

The Rare Bird

Congregational Libraries Association of British Columbia Newsletter



April 21, 2012

St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church

Come to CLABC's 41st annual conference for workshops, speakers, vendors and church librarians and be informed and inspired. And prepare!

Make up a list of questions you need answered and challenges you face. Box up material for the Exchange. Pack a camera, and a bag to bring home your goodies

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CLABC Council and you

Last issue you heard from our President Elect, June Wynne. But who has been steering the boat since Conference in April? Thanks go to Secretary Wynanda Polman and Archivist Marianne Lazaro, who have chaired our meetings as co-presidents and worked hard to keep us focused. Many heartfelt thanks go to them! Here's a note from Nanda:

"Our existing, incomplete council, had met in September to discuss and pray together over CLABC's future, as to how we might forward and strengthen its mandate beyond 40 years, and in October we received news that June Wynne from Duncan had stepped forward as our president elect -- a wonderful endorsement of our efforts to keep the organization alive. Thank you June! You're joining a team of mostly rookies but with the help of the general membership we'll work together through this transition period.

As well as identifying a new president, the council also proposes two by-law changes to be ratified at our next annual general meeting. These are specifically addressed elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter and members are asked to prayerfully consider these motions and support them with their vote at the AGM.

The council members also found themselves functioning as the planning committee for the next conference in North Delta on April 21. With the additional experience and very capable organizational skills of Kathy Yeo and Vivian Walker we hope to again host a great conference where we can meet and recommit to our collective desires to see church libraries kept alive and doing well in British Columbia. This remains a critical juncture for CLABC and it is important that as many members of CLABC as possible come to the conference to show their support because it will affect the future of CLABC as we know it. Please come with your prayerful thoughts, questions and comments and perhaps a new friend to CLABC; ready to experience and enjoy a renewing and invigorating day.

~ Wynanda Polman, CLABC secretary

June Wynne officially takes up her role as President at our April Conference, moving from President Elect. Welcome, June!

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Chapter News and Notes

NORTH SHORE

From Linda Baxter: Our last chapter meeting was held at St. Andrew's & St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in North Vancouver on Nov. 1/2011. That gathering included a tour of the library led by Winnie Bradford. Since then there have been several occasions when members have been in touch with each other. Linda Baxter visited Winnie Bradford's church library to ask about automation; Donna Simons and Linda Baxter met on two occasions to discuss weeding, cataloguing, subject headings, and Linda Baxter met at Highlands UC Library with a possible new member from Christ Church Cathedral. We hope to have a number of members carpooling to the April 2012 conference in Delta. For more information contact Linda Baxter [604-990-0507](tel:604-990-0507)

VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH

From Joan Palmer: The **next meeting** will be on Sat., March 3, 2012, at Brechin United Church, 10:30 am in Nanaimo. Bring a bag lunch -- we supply great cookies, tea and coffee. Bring your friends, visitors, all are welcome. See you there. Contact Joan Palmer at 250-287-4864 or jbhpalmer@shaw.ca.

VICTORIA

Louise Booth: We met last in October. Since then Louise spent some time with the librarians from nearby Emmanuel Baptist showing them the ins and outs of ResourceMate software, which they are investigating for purchase. The next meeting is not yet set, but will probably take place after Conference. Contact Arnold 250-598-3035 or Louise 250-472-3546

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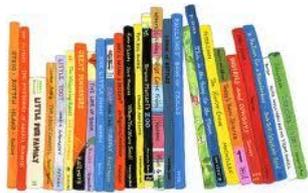
For information about the Newsletter, contact Editor **Louise Booth** at 250-472-3546 or [staidans.library@gmail.com](mailto:staidans.library@gmail.com)

**Deadline for submissions to the next edition of Rare Bird**  
**9 May 2012**

## Need extra help for a short term project?

Our church was approached last fall by Sprott Shaw Job Options Program regarding our having students for 4-week work experience. We're now on our third round of this – apparently they really like the atmosphere at the church. As well as helping in the library, they have helped the church office, in our fantastically busy thrift shop, and with the Music Ministry. They've done everything from shredding documents to cataloging the choir sheet music, and from entering hymns in the power point program for using on the screen in worship to doing an article for the local news on one of our congregation -- a very active nonagenarian!

As for the Library, we were able to get at some things that had been on the back burner for some time. We had them prepare our backlog of discards for booksale, and sort donations to separate older material, making it much easier to go through for possible additions to the library. We were able to do the annual inventory (usually done in the summer), updated our membership list from the church records, and several other tasks. And we have made some new friends.



