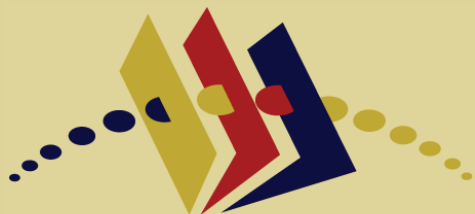


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LEADERSHIP

COPYRIGHT

CARL continued to advocate for balanced copyright legislation that will recognize technological neutrality - that copyright user rights in the print world are carried over to the digital environment. Amongst other things, this will help ensure that Canadian researchers are not disadvantaged in comparison with international competitors.

CARL was represented at the Access Copyright/ Creative Commons Canada meeting held March 10 to discuss the possibility of a Canadian registry of works in the public domain; and at the International Publishers Association Symposium on Copyright, held April 23-25 in Montreal.

In June, the Association wrote in support of the Privacy Coalition *Background paper: Critical Privacy Issues in Canadian Copyright Reform* addressed to the Ministers of Canadian Heritage and Industry. CARL supported the position that any proposed copyright legislation be preceded by consultation to explore implications to privacy and that a privacy impact statement should accompany any legislation.

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/copyright/pdf/CARL_privacy_coalition_letter.pdf

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/copyright/pdf/critical_privacy_issues_in_canadian_copyright_reform.pdf

On October 25- 26, meetings were held

with government officials and members of the Heritage and Industry Committees: issues raised were copyright legislation, the reimbursement of the indirect costs of research and increased funding for research and postsecondary institutions – and their libraries.

CARL Research Associate Kathleen Shearer spoke at the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) conference *Controlling Intellectual Property – the Academic Community and the Future of Knowledge*, October 27–29. She spoke on the importance of Institutional Repositories in this context, referencing the CARL Institutional Repositories initiative.

DEPOSITORY SERVICES PROGRAM (DSP)

The federal government Depository Services Program distributes government publications through a network of libraries across Canada. Most CARL libraries are Full Depositories – which means that they receive a copy of all publications distributed. This is a valuable service for research purposes. In 2006 CARL continued to advocate for adequate funding for the DSP as an essential part of the government's commitment to disseminate government publications in both print- and increasingly- in electronic formats. The annual meeting of the DSP Library Advisory Committee meeting was held August 30-31. CARL representatives undertook to prepare a paper on the value of the DSP and to help resolve some technical issues.

LEADERSHIP

SAVE THE MAPS

With the current climate of concern about climate change, national security, national sovereignty and the environment, it is important to have current topographic materials on which to base research and conduct analysis. CARL provided active support to the campaign led by the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) to continue the printing of Canadian topographical maps. CARL was pleased to write to the Hon. Garry Lunn, the Minister of Natural Resources Canada (October 11) to congratulate him on reversing the decision to close the Canada Map Office. However CARL pointed out that the underlying issue- namely that fact that Canada's topographic mapping is woefully out of date- remains to be addressed. CARL has continued to support ACMLA as it pursues this campaign.

<http://www.mapsforcanadians.ca>

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/new/pdf/canada_map_office.pdf

FAIR DEALING ON ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARY INFORMATION RESOURCES

In January 2006 CARL and AUCC staff began work on a model policy on fair dealing under the Copyright Act as it relates to e-reserves and interlibrary loan (through desktop delivery). This was particularly in light of recent Supreme Court decisions. The *Fair Dealing Policy on Access to University Library Information Resources* was developed as a model for institutional policies on interlibrary

loan copying in paper and digital formats. The CARL Board of Directors endorsed the draft in principle on October 13. On October 24, the AUCC Board deferred further discussion pending consultations with its members and consideration of legal implications.

CARL will share and promote the document on a confidential basis with the executives of the provincial and regional academic library organizations.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

CARL hosted a meeting with the Canadian Council for Information Science on June 25 in Toronto. The Deans of all Canada's schools of library and information science were either present or were represented by a deputy. The meeting built upon the research agenda of the CARL Knowledge Dissemination Study *Optimizing the Transformation of Knowledge Dissemination Towards a Canadian Research Strategy* and focused on the lessons and implications of *The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries* for Canadian academic and research libraries. The CARL document *The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries, 'the 8Rs Study': Considerations for the Canadian Association of Research Libraries* guided discussion for future cooperative action between the profession and the field.

