Columbia. The award will be presented at the CACUL Annual General Meeting in Victoria on June 19, 1998.

7. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Membership in The Alberta Library

The history of the motion to join TAL as a full member was discussed. Some issues related to full membership, such as the cost to do so, were also discussed. To join as an affiliate member costs \$300.00; however, the price to join as a full member is unknown (there is a funding formula that is used to determine the rate to pay). Discussion ensued regarding full membership versus affiliate membership and why the motion to join as full members was originally put forth. Since the price for full membership is unknown, it was suggested that Geoff find out what that cost would be. Also, what benefits would AACL, as an association, get as a full member of TAL? It was agreed that more information was needed before becoming a full member, and that the best person to direct all these questions to is Lucy Pana, executive director of TAL. In the meantime, it was agreed that the best course of action was to amend the original motion and join as an affiliate member, to show that AACL supports TAL.

Jim Carter/Carol Morgan move to amend the original motion "that AACL makes application to join The Alberta Library as a voting member" and instead apply for affiliate membership for a one-year trial period.

7.2 Business Plan

Business plan was discussed. There were some questions as to the direction AACL is taking. Do we want to be more politically active (lobby instead of advocate?). It was decided that the plan looks fine, and that Kristine will take the suggestions made and incorporate them into the plan and re-distribute via the listserv. The plan, with the aforementioned changes made, will be adopted at the fall meeting.

7.3 Knowledge Network (Keith Walker)

The Alberta Government has set aside one-time funding of \$20 million, for a "Knowledge Network" initiative. The money is directed at post-secondary institutions to develop library infrastructure to increase students' access to learning resources. Post-secondary library directors met in Calgary to talk over a discussion paper produced by the U of A, outlining the "Knowledge Network Model" (including a funding framework and a project framework). The new document, entitled Discussion Document, was subsequently mailed out to all post-secondary institutions. There was some concern about communication between The Alberta Library and the members of NEOS as individuals and with the libraries which are not TAL members concerning the Knowledge Network meetings and reports. Keith was asked to relay this concern to Alice McNair, the college's representative on TAL.

7.4 Copyright Policy

Olds College is developing a copyright policy and would like to get copies of policies from other institutions dealing with issues above and beyond CANCOPY in a college-wide sense.

8. OTHER

8.1 Workshop Committee

Based on all the questions brought up by the discussion on joining The Alberta Library, it was decided that for the next workshop, Lucy Pana, executive director of TAL, would come and speak to AACL on TAL. Hazel Fry was also suggested as another guest to have on this topic, as president of COPPUL.

Margaret Russell
Dave Saunders
Marlice Schmidt
Barbara Smith
Maureen Toews
Joyce Van Scheik
Keith Walker
Aileen Wright
Fred Youngs

Concordia
Fairview
Lakeland
Olds
RDC
CUC
MHC
NABC/EBS
Prair. Grad.

9. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEEEEING

First choice of the fall meeting would be Calgary, at the end of September, to coincide with Netspeed and all the various organizational meetings (TAL, APLEN, etc.). As there was no one from Calgary at the meeting to volunteer as host, Geoff will contact someone from one of the three institutions to see if they are willing to be hosts. If that does not work out, the second choice would be to have the meeting in Red Deer.

MERRY - GO - ROUND

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristine Black	RDC
Paul Boulton	RDC
Jim Carter	AVC-LLB
Bill Glaister	Keyano
Nancy Goebel	Augustana
Norene James	AVC-Edm.
Charlene Jones	RDC
Ron Jordahl	PBI
Kathy Lea	LCC
Anita Luck	Fairview
Debbie McGugan	GMCC
Joanne Mokry	MHC
Carol Morgan	AVC-Edm.
Carol Nicks	CUC
Geoff Owens	AVC-LSL
Helen Lee Robertson	GPRC

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE

After a busy and interesting winter, we are looking forward to more of the same during the spring and summer months. Our new student tutoring service is alive and well. Students took some time to become adjusted to being able to access the new extra help programs when they needed them, at no cost. With the help of some excellent tutors, we were able to assist students in completing their programs.

Our Production and Publications Department has been occupied with creating a new look that will better represent Fairview College. Timelines for the production of the college calendar have

been changed; therefore, two calendars have to be produced within a six-month time span.

