

# The Rare Bird

## Church Library Association of British Columbia Newsletter

### It's Official!

For those of you who were not able to attend Conference, you may be wondering what happened with the two motions that were brought to the membership (see full details in the Feb newsletter)

- Motion to change name of CLABC from “Congregational Libraries Association of BC” TO “**Church Library Association of British Columbia.**”: passed unanimously.
- Motion for **addition of Dissolution Clause:** passed unanimously.

In addition, June Wynne upon her ratification as President, gave a gracious acceptance speech, following which she was presented with the 1971 gavel of office by Past President Judy McIntosh.



***Deadline for submissions to the next edition of Rare Bird is 11 July 2012***



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### ***Notes from the President***

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### ***Notes from the Editor***

It was a wonderful Conference, as you can see from the comments from attendees. But as many were unable to attend from constraints of time, money, or distance – whatever the reason -- this issue will let you all share in what took place in the sessions. You won't have everything, but you'll get a good idea, and maybe you'll be inspired to add a line to next year's church budget and come to Conference next year. It's never too early to start planning.

I have just returned from this year's BC Conference of the United Church of Canada, and was delighted to find two things there that tied directly with Janice Douglas' theme speech. First, the theme speaker at the United Church Conference was a living example of Janice's theme "The Power of Story" (p.5). Alanna Mitchell, author of *Sea Sick*, painted such vivid pictures with her words as she described her travels to the Galapagos, Antarctica and more, that what she said will stay in our memories.

Then in the bookstore I came across a book *The God-hungry imagination : the art of storytelling in postmodern youth ministry* by Sarah Arthur. I've had only a few chances to dip into it, but everything I've seen reinforces what Janice said and what experience tells me -- story brings truths to life and has impacts that live on even after you have put down the book. Check it out.



Just in: You can now access the digital (online) version of *Faith Today* FREE at [www.faithtoday.ca/digital](http://www.faithtoday.ca/digital), or download free Apps for Apple, Android or Kindle Fire USA at [www.faithtoday.ca](http://www.faithtoday.ca). This will give you access to current and past issues back to Jan 2008, which includes the superb article "How to build a great Church Library" which featured two of our past presidents, Olive Batchelor and Judy McIntosh, as well as two librarians and former Board members from CLAO, Grace Snip and Alison McCullough.

**Membership updates will be out soon!**

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## Chapter News and Notes

### NORTH SHORE

The Chapter was involved in CLABC's Conference, with Winnie, Valerie and Donna greeting attendees, and Linda running book sales of books from the United Church's Mustard Seed Bookstore in Naramata. The next meeting will be in September. For information contact Linda Baxter [604-990-0507](tel:604-990-0507)

### VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH

Our fall meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 6 in Campbell River at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 228 South Dogwood St. (corner of Dogwood & Pinecrest) @ 10:30 am. There will be reports from the inspirational 2012 conference, book reviews, book exchange, shared problems, joys, promotions, election and an added bonus - after our meeting a visit with Elaine the compost diva the community gardens adjacent to the church. Remember to bring your bag lunch -- we'll supply goodies and beverages.

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### VICTORIA CHAPTER

Arnold Ranneris is stepping down as co-chair of the chapter after many years of dedicated service, but will continue as Treasurer and Chapter Librarian. The next meeting is being will be in June, (we hope) with no details available, but all chapter members will be contacted. Contact Louise Booth 250-472-3546 or [staidans.library@gmail.com](mailto:staidans.library@gmail.com).

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## Conference 2012



Forty-seven church librarians from B.C., Alberta and Oregon, Sunday School teachers, church administrators, vendors, an author and helpers gathered at St.

Cuthbert's Anglican Church in Delta, B.C. on April 21<sup>st</sup> for a day of learning and fellowship. What started out as a simple workshop and AGM ended up being a successful 1-day conference. Five Past Presidents were present and friendships were renewed. We all shared in the ministry of the word.

Sad news of Ian Cowan's death, the librarian and CLABC member from St. John's Presbyterian Church, White Rock, was received that morning and connected with the theme "Healing for the Soul." May he rest in peace.

The evaluations showed that people were pleased with the excellent speakers and workshop leaders. The conference was subsidized and the catering was superb!

Those who stayed to the end were given a gift copy of a new book called *Rescue* by local Christian author Jon Climie who stayed to sign it. His generous donation for each church library represented was a wonderful surprise. There's a review on p.7.

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered their time and talents. A meet-and-greet is being planned for the Richmond Group who attended or were unable to attend this year.

