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# N Library Media Services ewsletter

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## ULS Display

The annual United Library Services display of newly published materials will be held in Room A at Prince Charles ERC as follows:

### Tuesday, 16 November\*

8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, 17 November

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ULS representative **David Larsen** will be in attendance.

\*T-L meeting will be held in conjunction with the display at 2:30 p.m. in Room C, PC ERC.

## Virtual Reference Services Survey

Two faculty members at the School of Library and Information Science of the University of South Carolina have received an OCLC/ALISE grant to conduct a study of virtual reference service (VRS) provided by teacher-librarians to children and young adults.

If your students submit reference questions and have them answered by electronic means (e-mail, chat, web forms), you are engaged in VRS and qualify to participate in the survey which will identify the core knowledge and skills required in providing VRS. To do so, contact **Dr. Feili Tu** at [tuf@gwm.sc.edu](mailto:tuf@gwm.sc.edu).

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## Just How Dated is Your School Library Collection?

The online *Winnipeg School Division Union Catalogue* was updated in time for school opening on 7 September. Our *Union Catalogue* of 414,661 records is now composed of 230,552 unique bibliographic records with multiple holdings codes and 184,109 authority records.

Thanks to all school library staff who have diligently forwarded their deletions and additions each month. Your participation and cooperation is key to keeping the *Union Catalogue* current and useful.

Prior to the Fall update, the "working copy" of the union database was merged and deduplicated by The Library Corporation (TLC) as per specifications provided by LMS Technical Services staff.

Upon return of the database to LMS, TLC provides a variety of reports. One of the most interesting and most informative reports for school libraries is the "Publication Date" report. This report is broken down by year from 1980 to 2004 and, prior to 1980, by decade.

Numbers of records steadily increase from 4000+ per year in 1980 to the period from 1990 - 1992 where they peak at 9,000+. A similar decline occurs each year thereafter to 4,000+ for 2002.

While 50,886 records representing 12.23% of the database have unknown publication dates, 78,724 records comprising 19.08% of the database date from the 1990s.

Of concern are 62,004 records dating from the 1980s, 33,829 records from the 1970s, and 19,034 records from the 1960s, which comprise 27.84% of the database. Records for items published prior to 1960 total 8,983.

It is clear from this report that weeding of school library collections must become a priority if school

libraries are to fulfill their mandate to provide accurate, current and relevant learning resources to support curriculum implementation and student literacy.

Schools with automated library systems have the capability of printing "publication date" reports for their own school library collections to identify dated learning resources for removal and replacement.

For those interested and willing to take up this challenge, weeding guidelines are available in the online *LMS Handbook* at [http://www.wsd1.org/pc\\_lms/Handbook/forms/weeding.pdf](http://www.wsd1.org/pc_lms/Handbook/forms/weeding.pdf). For advice or assistance in collection maintenance and development, contact **Gloria Hersak**, Chief Librarian (788-0203, x150 or [ghersak@wsd1.org](mailto:ghersak@wsd1.org)).

"Turns out--big surprise--that there's a direct correlation between the quality of a school's library and the academic performance of that school's students."

**Kim Pittaway**, Author  
"Broad Side", *Chatelaine*  
October 2002

## Roundtables of Canada

- **2004 Information Book Award Evening**

**Date:** 5 October

**Time:** 7 - 9 p.m.

**Location:** Osborne Library

Here's your chance to examine these great Canadian children's non-fiction titles shortlisted for the 2004 Information Book Award!

📖 **Bogart, Jo Ellen.** *Emily Carr: At the edge of the world* (Tundra Books).

📖 **Galloway, Priscilla.** *Archers, alchemists and 98 other medieval jobs you might have loved or loathed* (Annick Press).

📖 **Graydon, Shari.** *Made you look: How advertising works and why you should know* (Annick Press).

📖 **MacLeod, Elizabeth.** *Albert Einstein: A Life of genius* (Kids Can Press).

📖 **Ross, Val.** *The Road to there: Mapmakers and their stories* (Tundra Books).


- **Evening with Barbara Reid**

**Date:** 20 October

**Time:** 7 - 9 p.m.

**Location:** St. James-Assiniboia Library

To become a member of the Roundtable, send a cheque for \$15 made payable to Winnipeg Children's Literature Roundtable to **Vera Willson**, 37 Lakeland Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 4A8.



Obtain the *New Teachers* Pathfinder at [http://www.wsd1.org/PC\\_LMS/pf/new\\_teachers.htm](http://www.wsd1.org/PC_LMS/pf/new_teachers.htm)

## VISUNET Training

VISUNET Canada will provide VISUNET training on Tuesday, **5 October**. Two sessions will be held from 9 - 11 a.m. and from 1 - 3 p.m., both in the Computer Lab of the University of Winnipeg Learning Commons. Information about the VISUNET service for print-disabled clients is available at <http://www.cnib.ca/library/visunet/>. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required. Contact **Judy Inglis** (Ph: 831-2107 or E-mail: [jinglis@deerlodge.mb.ca](mailto:jinglis@deerlodge.mb.ca)).

## New from MEC&Y

Curriculum documents listed below were distributed to schools in September 2004 and are available online:

- **Grade 4 Social Studies: Manitoba, Canada, and the North: Places and Stories: A Foundation for Implementation.** <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/socstud/index.html>
- **Grade 3 Social Studies: Communities of the World: A Foundation for Implementation** <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/socstud/index.html>
- **Senior 1 and Senior 2 Physical Education/Health Education: A Foundation for Implementation** <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/physlth/index.html>

## World Book On-Line

WSD has purchased a one-year subscription for *World Book On-Line* which includes home use of the software. To obtain user names and passwords for school and remote access or to comment on the resource and its ease of use, contact **Mary Louise Lisi** <[mllisi@wsd1.org](mailto:mllisi@wsd1.org)>.

## Websites for Administrators

- 📖 **Brain Research Internet Resources** <http://www.coe.missouri.edu/~map/edulinks/brain.html>
- 📖 **Center for Science in Society Bryn Mawr College Brain Research and Education** [http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/sci\\_edu/education/brain.html](http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/sci_edu/education/brain.html)
- 📖 **Creating a Cultural Change Ten Strategies for Developing an Ethic of Teamwork** <http://www.nsd.org/library/publications/jsd/patterson252.pdf>
- 📖 **Dealing With School Vandalism** [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/shore/shore037.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/shore/shore037.shtml)
- 📖 **Education Matters** <http://www.statcan.ca/start.html>
- 📖 **Grade "A" Parenting: Parental Encouragement** [http://abcnews.go.com/sections/Living/US/kids\\_homework\\_help\\_040514-1.html](http://abcnews.go.com/sections/Living/US/kids_homework_help_040514-1.html)
- 📖 **Monitoring Children's Media Usage** <http://www.ciconline.org/Enrichment/MediaLiteracy/NavigatingMediaLandscape/default.htm>
- 📖 **Outdated School Libraries: What Can You Do to Update Yours?** [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_admin/admin/admin181.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin181.shtml)
- 📖 **Teacher Leaders Network** <http://www.teacherleaders.org>
- 📖 **Technology Integration Boosts Student Achievement** <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/news/goodnews/032504.html>
- 📖 **Tips for the Successful Principal** [http://www.nassp.org/publications/pl/pl\\_12tips\\_0404.cfm](http://www.nassp.org/publications/pl/pl_12tips_0404.cfm)
- 📖 **Tools for School-Improvement Planning** <http://www.annenberginstitute.org/tools/index.html>