

Member News

By Sandra Wong.

At the September 2008 BCLA Board Meeting, the board voted to reduce the second year student membership rate to \$0 which in effect makes **student membership complimentary**. Students enrolled at the School of Library Archival and Information Studies at UBC or in the Library Technician programs at Langara College or the University of the Fraser Valley can enjoy the full benefits of membership without the burden of yet another fee on top of their tuition and other ancillary fees while completing their library program.

Awards

Judith Saltman is the recipient of the Frances E. Russell grant for 2008, in support of her research for *Picturing Canada: A History of Canadian Children's Illustrated Books and Publishing* (with co-researcher and co-author Dr. Gail Edwards), to be published by University of Toronto Press in 2009.

Appointments

Sandra Singh has accepted the directorship of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia.

Deb Thomas has been appointed Deputy Chief Librarian and Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch Manager of Burnaby Public Library.

Miriam Moses is now Burnaby Public Library's Acquisitions Manager.

Roberta Summersgill is the Kingsway Branch Manager for Burnaby Public Library.

University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) is extremely pleased to welcome **Hongfei Li** as Systems and Circulation Librarian.

Rebecca Dowson has been appointed as Liaison Librarian for English and History at Simon Fraser University Library.

Holly Hendrigan is the Liaison Librarian for Education and the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University, Surrey Campus.

In Memoriam

Margaret Burke (1921 – 2008), former admissions and placement coordinator at SLAIS, UBC passed away on October 10, 2008. An obituary was published in the Vancouver Sun and The Province and [online](#). In lieu of flowers or cards, Margaret wished for donations to be made to the UBC School of Library, Archival and Information Studies [Margaret Burke Scholarship](#):

"The award is made on the recommendation of the School to a student entering second year of any program in the School, who has demonstrated academic ability and shown promise of professional achievement."

Librarians and BC Libraries in the Media

Jeff Bell. "[Reading challenge set to promote literacy across the province](#)." *Times – Colonist*. October 20, 2008.

Karen Lindsay, a teacher-librarian at Reynolds Secondary School promotes the Drop Everything and Read Challenge which took place at schools all around the province on October 27th, 2008.

Janet Steffenhagen. "[Set an example: Read today: 20-minute reading session stresses importance of literacy](#)." The Vancouver Sun. October 27, 2008.

The Vancouver Sun published an article on the Drop Everything and Read event promoted by teacher librarians in British Columbia and reflects on staffing levels at school libraries.

Bernice Trick. "[Living memory: New library website collects newspaper coverage of city's early history](#)." *Prince George Citizen*. November 28, 2008.

Report on the Committed to Memory project at the Prince George Public Library's Keith Gordon Room to digitize early Prince George newspapers.

Chris Petter. "[UVic and Times Colonist offer new online archive.](#)" *Cowichan Valley Citizen*. December 12, 2008.

Jeff Bell. "[Free TC archives are 150th anniversary gift to readers.](#)" *Times - Colonist*, December 11, 2008.

Two reports on the launch of The British Colonist Digitization Project.

Sandra Thomas. "[School children create 'stained-glass' for library; Art project highlights ethnic diversity in classroom.](#)" *Vancouver Courier*, December 17, 2008.

Vancouver Public Library's Joe Fortes Branch was especially Christmassy this year, with its 4th annual Christmas Windows Project. This year, Grade 4 students from Lord Roberts Elementary School also held an ArtCrawl where they came and introduced themselves and their faux stained-glass windows to their friends and to the public. To accompany the Crawl, the Library designed a guide that includes the child's first name, a short self-penned biography and photograph of the student holding their artwork. [Thomas Quigley, Vancouver Public Library].

Elizabeth Church. "[Where everybody knows your teenaged musings.](#)" *The Globe and Mail*. December 24, 2008.

A description of the digital tattoo program at UBC Library, a guide for protecting your privacy online.

Canadian Press. "[Online reading club helps connect teen book lovers across Canada.](#)" *Canadian Press Online*. December 25, 2008.

A description of TeenSRC, an online reading club for teens with support from the British Columbia Library Association, the Public Library Service Branch of B.C.'s Ministry of Education, the Greater Victoria Public Library and sponsors.

Jim Hume. "[Uncovering B.C. history a joy thanks to my guides; Our Island is blessed with living links to the stories and people of our past.](#)" *Times - Colonist*, December 28, 2008.

Columnist Jim Hume thanks local librarians and archives staff for responding to "vague questions", and being "patient and courteous guides and mentors."

Eugene Barsky and Kevin Lindstrom. "[Podcasting the Sciences: A Practical Overview.](#)" *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship* 55 (Fall 2008).

University science education has been undergoing great amount of change since the commercialization of the Internet a decade ago. Mobile technologies in science education can encompass more than the proximal teaching and learning environment. Podcasting, for example, allows audio content from user-selected feeds to be automatically downloaded to one's computer as it becomes available online, and then later transferred to a portable player for the user's consumption at a convenient time and place. Enjoying a phenomenal growth in mainstream society, podcasting is asynchronous and could be provided at a distance from a classroom. This paper reports a case study from the University of British Columbia that implemented podcasting for physics content. It presents the rationale for, technical details, and step-by-step guide to creating podcasts in the sciences. [Abstract]

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