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A word from the President



Dear members,

It's been another busy year for the association. We accomplished much in my last full year as CARL president and I'm happy to leave the association in good shape to my successor, Gerald Beasley.

We adopted new Strategic Directions that will guide CARL for the next three years after thorough consultations. Special thanks go to Gerald for piloting this process.

CARL held its first Librarians Research Institute at the University of Windsor in June. The Institute's popularity ensured a second edition in spring 2013.

Momentum for Open Access is increasing and CARL is doing its part to raise awareness. CARL posters appeared on university campuses around the country and we continue to work with like-minded organizations to promote Open Access.

With this, I wish you all the best and would like to thank you all for a great term as CARL president.

Thomas Hickerson
CARL President, 2011-2013

From the director's desk

Dear CARL members,

Our Association has set the course for the next few years with the introduction of the 2014-2016 Strategic Directions. This document will guide our work over the next years.

The CARL office continues to play an important role facilitating committee work and spearheading a number of initiatives.

Our continued efforts contributed to the inclusion of Education as a copyright exception. While imperfect, the new copyright law meets a



number of our demands and we will continue to advocate in favour of copyright that respects the rights of users and benefits research libraries.

I would like to thank the CARL office staff. Their work and support is invaluable to accomplish our objectives.

Brent Roe,
Executive Director

CARL members represent:

- 6,984 full-time jobs
- \$854 million spent on materials, staffing and operating expenses
- \$364 average spent for materials per full-time student
- 89.21 million volumes
- 16.69 million ebooks
- 1.64 million digital serials
- 7.8 million initial loans
- 10.93 million volumes held by Library and Archives Canada

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New Strategic Directions

CARL directors adopted new strategic directions at the 2012 Fall General Meeting in Ottawa. After many months of consultation and work, the new strategic directions will guide CARL's actions from 2013 to 2016.

Building on the 2010-2012 Strategic Plans, these new orientations establish a clear mission for the association.

CARL Mission Statement

CARL provides leadership on behalf of Canada's research libraries and enhances their capacity to advance research and higher education. It promotes effective and sustainable scholarly communication, and public policy that enables broad access to scholarly information.

Four orientations will chart the work of the association to accomplish this mission, namely to:

- Advance the Vision;
- Build the Capacity;
- Promote the Value of research libraries, and
- Support Access to Research

These orientations will guide CARL's actions in the realms of scholarly information, research libraries and public affairs.

Read our Strategic Directions

carl-abrc.ca/strategic_plan

Scholarly Communications

Open Access and data management were the main focus of the Scholarly Communications Committee in 2012, while preparation for the data management course is well underway.

Joint CARL / CRKN Open Access Working Group

Research and academic libraries in Canada can be proud of their significant OA accomplishments. Many CARL libraries are actively offering a range of OA services, notably: author funds, local repositories, journal hosting, and other support.

In its final report and recommendations, the Open Access Working Group (OAWG), jointly created by CARL and CRKN, focussed on what can be done to advance OA in the context of Canadian research and scholarly communication. The OAWG's report also challenges CARL and CRKN to continue their ground-breaking organizational collaboration to advance OA.

- *Implementing Open Access: Report of the CARL-CRKN Open Access Working Group* is available on CARL's website.

CARL Digital Locks Working Group

CARL assembled an ad hoc working group in February 2012 to explore the impact of digital locks in the everyday work of Canadian research library staff. This report of the group's findings and recommendations is intended to serve as a starting point for libraries as they begin to think about digital locks in a changing copyright environment.

- *Digital Locks and Canadian Research Libraries* is available on CARL's website.

CARL Institutions

University Libraries

University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
Brock University
University of Calgary
Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
University of Guelph
Université Laval
University of Manitoba
McGill University
McMaster University
Memorial University
Université de Montréal
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
UQÀM
Queen's University
University of Regina
Ryerson University
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
Simon Fraser University
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Western University
University of Windsor
York University

Federal Institutions

These members do not participate in CARL's political advocacy activities

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Public policy

Public affairs in 2012 were once again dominated by the difficult economic recovery. CARL maintained a high profile on a number of key issues throughout the year.

After years of tinkering, the *Copyright Modernization Act* came into force in November 2012. This law updates the *Copyright Act* and notably includes education as a fair dealing purpose.

We remained committed to voicing our support for Canada's national libraries. Unfortunately, fiscal restraints led to the closure of a number of federal libraries. CARL contacted the affected departments

to offer assistance to distribute some of their specialized content and prevent specialized information from disappearing.



McGill Redpath Library Cyberthèque

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CARL's 2013 Policy Priorities

Support for research and its infrastructure

Preserving Canada's documentary cultural heritage

Ensuring affordable Internet access for all

Maintaining balanced copyright

CARL participated once again in the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Finance's pre-budgetary consultations. Similar input was submitted to Finance Canada's pre-budget consultations.

Finally, CARL reiterated the importance of maintaining government financing of research and its infrastructure. We emphasized the importance of this to develop a leading-edge, innovation propelled, economy.

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Research Libraries

Special Collections Survey

Special and archival collections are valuable assets to universities, serving as primary sources for scholarship activity, attracting researchers and funding, engaging communities, enhancing reputations, and enriching student learning. CARL surveyed members' special collections. The results will serve as a basis for discussion about CARL's role in the future. The full report is available on CARL's website.

Librarians' Research Institute

The first LRI took place in June 2012 with the goal of bringing CARL librarians together to work on their research in an intensive workshop to hone and supplement their research skills.

The event, co-hosted by the University of Saskatchewan Library and the University of Windsor Leddy Library, was attended by participants from 25 CARL libraries. Discussions were led by seven facilitators and included presentations, hands-on exercises, and round-table discussions.

The University of Regina John Archer Library will host the 2013 CARL Librarians' Research Institute.

CARL Research in Librarianship Grant

CARL awarded two \$2,000 grants in 2012 to the following projects:

- 3D Printing and Scanning at the Dalhousie Libraries: A Case Study. Michael Groenendyk (Dalhousie University)
- Digital archaeology in the University of Victoria archives: A case study. John Durno (University of Victoria)

CARL Award for Distinguished Service to Academic Librarianship

This year CARL recognized Mr. Marshall (Peter) Clinton, recently retired Director for Information Technology Services at the University of Toronto Libraries.

The award is presented annually to an individual at a CARL member institution who has made a substantial local, national, or international contribution to research librarianship.

Mr. Clinton received the award in recognition of numerous substantial local, provincial, national and international contributions to academic librarianship over the course of a lengthy and consequential career.

Mr. Clinton's reputation for innovation in the use of technology to serve the research needs of faculty and students is legendary in the international research library community.

His point of view was that the academic library's proper role is to be actively engaged in the research and teaching activities of the university. He led the team of librarians that developed the Ontario Council of University Libraries' nationally and internationally recognized Scholars Portal. In 1996

Mr. Clinton pioneered the concept of local journal hosting at the University of Toronto which he then successfully transformed from a local repository to the Scholars Portal platform serving all of Ontario.

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