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## *President's Message*

Happy 2005! As we enter Alberta's centennial year, CASLIS Calgary is also celebrating a significant milestone – 30 years of existence.

We are currently in the midst of planning activities to celebrate our anniversary, and would like to request that members with any photographs, paraphernalia or memories that document any of the 30 years to please contact me ([mary@caslis-calgary.org](mailto:mary@caslis-calgary.org)). We would also welcome any ideas that members old and new have to celebrate this achievement. Please send these ideas to our program coordinator, Robert McLaughlin ([programs@caslis-calgary.org](mailto:programs@caslis-calgary.org)).

On another note, we were happy to see such a good turnout at our November program "How to Copy Right in the Digital Economy" with Anita Mullick from Access Copyright. Her presentation was informative and seemed to spark some lively debate afterwards. If you have other topics or issues that you would like us to pursue in our programs, please let us know. We strive to plan programs that will be useful and interesting to our members, and input from you makes our job easier.

And while I am on the topic of input from members, we are still looking for an additional executive member. Organizations like CASLIS Calgary only exist because of the hard work and dedication of members who come forward to volunteer their time and energy. While the work is not always glamorous, it can be rewarding to make a contribution to one's professional community. As we look back on the previous 30 years of CASLIS Calgary in 2005, please consider how you will contribute to its growth and well-being over the next 30 years.

-Mary Spooner  
President, CASLIS Calgary

## ***Notes from National***

### **A Preview of CASLIS Events at the 2005 CLA Conference**

We are all very excited about the upcoming CLA Conference, to be held in Calgary June 15-18, 2005. The Conference is entitled Rediscover the Library Movement.

CASLIS National has had the following programs accepted for the CLA Conference:

- ⇒ **The Blog Driver's Waltz: Weblogs, RSS and Increasing the Value Proposition of the Special Library**  
Speaker: Geoffrey Harder  
Science & Technology Library, University of Alberta Libraries
  
- ⇒ **Unlocking the Potential of the New Library Volunteer**  
Speaker: Ann Stock-Bateman  
Volunteer Calgary
  
- ⇒ **Leadership Without Power**  
Speaker: James Gray  
Chair of the World Petroleum Congress

More information regarding the forthcoming CASLIS programs will be available in our spring issue.

Some other CASLIS related Conference events are listed below:

- ⇒ The **CASLIS CACUL Social** is following the CASLIS AGM on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 –9:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.
  
- ⇒ The **CASLIS Luncheon** is Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at the Palliser Hotel – speaker TBA

More information about the 2005 CLA Conference is available at <http://www.cla.ca/conference/2005/>

## ***Notes from National***

### **CASLIS Award for Outstanding Special Librarianship in Canada**

The CASLIS National Executive invites the CASLIS membership to nominate an individual or individuals for the CASLIS Award for Special Librarianship in Canada.

Awarded annually since 1979, the award is intended to recognize and reward those who have made an outstanding contribution to special librarianship in Canada through professional and/or Divisional activities. Appropriate professional activities may include research, publishing, teaching, or significant participation in other related professional associations, while examples of Divisional activities include participation in activities benefiting CASLIS or CLA, leadership within CASLIS or CLA, or other noteworthy actions on behalf of CASLIS or CLA. Candidates must be members in good standing in CLA and have actively participated in the Association or Division.

Nominations for the CASLIS Award for Special Librarianship in Canada must be accompanied by a supporting statement that outlines his/her professional career and the specific achievement(s) that merit granting of this award. Signatures of at least two CLA members must also support any nomination. All nominations and deliberations related to this award shall be considered confidential.

The award will be presented at the CASLIS Annual General Meeting, held during the CLA conference.

The closing date for nominations is **February 28, 2005**

Nomination letters should be sent to:

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# **CLA Response to the Tsunami Disaster**

-- From the CLA Website – Posted January 7, 2005

The devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia is catastrophic. Clearly the catastrophe extends to the provision of library and information services in the area.

The Canadian Library Association has been called upon to respond. CLA's strategies are based in part on the official response of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), [www.ifla.org/V/press/tsunami04.htm](http://www.ifla.org/V/press/tsunami04.htm).

## **Immediate Response**

In the short term, CLA encourages members of the Canadian library and information community to focus on humanitarian aid. While preservation and conservation of recorded heritage is important, we believe aid for drinking water, food, medicine and shelter must take precedence.

