MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIR OF AACL

For those of you not at the spring meeting in Lethbridge, I have become the new chair of AACL for the next year. Mircea Panciuk is leaving Lakeland College at the end of April and he has one more year left in his term. We will miss him but wish him well in his motorcycle riding adventures.

The meeting in Lethbridge was action-packed but we did manage to fit in a coulee walk and two gourmet meals at Lethbridge Community College. It was good to see so many people at the meeting and then to tour the new University of Lethbridge library later that evening. Kathy Lea and Fiona Dyer were wonderful hosts and really promoted their fair city and college well. The workshop sessions were particularly timely. The Supernet initiative is gaining momentum in our province and many types of libraries are being affected by these plans and by the enthusiasm of the government for this project. Critiquing the CTCL standards was a useful exercise as it helped us clarify the intent on one level, and on another level, it reminded us of the importance of provincial measures.

Our next meeting is on November 21 in Edmonton and NAIT has kindly offered to be the host site. The next day is the TAL directors' meeting so many people will be staying in Edmonton for both meetings. Hopefully we can all meet on the Thursday night for dinner and fun (and later, shopping anyone?).

It is so exciting to hear all the updates from the people involved in building or renovating new libraries. SAIT's new library looks like a perfect union of historical and modern architecture. The interior shots show a place with vitality and excitement. Many of us have visited Mount Royal College's renewed facility and have drooled over the leather chairs. Medicine Hat and Red Deer College libraries are being built now and promise to be functionally superior to the present facilities. There will be lots to share about buildings at our next meeting.

Have a wonderful spring and summer, Everyone, and see you at NAIT in November!

Alice McNair
AACL Chair

BITS 'N' PIECES:

CAN I COME FOR A VISIT?

From January to June, 2003, I will be touring around, visiting new and renovated libraries, gleaning helpful information in regards to the experience of building and renovating. I'd love to visit you! I can be reached at: (ph) 780-679-1189 or (fx) 780-679-1597 or (e) goebn@augustana.ca.

Nancy Goebel, Head Librarian/Sexual Harassment Advisor

MERRY - GO – ROUND

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Staff News:
Concordia has two new permanent staff replacing staff who retired within the last year. Marina Gouveia, Administration Assistant, replaces Ruth King, who retired last August. Karen Visser, Access Services Coordinator, succeeds Eva Ervin, who retired in April. Karen Hildebrandt, Library Systems Coordinator, was actively involved with the AALT Conference in Edmonton last month. She continues to be involved in the AALT as the president-elect.

Using Canadian Statistics and Data:
Concordia hosted the second statistics workshop on May 9. A subsidy from TAL's Knowledge Network funds was used to support this initiative between Concordia University College of Alberta and Mount Royal College. Initially, Sharna Luiken, Dan Mirau, and Margaret Russell worked with Ross Thrasher, Bruce Thorpe, Janet Monteith, and Paul Pival to offer the workshop in Calgary last April. Presenters at the Edmonton workshop pose for the record: Dan Mirau, Ross Sherwin, Chuck Humphrey, and Bruce Thorpe.
Staff from the following institutions attended this session: Keyano College, Fairview College, Red Deer College, Prairie Bible College, NAIT, Augustana University College, Grant MacEwan, Portage College, Concordia, and the Edmonton Public Library.

Dan will continue to work with faculty, incorporating statistics applications into the curriculum and class assignments. This summer he is managing an SCP project on statistics in cooperation with the Sociology Department.

Margaret Russell

FAIRVIEW COLLEGE

During the past six months a special emphasis has been placed on training both students and staff on the various electronic resources that are available in the library. Dennis Sheppard has prepared PowerPoint presentations on such topics as TALonline, NEOS PAC, the Micromedia databases, and the Infotrac databases. Several training sessions on these topics were offered at the March PD day. Efforts are also continuing in the promotion of the ASK a Question service. It offers remote campus patrons, who do not have access to reference staff, a chance to receive timely answers to their reference questions.

Just when staff were getting comfortable with DRA, SIRSI is on the horizon. NEOS is in the preparation stage for the changeover. Several library staff members will be traveling to Edmonton to take part in a general demonstration by the SIRSI team. It is hoped that the new software will provide a better user interface than DRA. If that is the case, it will take some of the sting out of having to learn a new program right on the heels of overcoming the steep learning curve posed by the DRA changeover.