Our Internet access has now expanded to four student stations and one staff station. One student station is reserved for research only, while the other three can be used for research plus e-mail. We found that we had almost solid bookings from opening to closing every day during our regular sessions. Our CD-ROM station offers a wealth of information, but we find it is often underutilized. We hope with advertising and promotion we can remedy this situation.

Two of our other campuses, High Level and Peace River, are enjoying access to EBSCOhost. After some initial technical difficulties, Norma in High Level and Marg in Peace River have an additional resource for those tough reference inquiries.

The search for the "right" automation system still consumes a fair amount of time and energy. Some possibilities we are exploring are membership in NEOS or the acquisition of the Horizon system, but until we know more about available funding sources we remain uncertain of the direction we should be taking.

We have undertaken a major planning exercise during the past few months. We are confident that this exercise will assist us in establishing our priorities, not just for the next year, but for several years in the future.

Wishing everyone a pleasant and relaxing summer!
Anita Luck

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Budgets and restructuring continue to be the discussion topics at the college as we struggle with increasing enrolment due to new programs, while the government grants decrease. Just this week, a new academic plan was announced that sees the number of deans reduced from four to three. This new structure may also affect the Academic Services Division, of which

the library is a part, but that waits to be seen.

There are exciting things in the future as the college has received an anonymous donation of \$1 million which may be used to enlarge the role of the Academic Resources Centre and perhaps allow for more computers in the library. We also look forward to the funds from the Knowledge Network or LEE grants, which allow us to replace the MultiLIS automation system and join in with some of the collaborative ventures now taking place in the province.

In the immediate future we are looking forward to the arrival of new shelving which we will use to give us much-needed expansion for the growing book and periodical collections. We may not be looking forward as much to the physical shifting of the entire library during the month of June. That CLA conference in Victoria looks even better - as an escape from the moving of books!

Thanks to people who responded to our listserv question on how to manage reference collections. We are presently doing an in-house usage study of the collection by having posted signs, asking that reference items not be reshelfed and then as the staff shelves them, or when the reference staff use an item, the item is stamped with a date to indicate when it was used. These stamps will be used much as the date dues are used when making decisions to weed the circulating collection and will give an indication of the use of these expensive books.

It has been rewarding to see that statistics on use of the library have increased this year as it has felt like a busy term. The circulation of laptops and other computer equipment through the audiovisual department has resulted in the highest ever use of AV, while the popularity of the Internet stations has helped with a dramatic increase in the gate count.

The staff in the division continue to show positive morale; activities organized by the social committee certainly help. Once a month 'morning tea' is provided, where the staff get together as a group to celebrate

birthdays and anniversaries. Draws for baskets full of treats, parties such as a Titanic dinner and movie, and other get-togethers help to promote the idea of teamwork and friendship.

Wishing you all a sunny, relaxing summer.
Keith Walker

SAIT

SIRSI Unicorn, our newly integrated library system, will be operational by the end of May. Staff training took place in February and April. There will be a Web version of the catalog available in the near future. Access will be via the SAIT campus homepage: www.sait.ab.ca.

The library hosted two practicum students this spring: one from the Library and Information Technology Program at SAIT and one from the UBC Library School.

Planning for the new SAIT Knowledge Centre is underway. The new building will include: the library, the Learning Skills Centre, the bookstore, the Teaching Learning Centre, Computer Managed Learning, Distance Learning, Media Production, and other related services. Construction will begin in early winter, 1998 with completion by January, 2000.

Irene Lewis will assume the position of SAIT president as of July 1. Ms. Lewis last served at the Alberta Vocational College in Edmonton. One of her most important goals is to further SAIT's plan to expand its distance learning capability. Cheers.
Dave Weber

KEYANO COLLEGE

We are excited at Keyano College that we have been approved to renovate the main entrance and circulation area of our library.

We are going to spend approximately \$60,000 to eliminate the lowered ceiling around the circulation desk. Remember the seventies and you will know our circulation area has that dark and dingy orange glow, reminiscent of this earlier era. We are eliminating our turnstile gates and

installing the new gateless security system. We are having the carpentry instructor build us a new circulation desk with our check-in further down from the new gates. We are adding a few more windows so we look more inviting as the students walk down the hallway. We are adding the equivalent of two more bays of shelving. With a decorator's help, the library staff will select new carpet for the floors, tile for the entrance, and new paint for the walls. Our stacks sit on tile except the reference area. If we had to move the entire collection I don't know how excited some of us would be about renovating.

