

Member News

By Sandra Wong.

Awards

Vancouver Public Library received the CNIB Dr. Dayton M. Forman Memorial Award in June at the Canadian Library Association annual conference in Montreal, Quebec. The award recognizes outstanding leadership in the advancement of library and information services for Canadians living with vision loss or print disabilities.

Edel Toner-Rogala, Burnaby Public Library's chief librarian, was awarded the BC Public Library Directors' 2009 Award of Excellence in September at the Union of BC Municipalities Library Reception.

Appointments

The University of Victoria Libraries is pleased to welcome **Scott Johnston** as a colleague. Scott began work as Graduate Studies Librarian on June 1st. Scott was previously a librarian at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York where he worked extensively with doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences. In this new position, he will be planning and implementing services that respond to the needs of UVIC's graduate students and faculty. Scott grew up in Southwestern Manitoba and earned his BA in English from the University of Winnipeg. He went on to do his MA in English and his MLIS at the University of Western Ontario before moving to New York in 1993. Scott is working toward a PhD in Information Science at Rutgers University with a specialization in information policy. In addition to working in various research libraries, Scott also regularly taught at library and information science programs in the New York area.

Shane Plante was appointed as the Liaison Librarian for Mechatronics, Computing Science, Business and Science starting September 8 at the Fraser Library, Simon Fraser University in Surrey, BC, Canada.

Yolanda Koscielski was appointed as Liaison Librarian for Criminology, Engineering, and Computer Science starting September 21 at the WAC Bennett Library, Simon Fraser University Library in Burnaby, BC, Canada.

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