See you all at Conference next year on the Island.

In His service,

Kathy Yeo and Vivian Walker,  
Conference Co-convenors



### The Healing power of stories

Theme speaker Janice Douglas

Janice gave an inspiring speech on the power of story in our lives. The images that she created with her words were so vivid -- "feasts for the reading soul" and "stories preserve ideas and facts like amber preserves insects". She brought us gems from authors such as Estes, author of

*Women who run with the wolves*: "Stories are medicine. They have such power, they do not require that we do, be, act anything – we need only listen." [New York: Ballantine Books, 1997. p. 15.]

Words have power. You remember Dickens, even if only from a film. There are no societies without stories, even if there have been some without the wheel. Reading brings about awareness, and awareness brings about change. Words do indeed have power, and it was very fitting that Janice showed us how very powerful they can be. And that she reminded us that stories, both those of imagination and those telling of things that have happened, and of people who have lived, make a difference. And so do the libraries we offer to our churches. Thank you, Janice.

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***They came from far and near...***

In my calling to the librarian ministry I really hunger to learn more about ways to be effective. I learn a lot from my local PNAAC chapter and from the PNAAC conference but I am always hunger for more. So a few years ago I learned about CLABC and realized the conference was really not very far away, just 6-7 hours and I thought what a great way for my husband and I to have a little getaway and for me to have an opportunity to learn more about library ministry. Well, I just loved the first conference I attended in Victoria. Since it is a different organization than PNAAC I always hear just a little different viewpoint. The books you have for sale are some that I don't see here in the States and they are interesting. The people are really fun and I love the time of year you have your conference. I love coming to your conference and I always learn something new. This year I especially enjoyed the keynote speaker's talk. The power of Story in our lives is what I took away from her talk and that concept has been coming before me so much lately that I don't think it was an accident that I was there to hear that speaker. I believe God is preparing me do something in my library ministry revolving around the power of story, I just don't know what yet. So I am watching and waiting. I also picked up a children's book called "Is That Story True?" which I just adore and I have never seen that book here where I live.



Betty  
Charnholm, Oregon

I have been wanting to connect with other church librarians in a structured setting. Since the conference was on the lower mainland, it was feasible to come this year. I hoped to learn if the emergence of e-books had impacted other libraries, and if it was still worth it to have a book/dvd library given the popularity of the internet. I came away with several things. I learned that a steady decline in circulation was widespread, but not a reason to give up on the

ministry. Others still use and value the church library and we will continue to meet their needs. I also learned that promotion in the 21st century is no longer just bulletin boards and bookmarks, but QR codes and digital picture frames!

Would I encourage anyone else to attend a conference in the next few years? Absolutely! Nothing compares with being around those of like-minds. The encouragement I received at coffee and lunch in addition to the sessions was up-lifting. I came home refreshed in my ministry. The five hours and two planes it took to get me home allowed for much time to go over the day and make my report for both the pastor and my co-volunteers. I shall try to encourage other church librarians in my city to budget for CLABC if possible. I know it will remain a budget line for Hillcrest Church Library in Medicine Hat. *Judy McGougan*

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**Promotion... beyond the bookmark**

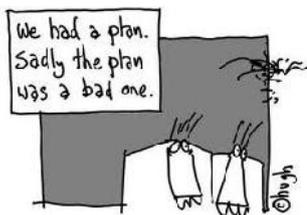
a workshop by Vivian Walker

The subject was broken down into 4 areas:

- What do you have and why it matters  
Inventory your staff, facilities (do they need a cleanup?), and collection. You can't promote what you don't believe in. People assets: What do you and your staff bring to the library mission? Facility assets: we need to work with what we have, and make the most of what we have. Collection: Take an honest look at what interests the congregation. Weed – if it's unread, it's unwanted, has no relevance, and is just a bunch of paper. READ! You can't promote what you don't know.
- Who should know about what you have and how to tell them. Look at your church demographic. What parts of the library are being used and who uses them? Talk to people and find out what they want instead of pushing them to what you are promoting. Find out the special needs in your congregation eg. large print, etc. Promote from the top -- get your pastors/ministers onside and get them to use and promote the library, and to give you a heads-up for what

they're planning. Ditto the Sunday School coordinator [and heads of other committees]. Make a formal report to the Board. Get in on the church website, Facebook, newsletters, and emails. Ask about new ministries. Include something about the library in the welcome pack for newcomers and new members. Think of everything from bookmarks to emails and social media. Get your church behind you, see if you need approval for new ideas ... and money'. If you're trying something new, find someone who can help you do and do it well.

