

# The Rare Bird

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## Church Library Association of British Columbia Newsletter

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### Notes from the President

Greetings,

To minister = to help, serve, care for etc. Ministry = the business of helping serving etc.

So, how is your library ministry? Is it listed as one of your church's ministries with a budget, annual report to the church members etc. so that the whole congregation knows about it at least at your A.G.M? Is it visible and easy to access? Do you have good current reading?

CLABC exists to help and serve church librarians so that their ministries can be as effective as possible in encouraging folk to grow in their faith and service to God. Over the years the quarterly magazines, annual conferences and regular chapter meetings have been invaluable to people like me.

For many years as a church librarian I did not know that such an organization existed until a friend invited me to a conference in White Rock and I realized just how much of a ministry and influence in people's lives a church library could be.

Our theme for this year has been "Each one reach one" and I wonder how you are all doing to make that a reality. Many great people have worked faithfully for many years and now CLABC needs an infusion of new blood----people who will build on the past and grow the work in the next decade. I know that there are many church librarians working faithfully alone who could either benefit from the support or be of help to others. It can happen through exchange of ideas in The Rare Bird, in linking up with churches nearby, at local Chapters meetings where ideas can be shared and encouragement and prayer given.

Think of how you can reach out to others to both give and receive encouragement and new ideas----and how new local chapters can be rebuilt. If each one of us can indeed reach out to even one other, what a difference it could make. We on Council would love to hear from you---your personal stories of your library ministry, your questions and concerns and above all we need your prayer as all together we seek God's blessing on this ministry and His help in strengthening it. We are in "ministry "for Him. ~June Wynne, President

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## Chapter News and Notes

### NORTH SHORE CHAPTER

A group of eight North Shore Librarians, helpers, and friends met at W.V. United Church on Friday, May 24, 2013 at 6p.m. The meeting, hosted by Donna Simon, the WVU librarian, began with a lovely "Pot Luck" supper. After the meal, we had a sharing session and heard reports from the CLABC conference in Duncan, B.C., that Donna and Winnie Bradford attended on April 19 and 20. We hope to have another meeting in the fall, but have not yet set a date. Contact Winnie Bradford [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com)

### VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH CHAPTER

The fall meeting be on Saturday, Oct., 26, 10:30 am at St. George's United Church in Courtney, 505 - 6th Street. Guests and potential new members are welcome. There will be high lights from the annual meeting (Parksville) and a report from Council. Problems and joys can be shared. Remember your bag lunch. Bring any extra books or media to give away. See you in Courtney. Contact Joan Palmer at [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com).

### VICTORIA CHAPTER

The Victoria Chapter met Sat. June 22 at St. Aidan's United Church. We discussed the problem some of finding meeting space in churches, as some are requiring liability insurance. Louise Booth announced that she is stepping down as Chapter Chair, so a new chair is needed for the fall. The program consisted of a look at resources available to church librarians through links on the CLABC website. Fall meeting is Sat. Oct. 5th at Duncan United Church, with carpooling from Victoria. Contact Louise Booth.

### RICHMOND INTEREST GROUP (not a chapter)

The Richmond area group (including members from Delta and Vancouver) had a good meeting in July. We shared notes from Conference 2013. One librarian shared her plans for connecting people to her library. The next meeting will be in early November. Please contact Kathy, Convener via [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com).

**NO CHAPTER?** There are a lot of members who do not have the advantage of living in an area where there is a Chapter. What are you missing? Chapters give you an opportunity to gather with others in church library ministry to share ideas, to learn library skills, to learn about books and authors you may not have known about and much more. You share, encourage, grow, and receive support for those rough and discouraging times that can happen to any of us. If you're interested, contact [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com) for information on how to get one going in your area.

## C.S.Lewis 1898-1963

A memorial stone to writer and scholar C.S. Lewis is to be placed in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey, on November 22, 2013. A service will take place there on that date which marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

Lewis is best remembered for writing the children's series, "The Chronicles of Narnia". The first book of this series, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, was published in 1950. Since then, the series has never been out of print and has been adapted for stage, T.V. and film.

