

The Rare Bird

Church Library Association of British Columbia Newsletter

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Notes from the President

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that we are already almost halfway through this year which means we just have six months left to work on our special "Each One Reach One---Make the Circle Wider" theme. I wonder how many new members you have been able to enlist to this point!

I wish more of you had been able to participate in the excellent conference in April. It got off to a great start with 20 of us sharing supper at a lovely new restaurant. The happy greetings, laughter, stories and good food set the tone for the rest of the conference. Great desserts and coffee were next at the church and along with Louise's workshop on finding our way around the website, we had some time to relax and see the St. Andrews library while the book sellers were setting up.

We were greatly blessed by the opening remarks from the Church minister Rev. Kerry McIntyre, some good hymn singing and a very special and inspiring message from author Rev. Mark Buchanan who will soon be leaving Duncan to go to a theological college in Alberta. Many folk from our local church were on hand to help out in various ways, including some from the Ladies Guild who did us proud with a wonderful 3 course lunch.

Folk were most appreciative of the workshops and I know that many of the participants went home enthusiastic to make some positive changes in the running of their libraries. That has always been the case after conferences which I have attended, as we have been encouraged and reminded of the valuable ministry we have as church librarians, providing folk with good materials to grow their faith and meet the many challenges we all have at various stages of our lives. We were challenged to become aware of the various personal needs in our churches and to pray about how we can help meet those needs by offering suitable books or videos.

Ours is really a pastoral ministry and when your Council meets this week we will be asking God to bless it and show us how we can strengthen and grow it. So we ask you to pray too -- for the council, for new blood and enthusiasm, for the chapter leaders and for next year's conference. May God bless each one of you as you serve Him in this ministry.

~June Wynne, President

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Chapter News and Notes

NORTH SHORE CHAPTER

Long-time Chapter Chair Linda Baxter has stepped down after many years of dedicated service. The Chapter plans to hold a meeting in the fall. Contact [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com) for further information and put "North Shore Chapter" in the subject field.

VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH CHAPTER

The meeting was held March 16 at Knox United in Parksville. It opened with prayer, followed by a lively discussion concerning the coming Conference. Issues including the possibility of using our Chapter funds to sponsor conference attendance, and whether elections should take place every 3 years. It was noted that 2 members from each Chapter can attend Council meetings. We reviewed books and media, and discussed the possibility of sponsoring a book club. The meeting adjourned @ 1:00 pm. Next Meeting: October 19th/13, St. George's United Church, Courtenay, B.C. Contact Joan Palmer at [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com).

VICTORIA CHAPTER

We met March 23 at St. Aidans United Church. After a devotional we brainstormed scheduling of future meetings to the best advantage. We now plan to hold them the last Saturdays of February, May and September, with another possibly in November, with allowance made for unforeseen issues. We then set to work assembling publicity for local churches, and divided up the packs. The Chapter library and swap table were shared. The next meeting will be Sat. June 22, location TBA. Topic: Conference goodies. Contact Louise. Fall meeting is Sat. Oct. 5th at Duncan United Church, with carpooling from Victoria.

RICHMOND INTEREST GROUP (not a chapter)

The Richmond area group will have their next meeting in July. Vancouver and Delta members welcome. We'll share information from Conference 2013. Please contact Kathy, Convener via [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com).
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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.

## **Membership change at Conference**

A motion to raise dues was passed at Conference after much discussion. Effective with 2014 memberships, dues shall rise to \$20 annually. We ran a deficit last year and are predicted to run one again this year. The deficit is a result of inflation and a dropping of the number of members. Reserve fund monies have been used to make up the shortfall in violation of one of our bylaws. Your Council is looking at ways to reduce costs and increase income. President June Wynne urged each member to encourage at least one new member to join CLABC this year – make the circle wider!



## **Thank you for keeping the books**

Keynote speaker Mark Buchanan



“Thank you for keeping the books”, peppered Mark’s Buchanan’s address to conference. Drawing his inspiration from the last verse in the Gospel of John , “The whole world would not have room for the books that would be written if we were to try to contain what Jesus did and what He means for the world today”, Buchanan outlined the power of words, language and books through the ages.