With fewer students on campus, library thoughts are turning to the more mundane processes that take place at this time of year. Lin, the audio visual assistant, is busy taking inventory and cleaning AV equipment. She'll be taking a vanload to Grande Prairie for repairs and maintenance. It is also time to organize the new archival storage area. There are many boxes full of treasures that need to find homes on the shelves or in the filing cabinets. Although some of the material

is catalogued, a good portion will need some type of indexing or cataloguing.

As a TAL member we are looking forward to further developments in remote authentication and interlibrary loan software applications. In a small library any major change in any aspect of library service has a large impact on all the staff. Therefore, cross training is a routine activity and encompasses all aspects of library service.

The library is looking forward to amalgamating the AV workroom with the main AV area, thereby freeing up space to develop a small quiet study area. The main library area is noisy at times and students have found they are unable to find a niche that allows for quiet study. The new study area will have private carrels and allow for future computer hook-ups. This is one more step toward improved student services.

Anita Luck

GRANT MACEWAN COLLEGE

There is never a dull moment at Grant MacEwan College! Official names have been approved for each of the campuses of the college. The Mill Woods campus is now Grant MacEwan College South Campus;

Jasper Place is now the Grant MacEwan College Centre for the Arts and the downtown campus will continue to be known as Grant MacEwan College City

Centre Campus. Further changes include the addition of a fourth campus – Alberta College!

Grant MacEwan College is preparing for the transfer of the Alberta College facility and the majority of programming effective July 1, 2002. Alberta College, to be known as Grant MacEwan College – Alberta College Campus, will continue to offer all its programs for the coming year with the exception of two specialized career programs, Multimedia and Tourism/Hospitality, which will be transferred to NAIT. The ESL program currently offered at MacEwan South Campus will be moving to the Alberta College Campus over the summer

and appropriate LRC collection materials will be transferred to that campus. Joanne Kemp, Director of the Grant MacEwan LRC was involved in the initial planning for the integration of the library at Alberta College into the LRC. Katherine Koch, Acting Campus Librarian at the South Campus is now acting as the liaison to the library during the transition process.

Changes to the LRC staff include the secondment of Sandy Stift as Acting Campus Librarian to the Centre for the Arts until the end of June. Mark Roesner, formerly Internet Librarian at the Edmonton Public Library, has been hired at City Centre Campus to fill in during Sandy's absence. Yvonne Rezek, Administrator of the provincial post-secondary Ask A Question Service, has been seconded by APLEN to work with the development and implementation of the AAQ Service for the public library sector. Several LRC technology staff members from MacEwan are working with representatives of APLEN and Yvonne and hope to have the service running by early summer. Scott Forbes has joined the staff of the LRC as manager of Audio Visual Services. Scott, formerly at Keyano College, will be responsible for classroom technology and support, copicard and photocopier services, events support, and audiovisual equipment and repair at all our campuses. Grant MacEwan continues to experience a space crunch as the student enrollment grows. We expect to have 9,000 students in the fall, excluding Alberta College students. Several programs are moving to other campuses and the LRC collections in each campus will continue to reflect the programs provided there. Consequently, the South Campus LRC is undergoing a major collection development project to enlarge its core collection and prepare for the new courses offered there. First year students in most of the Community Services Programs will move to the South campus in the fall of 2002. Work has started on the building of a new addition to the campus. It is anticipated that student enrollment at that campus will more than double over the next several years.

The Grant MacEwan LRC has received funding for two summer S.T.E.P. positions. The first, along with a second position funded by a Young Canada Works grant, will be

cataloguing the Art Slide Collection in the Centre for the Arts LRC. The other S.T.E.P. position will assist with the processing and transfer of materials for the five programs (Police and Security, Correctional Services, Child and Youth Care, Social Work, and Rehabilitation Practitioner) that are relocating to MacEwan South Campus over the summer.

This year the LRC offered several well-attended Information Literacy sessions to college faculty. Sessions were held first at the Centre for the Arts and South Campuses targeted at the many part-time faculty. At City Centre Campus, a fourth session had to be scheduled for the workshop, entitled "Finding Information in the New Millennium", when the first three reached capacity enrollment. With the aid of a LEE grant, term faculty who registered for the three-hour workshop were offered a small honorarium for attending. Responding to feedback from participants of the "Finding Information in the New Millennium" Workshop, the LRC offered two sessions during the February College Professional Development Day. The first was a repeat of the previous workshop while the second was called "Beyond the Basics (of) Internet Searching" and focused on the Invisible Web and more advanced search methods. Evaluations and feedback from participants have indicated that many instructors would welcome more sessions of this nature geared to faculty.

Instruction at Grant MacEwan LRC is growing at a steady pace. Over 125 Information Literacy sessions were conducted during winter term and the outlook for spring and summer terms does not indicate a reprieve. The college is offering increasing numbers of accelerated and non-traditional programs, resulting in the need for Information Literacy Instruction all year round.

