

UNBC Update

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Rebuilding of Slave Lake Library Project

In May, the Geoffrey R. Weller Library undertook a fundraising endeavour in support of the Rebuilding of Slave Lake Library Project. The campus community was asked for book donations and the response from the UNBC and Prince George communities was tremendous — we were literally flooded in books. The books were sorted: appropriate books went to Slave Lake while the others were placed in a book sale and proceeds donated to the Slave Lake Library.

The results were outstanding: 44 boxes sent to Slave Lake, \$353.81 was collected and donated, and 11 boxes sent to the Prince George Hospice Society. The library owes a huge debt of gratitude to a UNBC employee, Guy Hewton, who undertook a road trip to deliver the books.

For more information on fundraising efforts for Slave Lake Library, see *BC library community responds after Slave Lake wildfire* in this issue of the BCLA Browser.

Allies and Activists Reading:

On September 28th, 2011, the Weller Library hosted the Allies and Activists Reading as part of the Weaving Words Celebration. The Weaving Words Celebration features writers, poets and storytellers from across North America. Five individuals read selected pieces during the Allies and Activists session, including: Rob Budde, Lisa Haslett, Si Transken, Justin Foster, and Brenda Koller. The event was held in the Library's *hubulhnadzuhulnuk / Storytellers' Corner*, a new space that was launched last February.

ABC Copyright Group Conference

The Library, in collaboration with UNBC's Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology, hosted the 2011 ABC Copyright Group Conference in June. The conference drew close to 70 attendees from coast-to-coast. The conference was a success due to its roster of expert speakers, including:

- Howard Knopf: Chairman of the Copyright Policy Committee, Canadian Bar Association
- Sam Trosow: Associate Professor at the University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Information & Media Study and Faculty of Law

- Paul Stacey: Director, Curriculum Development BC Campus
- Robert Tiessen: Head of Access services, University of Calgary Library
- Heather Martin: Manager, Library E-Learning and Reserve Services, University of Guelph
- Nancy Paradoe: Copyright Consultant, SIAST
- Greg Halseth: Professor in the Geography Program, UNBC
- Tracey Summerville: Associate Professor in Political Science, UNBC



UNBC Campus, Prince George.

Advancement of Information Literacy Award

This year marked the inaugural awarding of the Advancement of Information Literacy Award to Gloria George, Instructor with the Northern Advancement Program. The award was presented to Gloria at the 9th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference in August. This award recognizes individuals who work to:

- Foster collaborative teaching relationships with the Library
- Enable student learning and research objectives, emphasizing the acquisition of skills leading to the creation of information literate persons,
- And those who work to tirelessly promote the library and its services.

Congratulations, Gloria!

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