He challenged conference attendees to say yes to the writing and care of books because of the power and magic of word, and of the subversive transforming power of books. Reading and study leads to richer and deeper meaning for life. There are no boundaries to the possibilities for change. A magic occurs -- one sees the world differently, or aspects of it that were not considered at all. Alchemy happens.

Mark shared the power of books in his own life, first hearing God’s redemptive story, loosely veiled, in C.S. Lewis’ fantasy “ The Lion the Witch and Wardrobe. He spoke of books supporting him when community didn’t. His life lacked power and joy until he read to the point that shook his foundation to the core. He knew he must make a decision. Jesus is either a liar or a lunatic: there is no middle ground. He came to the conclusion one has to reject him or

embrace him. “What kind of power are we dealing with here?”

Books change lives, reading changes lives. His own life was transformed with the truth he confronted in his reading. Inspired by the writing of St. Augustine and Charles Wesley he noted how their writing changed the course of history. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who himself was inspired by Karl Barth, defied the powers that be. The power of truth and truth of our God can have life transforming influences. It is a kind of power that if it gets loose things can change -- it is no wonder that books are still being destroyed.

The power of word can cut through the modern day stereotypes of the library being staid and irrelevant. The church library needs to be staffed with people who understand how reading provides real answers, right directions, and true courage in a digital media world that clouds the truth and confuses the mind. The world may be destroyed but what remains are books that contain the power to rebuild anew. We have our own rubble in our times; in the midst of it we crouch down and select that one book that changes everything . “Thank you for keeping the books.”

~ Nanda Polman



## ***Books by Mark Buchanan***

*Your Church Is Too Safe: Why Following Christ Turns The World Upside-Down.* [2012]

*Spiritual Rhythm: Being With Jesus Every Season Of Your Soul* 2010

*Hidden in Plain Sight: The Secret of More* [2007]

*The Rest of God: Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath* [2006]

*The Holy Wild: Trusting in the Character of God* [2003]

*Things Unseen: Living with Eternity in Your Heart* [2002]

*Your God is Too Safe* [2001]

## Church Library makeover

They say the church library can be a vital resource for the congregation. Lois Ward, president of the Church & Synagogue Library Association [CSLA] in Portland, Oregon, recommends that a committee of two or three people from your church work together, with the endorsement of the pastor and education board, to establish or upgrade a library.

"It is a huge waste to have a room called a library with a whole lot of extremely good stuff with nice labels that will stay on the shelves forever," says Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, director of the Vieth Resource Center at the Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. "If you don't do publicity, hospitality, and outreach, you can waste your time."

~ [LISNews: Librarian News](#) Feb. 14, 2001

Two of the workshops at the recent CLABC Conference focus on these points of renewal and promotion.

### Starting or Renewing your Library

A workshop by Kathy Yeo

Remember, small is beautiful.

What goes in a church library besides Bibles? Denominational books, faith support, books on Christian living, children's books, support for Bible study and Christian education at all levels, prayer, devotionals, biographies, evangelism, grief, and historical items. All of these can find a place.

Why have a church library? Libraries are valuable -- reading reduces stress, and self help books are even recommended by doctors. "But isn't there the public library?" you ask. Do you really need both? While the latter covers all points of view and all topics, the church library is more focused. It can be hard to find appropriate material amongst all the wealth on the shelves at the public library. Your library provides food for the soul, for Christian living, and shares the good news. You can use it to learn about new

technology to help your members, and for other reasons, but remember that your church library has an important reason for existing.

If there is already a library at your church that needs new life, take note of what's on the shelves. Weed out books older than 30 years old unless it's a classic or of historic value. Take a look at the system used to organize the books. If it's a home-made system, switch to a standardized system with the new books. Promote what you have! Have a Library Sunday to celebrate.



