

Alberta's library community sparkles on the national stage

The recent 2008 Canadian Library Association Conference in Vancouver turned into an Alberta affair, as members of the province's library community were recognized with a number of major awards.

The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library initiative was the recipient of the 2008 CACUL Innovation Achievement Award, which recognizes academic libraries that contribute to the advancement of academic librarianship and library development.

The Alberta Library's CEO, Lucy Pana, was the recipient of the 2008 CLA Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship.

Margaret Law, interim NEOS manager, was the recipient of the CLA/Miles Blackwell Outstanding Academic Librarian Award.

Joanne Kemp, Library Director at Grant MacEwan College, was the recipient of the CTCL Award for Outstanding College Librarian.

Patricia Jobb, who recently retired from her position as Associate Director of Public Services at the Edmonton Public Library, was the recipient of the CAPL/Brodart Outstanding Public Library Service Award.

Merrill Distad, Associate Director of Libraries at the University of Alberta, received the CLA/YPB Award for Outstanding Contribution to Collection Development and Management.

University of Alberta School of Library and Information Studies graduate student Elizabeth Fulton-Lyne was the winner of the CLA Student Article contest.

"These awards speak volumes about the leadership and commitment to excellence within our community," said The Alberta Library's Board Chair, Keith Walker. "In many ways, the number of awards is remarkable. On the other hand, we've been hearing for years from our colleagues across North America that what we're doing in Alberta is at the leading-edge. There is a great story unfolding across the province. We're proud of the award recipients, and proud of everything that we have achieved together."