We received approval for all of our requests except new chairs for the students. We'll wheel our lovely orange and yellow chairs out once everything is done - - including two vintage yellow vinyl loveseats. Remember them? I figure once everyone sees how well they match our new decor we'll be able to work on approval of the chairs.

Right now we've moved the reference area to the Student Internet Lab. We still have the Internet stations squeezed around the stacks. Students are still there, searching away - I figure even in an earthquake we might still see them poised over their keyboard, oblivious to the disaster.

We will have to close the library to the public when the ceiling comes down in early June. We will be moving staff to back areas to work away from the dust. We plan on retrieving material for students by going in through fire exit doors because the main area will be dangerous during this part of the construction. Everything should be finished by mid-August. Those of you who have lived through renovations will remember promises like this!

We have finished the budget process for another year at Keyano and there were more staff layoffs. We lost our apprentice cooking program and our cafeteria staff. We will be contracting out food services. Faculty were laid off in low enrolment programs, however, we are hiring faculty in new programs. We will be offering the first year of several Engineering Technology majors with an arrangement with SAIT.

Dean Wood, our academic vice-president, and my boss, was placed on the Knowledge Network Taskforce so I can hear the “scoop” on developments at these meetings.

Like many of you, we will have to evaluate our automated system in light of the changes coming and any new dollars to help us make these changes are welcome. We are doing acquisitions training in June because we have not been using this module. I feel we should, despite any future changes, because it means we will have automated the last procedure we are still doing manually, except, of course, serials.

I was unable to come to the spring meeting in Three Hills and hope to read all your news in this newsletter. I did miss seeing everyone and hope things are going well.
Susan Brayford

LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We finally are moving into a pc environment. I have a pc to work from with full Internet connection in my office and ditto for the reference desk staff. There are two other pcs for staff but they don't have Internet connections yet.

We've been involved in several electronic journal trials but finding the money for the new subscriptions will be problematic. Without a fairy godmother we're likely going to have to cut subscriptions rather than add to our collection. Along those lines, with the help of Criminal Justice instructors, we did a serious review of what paper products we still need to keep when we also get them as CDs.

LCC and the U of L put together a proposal to round #3 of the LEE funding for money to upgrade LCC to INNOPAC and to develop a common electronic interface as a web-based platform. Many LCC students articulate to U of L courses and programs and having both holdings on the OPAC will be very beneficial.

The SARIN card for people in the communities of Arrowwood, Cardston, Carmangay, Champion, Claresholm, Coaldale, Cowley, Fort Macleod, Glenwood, Granum, Lomond, Lethbridge,

Magrath, Milo, Nanton, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, Raymond, Stavelly, Stirling, Taber, Vauxhall, Vulcan, and Warner was initiated April 7th. Things have been smooth with the exception of LCC's misunderstanding that community borrowers (regardless of where they reside) will get the card for free. It turns out that County of Lethbridge residents have to pay \$40 to the Lethbridge Public Library to get this same privilege. We've also had some disappointment from community borrowers who think that the same privileges apply regardless of the system they are borrowing from. LCC for example, limits loans to four per visit and we've had people come from Taber to borrow all kinds of paperbacks only to find they are limited to four. (This shouldn't be a surprise because all participating libraries hand out a brochure with each SARIN card explaining the rules.) The final snafu we've experienced is that participating libraries are neglecting to stamp the date they receive returned LCC items at their facility so when we get them back from the courier and they're overdue in our system we have no way of knowing whether to back date the item so a fine is or is not triggered.

As our college moves to a year-round facility, we are experimenting with increasing hours in May and June to support the myriad of courses that end at 4:00 p.m. weekdays. This May-June we will be open until 6:00 p.m. Meanwhile, AUPE and LCC have come to an agreement on summer flex hours and library employees will again be allowed to work an extra 45 minutes per day in exchange for either a half day off each week or a whole day off every two weeks.