- Make and carry out a plan. Do something. Something else. Do more stuff. Do it again!



Decide on your goals. Write your goal down, and work out step by step how you are going to achieve it. Your steps should include costs, time and talent needed. Do you need to learn a new skill in order to accomplish it?

- Measure what worked and adjust for success. Evaluate. Check your outcomes against your original goals. Write up a report with the original plan, the steps taken (make sure you have all the steps) and the outcomes. . Maybe what you learn is what not to do next time, or maybe it's how you did such a fantastic promotion!

### Some sources for ideas

- [www.libsuccess.org](http://www.libsuccess.org). This is a wiki with contributors from all over the world and has ideas for all areas of library management.
- [http://churchlibraries.org/Docs/19PromoIdeas\\_2 .pdf](http://churchlibraries.org/Docs/19PromoIdeas_2.pdf). [If that doesn't work, go to [www.churchlibraries.org](http://www.churchlibraries.org), 'Publications' and go to the New Ideas section] "19 Promotion ideas for the church library".
- <http://tblc.org/marketing/how-facebook-can-help-market-your-library> Using social media
- <http://bryonytaylor.com/2012/02/24/an-introduction-to-facebook-for-churches/> More Facebook ideas for churches

- [vimeo.com/16213879](https://vimeo.com/16213879) for a church library promo video. Not perfect, but still a good thought!
- Stuck? Google "library bulletin board ideas" for some inspiration
- <http://net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/ELI7046.pdf> Intrigue your users by posting a QR code on your bulletin board!

### QR Codes and your Library

Not sure what a QR code is? 'QR' stands for 'Quick Response' and it's one of those strange squares you see around. It's been described as a barcode on steroids. Readable with a Smartphone or iPhone etc, they link you with digital content on the web – or let you do a scavenger hunt in the library – and much more! There are websites that will generate the codes for you for free – just google "QR Code". Again, ask some of the younger generation to help you – expand your volunteer base!



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### Future of Church Libraries

a workshop by Ed Knorr

Johnston Heights has a large congregation and a large collection, but a look at circulation over the last 20 years shows numbers peaking in 2001, and dropping steadily to today (over an 80% decrease). Comparisons of circulation in various categories parallel the sales declines that many Christian bookstores have experienced, including Pilgrim Book & Bible in Vancouver; so, libraries are not unique. Libraries have competition from the Internet (including social media like Facebook, Twitter, e-mail, blogs, and webpages), smartphones, PlayStations, other games, TV shows, Hollywood DVDs, and more. As a result, some Christian bookstores and magazine publishers have closed.

What about church libraries? What is their purpose? Ed summed it up as a place where people of all ages can browse and borrow wholesome reading/viewing materials, and find Christian material they might not otherwise know about. Church libraries are places where we can get the right information into the right

hands, *including good online resources*. Perhaps your library can direct patrons to high-quality Christian websites and content on the Internet—in addition to what you have in your library.

Are you discerning? Can you tell what an appropriate resource is? You need to weed your collection, keeping the ‘best in class’, maintaining the integrity and quality of your collection. Know your Bible, and be aware of the quality of authors, publishing houses, book contents, etc., especially for controversial topics. Use ‘recommender’ systems to find out what the best resources are. For example, use knowledgeable people in your church, and go online for recommendations and ratings of books (e.g., [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com), [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), etc.)

Spend your budget wisely. Make sure you have a basic set of good books in every important category—children, youth, fiction, biography, missions, parenting, apologetics, prayer, prophecy, Church history, marriage, divorce, drug abuse, Christian living, death, creation, etc. Then, after you have adequate coverage, allocate funds for new purchases in proportion to the circulation statistics. Thus, if adult fiction represents 30% of your circulation, allocate about 30% of your budget for new purchases.



Social media: Your church should have someone to manage or coordinate social media for the church, including your church’s website. Make sure that there is a Library webpage within your church’s website where you can post titles of new items, show what’s in demand, provide the library’s current catalog (try to stick with HTML or PDF format, since these tend to be universally readable). Some library software packages make it easy to generate and post such information. If your church uses PowerPoint for announcements before the service, make slides with announcements from the library—include images of book jackets, DVD covers, a few words about what the item is about, the names of authors, etc.

Get a Facebook, Twitter, and/or Google+ account and use them to advertise the library. Make sure that information is kept up to date.

Other volunteers can help. Consider using teens since they tend to be on top of technology and social media. Get the church’s board and pastors onside, and get the whole church involved. The world is changing. Are you embracing the change, and are you using it to the Church’s advantage?



