

# 2006 NSLA/LBANS CONFERENCE

## Conference Program

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006  
Pre-Conference Workshops

**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Workshop # 1: HeartWood: Centre of Community Youth Development**

**Presenter:** Kathleen Naylor, Programs Manager

HeartWood is a leader in youth development programs in Nova Scotia, working with youth in discovering their 'personal best'. The heart of their work is with young people and mentor volunteers in communities across Nova Scotia. They collaborate with community leaders, private citizens, agencies, groups, and all levels of government to build on their efforts and to lead new initiatives that promote and support community-based youth development.

**9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

**Workshop # 2: Developmental Reading Problems: Causes and Treatment**

**Presenter:** Dr. Wayne MacDonald, Ph.D., ABPP(CN), consultant in Clinical Neuropsychology and former Director of Psychology at the IWK.

Dr. MacDonald will review the scientific literature giving rise to our current understanding of reading problems. He will also describe the essential instructional strategies that will be necessary, if educational treatment is to be effective.

**11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Workshop # 3: Spell Read**

**Presenter:** Sarah Arnold, Director, Halifax Learning Centres, Inc., a licenced provider of Spell Read.

Spell Read, built on science and focused on results, is an explicit, intensive and comprehensive reading intervention program proven to achieve significant results in one year, even with severely deficient readers.

**11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Workshop # 4: Book Buddies**

**Presenters:** Brenda Peters, Teen Programming Coordinator, Colchester-East Hants Public Library; Pam Eakin, Teen Programming Assistant, Colchester-East Hants Public Library; Nathan Swan and Rebecca MacInnes, Teen Volunteers, Colchester-East Hants Public Library.

Join the Teen Team from Truro for an informative and fun workshop demonstrating some unique components of our successful Book Buddies program, designed to provide a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere to assist reluctant readers in early elementary school acquire an appreciation for the written word, while providing teens in junior high and high school with an opportunity to take on leadership roles in their community.

**12 noon - 1:30 p.m.**

**Workshop # 5: Frank Macdonald - Author Reading**

A Forest for Callum, short-listed for the Dartmouth Book Award for Fiction 2006, explores complex lives of rural communities in the post-war, post-heavy industry decades of mid- twentieth century Cape Breton with dignity and humour. Join award-winning columnist and publisher of the Inverness Oran, Frank Macdonald, for a special lunch at the Holiday Inn Select.

Sponsored by Canada Council for the Arts and in partnership with the Halifax Public Libraries.

**2:45 - 4:15 p.m.**

**Workshop # 6: Reaching the Reluctant Reader: Aligning School Library Practices to classroom Literacy Instruction**

**Presenter:** Michael Coughlan, Literacy Leader, Halifax Regional School Board

Learn how reluctant readers can become engaged in the act of reading, and some of the instructional practices which are presently being encouraged by the Department of Education to address this issue. Time will be provided for participants to discuss ways libraries can support these practices.

**2:45 - 4:15 p.m.**

**Workshop # 7: Designing School Library Websites**

**Presenter:** Holly Gunn, Manager of the Insignia Automation Project with the Halifax Regional School Board, webmaster for the Board's Canadian History website and Library Technical Services website

This session will give an overview of the type of resources found on a school library website. Drawing upon her vast experience with website development and maintenance, as well as related policy development, Holly will give practical tips on design to help you start a website for your library.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Workshop # 8: Nova Scotia Provincial Library Consultation**

**Presenter:** Jennifer Evans, Provincial Librarian

How do Nova Scotians feel about their public libraries? Do they believe that public libraries are providing a service for the future? What would do they think the perfect library building should look like? The Nova Scotia Provincial Library led a series of public consultations from April to June of this year. What did we learn from the process? This session will discuss why the consultations were held, what Nova Scotians told us about their public libraries, describe the consultation process and what we are doing with the results.