This experience has been great for our library, for our church, and for our community. I highly recommend it. None of these people were church people, but they were all warmed by the love of the people in our church and through them by the love of the one we serve.

~ Louise Booth, St. Aidan's United Church

## **The Rare Bird??**

Approximately forty years ago, Lillian Lewis, one of the founding members of CLABC, was reading a Jack Wasserman column in the Vancouver Sun newspaper. In the article Bob Hunter, who was a founding member of the Greenpeace movement, was

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credited with a saying to the effect that “There are people who read and do nothing – so nothing changes. But the person who reads and does something is a *rare bird*”.

The term “rare bird” and the message it conveyed resonated with Lillian. Reflections upon the concept that reading causes awareness and that awareness can lead to change, led Lillian to propose the name “Rare Bird” for CLABC's newsletter. What a powerful symbol for the newly formed, faith-based library association.



Thank you, Lillian, for sharing the naming of the Rare Bird newsletter. We also thank you for being a “rare bird” and for working hard towards the founding of this Association.

~ Wynanda Polman, CLABC Secretary

Many thanks to Jean MacKenzie for her drawings of the original Rare Bird. They graced many of the early issues of the Rare Bird Newsletter, and were gathered in a booklet for CLABC's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jean is a lifetime member of CLABC and resides in Victoria.

*Watch for more on our past in future issues*

## **Why weed?**

It does not matter how many books you may have, but whether they are good or not.

*Epistolae Morale*

Lucius Annaeus Seneca, 3BCE-65 CE



If spread it out over the year, weeding your library becomes much more manageable. After all, you spread out weeding your garden over the whole season.

## Time for a change?

### Amendments to CLABC's bylaws



Two motions to changes in Bylaws will be coming to the floor of the AGM at the upcoming annual conference. One is an addition, one is a change. Please read the motions and the reflections at the

end, give them your prayerful thought, and plan to attend and vote.

According to our bylaws, there is no provision for proxy votes (perhaps something we need to look at for the future), and your Council, after much debate, made the decision that there would not be mail in ballots. Why? We decided that those not present at the meeting would not hear any further discussion and debate, and thus might not have the whole picture that those in attendance would have. We have tried to give you as full a background picture as possible in advance, but more points of view may surface at the AGM. So if you want to have a say in the matter, you need to come to Conference.

As per the CLABC Standing Rules, #4, we need a quorum consists of one half of the paid-up members registered for the Conference in order to conduct any business at the AGM. In order to amend a bylaw, Bylaws X Section B.#1. states that we need a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favour, and that the President and Secretary of the Association must receive 90 days notice (done) and that the membership shall be notified in the next newsletter.

### Motion for addition of a Dissolution Clause to CLABC Bylaws

**Whereas** Congregational Libraries Association of British Columbia (CLABC) does not have a dissolution clause included in its Bylaws which provides guidelines as to how CLABC assets would be dispersed in the event of dissolution; and

**Whereas** the inclusion of a dissolution clause in the Bylaws does not increase the likelihood of CLABC's dissolution, but does provide guidance to the Council and its members;

**Be it therefore resolved** that in the event that Congregational Libraries Association of British Columbia (CLABC) is dissolved for any cause, its assets shall be realized, and after payment of debts the balance of funds shall be disbursed at the discretion of the Council to religious, educational, and/or charitable organizations or organizations with similar purposes as this Association.

### Motion to change name of Congregational Libraries Association of British Columbia

**Whereas** the definition for the word "congregational" includes other faiths and places of worship without any distinction regarding the religion of these groups;

**Whereas** the original reason for using the word "congregational" no longer exists, because for many years there has not been a synagogue member in the CLABC;

**Whereas** to the younger generation now emerging the word "congregational" does not resonate or evoke emotions of shared beliefs. It is too vague and is a deterrent to some, preventing them from joining the CLABC. Further, to some it is also specifically connected with the Congregational Church;

**Whereas** we need to focus our efforts in a way that will more clearly utilize the resources we have to offer for the membership which is Christian;

**Whereas** the word "church" is commonly identified with the word "Christian," and is a more honest reflection of whom we in fact represent.

**Be it therefore resolved** that the name of the "Congregational Libraries Association of British Columbia" be changed to "Church Library Association of British Columbia."