### **First timers at Conference**

“I was inspired to come to the conference by the idea of meeting church librarians and finding out more about what the church librarian field was all about. I was also interested in what kind of books would be in the book exchange. I hoped to learn more about the field by talking to other people from different areas. I came away from the conference feeling like I was very comfortable in this field and that it suited me. I didn’t feel like any information was beyond my grasp. I also found the talk about the marketing of the library very informative and useful. Also, about reaching out and finding how other libraries compared to ours. I would encourage others to come to the conference in coming years especially new assistants like me.”  
- *Serena Emerald*

“This was my first Conference and I went to the Friday, April 20th Drop-In Social at the Delta Town and Country Inn. I enjoyed that immensely, meeting so many wonderful Library people. Then of course the Saturday Conference was the best one I have been to for many years. It was so well organized. The speakers delivered excellent current Library information. I learned a lot. Truthfully I am rather scared of how far behind I am floundering in this technology age. In fact the whole day’s proceedings, the catering, visiting, sharing with others was very enjoyable indeed. The displays were great and so were the “freebies”. - *Val Milne*



### ***And the winner is...***

CLABC Membership 2013: Ann Grainger

ResourceMate Essential software: June Wynne

ResourceMate 3.0 software: Jenny Marin (this was a re-draw of last year's prize, which was not used)

Naramata Bookstore prize: Louise Booth

Pilgrim Books prize: (name not recorded)

2 CSLA guides on bulletin boards were also awarded as prizes, Marianne Lazaro and one other whose name was not recorded)



Rescue by Jon Climie. First Choice Books, Victoria. Fiction. 468 pages. ISBN: 978-1-77084-155-0.

Jon Climie has a heart for missions, prayer, and people ... and the novel shows it. The novel reads easily, and alternates chapter by chapter between Greater Vancouver (e.g., Surrey, New Westminister, downtown east side) and Orissa, India. The story is about troubled youth and adults in the Vancouver area, and also about persecuted Christians (including children) in India. A connection between the two regions is woven through the text. Having spent time in street ministry in San Francisco, San Jose, Chicago, and Vancouver, Climie wants his readers to walk with the characters "feeling their emotions and suffering alongside them". It is a very moving, impactful story about broken lives and redemption. Even men who normally don't read fiction, like it. Feedback from readers in our library has been overwhelmingly positive.

~ Ed Knorr

### **Conference Picks from Naramata**

<http://www.bookmanager.com/naramat/>

What's that funny look on your faith? an "inherit the mirth" cartoon collection, by Cuyler Black. Zondervan, 2006, ISBN 978-031-0813-972.

Black, a regular contributor to the cartoon in the United Church Observer, has created a book showing lighter side of faith. The full-color panels showcase well-known Bible personalities

like Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, David and Goliath, Jonah, the wise men, Jesus, and the disciples. Playfully reverent, it features such off-the-wall moments as animals playing a prank on Noah, and Jesus healing a man born without fashion sense. Young and old will find it laugh-out-loud funny and a great way to present the faith to those who think believers need to "lighten up!" A real winner with pre-teens to adults.

Is that story true? by Laura Alary. 2009, 9781551455693. Available paperback from the Mustard Seed Bookstore at Naramata Centre [www.bookmanager.com/naramat/](http://www.bookmanager.com/naramat/)

As Maggie shares bedtime stories with her mother she discovers that "...some stories are true on the inside, even if they are not true on the outside." Some stories are true because they actually happened. Other stories are true because they tell us something true about a real person, place, or event, even if what they describe did not happen. And some stories are true - even if they are completely made up. It's great for reading one-on-one with a child, with Sunday School classes, Youth Groups, during "Children's Time" in worship, and with adult study groups to help adult learners distinguish between literal and metaphorical truth.



### ***And another good book...***

Rupp, Joyce. Praying our goodbyes. Notre Dame, Ind. : Ave Maria Press, c1988. ISBN 0-87793-370-7

With the touch of a poet, Joyce Rupp has written a book about "these experiences of leaving behind and moving on, the stories of union and separation that are written in all our hearts." It is designed to help the reader recognize, ritualize, reflect on and re-orient themselves - to help heal the hurts caused by goodbyes and the anxieties encountered by change. The book ends with 24 prayer experiences. A classic book. ~ Kathy Yeo

***Book Repair 101, Part 4 :***  
***Paging Dr Scotch Tape... Doing Quick and***  
***Easy Page Repairs***  
***By Vivian Walker, Library Technician***



Magic Tape is one of the essentials of the church librarian's repair kit. It is thin, invisible, and doesn't bleed or yellow.