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Workshop # 9: Working Smarter to Achieve Results!**

**Presenter:** Tony Mancini, partner with Atlantica Learning Corporation - the Priority Management associate in Atlantic Canada

The juggling of priorities in today's workplaces has resulted in longer working hours, increased stress, errors, absenteeism and employee turnover. Working Smarter is the imperative for every employee. This workshop explores techniques used around the world to save time and increase productivity by making the best use of the technology tools at our fingertips.

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Workshop #10: Mapping Creative Connections @ Libraries - the case of GIS**

**Presenter:** James Boxall, Director of the GIS Centre and Curator of the Map Collection at Dalhousie University.

Map Libraries and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) are connected activities and collections with a relatively short history of being grouped together. The Dalhousie GIS Centre and Map Collection have proven that making connections in creative ways makes it possible to establish services, extend reach, create a climate for permanency, and give back to those who helped get you there.

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Workshop #11: Creating Effective Relationships**

**Presenter:** Peter Doig, Senior Council with Emera Inc. & Past Chair of the Halifax Public Libraries Board

Communicating effectively is essential for fostering successful relationships between library boards and various levels of government. Peter Doig, Past Chair of Halifax Public Libraries Board and Senior Council with Emera Inc. will discuss his experience in weathering turbulent times with municipal government and how to resolve conflict and achieve positive results. Mr. Doig is also the current Chair of the Spring Garden Library Replacement Board.

**10:45 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Workshop #12: Keynote Address: The 12 Habits of Highly Effective Librarians**

**Presenter:** Maureen Sawa, Director of Public Service and Community Development for Hamilton Public Library and author of the recently published children's book *The Library Book*.

As libraries change to meet user needs and assume new roles, library staff are faced with the prospect of re-inventing themselves. To be successful, we must reconsider traditional core competencies and identify the skills, attitudes and values that enable us to work effectively and develop new service opportunities. Sawa looks at the key issues affecting libraries and focuses on the personal and professional competencies that we must develop. Through presentation of statistics, anecdotes and practical tips, she offers compelling arguments for adopting forward-looking habits to increase professional success and personal satisfaction.

**1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Workshop #13: Getting Our Message Across: The Art of Lobbying**

**Presenters:** Madeleine Lefebvre; Chief Librarian, Saint Mary's University

At last year's conference, Wendy Newman and Ella Nason worked with trustees on advocacy on behalf of public libraries. This year, former CLA president Madeleine Lefebvre will provide some tips on effective lobbying.

**1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Workshop #14: Romance Writing**

**Presenters:** Julianne MacLean, Deborah Hale, authors and members of the Romance Writers of Atlantic Canada

Ever wondered if you could become a published writer? These award-winning authors will discuss how they were able to turn their passion for writing into successful careers. With over two dozen books published by Harlequin, Avon/Harper-Collins and Luna, they will share the ups and downs along the way to becoming published authors.

**1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Workshop #15: Placemaking: The Design of Public Spaces**

**Presenter:** Eric Stackhouse and Linda Arsenault; Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library is working with the Project for Public Spaces, a New York-based non-profit organization, on redevelopment plans for downtown New Glasgow. Join Eric and Linda to learn more about the design of effective public spaces and the role the public library can play in building communities.

**1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Workshop #16: Graphic Novels in Your Library**

**Presenters:** Calum Johnston, Strange Adventures Book Store and Mark Oakley, author/illustrator of the Thieves & Kings series.

Johnson and Oakley will discuss graphic novel collections in school and public libraries and give examples of popular manga and anime series for all ages.

**3:15 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Workshop #17: Jacqueline Halsey - Author Reading**

*Peggy's Letters*, a finalist for both the Hackmatack and Rocky Mountain Children's Choice book awards, tells the story of a young girl in World War II London who balances the upheaval in her family life by writing letters to her absent father. Halsey, who draws her story from family history, "creates a textured world, with deep and engaging characters, and succeeds in writing a stirring and delightful story" (CM Magazine).

**3:15 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Workshop #18: Technical Services IS Public Services**

**Presenters:** Robert Cook, supervisor of Cataloguing Systems at the Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University; Peter King library technician at Mount Saint Vincent University Library; Debbie Kaleva, library technician at the Pictou Campus of NSCC.