"What is critical right now is contributing to help those in need," says CLA President Stephen Abram. "The Government of Canada, through the Canadian International Development Agency, is matching dollar-for-dollar contributions that individuals make to recognized Canadian non-government organizations already involved in responding to the disaster in South and Southeast Asia. Some of these organizations include:

[Canadian Red Cross](#)

[World Vision Canada](#)

[Doctors Without Borders](#)

[Oxfam Canada](#)

[Oxfam Quebec](#) (French only)

[CARE Canada](#)

[UNICEF Canada](#)

[Development and Peace](#)

[Save the Children](#)

"Please donate if you haven't already."

## **Medium-Term Response**

Once the immediate crisis is past, CLA will support IFLA as it pushes for rapid reconstruction of public, school and academic libraries as fundamental re-building blocks of devastated communities. CLA is planning direct financial support, either to IFLA (or to where IFLA encourages financial support), or by providing funding for travel and accommodation for Canadian library and information experts to the region or wherever they can best serve, to help re-build the library services. More specifics will become known after the United Nations donor conference in mid-January, when needs will be reassessed. CLA will investigate two other activities, and take appropriate action.

The first is to determine if CLA's status as a charitable organization can be used to set up a fund for donations to finance the rebuilding of library services in the affected areas. CLA is a registered charity and issues tax receipts for gifts, but at this time we are not sure our charitable status can be used for international activities.

The second is liaison with Canadian aid organizations to educate them, as they plan their rebuilding activities, of the importance of public, school, academic and private-sector libraries in their respective communities. The Canadian library community knows the central role of libraries as the intellectual and social hearts of their respective communities, and the importance of information as individuals and businesses rebuild. We will endeavour to take that message to those who need to hear it.

CLA welcomes any comments and advice on the Canadian library and information community's response to this disaster. Please e-mail [info@cla.ca](mailto:info@cla.ca).

## ***In Profile...***

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### **In Profile: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Video Library**

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*By Heather Ganshorn, CBC Video Librarian*

CBC's video library has two primary functions: to serve as an archive of regional news and current affairs items produced at CBC Television Calgary, and to provide stock footage to meet the daily programming needs of CBC Television, both in Calgary and in other locations.

The largest part of the collection consists of edited news items produced out of Calgary, mostly for local newscasts, but also for network sports, Newsworld, and The National. We also keep a large collection of stock footage, consisting mostly of unedited footage dubbed over from the original camera tapes. We will usually keep stock footage for two reasons: either it is footage of a historic event (such as the 1988 winter Olympics), or it is generic footage that is often in demand (for example, footage of local landmarks, exterior shots of oil company office buildings, shots of, oil donkeys, and cattle farming footage). Stock footage is often used to "cover" an item such as a visually uninteresting press conference, or to provide visuals for something like the release of a report on health care or education, where there may be nothing to film.

These items are stored on Beta video cassettes, which offer higher image quality than VHS. Newer items are on digital beta, which has outstanding image quality, and almost no loss of sound or image quality during the dubbing process. Some of the older items in our collection have been dubbed over from an obsolete tape format, or from film. Many items from the late 1970s and early 1980s have not yet been dubbed over from film, and they reside at the Provincial Archives in Edmonton until funds are available to dub them to video.

Prior to my arrival in July 2004, this location went for several years without a librarian. Some support was provided by the Edmonton librarian, who catalogued items produced in Calgary, but there was little collection development in terms of stock footage, and little research support for reporters. As a result, my largest task is to catalogue footage that was dubbed onto stock tapes, but never catalogued, and to absorb individuals' private footage collections into the library's collection. Each week, I look at the previous week's raw footage, and decide what to save for stock footage. Stocks need to be updated surprisingly often, so that clothing, hairstyles, and cars in the video look up to date.

Though much of my job consists of cataloguing, I also offer research support to local news, Newsworld, and reporters and producers in other locations. I attend the morning story meeting, and do catalogue searches on request, though reporters also do some of their own searching. All CBC bureaus share an online catalogue, so I may request footage from another location, or process requests from other cities. Footage may be dubbed and sent by inter-office mail, but most footage is needed the same day, and is sent between locations by satellite. I also handle the licensing of footage to outside production companies.

CBC's library is certainly different from other libraries I have worked in (I previously held two contract positions at the University of Calgary). Working with video is interesting and challenging, though I sometimes miss books and articles. Working with reporters on daily deadlines can be an adrenaline rush. I hold an MLIS and a BA in journalism, and I enjoy being

able to put both degrees to work on a daily basis. Although I once vowed that I would never, ever, work in television, I now have reason to be grateful for the broadcasting courses that I slogged through in my undergraduate degree. However, I'd still rather be in the library than in front of the camera!