The LRC has just completed a pilot project to investigate the feasibility of providing a more integrated approach to the provision of Reference Service, i.e. an Information Commons model or some derivative suitable in the City Center Campus environment. Currently both the Centre for the Arts and the South Campus LRCs operate using an Information Common model. The City Centre LRC experimented with placing Reference Staff in the Learning Technology Centre to determine whether there was a demand for Reference Services in that area. The results of the project are still being analyzed.

The LRC has undertaken a redesign of its website. The Web Design Committee is actively working with a designer and hopes to have the new site ready by July. An online survey for students, staff, and faculty, asking for feedback on changes to the

website, was popular and brought some excellent suggestions, as well as recruiting volunteers for future usability testing of the new site.

Karen Hering

KEYANO COLLEGE

Once again, staffing has been a major source of change for us over the past few months. Our Information Librarian position remained

open for five months, until March 11, 2002. Stephen Green-Dowden was the successful candidate, joining us from the College of the North Atlantic in St. John's, Newfoundland, where he had held the position of Medical Services Librarian. Stephen is not new to Alberta, having lived in the Edmonton area for four years previously, including during his second year of the M.L.I.S. degree at the U of A. Our recruitment process had resulted in over twenty applications from across Canada, a few from the U.S., Europe, and one from South Africa. We telephone interviewed six candidates, performed in-person interviews for three, and hired Stephen as a result. We are very pleased that he has joined us. It was definitely challenging for me to cover two positions for the five months.

We have also just finished the interview process for our vacant Technical Services Clerk position, and should soon be fully staffed for the first time in over a year.

Construction began in mid-April on the new Syncrude Technology Centre, an over $9 million building to house classrooms,

computer labs, student space, and offices. Pictures of the new building can be viewed at http://www.keyano,ca/campus/expansion/index.htm. The library will not be moving into the Technology Centre. Once the building is completed, however, and other offices adjoining the library are vacated, it is expected that the library will be able to

expand into these areas. I have been asked to submit a rough plan for library expansion. I will also be submitting a request that the library manage the building's Computer Commons, staffing it with a full-time electronic reference assistant.

Last year's dramatic decrease in student enrollment seems to have reversed somewhat for 2001/2002. An overall increase in enrollment has occurred, though the exact numbers are yet to be known and will be released after year-end. Overall, things look quite promising.

David Larsen

LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Since the last newsletter, the new Learning Commons in the library has been staffed by student proctors in technology courses. We had the Commons staffed 10:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday to Friday and evening/weekend proctors from the instructional labs oversaw any other issues that came up in the non-core hours. We had an end of year meeting to confer with faculty and Computer Services personnel as well as the proctors about how things could be improved for next year. Meanwhile, a new Instructional Building will be opened this fall with an Information Commons and the executive of the college want a standardized staffing model for all labs and all Commons. The library has been trying to make the point that it isn't just another lab. We have a special role to show patrons about how the library software, databases, and information accessing work. A big issue since Christmas has been the college's working out of a decision to charge students for all printing in excess of 200 free sheets. The ultimate result of many changes has been that there is a printer beside the proctor desk and the

proctor helps students work through all the associated issues.

In February, our library and the Agriculture Canada Research Station library jointly sponsored a show and tell about re-designing library space. Because it was close to Valentine's Day we had a Valentine theme with contests and progressive food events (appetizers at our place with a draw for carnations) and desserts and punch at the Research Station Library and some more contests there. It was interesting to have two libraries to look at in one night. Both of us had to cut collections and accommodate more and more technology.

At our Library Advisory Committee meeting faculty pointed out that as more reliance is placed on part-time instructors, knowledge of the library and its services is declining. It was recommended that we put on a workshop in late April to go over with faculty what we can do for them. That workshop will happen April 24 and we've got good response. We've done a lot of planning and will use the material we create to do other workshops in the fall.

At a SAIN meeting (Southern Alberta Information Network), it was decided to go with HKN at least one more year but try to press them to get CINAHL full text as one of their offerings. That led to discussion about databases and our decision to fully back the Subscriptions Alberta Universal Core. As part of our mutual collection development with the University of Lethbridge nursing faculty, who along with our nursing faculty are moving to a problem-based curriculum in fall, 2002, we're going to team up with the university to get ProQuest's CINAHL full text. We're also collaborating with the university and buying in institutional strength areas without duplicating. We've been holding joint meetings since Christmas. On April 19 we provided information to the College of Licensed Practical Nurses, who were evaluating our LPN program for certification.