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/kdstudy/public_html/2005/finalreport.pdf

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/scholarly_communication/pdf/8rs_v.whitmell_report_rev.pdf

SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

The knowledge generated through research is a critical national resource. This is particularly so for research which contributes to improving the health of Canadians and strengthens the health care system. Together with members of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), CARL representatives met with officials of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) on May 16 to comment on the CIHR *Draft Policy on Access to Research Outputs*. This calls for publications resulting from CIHR-funded research to be made freely accessible through open access journals, or disciplinary/institutional repositories within six months of publication. CARL subsequently made a formal submission to CIHR on its *Policy in Development: Access to Outputs of Research*.

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/open_access/CIHR_OA-consultn_brief.pdf

CARL wrote in support of the HCI-Book project, a major collaborative SSHRC-funded research initiative. The project aims to foster the further understanding of the significance of digital and analog books and their role in humanities scholarship.

<http://www.hci-book.org/cluster/index.php>

INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES

CARL continued to show national leadership in this area. The CARL Institutional Repositories Project Working Group held an implementers meeting on June 6 in Quebec City in conjunction with the 9th *International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations*. An Access 2006 preconference workshop (*CARL Institutional Repositories: the Next Generation*) was held on October 10 in Ottawa.

CARL institutional repositories (IRs) continued to grow in 2006:

- 13 CARL institutions had working IRs
- 5 CARL institutions had either a pilot project or were in the planning stages
- 4 working IRs had been launched at CARL institutions in the last year

The type of institutional collection also broadened, with several IRs collecting images and learning objects.

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/institutional_repositories/institutional_repositories-e.html

http://www.dl-forum.de/deutsch/veranstaltungen/29_2570_DEU_HTML.htm

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/institutional_repositories/access_preconf_registration2006-e.html

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WORKING GROUPS

A CARL Library Education Working Group was established in the summer of 2006, arising from the June 20 meeting between representatives of CARL and the members of the Canadian Council for Information Science (see above). Its mandate broadly speaking will be to define a CARL research agenda in this area and to define and explore research competencies for librarians. The Working Group will submit its final report and recommendations to the CARL Board at the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/about/working_groups/library_education_mandate-e.html

The CARL E-learning Working Group continues to promote the profile of libraries as partners for E-Learning in universities. In 2006 CARL developed an E-learning best practices website, kindly hosted by Queen's University. In addition CARL representatives participated in the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) *E-learning Strategy Workshop* on May 23 and a paper was presented at the *International Conference on E-Learning*, June 22–23, Montreal.

<http://library.queensu.ca/wiki/elearning/>
<http://www.academic-conferences.org/icel/icel2006/icel06-home.htm>

OPEN ACCESS

CARL is committed to the development and promotion of Open Access publishing. In January 2006, CARL launched an Open Access web page, which provides general information plus specific detail on Canadian initiatives.

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/open_access/open_access-e.html

INFORMATION LITERACY PORTAL

The Portal is now maintained as a wiki by the University of Windsor. CARL is pleased to have provided the impetus for the development of the portal.

<http://apps.medialab.uwindsor.ca/crlil/wiki/FrontPage/>

STEWARDSHIP

ALOUETTECANADA

CARL hosted a major national summit at Emerald Lake, BC, in November 2005 to discuss how to provide online access to Canada's recorded heritage. The result was AlouetteCanada (www.alouettecanada.ca) a national initiative, spearheaded by CARL. AlouetteCanada will provide support for enduring access to Canadian digitized content and will also create a portal to enhance access to diverse collections of digitized material across Canada. CARL members are almost entirely underwriting the initiative.

On October 16, Brian Bell, Director of E-Services Development at the Oakville Public Library, was appointed Director of AlouetteCanada. He has written extensively on the promise of harnessing technology for libraries and is a frequent conference speaker.

CARL members participated in numerous speaking engagements to promote AlouetteCanada, including presentations at Access 2006 (October 12), the Hansard Society Conference (August 25) and the CDIS Summit Toward a Canadian Digital Information Strategy (December 5).

AlouetteCanada was also the recipient of a New Media Research and Development Initiative grant through the Canadian Culture

Online Program. The grant is \$328 600, and is to support the development of an AlouetteCanada Metadata Toolkit.

<http://www.alouettecanada.ca>

<http://www.alouettecanada.ca/ppt/cdis2006-e.ppt>

DIGITAL PRESERVATION

As part of its ongoing commitment to digital preservation as expressed in its *Stewardship of Scholarly Resources in a Digital World*, CARL endorsed *Urgent Action Needed to Preserve Scholarly Electronic Journals*. The declaration calls for research and academic libraries work with scholars- and their publishers- to sustain future research by establishing trusted archives in which the published scholarly record in electronic form can persist in the control of entities that value long-term persistence.

