

The Rare Bird

Church Library Association of British Columbia Newsletter



It's time! Time to renew

Memberships run
January to December
Fill out the form on page 10
and send it in with \$15
(you don't want to miss the next
newsletter!)

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**Deadline for submissions to the  
next edition of Rare Bird is  
13 Feb 2013**

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Sad news



After 54 years of library
ministry, the National
Church Library
Association (NCLA) will close
its doors at the end of this year. Our
thoughts and prayers go out to our
brothers and sisters in library
ministry as they step into the future.

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### Notes from the President

Over the summer I have been going through the binders and notes that I've taken over the years at our conferences, and what a wealth of information and help there has been for church librarians!

In 1996, to celebrate 25 years, a short history of the organization was written which I found very interesting, especially the messages from past Presidents. The very first President, looking back to 1971, wrote expressing awe at the remarkable achievements during the first 25 years. These included an increasingly good newsletter, regular chapter meetings, annual conferences and workshops and more. She called the work of librarians "a labor of love" and referred to serving on the CLABC council as "truly second mile service". She likened the seed planted in 1971 to the mustard seed---the smallest seed, which when grown becomes a shrub and then a tree large enough for the birds to make nests in its branches.

That was sixteen years ago, and many faithful folk have worked hard to make CLABC even stronger, bringing it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with email, internet etc. and now we all need to build on that great foundation. Our focus this year is to increase the membership and to encourage more participation so that more congregations can be nourished in their love and service for the Lord through what is offered in church libraries. Many librarians are working in isolation. Perhaps we could all try to apply "each one reach one" (or maybe 2 or 3) and encourage others we know to take advantage of what CLABC has to offer.

I've spoken before of Christ being the One who nourishes and waters the seed to bring forth good fruit and I keep coming back to those words in Corinthians 14. All of us can be Christ's good and faithful servants as we pray and work to introduce more Church librarians to CLABC and thus strengthen the ministry we have in our churches, helping people to grow in faith. Please write to the editor and share information about special features of your library ministry and any ideas you think might help others. Planning has already begun for the next Spring Conference and Council would welcome any suggestions you might have especially regarding workshops.

~ June Wynne, President

## CLABC Contacts

### Council officers

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**Contact information for
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(See page 3 Privacy article for
background to this change)**

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Chapter News and Notes

VICTORIA CHAPTER

A small but enthusiastic group met October 24 at St. Aidan's United Church. After a short meditation, we spent some time talking about the congregations we served and what was happening. Louise led a workshop on serving seniors, an ever-growing segment of our community. The workshop was based on one she attended at the PNAACL Conference in the summer, and on information from a Booklist webinar on audio books. Members were encouraged to renew memberships and to plan to participate in the upcoming CLABC Conference in Duncan next April. ~ Louise Booth

RICHMOND GROUP (not a chapter yet, but we can hope)

The next meeting will be on Saturday November 10th. Vancouver and Delta members welcome. Contact Kathy Yeo [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com) for more information.

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### Promotions Report

We have been raising the profile of CLABC through word-of-mouth, local church events, and membership brochures at bookstores.

### Breaking news! Reserve the date

**CLABC 2013 Conference** will be held April 20th at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Duncan, BC. Keynote speaker: Author Mark Buchanan. Check [www.clabc.ca](http://www.clabc.ca) for updates.

~ Kathy Yeo, Promotions Chair

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ANNUAL REPORTS? BUDGET? OH, HELP!



The end of the year is approaching, and it's time to look ahead. Annual reports and budget requests go hand in hand. By telling what you've accomplished in the last year

you lay the groundwork for requesting funds for the next year.

First, you need to find out when both are due. Who do you submit them to, and are they handed in together or separately. In our church we submit the plans for next year together with our budget requests in the late fall so that the Treasurer can start planning next year's budget, while the annual reports are due in January. Plot all dates on your calendar now, including the annual meeting where reports and budgets are voted on..

So what goes in the annual report? Basically it's a summary of what happened, who helped it happen, and what you want to do next year.

What happened?

- How many books and other media you added to the collection, how many removed through loss or weeding, gifts and donations, number of new borrowers (if you have that information)

- Circulation for the year – monthly or weekly trends if you have them, any noted trends of user ages or types of material.

- Special promotions, displays, booklists, programs, projects and support of and work with other ministries in your congregation

Who helped it happen?