April 10 and 11, we hosted the AACL group to a meeting in our facility. This was just part of a larger number of librarians who came to our city for their own meetings but also to see the University of Lethbridge's new library.

We had our RSS training April 10 and it will be part of what we demo to faculty on the 24th. We got $2000 to subsidize student ILLs in the fall and spring.

Our library is represented on an Industry Canada network for Lethbridge called Lethbridge Community Network. When we found out our project would be compressed from three years down to fourteen months we really had to put out the work. Since January we have struck a board, purchased all the equipment, negotiated to have a website built, spoke to Lethbridge City Council, and had a celebratory opening event at the Galt Museum.

Fiona will be gone to a Voyager User Group Meeting in Chicago from April 24 to 28.

Kathy Lea

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

There's a lot of noise happening outside our library, but we don't mind. It's the sound of workers constructing the college's three-story building where our new library will be housed. On the construction site the walls are up, the floors are down, and one of our existing walls will soon be demolished so that the old and new structures can be joined. This has necessitated some shifting of the collection. We 'take possession' of the new library in April 2003.

One of our library technicians, Lorraine McLaren, is retiring after thirteen years with the college library. Lorraine is responsible for inter library loans and will be greatly missed by those who have benefited from her dedication and expertise.

We've had fun with a couple of new marketing ventures this year. The first is the Library User of the Month program. Each month we ask one of our regular library users (student, faculty, or staff) to be our poster 'girl' or 'boy' for the month. We take their photo (in their favourite library location) and ask them what they like about

the Vera Bracken Library. Their words and image grace our walls for the month and we've had lots of positive feedback. We also have faculty and students asking if they can be the next Library User of the Month!

Inspired by an article in *College and Research Libraries News*, we have asked each recipient of the college's Academic Achievement and Instructor of the Year Awards to select a book for the library's collection. We will place a bookplate in each book that will name the

award-winner, his or her achievement, and the reason why this particular book was chosen. So far we've received a wonderful array of book selections, both personal and professional. We will host a reception in the fall with the honoured faculty members and their books. Since we are asking all previous award-winners to select books, about twenty-five faculty members and former faculty members will be involved.

Sheila Drummond

MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE

Staff changes:
Kathryn Oldham has replaced Linda Lydon as Library Administrative Assistant. Janet Monteith left us in March to become the college librarian at St. Mary's College in south Calgary. Tech Services technician, Gerald Tyshkewich and Access Services technician, Sue Mateyko have also left MRC Library and have been replaced by Janice Keller and Debbie Henson respectively. Several other support-staff positions have been extended. We are

currently advertising for three term-certain librarian openings.

Statistics Workshops:
In March, MRC Library hosted a data workshop for faculty and staff, presented by Joel Yan of Statistics Canada. In May, Librarian Ross Sherwin and Data Technician Bruce Thorpe were among the speakers at the second annual AACL Canadian statistics and data workshop, hosted this year by Concordia.

College Expansion:
Two new campus buildings are scheduled to open in fall 2002, and the college is planning to construct another residence complex along with a new Business building in time for fall 2003. Registration quotas have been increased in several programs and the college is mounting new applied-degree programs in

Nonprofit Studies and Financial Services. The challenge will be to increase student enrollment sufficiently to fill these facilities and programs. Library expansion is farther off in the future, but we are already feeling the pinch of campus growth.

Ross Thrasher

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE

As of April 27, 2002, North American Baptist College and Edmonton Baptist Seminary will have a new name. The new name will be TAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & SEMINARY. The name change is to recognize the new PCAB accredited degrees being offered at the college. Selva Suppiah will continue to serve as the Acting Head Librarian until the end of June 2003.

Selva Suppiah

OLDS COLLEGE

At Olds College Library we are fortunate in having lots of space, and have recently spent time reorganizing this space to accommodate the changing needs of our patrons. We've created a project room for staff and students, setting it up with computers, laptop portals, slide and flatbed scanners, a color printer, and a Scantron. It's been a popular area for those working on special presentations. We've also expanded the area housing our audio visual collection, adding viewing stations to create a multipurpose area that makes it more convenient for users to browse and view the collection.

This winter we have been involved with Red Deer College Library and Red Deer Public Library in exploring the potential for collaboratively providing a competitive intelligence service to Central Alberta businesses. To this end we have been involved in a competitive intelligence training program designed to take us through the process. Jonathan Calof, a recognized leader in competitive intelligence, offered an excellent workshop at Red Deer College for the Central Alberta library and business community that got us started and with his guidance we are working together to develop our project. It will take some time to put in place, but it is an exciting opportunity to expand our service.