On the people front, we are glad to welcome Geoff Owens from AVC-Slave Lake Campus as our new Systems Librarian, replacing Fran Noone, who is working at Cominco in Trail, BC. A reference librarian, Erin Palmer, will be leaving to take a job in Ottawa. I want to report that I am living proof elk attacks really happen. At Jasper Park Lodge, within 'spitting distance' of the main lodge, I was attacked, not by one, but by two elk! A group of ladies tried to help me and we all decided the best escape was for me to jump in the lake and go for safety that way.

The final elk, with great presence of mind, grabbed my mitten as a trophy of 'the tourist who didn't get away' before I leapt over the edge.

May 11 - 13, LCC is the host for the ACIFA conference and on the 11th we have Terry O'Banyon giving a keynote talk. He is the author of The Learning College for the 21st Century. May 14th, SARIN members from Lethbridge are visiting Keith Walker, Medicine Hat Public and the Shortgrass people in Medicine Hat.

That's it from the Sunny South! Have a great summer. See you in the fall.

Kathy Lea

GRANT MACEWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The LRC's Learning Skills Centre had its budget reduced, which resulted in the elimination of one faculty position in the LRC effective July 1, 1998. As a result of this cut, the LSC will be reorganizing and planning how to deliver services with the two remaining faculty. The LRC will also be facing a further budget reduction of \$50,000 for 1999/2000. We are currently preparing expenditure reduction and revenue generating strategies to deal with the budget cuts.

We are planning to implement a fines system which is scheduled to take effect July 1, 1998. In the past the LRC has not charged overdue fines to borrowers except our external borrowers.

We have had a preliminary meeting with representatives of NEOS to investigate membership in the consortium. We are seriously considering membership in NEOS and expect to make a decision over the next several months when our total budget situation is clear. In the meantime we have been looking at possible Knowledge Network funding proposals and eagerly await the guidelines.

The LRC received STEP funding to hire a person to do some project work in Reference Services and Technical Services. A major task for the STEP person will be to catalogue and process a collection of materials from the Institute of Asia-Pacific

Studies. They are disbanding their Asia-Pacific Resource Centre collection and donating it to the LRC. The STEP position was jointly funded by the Institute and the LRC.

The LRC is participating in a number of trials with web-based database products such as EBSCO-HOST and PROQUEST DIRECT. It is likely that we will move from networked CD-ROM databases to their web-based counterparts over the next year. The LRC has two members sitting on the Health and Community Studies Division's Internet Action Committee. This committee is planning and developing web-based courses and the LRC will be working with the committee to develop library services to support these courses.

Debbie McGugan was recently elected to the Library Association of Alberta board for a two-year term as Director-at-Large.

Faculty at GMCC recently signed a three-year contract with a settlement of 2% (97/98), 3% (98/99), 3% (99/2000).
Debbie McGugan

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ALBERTA

The Arnold Guebert Library

Our biggest milestone at Concordia was the hectic move in the middle of the fall semester when we opened a 5,000 square foot expansion to the library. The main entrance changed overnight (well, almost) to the south side, circulation services and the reference department (including the Information Technology Centre) were completely relocated, and the acquisitions office moved upstairs adjacent to technical services. We also have settled into a relatively peaceful coexistence with fourteen faculty whose offices are now encompassed within our library. We are still adjusting to the opening of three new classrooms in the library. A great feature, were it not for the need to continuously enforce our 'no food and beverage' policy.

Lynette Toews-Neufeldt returned in January on a halftime basis to resume her responsibilities as reference librarian.

Concordia is graduating its first class of thirty students in the Bachelor of Education Two-Year After Degree in Elementary Education. We also have eight students graduating from our new four-year degree program in Applied Psychology.

Concordia staff would like to congratulate Heather Morrison, our circulation services coordinator. This spring she convokes on June 4, receiving a Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies, which she has been completing on a part-time basis. Congratulations, Heather!
Margaret Russell

ALBERTA VOCATIONAL COLLEGE Edmonton

There have been numerous changes in the library since the last newsletter submission. Sabine Sintenis, Access Services Librarian, is on maternity leave until January, 1999. She is the proud mother of a baby girl, Remy Kirsten, born April 28. Sabine and family are all adjusting well to this addition. Norene James, her current job share partner, is taking over some of her hours until her own maternity leave in September.