- Regular and occasional helpers; note any special knowledge, skills, how they used them;

- Membership in CLABC and any activity including participation in a chapter or conference and what you gained.

- Donors who gave money or materials, people who were especially encouraging about the library and its role.

- Other teams or committees in the church who may have contributed money or ideas

What you see happening next year and how

- Talk to other ministries to see what their plans

are for study sessions, projects, etc in the new year and see how you can support them. Will any of them be able to support you financially to add support materials for their plans?

- Ongoing projects (the next step) and new projects – why and who will benefit. Choose three goals, including ongoing and new, and when you plan to accomplish them if they are short term ones.

- Staffing: more people and skills needed.

- Include CLABC membership and conference attendance.

Budget your plans

- Books often average \$20 – how many would you be able to add? How many DVDs?

- Supplies. What does it cost to process materials? Labels, tape, book covers, computer needs if applicable.



- Furniture needs? Check catalogues for prices. Check out Government surplus and other similar locations for things like desks, shelving, filing cabinets.

- CLABC membership, conference registration. Give date and cost of the Conference and how many should go.

Follow up

- Ask each library team member to comment on the draft report, and invite them to attend the annual meeting with you.

- Listen to *all* the reports/budget requests. Remember that the library exists in the context of the whole congregation.

- Revise your plans, then review at committee meetings throughout the year.

~ reprinted from an article by Judy McIntosh, Nov 2011 (with some additions by Louise Booth)

S-t-r-e-t-c-h your budget by using used booksellers. Our church has built up a \$350.00 credit at Victoria's largest by taking in good quality books left over from our fall bazaar! You get more value with credit than cash, so choose your store wisely!



CLABC needs you!

CLABC has a lot to offer you – conferences, a website, connections with other church librarians through the membership list or local Chapters, and 4 newsletters a year. You get these benefits because of Council, and now Council needs YOU! We’re looking for people to help with some of the work of CLABC, to share their strengths and interests.

There are 4 positions on Council needing filling. All would entail attending 4 Council meetings a year, alternating between the Mainland and Vancouver Island. You would not be alone, and would not be expected to know everything before you start. You’d be working with others who stand ready to teach you the ropes. All you need to bring is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and to share your ideas, to listen, and to work with others. Think about it, pray for guidance, and then contact us on our email [clabc.ca\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:clabc.ca(at)gmail.com)

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**Vice President / President Elect.** You would learn the ropes of the position of President and how Council operates, occasionally presiding over Council meetings or the Annual Business Meeting only if the President is absent or incapacitated. You would serve as Council’s liaison with the Conference Committee, submit an annual report, and of course “perform other such duties as required”, that wonderful catch-all that every job description carries. All of your experience in this position gives you a head-start for serving as President in 2014. If you appreciate all CLABC has done for you and want the Association to continue to thrive, this could be where you fit in.

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So ... what about Archivist / Historian?

Do you love researching the history of your family tree? Do you enjoy organizing photos? Do you find yourself checking Wikipedia for background information on just about any subject? Then you may be the person we are

looking for!

At the April 2013 CLABC Conference Marianne Lazaro’s current term as Archivist-Historian ends. “As Archivist-Historian I enjoyed organizing files and compiling photo albums, getting to know the history and people of the CLABC in the process. I also enjoyed setting up the Archives display table and taking a variety of photos during Conferences. At Council meetings I learned the inner workings of the CLABC while making new friends.

Now I am excited to take things a step further by learning how to put captions on pictures with Google’s Picassa program and storing photos on CDs. The next step in this process is to scan documents into electronic format so they can be stored and shared easily, and we’re looking for a short-term volunteer for this task.”

The Archivist/Historian also maintains records of CLABC’s correspondence, minutes and reports over 5 years old and back-files of all issues of the newsletter, and writes summaries of the Association’s history as needed, for example for our 40th anniversary Conference.

Won’t you consider involvement in the CLABC in this interesting role? Feel free to e-mail me so we can talk further. We need YOU!

~ Marianne Lazaro, CLABC Archivist-Historian
mlazaro(at)telus.net

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### Promotions



At the next Conference Kathy Yeo will finish her term as Chair of Promotions, and we are looking for someone who will take on the work of publicizing CLABC beyond the current membership. You’d be working with the rest of Council to set priorities for advertising and outreach, liaising with local Chapters to help them with ideas to bring growth, and with members who don’t have a Chapter nearby. You’d work with the Membership Secretary to make sure that the membership form is up to date, and work with Council members on changes to the website. If you enjoy brainstorming ways to make the library ministry

more widely known, or talking to people on the phone, in person, or in writing, this could be the place for you!