Once again we held a very successful book sale in April. The library annually puts on a book sale run in conjunction with the Olds College Open House. Our sale has become so popular that it is now a two day event; day one for staff and students to do their shopping and day two for Open House visitors. We sell discarded material from our library and material that staff donate specifically for the sale, all for very low prices. We make enough in our two days to support a popular, small but current, fiction collection. With the success of this event we now have the pleasure of planning a book buying trip.

The college is just concluding its budget planning for the next fiscal year and I'm happy to report that despite the reduced budget, library staff and materials remain intact. No increases, but fortunately no decreases.

Wishing you all a warm and relaxing summer.

Barb Smith

RED DEER COLLEGE

What a wonderful time we had at the AACL meeting in Lethbridge in April, and such a big turnout! It was exciting to hear what everyone is up to.

Speaking of which, we're up to quite a bit at the Red Deer College Library. This semester brought over 950 students through our Library Instruction Programs, an increase of 270

students over this time last year. We're grateful for the dedication of our instructing librarians, who are certainly looking forward to a larger instruction lab in our new Library Information Common, which comes online this summer.

The library building project is moving along at an exciting pace. All of the drywall is in place on the first floor, the electrical is 90% complete throughout, and most of the mechanical is done. The curtain wall (the front of the library, which is all of glass) is installed and looks quite impressive. It's really taking shape! Alice McNair and Maureen Toews have been making frequent walk-throughs to keep abreast of the progress, and now our librarians eagerly anticipate their turn – so if anyone has some extra hard hats and steel-toed boots we could borrow…!

We anticipate that the Big Move will take place between July 15 and August 15, 2002. The furniture, carpets, and fabric colours have been chosen, and a supplier will be selected by next week. All of the technology has been ordered, so we will be able to provide twenty wireless laptops and 154 public computers in time for the fall semester.

The Grand Opening of the Library Information Common is slated for October 21-26, 2002. We invite everyone to come out and tour our new facility and we look forward to hosting an AACL meeting in the future!

So, for now, think spring, and we wish everyone the promise of returning blossoms, birds, bright, cheerful colours, and warm weather.

Katherine Wiebe

SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

In October, we welcomed Susan Brayford as our new Library Manager – Keyano's loss is our gain. Tom Skinner moved to a new

position as the Centre for Learning's Manager of Strategic Projects. Shortly after Susan's

arrival, we reorganized the reporting structure in the library into four work groups, with a librarian heading up each group. Dave Weber heads up Customer Services, Nora Robinson, the Instruction and Communications group, Zahina Iqbal, the Research group, and Susan Brayford, the Support Services group. Other staff changes include Joe Hill's retirement in October, the hiring of Peggy McNeil to replace Michelle Racine Stacey, who is on maternity leave, and the hiring of Zaytoon Janjua as research analyst for our Knowledge Management initiative.

Our new facility is being well used by students and faculty. Over 3000 students attended library instruction classes and tours in the fall and winter semesters. We are currently surveying students and faculty/staff about their use of and satisfaction with the library services and will follow up the survey with focus groups for more specific direction. We are also establishing a Library Advisory Council to help us better meet our user needs and to build support for the library.

In February, the library hosted an invitational gathering to celebrate the donation of photographs by George Webber. George, who works in the Centre for Learning at SAIT, is an internationally recognized photographer, whose work appears in several Canadian and international museums and art galleries. Canadian Geographic published a series of his photographs last August. He was inducted into the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts in 1999. We are thrilled to have his work in our library.

We are hosting an open house for our corporate and other interlibrary loan borrowers. Over twenty external organizations have accepted and we are anticipating over fifty people attending the event. We will be offering tours,

demonstrations, refreshments, and a great opportunity to network.

The library seeks input from its customers through a Talk Back bulletin board. In

addition to the usual concerns about photocopiers, lack of quiet study space, and not enough computer workstations, we recently received one suggestion that we allow students to bring their cats – as a study aid! We replied that, if the student requires Fluffy the cat as a study aid, she consider our Networked Learning courses which would allow her and Fluffy to study using the web at home.

Nora Robinson and Dave Weber

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Hello, Everyone! My name is Janet Monteith and I have taken up the position of College Librarian at St. Mary's as of April 1, 2002. I came to St. Mary's from Mount Royal College, where I had worked since 1998 as an Instructional Services Librarian and more recently, Collections Librarian. You can contact me by phone at 403-254-3722 and by email at janet.monteith@stmc.ab.ca.