Other books by this writer have become worldwide best sellers and include, *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Space Trilogy*, *Miracles*, and *Surprised by Joy*. He had an extremely vivid imagination combined with a rigorously logical mind. To this day his works are able to explain the basic concepts of the Christian faith in a manner that is believable and acceptable.

His death, on November 22, 1963, was somewhat overshadowed at the time by the tragic death of President John F. Kennedy. However, those who appreciate the valuable legacy that Lewis has left in the variety and quality of his writings, will be gratified to see him honoured by being included among the great British writers.

~ Winnie Bradford, North Shore Chapter

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else" C.S.Lewis



### Recommended resources

#### Biographies

Lewis, C.S. *Surprised by Joy: the shape of my early life*, 1966. 9780156870115.

Sibley, Brian. *C. S. Lewis Through the Shadowlands: The Story of His Life with Joy Davidman*. Revell, 1999. 978-0800786700

*C. S. Lewis through the shadowlands* [DVD] BBC version 2004, available from Amazon.com. Reviews say that the BBC version is far superior to the version starring Anthony Hopkins. This DVD includes both versions.

*The Screwtape Letters* [CD], the first-ever full-cast dramatization of the diabolical classic. Tyndale Publishers, 2009. 978-1589973244

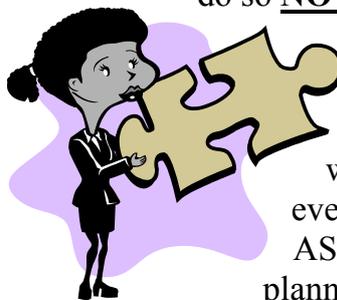
"No book is really worth reading at the age of ten which is not equally – and often far more – worth reading at the age of fifty and beyond."

— C.S. Lewis



### Missing something?

You may be missing something -- your say in where CLABC goes from here. What does CLABC mean for you? It is your organization, and your Council wants to know how it can serve you better. If you haven't responded to the survey Council has created to get your feedback, do so **NOW**.



Check your email for the link, and take 5 minutes to fill in the survey. You will help us make CLABC even better. We need replies ASAP in order to do our planning at the next Council meeting. Note: the survey is not in the email – you need to click on the link to access it.

## Resources for Catholic Libraries

Are you a librarian in a Catholic parish library? The Catholic Library Association has a number of guidebooks to assist you.

### Developing the Library Collection Workbook : A Workbook of Policies and Resources (no date)

Intended to assist the reader with developing policies and forms as well as offering resources for collection development in any Catholic library. Included in the workbook are sample policies and forms and a bibliography of resources.

### Catholic Supplement to A Handbook for Church Librarians (2007)

A Catholic supplement to the second revised edition of the *Handbook for Church Librarians* published by the National Church Library Association. This CLA Supplement is an indispensable tool for Church librarians in Catholic parishes to help them make their collections more organized and accessible to their patrons. This can be purchased alone or in combination with:

#### A Handbook for Church Librarians (1996)

Top librarians teamed to create this definitive reference guide for the church librarian. Within this essential companion, core areas of church library ministry are explored. Available also from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

### Parish Library Resource Guide: An Annotated Bibliography (2013)

This publication lists almost 250 titles of items which would serve as a good foundation for church libraries of all sizes.

All of the above are available from the  
Catholic Library Association

<http://www.cathla.org/about/publications>

If you have a local chapter, see if they have a chapter library – Victoria Chapter does – and see if these can be added for you to borrow. CLABC Services has copies of these for you to take a look at while you're at Conferences, but Services copies are currently not for loan.



## Book Reviews

***The Heretic's Wife.*** Brenda Hickman Vantrease. St. Martin's Press, 2011, \$16.99 paperback. ISBN 978-0312386993  
Bible – Translating – Great Britain – Fiction  
Christian heretics – Fiction

Kate Gough and her brother sell forbidden translations of the Bible in their bookstore. When he is caught, Kate is determined to carry on the family tradition. A vivid, powerful and moving portrayal of the fight to translate and publish the Bible in the English language and the struggle between English Catholics and Lutheran reformers set against the backdrop of Henry VIII's determination to divorce his wife Catherine of Aragon so that he could marry Anne Boleyn. Highly recommended. Use with books on Bible versions, the history of the Bible, etc.