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Services

Do you love to track down information and share it with others? We have a place for you! At the last Conference Louise Booth volunteered to take on this role, but as she is also the Newsletter Editor and Chair of the Victoria Chapter, she needs someone to take over as Services Chair. Responsibilities include keeping an up-to-date collection of the CSLA Guides for display at conferences, (this means you'd have these wonderful resources at your fingertips at all times!!) and referring members to library suppliers, bookstores, sources of other church library materials and other library associations as needed. You would be providing updates of resources and links to go on the CLABC website, making it easier for members to locate what they need. It's a great job – try it on for size!

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CLABC is searching for a **short-term volunteer** to **assist the Archivist-Historian** with scanning the CLABC Archives collection to create electronic documents. Our plan is to store hard copies permanently and make electronic copies available to Council members on an ongoing basis.

Does this kind of short-term project intrigue you? Please contact me if you are interested in assisting us in this short-term project.

~ Marianne Lazaro, CLABC Archivist-Historian  
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Do you have problems getting books back? At Christmas time try this humorous suggestion from Lynn LaBranche, Lakeshore St. Andrew's Presbyterian (Windsor) – she says it really works! And people laugh when returning items!

~ thanks to CLAO, Dec 2010



Taylor, Barbara Brown, *An Altar in the World, Geography of Faith*. HarperCollins, NY, 2009. 978-0061370472

This beautifully written book is destined to become a classic. Like Jacob, waking up from his stone pillow, this book helps us to see God in the small things we do and see and we begin to discover altars everywhere we go. This joy-full book gives life-long practice-centered spirituality. It has become one of my all-time favourites and a life-long companion to my faith journey.

~ Evelyn Kingston
Roots & Wings Book Cooperative

Obee, Dave. *The library book: a history of service to British Columbia*. British Columbia Library Association, Vancouver. 2011. 978-0969261490

This book is a remarkable tribute to many people associated with libraries over the past 100 years. It was written in part to commemorate the incorporation of the British Columbia Library Association which has been an important part of library development in our province. “More than anything, libraries bring people together for the common good. People who pool resources and share benefits can achieve more than they could on their own. That thinking helped inspire some of British Columbia’s first libraries, and it remains just as valid today.” And it is also just as valid for the libraries we create and maintain in our churches.

Borrow it from your public library and bask in the account of the past, present, and future prospects of the library in our society.

~ Arnold Ranneris,
Oak Bay United Church, Victoria

Piper, Don with Cecil Murphy. **90 minutes in heaven : a true story of death and life.** Grand Rapids, Mich. : Fleming H. Revell, c2004. Paper ISBN 978-0-8007-5949-0 Dewey 231 Available as print and e-book

Get a glimpse of heaven from Piper's autobiography. He returned to life from a car crash after a minister prayed for him. This miraculous story of his suffering and recovery will challenge and comfort all dealing with sickness and death.

~ Kathy Yeo

Thibault, Jane Maire *No Act of Love is Ever Wasted; The Spirituality of Caring for Persons with Dementia.* Upper Room Books, Nashville TN, 2009. 978-0835899956

This book offers hope with countless stories and clinical insights, all guided by a bedrock faith that will help those who care for those afflicted by Alzheimer's and dementia. It addresses head-on the challenge to faith that dementia presents, "Where is God in all of this?" For family and friends too.

~ Evelyn Kingston

Brackey, Jolene. *Creating moments of joy for people with Alzheimer's and Dementia.* Purdue University Press, 2008. 978-15575-34620. Also available as a Kindle e-Book.

Concrete ideas for enhancing the lives of people with Alzheimer's and dementia from someone who works with them. She shows again and again that by focusing on the world they might in at a particular moment, when their long dead spouse might be young and alive, or they might be themselves just a child, with their mother and father alive, or on long-ago memories, can make a tremendous difference. You may not be able to give them a whole day of wonderful memories, but you can give them moments where they light up with a smile – moments of joy.

~Louise Booth,
St. Aidan's United Church



Renew your membership today!
This is your last issue of The Rare Bird
... unless you renew your CLABC membership **now** for 2013. Fill in the form on page 10 and send it in with \$15.00. Post-date the cheque to January 1, 2013 and relax. Wasn't that easy?