How do you start? Look at how many books you have. If you have up to 100 books, you need a shelf list card, title list, and books shelved by subject areas. 100 to 500 books you need all that plus an author list, and you need to catalog and classify your collection. Over 500 books you need to add a subject heading list and call numbers to the cataloguing and classifying.

Cataloging and Classifying. The abridged Dewey, the standard in most libraries, is a classification system that simply arranges books on shelves by subject. It starts with 10 large groupings then divides and subdivides each of the ten areas into finer and finer divisions. You don't need all the decimal places that large libraries use -- you're not that big! Use standardized Sears Subject Headings. There are resources to help you (see end of article).

Supplies. You'll need book cards, pockets and spine labels, which can be purchased from library supplies firms. Check the website -- your membership gives you a discount. You'll also need a borrower's registration book, and an accession book. The accession book is basically an inventory record. It provides the date each item was added, the source, value, and when it was withdrawn. Each item is assigned a property or accession number as it is added. It's useful for insurance purposes, and for statistics on purchases and gifts for annual reports. You'll also need a book to record statistics, and miscellaneous items like pens, glue, tape, etc.

What next? Work with your pastor, minister, or priest and Christian education chair to write a mission statement. If you don't know

your purpose, how do you expect others to know and to support your library? Create a basic budget for books and supplies. Develop a donation policy, so that you know what to accept and what to reject (you don't need to accept everything!) and pray for a volunteer to help you. Keep statistics for your annual reports.

Automation? You won't need it while you're small, but at some point you may want to consider this step. Contact Louise Booth, your Services Chair and Newsletter Editor for information on this step. There are free or inexpensive programs as well as those that cost more. She'll put you in touch with the range, as well as information to help you decide.

Resources. Online resources include your website, [www.clabc.ca](http://www.clabc.ca) with links to more resources. Check out Libraries in Churches LINC-List, a great place to ask questions, as well as a source of links to explore. You received a list of CSLA Guides at the beginning of the year – check with your Chapter (another resource), and with CLABC's Services Chair. Those guides are valuable resources, and cover a wide range of topics. Go to conferences and workshops – that's why we have them!

### **Recommended Resources**

CSLA Guides (available from [cslainfo.org](http://cslainfo.org) (CSLA) or [www.churchlibraries.ca](http://www.churchlibraries.ca) (CLAO))

*“Organizing a library or Resource Center”*,

*“Cataloging and classification”*

*“Subject headings in the library catalog”*.

*Dewey Decimal Classification, 200 religion class.* OCLC Forest Press, 2004.

*Sears list of subject headings.* 20th ed. H.W. Wilson, 2010

### **Remember this:**

“Google can bring back a hundred thousand answers. A librarian can bring back the right one.” – Neil Gaiman

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.” – Proverbs 25:11

### **Resources available**

One of the CLABC members who no longer runs a church library has several older but still useful resources available.

*Dewey Decimal Classification*, 11th abridged edition, 1979

*Dewey Decimal 200 religion class*

*Promoting your church library*, by Marion S. Johnson. Minneapolis, Augsburg Publishing House, c 1968

*The church library; tips and tools*, by Gladys E. Sheer. St. Louis, Bethany Press, c1973

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### **Promotion: Connecting with Your Congregation**

a workshop by Marg Conn

Visibility is credibility and all forms count! What you do will depend on your style and your congregation. Planning is essential. Start with a monthly and a yearly planning grid and checklist.

*Monthly Planning* List all the areas that you can use for display and what you use. What forms of communication are open to you? What kind of activities or networking suits your theme?

If you have a bulletin board, collect pictures from calendars, books, software programs and the internet, and sort them into thematic folders. Collect trim from software, Teacher's Stores, or make by hand.

Display ideas include door hangers, door posters, book displays on window ledges, tabletops or shelves. Use “new” arrows, quotes in acrylic photo frames (thrift shops?), books facing out or stacked on shelves or the table. Stack old books and cover with fabric to make a multi-level display possible. Collect props to add effect. Develop booklists and/or bookmarks to go with displays and hand them out.