## ***News from the Executive***

### **Treasurer's Report**

*by Rita Loughlin*

The Calgary Chapter bank balance as of January 19, 2005:

<b>Savings Account</b>	3,896.34
<b>Chequing Account</b>	1,094.94
<b>Total</b>	4,991.28

### **Newsletter Report**

*by Tracey Berukoff*

This is the second issue of the newsletter for the 2004/2005 term. The third issue is planned for May 2005.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Heather Ganshorn, from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, for submitting a profile of the CBC Video Library for this edition.

### **CASLIS Calgary Directory Update for 2005**

During the coming weeks, all libraries listed in the 2004 CASLIS Directory will be contacted in order to update their directory entries. The publication date for the 2005 Directory is targeted for April 2005. If you are aware of a Calgary library that is not currently listed in the directory, but should be, please contact Tracey Berukoff at [newsletter@caslis-calgary.org](mailto:newsletter@caslis-calgary.org).

### **CASLIS 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirts Available**

The CLA Boutique is selling t-shirts to commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CASLIS. The shirts are available for \$20.00 plus GST and shipping. For ordering information, go to <http://www.cla.ca/marketplace/boutique.htm#tshirt>

## ***The 2004/2005 Calgary Chapter Executive***

**Mary Spooner**  
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**Profile:** Mary Spooner is a librarian at the Signal Hill Branch of the Calgary Public Library. Prior to this she has worked in library settings as diverse as synagogues and schools. This is her third year serving on the CASLIS Calgary Executive.

**Rita Loughlin**  
**Treasurer**

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**Profile:** Rita Loughlin is the Past President of CASLIS - Calgary Chapter and is currently serving as Treasurer on the 2004/2005 CASLIS Calgary Chapter Executive. Rita is the 'Records/Information Manager / Head-Library' at Sproule Associates Limited, a position she has held since 1999. Prior to her current position, Rita was Team Leader, Information Holdings & Distribution, with the National Energy Board.

**Robert McLauchlin**  
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**Profile:** Robert McLauchlin is the former Treasurer of the CASLIS - Calgary Chapter and is currently serving as Program Coordinator on the 2004/2005 CASLIS Calgary Chapter Executive. Robert is the Supervisor of Imaging and Technology at Anadarko Canada Corporation, a position he has held since 1995.

**Nancy MacKenzie**  
**Member at Large**

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**Profile:** Nancy MacKenzie has held the positions of CASLIS Calgary President, FLA Membership Coordinator and President, and SLA WCC Calgary Director. She is currently the President of CASLIS National. Nancy has worked in a school and a special library environment and is currently the Customer Service Manager at the Village Square Library of the Calgary Public Library.

**Lola Salami**  
**Webmaster**

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**Profile:** Lola Salami serves currently as Website manager on the 2004/2005 CASLIS Calgary Chapter Executive. Lola is the Librarian at the Court of Appeal and Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary. Prior to this, Lola held several professional positions in university, college, special and public libraries across two continents.

**Tracey Berukoff**  
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**Profile:** Tracey Berukoff is a second year Library and Information Technology student at SAIT. She will be graduating in April 2005.

## **Order Form** **Library Directory 2004**

The CASLIS Calgary Library Directory is published by the Calgary Chapter of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, a division of the Canadian Library Association. This publication is a volunteer effort, undertaken for the benefit of the Calgary library and information services community. The information is collected under the authority of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, Section 33 ©. The directory is available in paper or electronic format (html or pdf).

The Library Directory includes all types of libraries, archives, as well as library consultants and vendors in the Calgary community. Entries include: business contact information, staff contact information, brief descriptions of the library's scope and collection(s), as well as public use and inter-library loan policies. The Directory provides you with easy access, including electronic searchability, to colleagues and gives your library a profile in the Calgary community. The 2004 Directory reflects the significant changes that have occurred in the Calgary Library community.

Orders for the 2004 Directory can be made by completing the following form and submitting it, with payment, to the address provided below.

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### **CASLIS Member Cost**

### **Non-Member Cost**

Note: Should you wish to join – membership details are available at:  
<http://www.caslis-calgary.org>

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 each  
(format) (quantity)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 each  
(format) (quantity)

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Purchase Instructions:**

Payment is required prior to distribution. Please complete and return along with a payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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