Now that's time and money
well spent!

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### **New Resources from CSLA**

**Selecting a New Library Cataloging and Circulation Computer System** 2012. An annotated bibliography by Ellen Bosman. An entirely new approach to resources for congregational libraries. Bosman has carefully researched and annotated various resources for libraries and has chosen the very best for this guide. Divided into two major sections one with tools for librarians and the other for enrichment resources for library patrons. Resources are arranged in large topic areas such as: reference materials, cataloging and classification, promotion, world religions, parenting, prayer, gender studies, and recommended authors to name a few. 50 pp. \$14.00

**Resources Manual for Congregational Libraries**, 2012. By Bill Doole, edited by Jeri Zulli. A carefully thought out process for choosing a library software program for your particular library. Each step is explained and clearly presented. Three easy steps to adapt to any size library: I. Decide what you want your system to do – just catalog, or have public access to the catalog, also track of keep circulation. etc. II. Research the various software packages out there. III. Create a plan of action. Each of these steps is detailed for the guide user. 20 pp. \$12.00

## Time for a change?

Everything needs to change at some point – new editions of books come out when new information comes out. Our homes get renovated over the years. The same is true of the way CLABC operates. When the structure doesn't quite fit, there are procedures to amend both the Bylaws (Article X) and Standing Rules (#9).



All members received copies of the Bylaws and Standing Rules when they joined. If you can't find yours, they are also posted on the website [www.clabc.ca](http://www.clabc.ca) on the Membership page. If you don't use the internet, ask your church office if they will run off a copy for you. Read them.

**Do you see something that needs adjusting?** You can suggest an amendment by noting the following what/how/why/what information:

1. **What** part of the Bylaws/Standing Rules do you wish to see amended? State the topic and the location within the Bylaws/Standing Rules.
2. **How** do you suggest amending it? Give your proposed wording.
3. **Why** do you suggest amending it? Specify how the change will benefit CLABC members.
4. **What** other parts of the Bylaws/Standing Rules will affect or be affected by the proposed change?

To be included in the 2013 Conference, your suggested changes must be postmarked no later than **Jan 4 2013**, or emailed no later than **Jan 8, 2013**. Please send one copy to President **June Wynne**, with a second copy to Secretary **Wynanda Polman**.

Contact information is on page 2.

## CLABC says "Well done!"

CLABC Honorary Life Membership confirms outstanding contributions at Council and Chapter levels, as well as service with and to church libraries. Honorary members are exempt from dues while still entitled to all the benefits of membership.

Nominations are made by Chapters or by Council, and must be endorsed by three members in good standing.

Guidelines for nomination papers include:

1. Short biography of the nominee stating briefly the reason for the nomination, and including dates of membership in CLABC (minimum 5 years required)
2. Details of nomination applicable:
  - Service to CLABC – capacities in which nominee has served CLABC, such as elected or appointed Council officer, member/chair of special committees, conference planning, panel or workshop organizer.
  - Service to a Chapter – capacities in which the nominee has served, for example, as an organizer or office holder.
  - Service to nominee's own library or libraries – capacities in which nominee has served, for example, started or restarted library, special projects undertaken.
  - Any other service contributing to CLABC or to church libraries, for example, assisting other congregations to establish libraries, promoting libraries within or across denominations.

To be considered for the 2013 Conference, nominations must be sent to President **June Wynne**, postmarked no later than **Feb. 1, 2013**, or emailed no later than **Feb. 8, 2013**.

Contact information is on Page 2.

## Church Librarians and security

Is your e-mail secure? You are encouraged to check that you have https:// in your address line. Most free e-mail addresses do not provide the security that a paid address does. An anti-virus program like NOD, Norton and AVG with automatic updates is recommended for your home or church computer when you connect to the internet. It is good to check this, especially on a computer at the Public Library, Internet cafe, etc. You may also be e-mailing answers for reference questions to your church members.

Did you know that 99% of books circulated at the Public library are still in print format even though e-books have been around for ten years? When books are returned, the titles are removed from your record. However, e-book vendors may be keeping a record of your titles for advertising purposes. Incidentally, if a member of your church asks you about the best e-book readers, you may want to suggest the Kobo or Sony, as the Amazon Kindle is not compatible with free library e-books in B.C. With Christmas coming, this E-book guide may be helpful to your borrowers:

<http://guides.vpl.ca/content.php?pid=216772&sid=2326807>

~ Kathy Yeo, Promotions

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Serving Seniors, Part 1 of 3

The recent PNAACL Conference had another workshop on a topic of great importance to today's congregations. Society is changing – just take a look at statistics in the census. Look out at many congregations and you'll see this in spades. So how do we as church librarians respond effectively?