***A User's Guide to Bible Translations: Making the Most of Different Versions*** – David Dewey. InterVarsity Press, 2006. 239p. \$16.00, Paperback. ISBN 978-0830832736  
Bible, English-Versions-History

With so many versions of the Bible available (at least 30), choosing one can be a daunting task. David Dewey, a Baptist minister from England, has produced an excellent guide for the bewildered and the curious. In the first part of his *User's Guide to Bible Translations*, he discusses translation, explaining such considerations as: the literal-to-free translation spectrum; form-driven vs. meaning-driven; word-for-word vs. meaning-for-meaning; paraphrases; and matters of style and gender. The book's second part offers a thorough survey of the wide range of Bible translations and revisions available today, explaining for each the history of its creation, how it compares with others, and its critical and popular acceptance. The book is generously supplied with tables (often comparing two or more translations of a selected Bible passage to illustrate characteristics of each), notes, bibliography, Scripture index, and appendices,

including one on Internet resources. This is a terrific resource for congregational libraries. ~ **Reviewed by:** Monica Tenney, CSLA Media Review Editor, CSLA.

### **Disaster planning**

Earlier this year one of the staff at the Central branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library heard a strange and ominous sound before the library opened to the public. It was the sound of running water, and it shouldn't have been in the area. A quick check located the source – pipes in a government office upstairs had burst, and water had started to come through the ceiling – right above some of the book stacks! Because the library had a disaster plan already worked out, the staff knew exactly what to do. Out came the rolls of plastic to cover the book stacks on the second floor. When water started to leak onto the first floor as well, more shelving was covered. A water removal company was called as were conservators. Only a small proportion of books got wet, and they were taken off-site to be freeze-dried and restored within 48 hours before mold could set in. With pre-planning backed up by building and contents insurance a disaster was mitigated.

So how would your library fare in a flood? Calgary and Toronto have had tremendous flooding this year. My cousin's church and the Bella Bella Library were destroyed by a fire (arson). You can't predict when disaster will strike. What can you do to prepare? Here are some ideas brainstormed by the attendees at the 2008 CLABC Conference:

#### **Before disaster strikes:**

- Check your church's insurance policy. Does it cover the library – all of the library including materials, software, furniture and supplies? Make an inventory of non-material items such as furniture, shelving and computers if any.
- Take photos of the library as it is now to show the books, furniture, etc.
- Have a complete inventory of your books, magazines, and audio-visual materials.

- Estimate the replacement cost for your collection. Record what you pay for new items. \$20 is a good average estimate for used materials.
- Does your church have a fire alarm system installed? If not, urge them to get one.

#### **After disaster strikes:**

- Get help from other churches.
- Borrow a shelf of books from another library.
- Start making lists of what you really want.
- Ask for donations of good quality material.



To all these ideas add:

- Sit down with your Library Team and create a disaster plan. Scouts aren't the only ones who should be prepared!
- Keep a copy of your inventories offsite. If you are automated or have your collection on an Excel or other program, make sure there is a copy "in the cloud" – Dropbox or other free cloud storage. Cloud storage means you can access the information from anywhere, even if the original has been destroyed in a disaster! If this is all Greek to you, talk to someone familiar with computers.

#### **Resources**

*Disaster management in the church and Synagogue library.* Nadia J. Martin. 2000. 14 p. The information in this guide can help you prepare for natural and "unnatural" disasters. It will provide you with the tools you need to create a customized disaster plan for your church or synagogue library and help you minimize the costs and loss of value of your collection due to disaster. Published by CSLA. Available from CLAO or CSLA.

## Trying to make sense of subject headings

Rebecca McCartney, Ryerson United Church

Classification – A book is assigned a number which determines its position on the shelf. Even if the book includes material on several subjects, it can only have one classification number. (The book can only be in one place on the shelf.)

