

OFHSA Adopts School Library Policy

At their 2004 annual meeting, the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations Inc. (OFHSA), passed the following policy:

“That there be a library in every publicly funded elementary and secondary school, staffed with teacher-librarians based on standards for school libraries as established by the Canadian School Library Association/Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada, stocked with sufficient curriculum and non-curriculum based print and non-print resources acquired through standards for per student funding, and open for student use during the entire school day.”

A similar resolution was passed by Nova Scotia at their 2004 annual meeting. Quebec FHSA also passed a resolution at their 2004 annual meeting calling on their ministry of education to augment financial resources, especially for schools to upgrade and maintain the school library and library resources as a vital component of the education system.

OFHSA has indicated their intent to present a resolution for adoption of their policy at the Canadian Home and School Federation annual meeting in Nova Scotia in May 2005.

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7-Eleven & Raise-a-Reader Support School Libraries

In the 3 years since its national inception, the CanWest Raise-a-Reader campaign has raised \$1.66 million for family literacy initiatives. Raise-a-Reader provides resources to libraries and assistance to family literacy programs in the regions of all participating CanWest metropolitan newspapers and Global TV stations.

Funds raised through the year-round campaign are made available to literacy organizations in the community where the donations are collected.

During 2004, 7-Eleven installations in Winnipeg collected Raise-a-Reader donations from their customers through a coinbox campaign. In early 2005, 7-Eleven chose to acknowledge the role of school libraries in raising readers by distributing the proceeds of their coinbox campaign among five Winnipeg School Division elementary school libraries.

On 21 January, principal, school library and student representatives from David Livingstone, Dufferin, Earl Grey, Fort Rouge, and King

Edward Schools met at David Livingstone School with **Pauline Harder** of 7-Eleven and **Cindy Dowse** of CanWest Global Communications Corp. to celebrate this exciting event.

It was also an occasion for David Livingstone School to unveil the “extreme makeover” which has

recently occurred in the school library under the leadership of Principal **Bev Wahl**.

Many thanks to David Livingstone School for providing the site for the “photo op” and for their

generous hospitality.

The happy faces in the photo illustrate the appreciation extended to 7-Eleven and CanWest Global Raise-a-Reader for their support for school library collections and for acknowledgement of school libraries as essential components in the development of young readers.

For more information on Raise-a-Reader go to <http://www.raiseareader.com>. While you are there, check out the Children’s Book Club!



Video/DVD Licence Reports

Under the current video site licences, screenings of feature films in video/DVD format must be reported to Audio Ciné Film (ACF) and Visual Education Centre (VEC). The first reports for 2005 are due on **24 March** and must be sent **directly to ACF and VEC** via fax or post. Contact information is in the licence packets sent to all school principals in January 2005.

BCTLA Bookmark

The Bookmark Editorial Board of the British Columbia Teacher-Librarians Association have announced the online debut of *The Bookmark* at <http://www.bctf.ca/BCTLA/bookmark.html>.

CLA Response to Tsunami Disaster

In the short term, Canadian Library Association encourages members of the Canadian library and information community to focus on humanitarian aid. Once the immediate crisis is past, CLA will support the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) as it pushes for rapid reconstruction of public, school and academic libraries as fundamental re-building blocks of devastated communities.

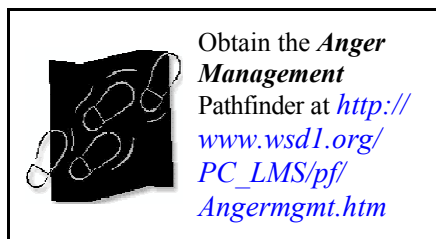
News from U of W

The Western Canadian Pictorial Index has returned to the University of Winnipeg. A newcomer to U of W is the educational arm of *Histor!ca* including production of *The Histor!ca Minutes* and Heritage Fairs.

2004/05 Student Records Microfilming Project

The student records microfilming project has wrapped up for another year. During 2004/05, records for Champlain, David Livingstone, George V, Laura Secord, LaVérendrye, Lord Nelson, Machray, Principal Sparling, Robert H. Smith and Wolseley Schools were added to the collection held at LMS Reference Library.

The project is expected to resume in October 2005 at Faraday School.



New from MEC&Y

The following items were recently forwarded to schools by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth:

- *Celebrating Women's History*. Also available in English and French at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/wd>
- *Copyright Matters: Some Key Questions and Answers for Teachers*
- *Directory of Adult Learning Centres and Literacy Programs in Manitoba--2004-05*. Also online at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/aet/all/index.html>
- *The Heritage 2005: Heritage of Faith; Spiritual and Sacred Places* education kit
- *Human Sexuality: A Resource for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Physical Education/Health Education (2005)*. Also at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/physlth/index.html>

Websites for Administrators

- 📄 **Behavior Rubrics**
http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin368.shtml
- 📄 **BrainConnection: The Brain and Learning**
<http://www.brainconnection.com/>
- 📄 **Children Who Memorize Times Tables Multiply Faster and More Accurately**
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/3638636.stm>
- 📄 **Educators Split Over How Best to Teach Reading**
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A3497-2004Feb24¬Found=true>
- 📄 **Great Meetings: Graphic Brainstorming**
http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/greatmeetings/greatmeetings016.shtml
- 📄 **Kindergarten a More Serious, Less Playful Time**
http://www.sltrib.com/search/ci_2397351
- 📄 **The National Commission on Writing [pdf]**
<http://www.writingcommission.org/>
- 📄 **Speaking of Electronic Whiteboards . . .**
http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/tech/tech206.shtml
- 📄 **Strategy of the Week: The "Jigsaw" Technique**
http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/strategy/strategy036.shtml
- 📄 **Technology and Plagiarism Study**
<http://www.ace.org/pubs/ACEJ/dispart.cfm?paperID=24>
- 📄 **Teens Respond Best to Creative, Passionate Teachers**
<http://www.detnews.com/2004/schools/0406/04/a09-173712.htm>
- 📄 **Troublemakers Distract from Learning**
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A17127-2004May11.html>