*Yearly planning*. Arrange your themes in folders. You can promote where you have lots of books on a topic, or start thinking how to promote a theme where you don't have so much and build

them up. Themes often fall into seasons of the church year, or general seasonal such as “back to books”, spring/change, family, summer, etc. Celebrations are another area – anniversaries of your church or library, (if your library doesn’t have an anniversary, create one!), your women’s group, etc. [Note: the Rare Bird lists all sorts of ideas on page 9 every issue.]

Communicate with your congregation. Write short blurbs for the Sunday bulletin – new books, generic, “how do you...”, “did you know”, etc. Keep a file for people to check back to see “what the book was that was in the bulletin last week”. Write up news and reviews for the newsletter. Beg charm and invite people to write blurbs and reviews. Collect reviews in a binder. Make a brochure for your library. Establish a presence on your church website, even if it’s a corner with your hours, contact information and borrowing. Book time to do a one or two minute talk during the church service. Write your annual report and let people know what you have and what you’re doing.

Activities and Networking. Network with other groups, such as the CE committee, Social action, or any other group in your church. When you create a display share it at Conference or a Chapter meeting, or write it up for the Rare Bird. Create a good relationship with your minister – discuss books and articles, highlight books they mention in their sermons, consult re items to add to the library. Create satellite libraries with baskets, trolleys, boxes or a wagon and place them in different parts of the church – the lounge, Sunday School, grief groups, meetings, and more. Celebrate!

#### Fundraisers

Wear your library name tag! Take part in the Fall Fair, network, and raise visibility along with \$ for church. Do a Chicken Soup Display for food bank. Participate in the Christmas Craft Sale or spring plant sale, piggy back and keep \$ for library. Have a book sale – bring in books from a book store or resource centre, e.g. the United Church or Presbytery bookstore, and get a percentage of sales for your library ... and encourage donations of books from the bookstore to your library at the same time. Try Bridge

luncheons or author talks with “local authors display”. Keep that visibility!

Above all, have fun with your team. Have a luncheon (or three) together, go to Chapter meetings and conference together, alternate business meetings with work parties, and share goodies – is that a bribe? Remember, each one of you makes a difference.

#### **Recommended Resources**

“*Handbook for Church Librarians*”, NCLA 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. ed. 2006. Available through amazon.com and [CLAO](http://www.claa.org)

The following 2 items are available from <http://cslainfo.org/> (CSLA)

“*Developing an effective library: ways to promote your Congregational Library*” (CSLA Guide, 2004)

“*Promotional planning all year long*” (CSLA Guide 1996)

#### **Calendars for promotional dates:**

<http://www.claa.ca/2012-dates.htm>

<http://www.churchlibraries.org/calendar.php>

<http://www.crioice.org/index.html>

<http://www.gratefulness.org/>

<http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/days/>

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*To be continued in the next issue.*



#### **Check this book out!**

*Men pray : voices of strength, faith, healing, hope, and courage*, Editors at SkyLight Paths  
SkyLight Paths 03/13 Hardcover \$16.99 ISBN 9781594733956 Also available as ebook.

This is a multifaith collection of prayers by men. The prayers are organized into the five thematic modules that are listed in the subtitle. Celebrate the profound variety of ways men around the world have called out to the Divine—with words of joy, praise, gratitude, wonder, petition and even anger—from the ancient world up to our own day. The website [spiritualityandpractice.com](http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com) has a sample prayer in their review that is very powerful. Be sure to check it out.

## Volunteers in the Church Library

a workshop by Winnie Bradford

A church library is a ministry. It is set up to support members of the congregation in their walk in faith by providing resources that reflect Biblical values. A mission statement will help reflect and clarify what you are doing and why you are doing it.



Volunteers are necessary as no one person should cover all the bases of running a library. Even one additional person will give a broader perspective in the decision making. A team will also allow time away for medical appointments, vacation, etc. without laying a guilt trip on anyone. And a team is so much fun to work with.