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/scholarly_communication/pdf/support_preservation_electronic_journals.pdf
<http://www.diglib.org/pubs/waters051015.htm>
<http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/preservation/pdf/CARL-position-e.pdf>

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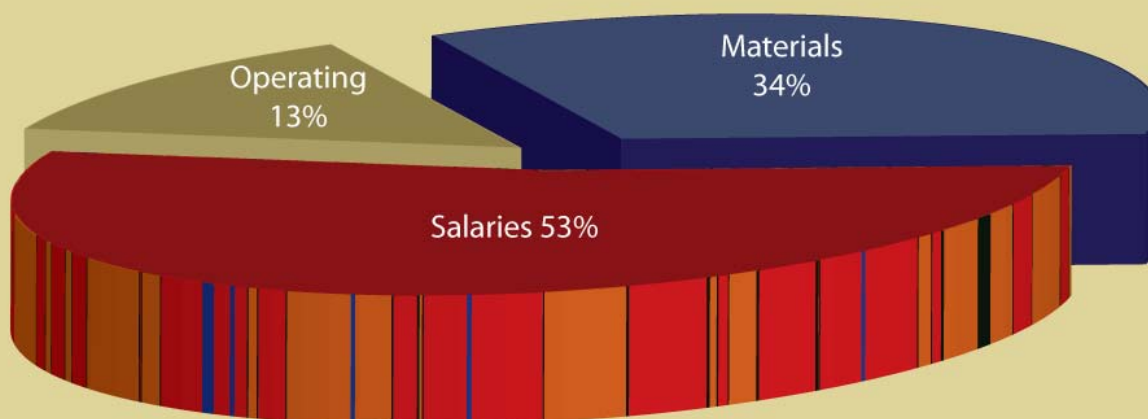
KEY CARL STATISTICS*

Spending on electronic serials by CARL-member libraries rose to just over \$94 million, a remarkable 20% increase over 2003–2004. For the second consecutive year, electronic serials expenditures exceeded print serials expenditures.

Altogether the 29 reporting CARL-member libraries spent an impressive \$242.9 million on materials in 2004–2005, holding over 81 million monographs and subscribing to over 742,000 journals.

(*CARL 2004-2005 Statistics)

Library Expenditures 2005- 2006



BRIEFS, SUBMISSIONS, PUBLICATIONS, LETTERS SENT, CONSULTATIONS AND CONFERENCES IN 2006

CARL's *Brief to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - CIHR Policy in Development - Access to Products of Research*

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/open_access/CIHR_OA-consultn_brief.pdf

CARL Briefing Paper on the CIHR Draft Policy on Access to Research Outputs

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/open_access/pdf/cihr_draft_policy_briefing_paper-e.pdf

CARL Response to the CIHR Draft Policy on Access to Research Outputs

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/open_access/pdf/cihr_draft_policy_response.pdf

CARL Pre-Budget Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/finance/pdf/brief_2006-e.pdf

2004–2005 CARL *Statistics*

Postsecondary Students, Perceptual Disabilities and Copyright Reform: A Discussion Paper

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/copyright/pdf/perceptual_disabilities_reform.doc

Print Repository Initiatives at Canadian University Libraries: An Overview

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/preservation/pdf/print_repos_overview.pdf

Libraries: Partners in E-learning (CARL E-Learning Pamphlet)

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/e_learning/pdf/pamphlet_e.pdf

The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries, 'the 8Rs Study': Considerations for the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, a report by Vicki Whitmell (revised ed)

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/scholarly_communication/pdf/8rs_v.whitmell_report_rev.pdf

CARL a signatory to the Canadian Consortium for Research's Open Letter to M.P.'s

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/new/pdf/CCR_HillTimes_ad.pdf

CARL letter to Ministers Oda and Bernier regarding copyright and digital rights management

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/copyright/pdf/CARL_privacy_coalition_letter.pdf

CARL letter to Minister Gary Lunn applauding his decision to continue the printing of paper topographic maps and not to close the Canada Map Office

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/new/pdf/canada_map_office.pdf

CARL Institutional Repositories: The Next Generation (Access 2006 Pre-Conference)

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/institutional_repositories/access_preconf_registration2006-e.html

LibQUAL+ (tm) Canada Workshop

http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/statistics/libqual_workshop070614-e.htm

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