## *Reflections on the proposed name change*

by Wynanda Polman and Keren Ferguson

Keren and I visited with Lillian Lewis in the kitchen of her Tsawwassen home, with its window framing a lovely water view. We had a great visit with her over several cups of tea. Lillian had a huge stake in CLABC's origins including choosing its name 40 years ago. The intent of our visit was to notify her in advance as to the proposed name change from "Congregational Libraries Association of BC" to "Church Library Association of BC" and our rationale for doing so. She readily agreed with the proposed name change, and went on to share why the word "congregational" was chosen forty years ago.

The first council felt it was the most inclusive term and a way to affiliate with the Church and Synagogue Library Association in Washington State. Now, 40 years later, she has no difficulty at all with the name change and in fact encouraged our efforts to do so. She said that, in hindsight, she made a mistake some years ago in discouraging the name change as she now readily recognizes that it is the church libraries that are keeping the CLABC "afloat". While she says she is "retired", she of course continues to have a huge heart for the organization, believes it will survive, and hopes that our efforts to promote it more clearly will be blessed.

Nanda Polman, CLABC Secretary  
Keren Ferguson, CLABC Treasurer



## L is for Links for Librarians

Check these sites out for answers to questions you have, or never thought to ask. Add these to your list from the last issue.



**Church Librarians Network**  
<http://churchlibrarians.ning.com> is a place where church librarians can exchange ideas and learn from each other how to do Church Library Ministry.. This site includes a Question and answer section, articles to link to, and more. Events links to American conferences.

### **Booklist Online newsletters**

<http://www.booklistonline.com/newsletters> is a free resource, and you can sign up to receive any or all of them. Of particular interest at the moment is their Online Corner Shelf Newsletter, which contains the first in a series on weeding. To see their archives look at the second paragraph of the page the link takes you to and click on *Corner Shelf*. Ebooks is another topic they've covered, among others.

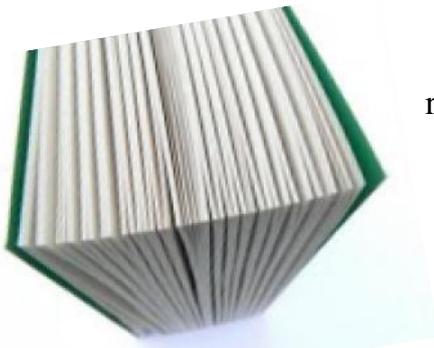
### **Library Lovers Month**

<http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/>  
Many thanks to Marg Conn and Leslie Lindsay for pointing this out to me. Lots of bookmarks here you can print off and use. Some of the ideas you'll have to adapt as they tie in around Valentines Day, but what you can't use this year you can hold for next year. Be sure you don't miss "*Do's and don'ts for Library Lovers*", it is useful year-round. Suggestion: add your church library name, address, website (if you have one) and library hours on the back. Get them loving your library all year round!

On the topic of bookmarks, check out the Facebook site for NCLA (National Church Library Association). <https://www.facebook.com/churchlibraries>. There's a link there to instructions on how to create reusable bookmarks, with links to templates. And browse the site for other great ideas - free audiobooks, a Christian fiction database, etc.

## **Book Repair 101: Prepping Hardcover Books**

*By Vivian Walker, Library Technician*



Hardcover books represent a sizable investment for most church libraries, and so it is

well worth the time it

takes to prepare new ones for the shelf.

Hardcover reference books such as concordances and commentaries are often donated to church libraries, and a few minutes can often extend their shelf life as well.

The first thing to note is the jacket. Jackets are well worth preserving because they are the best promotion a book can have. If you can't afford plastic jacket covers in a variety of sizes, consider covering the book in plastic book wrap instead. Brodart has a free guide called "Selecting a Book Jacket Cover" that has good drawings and tips.

1. First, assess whether the jacket might be one you will use in a display. If so, do a colour photocopy before further prepping the book. Colour copies of covers are handy for displays. I generally keep them in file folders by topic, so it's quick and easy to set up a bulletin board display.
2. Next, apply any spine labels to the book jacket, and stamp the inside of the jacket with your ownership stamp.
3. If the book was donated and the jacket has tears, repair them on the "wrong" side with Magic Tape. This will give you a smooth finish on the good side of the jacket.
4. Either slide the jacket into a book jacket cover, or measure plastic book wrap and cover the good side of the jacket. One of the hardest things about using book wrap for this project is the bubbles that result, so use your bone folder to smooth out

bubbles, and then leave the jacket overnight. Often small bubbles will absorb. If not, smooth with the folder again.

5. Fold the jacket back around the book. Now you need to attach the cover to the book. Cut four 2 inch lengths of filament or attaching tape. Don't use Scotch tape or Scotch Magic tape as they aren't strong enough to hold the jacket on. Attach the tape to the inside fly leaf of the book jacket, top and bottom, and then tuck onto the outside of the book's hard cover.