Janet Monteith

NOMINATION FOR THE CTCL INNOVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Based on the criteria for the new CTCL Innovation Achievement Award for College Libraries, we believe that the Alberta Association of College Librarians (AACL) is a worthy nominee. In the 29 years of its existence, the Association continually strives to develop ongoing programs, services, and special projects that benefit both the staff and the users of the libraries belonging to this organization.

BACKGROUND OF AACL

The Alberta Association of College Librarians (AACL) was established in 1973 and has been a forum for discussing issues from "academic status" to "Z39.50". Meeting twice a year, the Association brings together a variety of librarians from privately and publicly funded colleges as well as technical institutes. The format of the meeting is to share ideas as well as to learn about new and innovative ideas for services within libraries, many of them coming from our own trials and errors. It is the growth of this organization, from a focus on networking and information sharing, to an emphasis on planning for programs and services, promoting library issues, and its participation in and partnerships with other library organizations that makes it timely to nominate AACL for the Innovation Achievement Award for College Libraries.

AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT

#1. Planning and implementing ongoing library programs and services

A vision and a mission statement helped the group focus on a three-year business plan. The vision "to promote excellence in college and technical institute libraries in Alberta" was met with a mission, values and goals that continue to guide the work of the executive and the membership for college and institute libraries in the province. Along

with general meetings held twice a year, AACL employs a number of communication tools that help members of the association plan and implement programs and services such as a newsletter, website and listserv. The newsletter helps us keep in touch with key events and changes amongst our association. The website, www.lr.nait.ab.ca/aacl is an excellent vehicle for communication and a central information point for the business of the Association. The listserv is an interactive method of communication, a safe place to troubleshoot,

and a 'sand box' where ideas can be discussed and initiatives can be critiqued.

Some of the ongoing programs and services developed by the Association are:

The Union List of Serials:
This program was very future looking for its time and it allowed AACL members to pool their serials lists with those from the Alberta Government Libraries to provide a rich list of serials and locations to facilitate resource sharing. This union list of serials was the envy of some other provinces and it grew from AACL's value to share resources. The project ended in 2000 when technology and The Alberta Library made it possible to share individual web catalogues through TALOnline.

Professional Development:
The Workshop Committee is charged with creating an informal curriculum of presentation topics. The workshops help to enlighten and educate members about issues that affect college and institute libraries now or will affect them in the future. There have been speakers from Alberta as well as from other provinces and countries who have spoken about state of the art topics such as media resource sharing, challenges of the British polytechnic institutes, excitement of Australian job exchanges, and the philosophy and process of distant delivery.

The workshop topics address issues that affect college and institute libraries at the local, provincial and national levels. Some of

the topics have been copyright, library building processes, Library Advocacy Now training, resource sharing and electronic resources, to name a few. The workshops, held twice a year following the meetings, provide excellent professional development opportunities for the members of AACL. Support has been requested and provided by CACUL grants.

Partnerships:
AACL has continued to raise its profile within the library community by supporting both the provincial and national library associations. AACL sponsors sessions at the Alberta Library Conference (organized by the Library Association of Alberta) and supports the Canadian Library Association Conferences

held in Alberta. The Association is a member of The Alberta Library and many individual members play active roles on TAL committees. AACL is also active in CTCL as many members have held the key positions of president and secretary.

AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT

#2. Development of a special event or project that benefited patrons or enhanced library operations

Effective Lobbying:
In 1998, AACL worked with The Alberta Library to effectively lobby the government to give the library community $21,000,000. These funds, known as the Knowledge Network Envelope, were offered to all academic institutions to help develop technology-based services for students. The well-developed infrastructure of AACL facilitated the communication and decision making necessary for creating a plan with which to lobby the government so that the funds would go directly to post secondary libraries. The plan, drafted by both college/institute and university librarians, was supported by the government. Distribution of the funds based on the original proposal created many opportunities for enhanced resource sharing, joint licensing and in some

cases systems sharing, among AACL libraries. Without an association like AACL, the college and institute libraries would have been acting independently rather than as a more formalized group and no doubt would have faired less well in the roll out of funds.

Copyright:
Copyright representatives from AACL provided the libraries with information on the CanCopy front and served on both provincial and national copyright review committees. These members provided representation and information for the Association.

Summary
AACL not only provides a rich and vibrant forum for college and institute librarians to meet, discuss, network and plan for new programs and services but it is a powerful

advocate for college and institute librarianship. Through a strong collective focus on professional development, members are learning about important issues and topics that will change the way library services and programs are offered. And due to the strong network forged by these librarians through AACL, new ideas and initiatives are being tested and tried in this supportive environment.