**Start** preparing to share the ministry with prayer, asking God to prepare the hearts of possible assistants. Share your aims with your pastor / minister / priest, governing board, or Christian Education committee. Secure funding. Above all, avoid trying to be a Lone Wolf!

**Recruiting** First, state the need. Make an appeal in the church bulletin, Bible Study Groups etc. Interview volunteers and find out what exactly they would like to do, whether or not they have previous experience, how much time they have to give to the library, and if there is a “fit” with current library needs.

What if there is no response to your appeal? Try the direct approach to those you think might have the time and at least some interest in volunteering.

**Training** Library jobs fall into two main categories: *technical skills*, including computer skills, cataloging, book processing, book repair and poster making, and *Interpersonal skills*, including advising borrowers on suitable choices, hosting visitors, phoning re overdue items, and cooperating with other people.

**Orientation** For technical skills, be clear and if necessary, model how to do the job. For jobs requiring interpersonal skills, discuss the best approach with the volunteer. Invite input and jot down guidelines if necessary. Explain library policy where needed. They don't have to deal with the problems that arise, but they need to know that there is a policy, e.g. overdues,

complaints, etc. Try to match jobs to apparent skill level. Don't rush. Offer refreshment and a social time to chat informally.

**Team building** Recognition and respect for each person are critical. Here are some ideas that work:

Hold a team meeting at the start of each work session. Have the materials ready for the Team and give clear instructions on what has to be done. Encourage team members to get to know the collection. Keep them informed of new materials. Ask their opinions on the suitability of items. Go on a field trip to a local bookstore. Invite input from those who have eBooks. Encourage them to write book reports for church newsletters and *The Rare Bird*. Talk about authors and the themes they write about. Take a look at DVDs and give some feedback. Give each of them a picture book and ask for feedback. For reports for the church newsletters, ask them to write 2 sentences – what the book was about, and what you liked about it. Children can help too. Some already help in their school libraries. Ask them to volunteer to help one Sunday a month. Build them up to the point where they could take some books to the church entrance and encourage other children to borrow them.

**Build self esteem** Mention team members in library reports, church notices and newsletters. Make special name tags for team members to wear when on duty in the library. Have a group luncheon away from the library once a year. Celebrate their birthdays. Post their photographs on the bulletin board. Delegate! Let them know you have faith in their abilities. Take time before the end of each session to relax, share, and find something to laugh about. Never waste their time. If you don't have much (or anything) to do, give them a day off. Go to a bookstore.

In conclusion, prepare for the future of the library. This is in God's hands. When you are ready to step aside, volunteers will be able to take over. With God's guidance, the Library will be in good hands.



### **Resources**

*Recruiting and Training Volunteers for Church and Synagogue Libraries.* 2nd Rev. Ed. 1999. Lorraine E. Burson. 24 p. \$9.00 USD from [CSLA](#) or C\$10.00 from [CLAO](#). How to recruit and train volunteers, orient new workers, delegate responsibilities, and motivate and support workers.

*A Handbook for Church Librarians,* National Church Library Association. 2nd Rev. Ed. 2006. 100p. A great resource with everything you need to know to create, organize and manage a successful church library. Available from [CLAO](#) or from the Catholic Library Assoc. via [amazon.com](#)

### **Notice from CLABC Council**

At CLABC's April 20, 2013 Annual General Meeting, in Duncan, BC, reports were heard from the Treasurer and the Membership Chair. Legitimate concerns were raised by the treasurer as to the financial stability of CLABC, in that conferences have not paid for themselves and had to be covered with reserve funds. When questioned from the floor as to what council is doing about this problem, President June Wynne asked each member, to identify one person and introduce them to CLABC, suggesting that this person look at our website (<http://clabc.ca>) to see how the CLABC will support them in their church library work.

The CLABC Bylaws state: The objectives of the Association shall be to provide encouragement and guidance in the establishment and maintenance of library services in congregations of faith through such means as:

- Educational conferences at which members attend workshops and exchange ideas;
- The newsletter which provides contact between members and council and practical information for the operation of church libraries;
- Local chapters in which members meet for problem solving, support and education.