Seniors read to learn something new, for pleasure, to escape chronic pain, or to escape loneliness. They read because their hearing is failing, to pass the time while they are waiting for one of their many medical appointments, to share something with others, e.g. in book clubs, or to fill time as they can't do some of the things they used to do.

What are they reading?

Large print books make a difference with their failing eyesight, as do audio books. More than ever they depend on free books found in libraries. Seniors seldom read Fantasy or Science Fiction, but some do. Many read books to help them try to understand the changes in today's world, reading for example books on Islam and Muslims. They often prefer their old standby authors, and need encouragement to try a new author. For some, books where everyone "lives happily ever after", like romances, are important. Some Seniors are writing their own life stories by joining writing workshops (maybe you could bring in someone to do a workshop). Biographies or books about things they have lived through, e.g. World Wars, the Depression, the evacuation and relocation of the Japanese, etc. often have appeal. Many have their own personal religious libraries and may not read current writers. If they are able to read the Bible and attend a Bible class, they often will.

How can you help your Seniors find the Library?

- Have a brochure highlighting current programs -- "Older Adult Services" – for the congregation and the community. Tell about special library materials of interest to older adults, caregivers, and others. Include large print books, audio books, and DVDs.
- If your church has a "Seniors" group, ask if you can attend a meeting to talk about the church library.
- Advertise the church library at Church Council meetings, in church newsletters, on the church web page (feature new books etc), on the overhead screen in church services if your church uses one.
- Take library materials to home-bound church members or those in care homes.
- Encourage people who are reading to someone to pick a book with short chapters.
- Find out who in your church has written their life story, and feature the book in the library.
- Give out attractive library bookmarks at church meetings.

- Encourage donations of good library materials.
- Advertise your need for money for large print books (average \$25) and audio books (usually more).
- Encourage people to visit the library with their cup of coffee, and get to know them.

Book suggestions for seniors and caregivers

- Brackey, Joyce. *Creating moments of joy: a journal for caregivers*
- Brooks, Geraldine. *Caleb's crossing* and others
- Kirkpatrick, Jane (novels available large print)
- Mace, Nancy. *The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for People Who Have Alzheimer Disease, Related Dementias, and Memory Loss*, fifth edition, large print available
- *Upper Room daily devotional guide* in Large Print
- Yancey, Philip. *Where is God when it hurts?*

Other types of books:

Humour, mysteries (e.g. Brother Cadfael series), books on grief and grieving, caring for your parents, and multicultural books.

~ Arlene Nelson

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## ***Check your Calendar***

### **Conferences**

#### **Church Library Association of BC**

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

#### **2013 Conference**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Duncan, BC

April 20, 2013

Keynote speaker: Author Mark Buchanan

check our website for updates

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Church and Synagogue Library

Association

cslainfo.org

46th Annual CSLA Conference

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

July 28-30, 2013

Church Library Association of Ontario

www.clao.ca

Traveling to Ontario in May? Check the website for information on the date for the Spring Conference. They are usually held early May, and well worth attending.

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### **Opportunities for displays and promotion**

#### **November**

11 Nov ~ Remembrance Day – feature books on war and peace / peacemaking.

#### **December:**

December is “Read a New Book Month”

2 Dec ~ Advent starts

5 Dec ~ Birthday of William Barclay, theologian and writer

- Promote books as Christmas gifts. Display ideas or make up bookmarks with suggestions for children, teens and adults.
- Put up a gift tree in the library with suggestions for gift giving to the library in honour of or in memory of someone.
- Write up book ideas for inclusion in the announcements or on the church website.

#### **January**

A new year brings new resolutions. Display new books, bible study resources, or other areas for people to explore to bring renewal.

#### **February**

“Library Lovers Month” ~ Lots of resources and ideas at [www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers](http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers)

Feb 13 ~ Family Day in BC

February 13-19 ~ Random acts of kindness week

February 14 ~ Read to your child day

February 22 ~ Ash Wednesday/ First day of Lent

#### **March**

“Read an E-book Month” in Canada!

Lead up to Easter with Lent and Easter resources

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Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas and New Year, both personally and in your library ministry!