Subject cataloguing – To list under *uniform* words or phrases all the books on a given subject that the library has in its collection. Books can have an average of three subject headings, although some books may have more than three and some may have none.

Technical reading – Finding out what the book is about by examining: the title, jacket description (blurb), preface, introduction, table of contents, and/or skimming or reading the book.

Basic rules for assigning subject headings

1. Work with a *uniform list*. Examples: Subject Headings in the Library Catalog / Dorothy G. Lewis; Sears List of Subject Headings; Library of Congress Subject Headings
2. Be as specific as possible. Never use both a specific and a general subject heading. Example: Use Ministers rather than Clergy if the book does not contain information about priests, rabbis, vicars, etc.
3. However, if you have found that more than three subject headings which are appropriate, look for a broader term which may cover the topics. Example: Use Clergy, rather than Ministers, Chaplains, Priests, Rabbis, and Vicars **IF** the book is about more than three types of clergy.
4. If you decide to use a subject heading not listed, add it to your list in alphabetical order (in pencil, so that updates can be made, & the book doesn't get messy.)
5. *Subdivisions* may be added to subject headings to create more specific headings. Examples: Birthdays – Fiction; Ministers – Biography; Boy Scouts – History

The following are a short list of possible subdivisions: -- Art; -- Biography; -- Dictionaries; -- Encyclopedias; -- Fiction;

-- History; -- Personal Narrative; -- Religious life.

6. Create a list of subdivisions that you have used and keep it updated for quick reference. Also add the new subject heading to your Subject Heading List. Example: After Birthdays in your list you would add, in pencil, Birthdays – Fiction.
7. Use Cataloguing in Publication (CIP) to give you ideas for subject headings. (These subject headings come from The Library of Congress Subject Headings so they may be more detailed than you need.
8. Keep your Subject Heading List up to date.
9. Some subject heading lists have the added advantage of suggesting appropriate Dewey Decimal Classification numbers.
10. Do you assign Dewey numbers first or the subject headings? There is no right or wrong way. You will find some books are easier to classify first and others are easier to assign the correct subject heading first. It is whatever works for you.

### **11. Don't forget #8 and have fun!**

Thanks to CLAO for permission to reprint this article from *Library Lines*, Aug 2008

### **Resources**

Subject Headings in the Library Catalog Dorothy G. Lewis. 2007. 32 p. This guide will help the beginning or experienced librarian identify the subject of a book and choose the most useful subject heading. Available from CLAO or CSLA. \$12.

A Handbook for Church Librarians, 2006 2nd revised edition. Includes fully updated subject headings, and the newest Dewey Decimal classifications-updated for church librarians. Available from Catholic Library Association or amazon.com.

Sears List of Subject Headings and Library of Congress Subject Headings are expensive – try to get them used, if you go this route.

## **Residential Schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

There have been hearings across Canada since 2008, looking at the truth about what happened in the residential schools, with a view to leading to healing and reconciliation. As Christians and as citizens we need to understand so that we can help restore right relationships.

The following list was prepared by Highlands United Church librarian Linda Baxter. Where you do not have the items themselves, use the list to refer your church members to public library resources.

**They Called Me Number One** by Bev Sellars. 2013, Talonbooks, 9780889227415 pap.

Like thousands of Aboriginal children in Canada Xatsu'll chief Bev Sellars spent part of her childhood as a student in a church-run residential school. Perhaps the most symbolically potent strategy used to alienate residential school children was addressing them by assigned numbers only -- not by the names with which they knew and understood themselves. *Number One* comes at a time of recognition -- by governments and society at large -- that only through knowing the truth about these past injustices can we begin to redress them.

**The Inconvenient Indian** by Tom King. 2012, Doubleday, 9780385664219, 9780385664226.

King's book explores what it means to be "Indian" in North America. Using historical research, representations of natives in film and pop culture, and true lived experience, King re-examines old stories about historical events and figures. With humour and sometimes sharply blunt analysis, King gives readers a deeper understanding of the cumulative effects of ever-shifting laws and treaties on Native peoples and lands.