As remote access to library materials and services increases, communication channels between technical and public services staff must be well defined. How do libraries develop such channels, and what challenges do staff encounter? Panel members will explore cross-training of professional and paraprofessional staff, their work in several function areas, and the implications for working conditions and collective agreements.

**3:15 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Workshop #19: Mini Make-overs for Maximum Impact: Looking at Our Spaces with Efficiency in Mind**

**Presenters:** Sarah Wenning, Manager, Keshen Goodman Public Library, Halifax Public Libraries; Darlene Barrett, Branch Operations Supervisor, Keshen Goodman Public Library, Halifax Public Libraries

It's the little things that count! Are we getting our books and other materials to our patrons as fast as we can - or is there more we can do? Join us as we take a look at the little changes that will have maximum impact on efficiency in your library.

**3:15 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Workshop #20: Recruiting for library leaders**

**Presenter:** Dr Fiona Black, Director, School of Information Management, Dalhousie University

Drawing from her work with the CLA President's Council on the 8Rs concerning recruitment, Dr. Black discusses the shift in recruitment in LIS schools over the past decade, with increasing emphasis on finding candidates with leadership potential, a high tolerance for ambiguity, and related personal competencies that employers often demand in entry-level professionals.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006**

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Workshop #21: E-learning in Libraries: Possibilities and Challenges**

**Presenter:** Dr. Haidar Moukdad, Associate Professor at Dalhousie University's School of Information Management

E-learning applications are varied and constantly evolving in library environments. The speaker will introduce concepts necessary to understand and appreciate the involvement of librarians in the design and development of E-learning tutorials. He will also cover the process of creating E-learning tutorials from conception to publication, focusing on identifying the audience and engaging users.

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Workshop #22: Enabling Your Reading Addicts: A Readers-Centered Service at the Public Library**

**Presenters:** Sarah Wenning, Regional Manager for Readers' Services, Halifax Public Libraries;  
David Hansen, Resource Manager for Readers' Services, Halifax Public Libraries

Pleasure reading of both fiction and non-fiction is in high demand. But are readers finding what they really want? Join us as we discuss the nature of pleasure reading, ways to help the reader make great choices, and how we can help them by matching them up with the right book.

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Workshop #23: Archives Canada**

**Presenter:** Anne MacLean, Archives Canada

A joint initiative of the Canadian Council of Archives, the Provincial and Territorial Archival Networks, and Library and Archives Canada, this free resources gives access to archival holdings listings, digitized photographs, maps, documents, and online exhibits from over 800 repositories across Canada. Learn how it can benefit you and your library patrons.

**10:45 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Workshop #24: Experience the Web: Computers & Creative Communities**

**Presenters:** Ryan Deschamps, e-Learning Services Manager, Halifax Public Libraries; Kelli WooShue, Librarian, Spring Garden Road Reference Department, Halifax Public Libraries.

Web 2.0... Social software... Tagging... Wikis... blogs... It seems like every week another new term or acronym is added to our vocabulary. But what do these terms mean and what impact can they have in your library? This workshop will give you an opportunity to experience some of the new technologies first-hand and to discuss their potential role in your library community.

**10:45 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Workshop #25: Poetry Panel - Sue Macleod; Sue Goyette; Brian Bartlett**

**Presenters:** Sue Macleod; Sue Goyette; Brian Bartlett

Here is an opportunity to hear from some of your favorite local poets. Sue Macleod, Sue Goyette and Brian Bartlett will read from their work as well as answer questions about writing and publishing poetry.

**10:45 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Workshop #26: The Five Most Fabulous Genealogy Websites**

**Presenter:** Joanne McCarthy, Librarian, Spring Garden Road Reference Department, Halifax Public Libraries

Explore the five most fabulous genealogy websites with Nova Scotian content. Discover new databases and learn simple search techniques, all designed to build your confidence while helping patrons research their family trees.