We are still working with eight Internet terminals in the library, the only access to Internet for AVC students in the building. Overwhelming demand for stations and an inefficient booking system forced us to amend our sign-in procedure for Internet usage. Students must now present their ID at the circulation desk and are assigned an Internet terminal with a one-hour time limit. After the hour, they may be asked to leave if someone is waiting to use a terminal. There are no reserves for machines. We have found that this implements better control of what the students are using the 'net for because of the lack of anonymity now that they have to show ID. It also eliminates domination of the machines by a select few and allows us to keep accurate statistics as well.

With Alberta Vocational College - Edmonton becoming a board-governed facility, negotiations have begun for the new faculty association as well as non-

academic staff association (librarians are under the faculty association but the jury is still out if our contracts will be significantly improved from previous arrangements under the AUPE). Librarians, library technicians, and administrative support staff in the library are anxiously awaiting results from the negotiating processes.

Carol Morgan, college librarian, was able to attend the LAA Conference in Jasper this year, where the focus of her attention was sessions on copyright and space planning for information technology. Carol was particularly impressed with the session on "Rules and Tools for Seeking Cooperation and Partnership".

We wish you all a good summer!
Norene James

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

CUC has a new president. Dr. Randal R. Wisbey will take office July 1, 1998 as the 21st president of Canadian University College. Wisbey comes from Andrews University, where he is director of the MA in Youth Ministry program. He looks forward to working with us in the library.

Joyce left on May 4 for a six-week trip to Mongolia with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) team. She and her husband Bill, along with ten students from CUC, are working with the ADRA director in the interior desert of Mongolia, building houses made with straw bales.
Carol Nicks

COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES (CTCL) CHAIR'S REPORT FOR WINTER 1998

On behalf of CTCL, I'd like to encourage you to consider attending CLA this year in Victoria. Our annual meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in one of the meeting rooms at the downtown Victoria Conference Centre. A free wine-and-cheese social will follow the annual general meeting. The Richmond, BC branch office of Intermec Systems Corporation, a barcode systems company,

is covering the cost of the wine-and-cheese social. This is the second year the company has paid for our social.

For those of you who were able to attend last year in Ottawa, the event was a good time. There was excellent wine and 'munchies' and a chance to meet your colleagues from across Canada. We had a great room with a view and hope we will have as excellent a setting in Victoria.

We'd like to welcome all newcomers and long-term CTCL members to our annual meeting. Talk to your friends and see if you can encourage someone who has not attended in the past and bring them along. We will be electing a new chair at this meeting so this will be my last meeting in the position of chair. We will also honour our Micromedia Award of Merit Librarian who will receive this award at the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) AGM on Friday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

For those of you who may be wondering how many sessions at CLA would be useful for an academic librarian, there are over fourteen sessions which focus on the issues facing the librarian in a college or university library.

Listed below are just a few of the sessions scheduled for the CLA Victoria Conference:

- Fundraising for Academic Libraries
- Bringing Technology into Teaching and Learning: The Uwired Story
- Do You Need a Librarian in the Systems Office
- From Great Library Hook-up to Great Library Melt-down: Resource Sharing in the Post-ILL Era
- Search Engine Free For All
- Choosing the Seductive Future
- Evaluating Web-based Library Instruction
- Why Vendors Are the Way They Are: What Every Library Should Know About Their Vendors and Why
- Ergonomics or Else
- Media Matters in Copyright
- Emerging Standards in Electronic Publishing
- A RADical Solution to Archival Cataloguing

- Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery in Canadian Academic Libraries: How Does it Measure Up.

To encourage librarians to come to our AGM and to CLA, I will be writing a letter to each college and technical institute librarian in British Columbia. I do recognize that it is difficult to find the financial resources to attend CLA. However, I hope that at least the BC college librarians may find it more possible this year as it will be held in their home province.

During my term as chair, I have learned a great deal about the issues facing CTCL and CLA. I highly recommend the experience of participating as CTCL chair. As part of the CACUL executive, I was able to meet librarians from across Canada and learn strategies to strengthen our organization. I hope you feel you were well represented at these meetings and I look forward to continuing as an individual member of CTCL.

I hope to see you at the CTCL AGM and wine-and-cheese social in Victoria!
Susan Brayford