New hard cover books don't generally require any reinforcement along the spine or inside front cover, but used hard cover books are sometimes weak in this area. I find that a length of hinge tape, run horizontally across the top and bottom of the book's inside cover rather than along the spine, will often be enough to reinforce the connection between the end papers and bound portion of the book.

I hope you've found this first part of Book Repair 101, prepping books for the shelf and saving repairs in the long run, to be good practice for your skills. In upcoming issues, we will start to work on common repairs, using glue, tape, and plain old elbow grease.



### **MAINLAND CHAPTER ANYONE?**

You might have noticed that here isn't a chapter for librarians on the mainland. You might want to contact some of the librarians in your area and get together to discuss church libraries more frequently than at conferences, which are after all every second year on the mainland (alternating with Vancouver Island locations). You've seen some of the ways librarians in the existing chapters have helped each other in the chapter reports.

Contact any of the Chapter reps or other Council members for help and/or ideas. We can help get you started. Check the contacts on page 2.

## Cataloguing?

Are you throwing up your hands over cataloguing? Are you tearing your hair out because you don't know what number you should use for that book that covers several topics? Rest assured, even people whose career is cataloguing have that problem, and I can assure you that there are many times when cataloguers will disagree with each other. But never fear, help is near. The Two Ronnies have the solution. Watch "The confusing library" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGIN\\_EaEgPQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGIN_EaEgPQ) It may not be the solution for you, but it should get you out of the slough of despond.

Now that you're feeling more cheerful, here are some other places to check out. As well as [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org), mentioned in the August issue last year, you could do a google search for "six tools to simplify cataloguing" (<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/neverendingsearch/2011/05/31/six-tools-to-simplify-cataloguing/>) It refers you to six FREE tools to save you time.

The first one, **Simplify**, is easy and straightforward if you are using Dewey. Simply enter the ISBN, author and/or title and you will pull up a record. The site will tell you the most frequent Dewey number used, how many libraries they show using that number, and fast subject headings. Pie chart graphs also give you an idea of the most used headings and Dewey numbers. You can also link from there to Worldcat for extras like notes, number of pages, other authors, etc. Check it out and check out the other 5 tools mentioned.

If you aren't comfortable using the computer, and not everyone is, find someone who is, and get them to pull up the records. Then all you have to do is take the information and decide which choice you want for your library.

## *Cataloguing in other languages?*

Recently seen on Linc-1: "For Chinese records, go to <http://uwgi.scoolaid.net/bin/home>. You might have to copy and paste these records. They are in Chinese characters."

## *March is spiritual wellness month*

In honour of and in preparation for CLABC's conference in April, look around your library and gather resources that promote spiritual growth, wellness and healing. Arrange a display, make up a booklist, write in your church bulletin, make a poster ... let people know that you have resources to help make a difference. Healing for the soul is not just empty words. Church libraries can play an important part in people's lives.



## **Help is at hand!**

With the assistance of Vivian Walker and Anne Grainger, I delivered CSLA Guides as CLABC's donation to four seminary, university and public libraries. Thank you to Regent College Library for cataloguing their set so promptly! Vancouver Public Library also has a set, as does Vancouver School of Theology. Members who do not have access to a Chapter set can ask about an *inter-library loan* within B.C.

Thanks also to a donation of book mending supplies from a retired UBC librarian, six church libraries are sharing these supplies.

~ Kathy Yeo, Promotions Chair

For a complete listing of the CSLA Guides, see <http://cslainfo.org/>, the website of the Church and Synagogue Library Association. Many of them are carried by CLAO (Church Library Association of Ontario), which saves you some on shipping and on the exchange rates. Victoria Chapter has copies of all. (contact Arnold Ranneris).

## Conference News

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Janice Douglas** retired in 2008 as Vancouver Public Library's Director of Youth Services and Programmes. Her contributions to library service and children's and adult literacy have been recognized by the BC Library Association and the International Reading Association. She received the Queen's Jubilee Medal and was given the Certificate of Commendation by the Writers Union of Canada in 2001 in recognition of the outstanding series of public readings she conducted at VPL. Premier Gordon Campbell named Douglas as British Columbia's 2008 recipient of the Council of the Federation Literacy Award. A former United Church librarian, she continues her interest in spirituality and has gone on pilgrimages.

Janice will be talking about Story and our lives.

Our lives are the embodiment of story. Story is how we relate to the world. Story is how we connect to our most intimate circle of fellow pilgrims.

