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VISUNET Training Sessions

Manitoba Library Consortium Inc. has negotiated a licence to access VISUNET, the CNIB system designed for use by those who are print-disabled due to visual, physical or conceptual impairment. Access is available to all MLCI member libraries.

VISUNET CANADA trainer of trainers sessions were held from 10 - 13 March 2003 and were attended by five WSD staff. VISUNET training sessions for teacher-librarians and para-professionals in charge of school libraries will be scheduled for Fall 2003.

Library and Archives of Canada

The National Library of Canada and the National Archives of Canada have recently merged to strengthen the visibility, relevance and accessibility of collections and services and to position the unique new agency as a leading knowledge and information management organization. The new agency is under the leadership of the National Librarian, **Roch Carrier**, and National Archivist, **Ian Wilson**.

For more information on Library and Archives of Canada go to <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca>.

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Take a Second Look at Your School Library

Is your school library the magnet for students that you want it to be?

Does the problem lie with the 70s décor, the dated collection, lack of access to technology, lack of functionality, or a combination of one or more of the above?

Many school administrators have recently taken a second look at the school library, determined a change was required, and have achieved a remarkable transformation without significant cost.

Some facilities have been reorganized to function more effectively. Others have also been redecorated. Still others have undergone weeding and retrospective conversion of cataloguing records to upgrade to semi-automated status using the *Union Catalogue* <<http://wsdcatalogue.org>> as the local school library catalogue.

These school library facilities are now major forces in marketing and promoting reading, research and learning to students.

Is the school library on your to-do list? Start by calling the Chief Librarian to arrange a convenient appointment to discuss your goals for the school library.

A half day is generally required for an in-depth assessment of the physical facilities with regard to best school library practice. A detailed set of recommendations, based upon Manitoba Education and Youth's

Planning School Libraries: Guidelines for Kindergarten to Senior 4 School Library Facilities, is subsequently provided. Implementation timelines are available upon request.

Ongoing advice and assistance are available throughout

implementation of the action plan whether it is a short-term project completed over one school year or a long-term, multiple year undertaking.

Thinking of making renewal and refurbishment of the school library part of your 2003/04 school plan? Contact **Gloria Hersak**, Chief Librarian, now at 788-0203, x150 or ghersak@wsd1.org.

"Due to publishing copyright concerns, and to safeguard against plagiarism or image theft, contacted winners may be required to provide all reference materials used for their entries, before being confirmed a winner.

It is recommended that all participants make every effort to make sure their artwork is adequately different from their reference materials."

Robert Bateman National Wildlife Week Writing and Art Contest, 2003.

T-L Meeting

The third and last T-L meeting for 2002/03 will be held at 2:30 p.m. on **15 April 2003** at Sir William Stephenson Branch of the Winnipeg Public Library. Presenters, **Lorraine Douglas** and **Laura Fowler**, will address informational and recreational use of non-fiction text for K - 8.

School administrators are requested to facilitate attendance of teacher-librarians at 3 meetings each school year.

Paraprofessionals Meeting

The third and last meeting of 2002/03 for paraprofessionals in charge of school libraries will be held from 8:30 to noon on **24 April 2003** at The Bilingual Service Centre, 614 rue Des Meurons (formerly Club LaVérendrye). The meeting will include a tour of The Bilingual Service Centre, a federal/provincial/civic resource centre, as well as a sharing session on Bulletin Boards and Displays.

School administrators are requested to facilitate attendance of paraprofessionals in charge of school libraries at 3 meetings each school year.

Grants to School Libraries

Looking for funding for your school library for technology? for collections? Check out The Winnipeg Foundation website at <http://www.wpgfdn.org> for application forms, grant application guidelines, and application deadlines.

New from ME&Y

Manitoba Education and Youth released the following curriculum documents in March 2003:

- *Kindergarten to Grade 8 Social Studies: Manitoba Curriculum Framework of Outcomes*
Download PDF from:
<<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/socstud/framework/index.html>>
- *Senior 3 and Senior 4 English Language Arts Learning Resources: Annotated Bibliography: A Reference for Selecting Learning Resources*
Download PDF from:
<<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/learnres/bibliographies.html>>



Building Partnerships for Information Literacy in Manitoba

School administrators who believe it is important that Manitobans are agile, confident lifelong learners and that students know how to evaluate multiple points of view should attend this conference to listen, learn, discuss, and create an action plan to develop information literacy for Manitobans.

Where? Canad Inns - Polo Park
When? 7 May 2003
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost? \$90
Register at <http://www.mla.mb.ca/infolit/precon.cfm>

Websites for Administrators

- ☞ **2003 Pursue Your Calling Scholarship Program**
<http://www.mts.ca/careers/scholarships.html>
 - ☞ **Fall 2002 Edutopia Newsletter: (Re)Designing Learning Environments**
<http://www.glef.org/edutopiaarc.html>
 - ☞ **Manitoba School for the Deaf**
<http://www.msd.winnipeg.mb.ca>
 - ☞ **Manitoba Text Book Bureau**
<http://www.mtbb.mb.ca>
 - ☞ **Pacific Bell Knowledge Network Explorer: A WebQuest Series on Creating Non-violent Schools**
<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/nonviolence/>
 - ☞ **Senior Years Curriculum Information for Parents**
<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/parents/senior/index.html>
- ### Information Literacy:
- ☞ **Cal State Information Literacy Project**
<http://multiweb.lib.calpoly.edu/infocomp/related.html>
 - ☞ **Information Literacy: The Web is Not an Encyclopedia**
<http://www.oit.umd.edu/units/web/literacy/>
 - ☞ **Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education: Association of College and Research Libraries**
<http://www.ala.org/acrl>
 - ☞ **Institute for Information Literacy (ILL)/Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL)**
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/nili/nilih.html>
 - ☞ **The National Forum on Information Literacy**
<http://www.infolit.org/>
 - ☞ **Texas Information Literacy Tutorial**
<http://tilt.lib.utsystem.edu/>