There are complicated ways to repair rips in

pages that involve glue and special

Japanese repair paper, but I am assuming that for most church collections, quick and easy will do the job. I must say, though, that if you have any interest at all in archival level book conservation techniques, you might find this manual from the Alaska State Library to be quite interesting.

[http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist\\_docs/conman/conman3.pdf](http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist_docs/conman/conman3.pdf)

But I digress... back to Magic Tape. Magic Tape comes in 12 mm (1/2 inch) and 18 mm (3/4 inch) widths. The 12 mm is fine for most repairs. You would assume that carefully placing tape on a rip would be all the instruction we'd need for this section. However, you should consider that even Magic Tape has some bulk to it. If the repair is close to the spine, you need to place the tape carefully so it doesn't add stress. It's sometimes easiest to just open the book, place weights on both sides, and carefully wedge the tape down along the spine using knitting needles or bamboo skewers to smooth and burnish.

Another consideration when taping pages is that if you are taping only one side of the page, the other might still get snagged and rip. On the other hand, if you tape both sides, it might add too much bulk. The key is to ensure that you have carefully fitted the rip back together. Check the "feathering" of the rip and match up the fibres. This ensures a smooth repair. Sometimes taping one side is all you need, especially in hardcover books. However, for most children's books, I wrap the tape around the torn edge of the paper and over to the other side to ensure that both sides can't be picked at.

And what do you do when a page is so

horribly torn that to tape it would take many feet of tape? This is the sort of damage usually blamed on younger siblings and pets! If the book is worth saving (as in the case of a fairly new hardcover picture book, for example) one thing you might try is carefully cutting the page out with an Exacto knife, piecing it together, weighting it down overnight to smooth out the repairs, then colour copying it, and carefully adding it back to the book.

One of the most important things to consider when repairing books is to repair the worst damage first. It does no good to spend time repairing torn pages, for example, and then move on to a broken spine that is beyond repair. Taping torn pages should be one of your last tasks when book repair has turned into book restoration.



**FREE Online Book Repair Workshop**

A Basic Book Repair for Beginners workshop presented in January by Mandi Schwarz is now available online. The workshop covers tips and considerations before starting a repair, an overview of required and recommended supplies, and basic repairs such as torn and loose pages, hinges and covers. A video of the entire workshop from start to finish is available (FREE), as well as smaller segments covering each separate topic.  
<http://www.bcla.bc.ca/LTAIG/page/book%20repair%20workshop.aspx> *Librarians in Churches (LINC-L list)*



**Errata:** Please note that the hard copy February 2012 Rare Bird Newsletter indicated on page one that Keren Ferguson, Treasurer, was the second co-chair for the CLABC. The correction is that Marianne Lazaro, Archivist, was the second co-chair. The on-line electronic copy has already been corrected.



## Check your Calendar Conferences

You read earlier how 2 of our conference attendees found it worthwhile to travel some distance to learn. Here are some possibilities...

### 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)

Many great sessions to choose from -- from E-Books to Volunteers, interacting with other church ministries to sessions on books for seniors or children and more, library basics to a ResourceMate software user group plus a chance to hear a number of authors speak. Check it out!



### Church and Synagogue Libraries Association

July 29-31, 2012

Springfield, Illinois

<http://cslainfo.org/>

The theme is *Lincoln logs on: tradition and innovation in Library ministry*. Here's another great-looking conference – a chance to hear Barbara Brown Taylor, author of Rodda Award winner *An altar in the world: a geography of faith* as well as other authors, and the workshop lineup is outstanding. There are several on automation programs including one on selecting software, cataloging, e-books, resources for young adults, seniors, Bible translations, conservation of older materials, and so much more. The longer the conference the more difficult choices to make!



### National Church Library Association

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

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 travelling in the area at the time one is taking place it might be worthwhile getting details and attending.



### *Celebrate summer!*

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.
- 5 June ~ World Environment Day
- 12 June ~ Anne Frank's birthday
- 17 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
- 25 June ~ International Sit-On-The-Front-Pew Sunday!
- 26 June ~ Pearl Buck's birthday
- 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.
- 30 July ~ William Wilberforce born, and lived to abolish slavery in Britain. View the movie "Amazing Grace" and read up on him and his life.



August is sandwich month (who knew?) – sandwich in a little time for reading. Yes, you too! Refresh *yourself* and relax with a good book ... or ten!