**Extraordinary Canadians : Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont.** by Joseph Boyden. 2010, Penguin Canada, 9780670066711, paperback ed Sept 3 2013.

Louis Riel is regarded by some as a hero and visionary, by others as a madman and misguided religious zealot. He fought for the rights of his

people against an encroaching tide of white settlers, helping to establish the province of Manitoba before escaping to the United States. Gabriel Dumont was a successful hunter and Métis chief, a man tested by warfare, a pragmatist who differed from the devout Riel. Boyden provides fresh, controversial insight into these two seminal Canadian figures and how they shaped the country.

**Indian Horse: a novel** by Richard Wagamese. 2012, Douglas & McIntyre, 9781553654025

Saul Indian Horse's story tells of his painful forced separation from his family and land when he's sent to a residential school to the brief salvation he finds in playing hockey. It is an unflinching portrayal of the harsh reality of life in 1960s Canada. A Canada Reads contender for 2013.

**Shi-shi-etko** by Nicola Campbell. 2005, Groundwood Books, 9780888996596 Grades 2-4.

Shi-shi-etko just has four days until she will have to leave her family and everything she knows to attend residential school. LaFave's richly hued illustrations complement Campbell's gently moving and poetic account of a child who finds solace around her, even though she is on the verge of great loss — a loss that native people have endured for generations because of Canada's residential schools system.

**Shin-chi's Canoe** by Nicola Campbell. 2008, Groundwood Books, 9780888998576 Grades 2-4.

When they arrive at school, Shi-shi-etko reminds Shin-chi, her six-year-old brother, that they can only use their English names and that they can't speak to each other. For Shinchi, life becomes an endless cycle of church mass, school, and work, punctuated by skimpy meals. He finds solace at the river, clutching a tiny cedar canoe, a gift from his father, and dreaming of the day when the salmon return to the river — a sign that it's almost time to return home.

**Fatty Legs : a true story** by Christy Jordan-Fenton, et al. 2010, Annick Press, 9781554512461. ages 8-12. Biography

The moving memoir of an Inuit girl who emerges from a residential school with her spirit intact. She stays at the school for two years, during which she learns to deal with torment and

ridicule. The way in which she chooses to deal with her humiliation and face her tormentor are inspiring to anyone who has ever felt different. This book makes the harrowing residential school stories accessible to youth.

***A Stranger at Home: A True Story*** by Christy Jordan-Fenton et al. 2011, Annick Press, 978-1554513611. Ages 8-12. Biography

This sequel to *Fatty Legs* takes place after Margaret has spent two years at a residential school. As Margaret finally returns home to her family, she does not expect her mother not to recognize her or for her transition back into the family to be so difficult. This true story speaks to the tragedy of residential schools on Native peoples, an impact they are still recovering from. A strong sequel to the original, this book shows very clearly the lasting damage created by residential schools.

***No Time to Say Goodbye*** by Sylvia Olsen, Rita Morris, Ann Sam. 2001, Sono Nis Press, 9781550391213 [look for it second hand]

A fictional account of five children sent to aboriginal boarding school, based on the recollections of a number of Tsartlip First Nations people. These unforgettable children are taken by government agents from Tsartlip Day School to live at Kuper Island Residential School. In spite of the harsh realities of the residential school, the children find adventure in escape, challenge in competition, and camaraderie with their fellow students. Sometimes sad, sometimes funny, always engrossing, this is a story that readers of all ages won't soon forget.

***The Little Hummingbird*** by Michael Yahgulanaas. 2010, Greystone Books, 9781553655336 Grades 2-4.

This inspiring children's book is based on a South American indigenous story about a courageous hummingbird who defies fear and expectations in her attempt to save the forest from fire. The illustrated story is supplemented by a natural and cultural history of hummingbirds, as well as an inspiring message from Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai. The evocative artwork by internationally renowned Haida artist Michael

Nicoll Yahgulanaas complements the optimistic tale that encourages everyone to take responsibility for their home and the planet, using artwork combining traditional Haida art and Japanese manga.