Submitted by: Alice McNair, Red Deer College Library and Keith Walker, Medicine Hat College Library

AACL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Year	2001-03
Chair	Alice McNair (Red Deer 02-03) Mircea Panciuk (Lakeland 01-02)
Sec/Treas	Jim Carter (Portage)
Dir. At Large	Keith Walker (Medicine Hat)

Year	1999-01
Chair	Kristine Plastow (Red Deer)
Sec/Treas	Barb Smith (Olds)
Dir. At Large	Keith Walker (Medicine Hat 00-01) Bill Glaister (Keyano 99-00)

Year	1997-99
Chair	Geoff Owens

	(Lethbridge)
Sec/Treas	Kristine Plastow (Red Deer)
Dir. At Large	Keith Walker (Medicine Hat)

Year	1995-97
Chair	Pat Lloyd (Grant MacEwan)
Sec/Treas	Joanne Mokry (Medicine Hat)
Dir. At Large	Helen Lee Robertson (Grande Prairie)

Year	1993-95
Chair	Susan Brayford (Keyano)
Sec/Treas	Fran Noone (Lethbridge)
Dir. At Large	Hilary Eade (Red Deer)

Year	1991-93
Chair	Dave Weber (SAIT)
Sec/Treas	Arnold Rapske (N.Am. Baptist)
Dir. At Large	Paul Boultbee (Red Deer)

Year	1989-91
Chair	Keith Walker (Medicine Hat)
Sec/Treas	Marylea Jarvis (Keyano)
Dir. At Large	Dave Weber (SAIT)

Year	1987-89
Chair	Mircea Panciuk (Concordia)
Sec/Treas	Peggy White (NAIT)
Dir. At Large	Paul Boultbee (Red Deer)

Year	1985-87

Chair	Joanne Bucklee (Red Deer)		Christine Sammon		ACAD
Sec/Treas	Nora Robinson (AVC-Calgary)		Linda Scott		NorQuest
			Barbara Smith		Olds
			Ross Thrasher	MRC	
Dir. At Large	Elaine Boychuk (Mount Royal)		Keith Walker		MHC
			Wayne Wicks		Prairie Bible
			Katherine Wiebe		RDC
Year	**1983-85**		Guest:		
Chair	Ron Peters (SAIT)		Margaret Law		TAL

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

1.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved with the addition of introduction of attendees.

Introduction of Margaret Law, newly appointed by TAL as Knowledge Network coordinator, effective July 1st.
MOVED: Anita Luck
SECONDED: Linda Scott
CARRIED

MINUTES
of the Alberta Association
of College Librarians
Spring 2002 Meeting
held at
Lethbridge Community College
Thursday, April 11, 2002

Present:

Carolyn Alho	NUC
Susan Brayford	SAIT
James Carter	Portage
Sheila Drummond	MHC
Fiona Dyer	LCC
Ann Gish	GPRC
Pear Herscovitch	MRC
Charlene Jones	RDC
Helga Kinnard	NAIT
Sona Kothari	RDC
David Larsen	Keyano
Kathy Lea	LCC
Anitha Luck	Fairview
Debbie McGugan	GMC
Alice McNair	RDC
Joanne Mokry	MHC
Janet Monteith	St. Mary's
Geoff Owens	MRC
Mircea Panciuk	Lakeland
Helen Prosser	North. Lakes
James Rout	Banff Centre

2.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: That the minutes of the AACL Meeting of April 5, 2002, with corrections, be approved.
MOVED: Barb Smith
SECONDED: Alice McNair
CARRIED

3.0 **CHAIR'S REPORT**
(Mircea Panciuk)

- Mircea reviewed some changes: Ann Gish is now at Grande Prairie while Jennifer Thomas is on maternity leave. Janet Montief moved from Medicine Hat to St. Mary's College in Calgary.
- He mentioned that the executive had met March 6th in Edmonton to revise the Business Plan.
- Mircea announced his retirement from Lakeland

College effective April 30, 2002. He gave a summary of the cutbacks at Lakeland. He also expressed his thanks to Linda Scott for arranging the workshops and to Kathy Lea for organizing the hosting at Lethbridge Community College.

