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## I Love to Read Month

Promotion of early childhood literacy and the joy of reading has risen to the top of the Manitoba Premier's agenda.

Parents and teachers of students in Grade 2 and 3 recently received letters from the Premier encouraging participation in I Love to Read month and a home-school partnership for the purpose of building reading skills which are necessary for life-long learning.

The Premier's office also provided bookmarks for distribution to Grade 2 and 3 students and a request form for Reading Recognition Certificates which should be sent to Premier's Reading Recognition Certificate c/o Room 168, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 0V8 (Fax: 945-8303) by **17 March 2005**.

## New School Library Support in Quebec

Quebec Minister of Education, **Pierre Reid**, announced on 15 January 2005 an investment in the province's school libraries of \$60 million over a 3-year period. Funding is targeted for acquisitions to revitalize school library collections with a particular emphasis on boys and their reading preferences. For more information, go to [http://www.meq.gouv.qc.ca/lancement/plan\\_lecture/index.htm](http://www.meq.gouv.qc.ca/lancement/plan_lecture/index.htm)

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## Copyright Report Proposes Internet Access Fees for Schools

The Minister of Industry and the Minister of Canadian Heritage have joint responsibility for copyright law. Copyright legislation has recently been revised and amended for the purposes of relevance in the modern day and of compliance with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) agreements.

In May 2004, the Heritage Committee, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, tabled "Interim Report on Copyright Reform" which is intended to lead to the first phase of digital copyright legislation.

In their Report the Heritage Committee has recommended to Cabinet an amendment to the Copyright Act to permit the collective licensing of Internet materials used for education purposes. For the full report, go to <http://www.parl.gc.ca/InfocomDoc/Documents/37/3/parlbus/commbus/house/reports/herirp01-e.htm>.

This recommendation translates into a charge for all students and teachers in Canada's schools to access what are now free Internet resources. Because schools in other countries are not subject to Canadian

copyright law, access fees would apply to Canadians only.

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada documented concern with the proposed digital copyright legislation in a press release (September 2004) which is available at <http://www.cmec.ca/releases/press.en.stm?id=17>.

CMEC and all major national education sector organizations, including Canadian Library Association and Canadian Association for School Libraries, are actively seeking an exception to allow free and reasonable use of publicly available Internet materials

such as federal government web sites intended for education and federally supported digital projects (see *Manitobia: Life and Times in February Inklings*).

CMEC has concluded that the recommended changes to copyright law "would seriously hinder the use of the Internet for teaching and learning purposes". How will the proposed digital copyright legislation, if passed, affect your classroom? computer lab? school library? school?

"There is no doubt that we must modernize the Copyright Act as soon as possible. The emergence of the Internet and new digital technology has shaken entire sectors of our society. I am thinking in particular of protection for the intellectual property of our creative people."

**Hélène Chalifour Scherrer**  
Minister of Canadian Heritage, 2004.

## 2005 ALA Book Awards

American Library Association (ALA) announced the 2005 Newbery (writing) and Caldecott (illustration) Awards on 18 January 2005.

### John Newbery Medal:

📖 **Kadohata, Cynthia.** *Kira-Kira* (Atheneum).

### Newbery Honor Books

📖 **Choldenko, Jennifer.**

*Al Capone does my shirts* (G.P. Putnam's Sons).

📖 **Freedman, Russell.** *The Voice that challenged a nation: Marian Anderson and the struggle for equal rights* (Clarion).

📖 **Schmidt, Gary D.** *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster boy* (Clarion).

### Randolph Caldecott Medal:

📖 **Henkes, Kevin.** *Kitten's first full moon* (Greenwillow).

### Caldecott Honor Books

📖 **Lehman, Barbara.** *The Red book* (Houghton Mifflin).

📖 **Willems, Mo.** *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary tale* (Hyperion).

📖 **Woodson, Jacqueline & E.B. Lewis, (illus).** *Coming on home soon* (G.P. Putnam's Son's).

## Historic Census Records

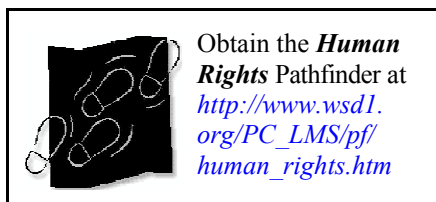
Bill S-18, introduced in Fall 2004, is the product of years of negotiations with Statistics Canada and the federal government to find the proper balance between access to information and personal privacy rights. Should the bill pass, it will allow for the release of all historic census records 92 years after the data that the census occurred. The release is intended to be without restriction. Census records will be available online through Library and Archives Canada's website.

## Ontario School Library Study

The Ontario Library Association Board of Directors has agreed to fund a research study based in Ontario schools that will determine the impact of school library programs on student learning and achievement.

The proposal for the research came out of an Education Institute program on evidence-based practice conducted by Dr. Ross Todd, who heads up the Center for International Study of School Libraries at Rutgers University. The Board will identify a Canadian researcher to take the lead and work with Todd.

OLA, OSLA and the Ontario Coalition for School Libraries will carry this initiative forward. Up to \$100,000 over two years has been earmarked for the study.



## Making a Library of Books: Parent/Volunteer Workshop

This hands-on workshop will introduce fun ideas for making books with children who are 6 years or older, using things from around the house.

**Date:** 23 February 2005  
**Time:** 1:15 - 3:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Earl Grey School  
340 Cockburn Street N.  
**Presenter:** Karin Borland,  
Coordinator of Youth Services, Winnipeg Public Library  
**Register:** Call 474-1513

## Websites for Administrators

- 📖 **Alternative School Calendars: Smart Idea or Senseless Experiment?**  
[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_admin/admin126.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin126.shtml)
- 📖 **Canada's Community Newspapers Database**  
<http://www.communitynews.ca/database/>
- 📖 **Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network: Classroom Acoustics**  
<http://dialogue.cllrnet.ca/2004-12-01/default.htm>
- 📖 **Checkpoints in Reading K-S4**  
[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/curr009.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr009.shtml)
- 📖 **Copyright**  
<http://www.faircopyright.ca/>
- 📖 **Government of Canada Publications**  
<http://publications.gc.ca/>
- 📖 **"The Parent Trap"--Luring Elusive Parents to School**  
[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_admin/admin/admin243.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin243.shtml)
- 📖 **I Am David: The Movie**  
<http://www.iamdavidmovie.com>
- 📖 **Manitoba Community Profiles**  
<http://www.communityprofiles.mb.ca/>
- 📖 **MarcoGrams**  
<http://www.marcopolo-education.org/teacher/marcograms.aspx>
- 📖 **My Manitoba.com**  
<http://www.mymanitoba.com/>
- 📖 **Travel Manitoba Student Resource Centre**  
<http://www.travelmanitoba.com/freestuff/schoolkit.html>
- 📖 **Wire Side Chat: Creating ELL-Friendly Classrooms**  
[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_issues/chat/chat124.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_issues/chat/chat124.shtml)
- 📖 **Wire Side Chat: GUYS READ: Helping Boys Become Better Readers, Better Students, Better Guys**  
[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_issues/chat/chat126.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_issues/chat/chat126.shtml)