

Let's Celebrate!

Come and celebrate 40 years of central library services to the teachers, administrators, consultants, trustees, staff and students of the Division!

Date: 3 October 2003 (Friday)
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Prince Charles ERC
Room A

Open House and reception to follow in the Reference Library.

Forty years ago, The Winnipeg School Board made a groundbreaking decision by establishing a Library Services Department to "relieve school librarians of much of their clerical load, to provide central classification/cataloguing of library materials and to take responsibility for the existing central professional library for teachers and Board members." They also appointed a Supervisor of Libraries to oversee the Library Services Department and to contribute to the advancement of school library programs.

Over the years the Library Services Department has changed names and locations from Library Service Centre at William Avenue, to Teachers' Library and Resource Centre on Notre Dame Avenue to Library Media Services at PC ERC; however, the mandate remains constant.

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School Library Summit Resounding Success

The School Library Summit was held in Ottawa in June 2003 as part of *The Fun of Reading: International Forum for Canadian Children's Literature*. The event was a resounding success from the standpoints of attendance and media attention.

The Summit received media coverage in daily national and local newspapers, and on national and local radio and television. Shaw TV has produced a feature on school libraries which will air in Fall 2003.

Three important announcements were made at the Summit. First was the release of *The Crisis in Canada's School Libraries: The Case for Reform and Reinvestment*

by **Dr. Ken Haycock**. The Executive Summary of the Report has been distributed by LMS to all WSD school administrators. The full text is available at <http://www.peopleforeducation.com/librarycoalition/Report03.pdf>. The report, which is the first comprehensive Canadian study examining the educational impact of school libraries and teacher-librarians in the context of the steady decline in support for these institutions across the country, concludes with 13 recommendations on how provincial education ministries can begin to reform school library policy.

"School libraries and computers play a pivotal role in helping students become literate in an information age."

Carolyn Lintott
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
River East Transcona School Division.

Second was the launch of *Achieving Information Literacy: Standards for School Library Programs in Canada*, a co-production by Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada and Canadian School Library Association, which articulates a national vision of school library programs to support 3 major educational imperatives:

- the creation of a national identity
- the development of a learning society, and
- the development of an information literate society.

These standards for staffing, collections, facilities, and technologies are meant to be used by all educational stakeholders to assess the degree to which their school libraries meet the standards, to determine areas for improvement, and to realize the potential of the national vision.

Third was the proclamation by **Roch Carrier**, National Librarian of Canada, of the 1st National School Library Day, as the 4th Monday in October to coincide with International School Library Day.

Visit the International Association of School Librarians at <http://www.iasl.org> and the SLiP website <<http://slip.cla.ca>> for promotional ideas and activities for School Library Day celebrations.

News from ME&Y

Language of Planning document:

In response to requests for common planning terminology, a draft glossary of terms has been posted by Manitoba Education and Youth at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/agenda/priority3.html>. Obtain a mail or fax hardcopy by contacting the Research and Planning Branch (Ph: 945-7831 or Fax: 948-3286).

Phys. Ed./Health curriculum:

System-wide implementation of the new curriculum for K - 4 Physical Education/Health Education will begin in September 2003. Download copies of the Framework of Outcomes and Foundation for Implementation documents from <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/physhlth/curriculum.html> or order stock #80374 and #80401 from MTBB at <http://www.mtbb.mb.ca>.

Spanish Learning Resources:

Download *Spanish Learning Resources: Grade 7 to Senior 4 and Senior 1 to Senior 4: Compilation of Annotated Bibliographies (2000-2003)* from <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/learnres/bibliographies.html> or order from MTBB.

Social Studies curriculum update:

Social Studies K-8 and S2 framework of outcomes documents are posted at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/socstud/index.html>. The S1 document will be posted in early Fall, 2003.

LMS Hours of Operation

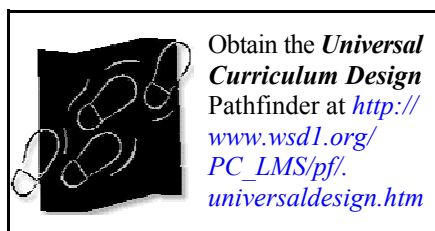
- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- **Extended hours for Reference Library** 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday only.

L4U Support

L4U special support pricing expires 30 September. Renew now and save from 35 to 40% on gold, silver and bronze support levels.

Children's Heritage Fund

Deadline for Children's Heritage project proposals is **17 September 2003**. Send applications via courier to **Bev Phillips**, Superintendent's Department.



Cataloguing Status Reports

In early September, schools will receive cataloguing status reports from LMS Technical Services. Large shipments of materials from LMS will be forwarded to schools in late August and early September. Original and copy cataloguing have been synchronized and turnaround time is currently one month.

2002/03 Manitoba School Library Association Awards

Congratulations to **Arlis Folkerts**, teacher-librarian at Angus McKay School and **Carolyn Lintott**, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, both of River East Transcona School Division, who respectively received MSLA Outstanding Teacher-Librarian of the Year Award and School Administrator Award for Distinguished Service to School Libraries.

Websites for Administrators

- ☞ *The ABC's of Educator Demographics: A Situational Analysis of Canada's Education Sector Human Resources* [pdf] <http://www.caeto.ca/reports/index.shtml>
- ☞ **Canadian Educational Policy and Administration Network** <http://www.cepan.ca>
- ☞ **Educational CyberPlayGround** <http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/>
- ☞ *The Homework Continues . . . A Status Report from Alberta's Commission on Learning* <http://www.learningcommission.gov.ab.ca/commission.asp?lid=158>
- ☞ *Impact of School Libraries on Student Achievement: A Review of the Research (March 2003)* <http://www.asla.org.au/research/index.htm>
- ☞ *Information Literacy as a Liberal Art: Enlightenment Proposals for a New Curriculum*, by **Jeremy J. Shapiro** and **Shelley K. Hughes** <http://www.educause.edu/pub/er/review/reviewarticles/31231.html>
- ☞ *Lifelong Learning as Public Policy in Canada* [pdf] <http://www.caeto.ca/reports/index.shtml>
- ☞ *The Neglected "R": The Need for a Writing Revolution* [pdf] <http://www.writingcommission.org>
- ☞ *See No Evil: How Internet Filters Affect the Search for Online Health Information. Executive Summary, December 2002 (publication #3294)* <http://www.kff.org>
- ☞ *Transforming Education Through the Arts Challenge: Final Project Report* [pdf] <http://aep-arts.org/PDF%20Files/Final%20Report%20TETAC2.pdf>
- ☞ *Why Should Principals Support School Libraries?* <http://ericit.org/digests/EDO-IR-2002-06.shtml>