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For contributing the above list of books.



***Unsettling the settler within : Indian residential schools, truth telling, and reconciliation in Canada.*** Paulette Regan, UBC Press, Vancouver, 2010. 978-0774817783.

In 2008, Canada established a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to mend the deep rifts between Aboriginal peoples and the settler society that created Canada's notorious residential school system. A compassionate call to action, this powerful book offers a new and hopeful path toward healing the wounds of the past.

### ***New resource from CSLA***

***Media for the Teen and Young Adult.***

Mary Lou Henneman. 2013. \$14.00, CSLA member \$12.00 This guide is meant more to offer suggestions on a variety of books for congregational libraries than a definitive bibliography directed toward the interests and needs of teens and young adults.

<http://cslainfo.org>

If you resist reading what you disagree with, how will you ever acquire deeper insights into what you believe? The things most worth reading are precisely those that challenge our convictions.

~Author Unknown



## Check your Calendar

### Conferences

#### Church Library Association of Ontario

[www.claa.ca](http://www.claa.ca)

Fall 2013 Conference

Sat Oct 5, 2013, 9am to 3pm

First Baptist Church, Perth, Ontario



#### Evangelical Church Library

##### Association

<http://eclalibraries.org>

October 18-19 2013

Grace Bible Church, Elmhurst IL



#### Catholic Library Association

<http://www.cathla.org/conventions>

April 22-24, 2014

Pittsburg, PA



#### Church and Synagogue Library

##### Association

<http://cslainfo.org>

July 2014, Portland, OR



For more, check out

<http://churchlibrarians.ning.com/events>

Or 'Google' church library conference 2013



#### September poster ideas:

- Hand Picked
- Slated for Reading
- A Slate of New Books. (Slate with words on them)
- Reading Builds Knowledge (stacks of books)
- Get Carried Away with Good Books – backpack or hot air balloon filled with books.

**Sept 8** ~ International Literacy Day UN

**Sept 8** ~ Grandparents Day

**Sept 13** ~ First Sunday School founded 1535

**Sep 17-21** ~ Truth and Reconciliation

Commission in Vancouver, BC

**Sep 22** ~ Fall equinox – “Fall into a good book”

#### October poster ideas

- Nutty for Books
- Leaf through a good book
- Your Church Library—A Harvest of Blessings
- No Tricks, Just Treats in Your Church Library
- Books Are Real Treats
- Reading—A Beautiful Habit to Fall Into
- We have bushels of good books

**Church Library Month** – host an Open House with simple refreshments, giveaways for each book checked out or for visiting the library, simple games to play, etc.

**October 4** ~ St. Francis of Assisi Day (died 1182) Feature books on animals, pets, nature, and St. Francis.

**October 6** ~ William Tyndale died 1536. He translated the Bible into English to make it available to the common people. Display a variety of Bibles in different translations, history of the Bible translations, and “The Heretic’s Wife” in which he appears.

**Oct 13** ~ Thanksgiving Sunday in Canada

**October 13-19** ~ Teen Read Week Encourage 12-18 year olds to read for the fun of it. Theme for 2013, “Seek the Unknown @ Your Library”.

**October 31** ~ Reformation Day. In 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenburg. Display books on Church history

#### November poster ideas

**Nov 1** ~ All Saints’ Day -- Display biographies of great spiritual leaders and saints.

**Nov 7** ~ Billy Graham born 1918.

**Nov 10** ~ Martin Luther born 1483.

**Nov 11** ~ Remembrance Day – Display books on war, peace, and peacemaking.

**Nov 14** ~ National Pickle Day “Don’t get in a pickle – know what you’re talking about – READ”

**Nov 24-30** ~ National Bible Week.

**Nov 28** ~ John Bunyan born 1628.

**Nov 29** ~ Madelaine L’Engle born 1918, C.S. Lewis born 1898, George McDonald born 1824

~ Thanks to Betty Charnholm, CLABC for her many display ideas!