In order to continue providing the services we have enjoyed from the CLABC during the past 42 years, we will need your help and input. This is especially true for the development of chapter

groups and continuation of conferences that have annually benefited and blessed members. Over the last 2 years, Council has had considerable responsibility in facilitating conferences and a great percentage of Council meeting time has been consumed by conference planning. CLABC needs to ensure through a variety of ways that the work of planning and running conferences is shared by all levels of membership.

The council needs input from the membership as to how it can continue to survive as a healthy self-sustaining organization. A survey asking for your input and level of support for the CLABC will be sent to you this summer. Please take time to reflect prayerfully and share your thoughts on this critical juncture in our development.

Thank you for your help in this appeal.

~ Nanda Polman for your Council



### **A note from the Membership Secretary**

I would like to extend a warm greeting to my fellow members. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at Conference and put names to faces.



I would like to clarify a choice on your membership form. When you fill it out and come to the choice "Individual" or "Church" there is one important difference. Individual memberships are usually in your name and are delivered to your address. Church memberships are in the name of the church with the church contact information, and are usually delivered to the church. You can change the delivery for your convenience and have it sent to your home. Individual memberships are non-transferable. Church memberships designate a contact person and when necessary you can change that contact person, which makes church membership transferrable. So when making that choice, please consider what best suits your needs.

~ Marg Conn, Membership





## Check your Calendar Conferences

### Church and Synagogue Library Association

[cslainfo.org](http://cslainfo.org)

July 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

46th Annual CSLA Conference  
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina



### Pacific NW Association of Church Librarians

<http://pnacl.org/conference.htm>

Jul 12<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - July 13<sup>th</sup>, 5pm  
Northwest Nazarene University  
Nampa, Idaho

Theme: "Leaves of Grace"

Keynote speaker: Lauraine Snelling



For more, check out

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

Or 'Google' church library conference 2013

### Celebrate summer!

"Come with me,' Mom says.  
To the library.  
Books and summertime  
go together."

— [Lisa Schroeder, \*I Heart You, You  
Haunt Me\*](#)



Check out summer activities in your church and plan to help out with Vacation Bible School or a Summer Reading Club.

- June is a favourite for weddings, so feature books on marriage.
- Graduation – Learning never stops!
- 5 June ~ World Environment Day
- 10 June ~ Alcoholics Anonymous founded. Support addiction services.
- 12 June ~ Anne Frank's birthday 1929-45
- 16 June ~ Fathers' Day – tip your hat to men of character.
- 20 June ~ First day of summer – highlight good reads to take on holiday or for lazing

with under a tree.

- Don't forget audio books for those traveling!
- Consider longer loans or increased limits for the DVDs
- 23 June ~ International Sit-On-The-Front-Pew Sunday! (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)
- 26 June ~ Pearl Buck's birthday
- 27 June ~ Helen Keller's birthday 1880
- 28 June ~ birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, 1707-1788
- Check out one of the conferences!
- 1 July ~ International joke day – Jesus laughed too, so highlight humour in your collection
- Give holiday loans for those travelling
- This is a good time to see what needs to be cleaned up, painted or freshened up.
- It can be slow in the summer so inventory your collection, weed, and look for things to mend.



**August** is sandwich month, so sandwich in a little time for reading. Yes, you too! Refresh *yourself* and relax with a good book ... or ten!

- 6 & 9 August ~ Anniversaries of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Feature peacemaking books and films.
- 9 August ~ Book Lovers Day
- 12 Aug ~ International Youth Day
- 23 August ~ International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. Look at slavery around the world.
- 24 Aug ~ William Wilberforce born, and lived to abolish slavery in Britain. View the movie "Amazing Grace" and read up on him and his life.
- Prepare for new start ~ kindergarten and school ahead!



*"Libraries shelter the spirit, provide food for the mind, and answer the questions raised by the problems of life." ~ Roberta Gellis*