4.0 Secretary/Treasurer's Report (James Carter)

Treasurer's statement was circulated. A balance of $861.33 was reported for date of 31 March 2002. It was pointed out that

balance was small compared to previous years, as expenses had far exceeded income in past two years. A motion was made to raise fees.
MOTION: That AACL fees be increased to $40 per year, effective with 2002-2003 fees.
MOVED: Jim Carter
SECONDED: Alice McNair
CARRIED

James also pointed out that he had paid TAL fees for 2002 but was not sure this had been approved by membership; therefore, a motion was made.
MOTION: That TAL annual membership fees be paid annually by Treasurer, unless directed otherwise by membership.
MOVED: Ross Thrasher
SECONDED: Keith Walker
CARRIED

5.0 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

5.1 Director-at-Large (K. Walker)

Keith has been submitting college news items to the Alberta Library Association and CCTL newsletters. He thanked Susan and Kathy for photos of their new libraries. Also expressed thanks to Diane Clarke at

NAIT for maintaining AACL web site. Also thanked Alice McNair for the Micromedia Award presentation that has been submitted.
MOTION to accept report
MOVED: Wayne Wicks
SECONDED Kathy Lea
CARRIED

5.2 Susan Brayford re AACL Statistical Survey

- 90% of colleges submitted data; most on time
- useful for comparing collections, staffing and physical facilities over time and between similar colleges
- Susan suggested Fall Meeting Workshop on Statistics; to be taken under advisement by Workshop organizer
  ACTION: Linda Scott
- Susan also suggested a letter be written to Tom Skinner, thanking him for all the work he has done on the Statistics Surveys
  ACTION: James Carter
  MOTION to accept report
  MOVED: James Rout
  SECONDED: Christine Sammon

5.3 AAQ

- need to have a sustaining plan in place by December, 2002
- funding is available to December but after that a funding formula will have to be made
- GMCC is the heaviest user; costs will probably be based on use
- consensus was that though program was not heavily used by many participating libraries, it was an essential add-on service that was great for publicity and needs to be continued
MOTION to accept report
MOVED: Helga Kinnard
SECONDED: Kathy Lea

5.4 TAL Director's Report (Ross Thatcher)

- important to read the FUTURES REPORT and submit reaction
- TAL card and membership criteria will be a contentious issue tomorrow
- Ross pointed out that only 6% (168,000) people are not covered by TAL membership because they have no public library, library does not have a functioning board, or
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the board ha decided not to join TAL.

MOTION to accept report
MOVED: Ross Thatcher
SECONDED: Christine Sammon

5.5 Knowledge Network (Keith Walker)

- funds end in December, 2002 but some programs extend into 2003
- ARIEL 3.0 software will be purchased and distributed in Fall 2002
- Red Deer College will implement RSS (Resource Sharing Software) [an ILL statistics program] and this will be subsidized through 2003
- RPA (Remote Patron Authentication) software is being installed one library at a time. There is a problem with the SIRSI interface
- Funding for database licensing has been approved. Pro-rated invoices for the Core Collection should be out in May. Business SAP will continue to be subsidized at 75% for 2002

5.6 Knowledge Network Committee (Keith Walker)

Joanne Kemp has resigned as Chair due to work commitments and Keith Walker has been named Chair. Keith expressed a desire that AACL send a letter of thanks for all the work that Joanne has done on this committee since its inception in 1998.
ACTION: James Carter
Motion to accept report

MOVED: James Rout
SECONDED: Christine Sammon

5.7 Advocacy Representation from TAL

- Good cross-section of representation

- TV commercials, billboards, fliers, newspaper ads, etc., have been done for the Public Libraries and there has been a spill over affect for all libraries.
- Ten position papers are to be produced and these can be adapted by college libraries for their needs.
- Lois Hole Legacy Program (to encourage people to donate materials/money to libraries) will be formally launched at LAA. Bookplate and publicity materials will be made available to libraries at cost.
- This committee will now meet twice a year rather than once because of increased work load.

6.0 Business/Discussion Items

6.1 Business Plan (Mircea Panciuk)

Mircea introduced the proposed revised AACL Business Plan that had been revised by Executive and circulated by Email.
MOTION: that the word "professional" be deleted
MOVED: Keith Walker
SECONDED: Ross Thrasher
CARRIED

MOTION: that an action plan, based on the Business Plan, be developed by the Executive and presented at the Fall Meeting
MOVED: Carol Nicks
SECONDED: Ross Thrasher
CARRIED

6.2 New Business

Replacement of the Chairman
Some discussion as to how to do this
since it was not specifically covered in
the AACL constitution. Consensus
was that we would accept a volunteer
interim president. Alice McNair (RDC)
volunteered and was elected by
acclamation.

6.3 Date, Place and Workshops for Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting will be held in
Edmonton in conjunction with the Fall
TAL meeting. Location to be
determined.

6.4 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10
p.m.