Story is how we attempt to make meaning of our lives. Whether it be told, related or read, story tells the history of the world, in its macrocosm and the history of our individual lives in its microcosm. Neither, surprisingly, are all that different. Story tells us of earth's people, our people and our emotional and intellectual connection to them in our spiritual evolution. At the core, for most of our spiritual lives are the stories found in our Holy texts, providing fundamental guidelines for everyday living and relating. Story is how it all comes together, makes sense and has the possibility to heal.

In this 21st century of technological wonder, story is the anchor preventing us from being adrift in nothing more than information.



## WORKSHOP LEADERS



**Vivian Walker** was called to serve church libraries while living in Memphis in the early 1990s. She was so inspired by the work that she decided to leave a successful sales career and go back to school to become a library technician. Since then she has worked in medical libraries, school libraries, public libraries, in the academic library of Tyndale College and Seminary in Toronto and as an indexer/editor for Thomson Publishing.

She served for almost 10 years on the Executive of the Church Library Association of Ontario, including a term as President. She has given workshops on cataloguing, promotions, planning, repairs, and time management to hundreds of church librarians. Vivian is currently employed at ACT – Autism Community Training, in Vancouver. She recently completed post-diploma courses in Library Promotion and in Emergent Library Technologies through the University of the Fraser Valley.

**Ed Knorr** has been managing the Johnston Heights Church library, in Surrey BC, for about 20 years. The JHC library has about 6600 items, and the church is home to about 700 regular attenders. Ed teaches Computer Science at the University of British Columbia, and has been a faculty member there for about 10 years.

Vivian and Ed will share their ideas about *the future of church libraries* and *answer problem-solving questions* for new and experienced librarians in a panel moderated by **Kathy Yeo**, library technician, Past President of CLABC, Conference Co-Convenor with Vivian, and Promotions Chair.

## Check your Calendar



### Upcoming Conferences

#### CLABC Conference 2012

*Healing for the Soul  
found in church libraries*

21 April, 2012

St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church,  
11601 – 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, North Delta

Details and registration form are included with your mailout. Download more copies to share at [www.clabc.ca](http://www.clabc.ca)

#### Church Library Assn of Ontario

**Spring Conference : 5 May 2012**

Westview Baptist Church  
London, Ontario

No specific theme, but there are **workshops** on ResourceMate (Basic and advanced), journaling (Part II), documenting your library, E-Books/E-Readers, archives, cataloguing non-book items, a discussion panel on problems and concerns, and a plenary session with a panel of authors. Contact Mary Ryan, [ryanms39@gmail.com](mailto:ryanms39@gmail.com)

#### Pacific NW Association of Church Libraries

**July 13-14, 2012**

*Bee Thankful! For Church Libraries*

Pacific Lutheran University  
Parkland, Washington

Check [www.pnacl.org](http://www.pnacl.org) or contact Judy Borsheim: [pnacl4u2@hotmail.com](mailto:pnacl4u2@hotmail.com)

#### Church and Synagogue Libraries Association

**July 29-31, 2012**

Springfield, Illinois

Check CSLA website <http://cslainfo.org/>

#### National Church Library Association

Check NCLA website for workshop dates. While there is no main conference listed, there are many chapter conferences across the USA, so if you're traveling in the area at the time one is taking place it might be worthwhile getting details and attending.

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

#### Other dates to celebrate

**March** ~ Lent, the pathway to Easter

**March 20** ~ Spring ~ "Spring into books!"

**April 2** ~ International Children's Book day

**April 8** ~ Easter Sunday

**Apr 14** ~ First edition of Webster's dictionary ~ Display Bible dictionaries, theological word books, thesauruses, etc.

**April 15-21** ~ **National Volunteer Week**

Plan to appreciate your volunteers! Here are some creative ways to say "thanks":

- No one holds a candle to you! ~ Votive or birthday candles
- You are a sharp one! ~ Box of tacks
- Many Marvelous and Motived volunteers! ~ bag of M&Ms
- Thanks for sharing your creative juices ~ box or can of juice
- When we stick together, we do great things! ~ Gum, tape, or glue

(From 1999 Aid Association for Lutherans Training materials)

**PS. Don't forget to appreciate yourself, too!**

**From: CSLA's Northeastern Ohio Chapter  
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**22 April** ~ Earth Day

**April 30-May 7:** Canadian Children's Book Week

**May:** Get Caught Reading Month

**May 13:** Mothers' Day

**May 15:** International Day of Families

