

## Browser Briefs

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### The Library Book recognized by the B.C. Historical Association



The Honourable Steven Point and The Library Book author Dave Obee at the B.C. Historical Federation conference in Campbell River. Photo by Jacqueline van Dyk.

*The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbia*, has been honoured by the B.C. Historical Federation. The book, published to celebrate the centennial of the B.C. Library Association, was judged one of the top three examples of historical writing in B.C. in 2011.

*The Library Book* tells the story of libraries in this province from the very early years to the present day. Dave Obee, the book's author, was in Campbell River on May 5th to accept the award and shake hands with Lieutenant-Governor Steven Point.

The federation's top prize went to Chuck Davis's history of Vancouver. See <http://www.bchistory.ca/awards/book/index.html> for award details.

To purchase your own copy of *The Library Book*, visit BCLA's online store at <http://www.bcla.bc.ca/book> for details.

*Submitted by Jacqueline van Dyk, Director, Libraries and Literacy, Ministry of Education.*

### COPPUL Launches Shared Print Archive Network

On May 1st, 2012 the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL) launched a Shared Print Archive Network, with 19 members from western Canada, including eight BC institutions (UBC, SFU, UVic, Kwantlen, Vancouver Island U, UNBC, UFraser Valley, Thompson Rivers U). The Network is a distributed retrospective print repository program. Participating libraries consolidate and validate print journal backfiles and monographs at major library storage facilities and selected campus locations.

Initial phases of the Network will proactively focus on journal backfiles, with a much less managed, optional process for retention and preservation of scarcely held monographs in member library collections. The impetus for the Network is to draw down regional holdings of print journals that are now available in stable electronic copies, while collectively retaining the minimum number of copies necessary for preservation.

The Shared Print Archive Network complements COPPUL's roles in licensing e-content, preserving digital collections, and facilitating resource sharing among members. Questions can be directed to Gwen Bird, [execdir@coppul.ca](mailto:execdir@coppul.ca).

*Submitted by Gwen Bird, Executive Director, COPPUL.*

### Book Repair Workshop at UNBC

On January 30, I hosted a workshop titled Basic Book Repair For Beginners at the University of Northern British Columbia.

The eight attendees learned about the supplies needed to repair books and the reasons to avoid sub-standard supplies such as magic tape and white glue. I also suggested some points to consider before repairing a book including the purpose of the item within the collection and the need to track repairs done to an item. I then demonstrated common repairs, such as taping torn pages, tipping in loose pages, reinforcing and replacing hinges, and repairing cover damage.



Replacing a hinge. Photo by Jordan Schwarz.

The workshop was recorded and is available on the Library Technicians' & Assistants' Section (LTAS)

website at <http://www.bcla.bc.ca/ltaiq/page/book%20repair%20workshop.aspx>, along with the supporting documentation and a template for tape wings. I received positive feedback about the workshop and have repeated it at the College of New Caledonia Library staff meeting in May.

I would like to again extend a huge thank you to UNBC's Geoffrey R. Weller Library for the support I received, the attendees of the workshop for their enthusiasm and attention, the library staff at MacEwan University for teaching me book repair, my husband Jordan Schwarz for his help that evening, and Stephen Karr for setting up the web page on the LTAS site.

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