

## CARL Executive Director's Report

Tabled at the CARL Board Meeting, November 27, 2023

The following provides an overview of selected activities undertaken or supported by the CARL Office since the September 13, 2023, report to the Board. All past reports are available on the CARL website's [Publications page](#).

### Continuing Special CARL Activities to Support Institutions

#### Friday Zoom Calls for Directors

Directors once again have the opportunity every other week to update each other informally on changes and decisions at their institutions and to draw advice from their peers.

#### Webinar & Community Call Series

CARL continued to host [regular webinars and community calls](#), sometimes in partnership with other groups, on topics of interest to the various library communities of practice that they support, which are free and open to all – both CARL members and non-members.

### Policy and Public Affairs

#### Copyright

On October 12, 2023, the Government of Canada launched a consultation on generative AI tools and their implications for copyright holders, specifically designed to address the use of copyright-protected works in the training of AI systems; authorship and ownership rights related to AI-generated content; and liability, especially when AI-generated content could infringe existing copyright-protected works. CARL will be submitting a response which is due December 4, 2023.

CARL convened a Copyright community of practice call in September that provided an overview to the Canadian copyright community of CARL's advocacy activities over the past year, as well as plans into the fall.

#### Federal Government Activities

Private Member's Bill C-244, *An Act to amend the Copyright Act (diagnosis, maintenance and repair)* was adopted by the House on October 18, 2023 and referred to the Senate for consideration. The Senate is at second reading of the Bill.

On October 3, 2023, Liberal MP Greg Fergus was elected as Speaker of the House of Commons, making history as the first Black Canadian to hold the role and taking over the position from Anthony Rota who resigned from the role amid controversy.

## **Marrakesh Treaty Implementation**

The Task Force has completed its mandate and the final report will be published in December. A presentation will be made as part of the CARL 2023 Fall meeting of members.

## **Management, Advancement and Assessment of Research Libraries**

### **CARL Research in Librarianship Grant**

The 2023 winners of CARL's Research in Librarianship Grant were announced on September 28. Two projects were supported: 1) Embedding Information Literacy & Community-Engaged Research into Science Curricula — Abeer Siddiqui (McMaster University); and Health Sciences Librarians' Attitudes and Behaviours Regarding the Documentation and Sharing of Knowledge Synthesis Search Strategies — Heather Cunningham & Julia Martyniuk (University of Toronto), Jill Boruff, Sabine Calleja, & Alisa Beth Rod (McGill University), Ani Orchanian-Cheff (University Health Network), Alix Pincivy (Centre hospitalier universitaire Sainte-Justine), and Daniela Ziegler (Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal).

### **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**

Under the leadership of Chair Selinda Berg and VPO-EDI Aditi Gupta, the EDI Working Group continues to publish monthly features celebrating the outstanding work and contributions of Indigenous, Black and racialized library colleagues, those with disabilities, and those of marginalized or minorities genders, sexual identities, religious and cultural groups.

The group is also in the process of reviewing their terms of reference in preparation for a new two-year term beginning in January 2024. Current members will be asked to confirm whether they wish to continue participating on the WG and a call for new members will be circulated.

### **CARL Professional Development Offerings for Library Directors**

Susan Cleyle, CARL VPO for Leadership Development Initiatives, Julie Hannaford, and CARL staff, began meeting with the Gardiner Centre in the fall to plan for the next ALLI, which will take place in June 2024.

Susan Cleyle's term was extended for another year, until September 2024

### **Librarians' Research Institute (LRI)**

The 2024 French-language LRI will be held at ULaval and a call for peer mentors will be circulated shortly.

### **CARL Statistics Program**

K. McColgan gave a presentation at the 2023 Canadian Library Assessment Workshop which provided an overview of the new survey tool and its functionality. The session also provided an opportunity for participants to discuss timelines, definitions, and reporting options for the survey to help further inform CARL's work on this program.

### **Library Impact Framework Working Group**

Under the leadership of Chair Mark Robertson, the group is working on next steps to further promote the Library Impact Framework, including a workshop held at the 2023 Canadian Library Assessment Workshop.

### **Canadian Library Assessment Workshop**

A successful CLAW 2023 was held October 23-25 at Western University Library and welcomed 66 participants. The planning committee will meet in late November to debrief and review feedback received via the survey.

## **Support to Research Production, Preservation and Dissemination**

### **Open Access**

The MoU with OCUL and UofT Libraries for a National Institutional Repository Service to be hosted by Scholars Portal was signed. Planning for the Technical Pilot phase is underway with Scholars Portal, and CARL will convene stakeholders to discuss its governance and financial model.

CARL has named Amy Buckland to the Coalition Publica Advisory Committee, replacing Lesley Balcom, who is thanked for her excellent contributions to the group and reporting back to CARL since that committee was formed.

### **Preservation**

CARL is represented by Gwen Bird on North/Nord, the Canadian Shared Print Network, where current activities include a Government Documents project, a Canadian University Press project, and initiatives stemming from the Indigenous Works working group. The CARL Board has approved a 50% increase to its financial support to this project for the next three years, to \$7500/year.

The Digital Preservation Working Group has reformed following a hiatus. It is now chaired by Geoff Harder for the duration of Dale Askey's leave.

### **Canadian Bibliometrics and Research Impact Community of Practice (BRI CoP)**

The group is being led by co-chairs Thane Chambers (University of Alberta) and Laura Bredahl (University of Waterloo). In recent months, the group has organized two Community of Practice events, the first on Data Visualization (September) and the second on Knowledge Mobilization and Social Networks (November). Recordings are available on CARL's YouTube channel. Planning is underway for three Community of Practice events to be held in the new year. The book club continues to meet monthly.

### **Canadian Repositories Community of Practice**

Under the leadership of co-chairs Pascal Calarco (University of Windsor) and Emily Hopkins (University of Saskatchewan), the group held two Community of Practice events: on DSpace

migration (September), and on the collecting scope of institutional repositories (November). Planning for an event to be held in February 2024 is underway.

### **Knowledge Synthesis**

The CARL Knowledge Synthesis Working Group, led by Zahra Premji (University of Victoria), has analyzed the data from their survey geared at understanding the current level of activity, expertise, and needed support for knowledge synthesis at CARL institutions. The working group is now preparing a final report.

### **Library Publishing Community Engagement Team**

CARL has taken on the support role for fostering a Canadian community of practice in library publishing. A call for steering committee members of the new Library Publishing Community Engagement Team, led by Sonya Betz (University of Alberta), has been circulated. Members will be selected in December.

## **Support to Teaching and Learning**

### **Advancing Teaching and Learning Committee (ATLC)**

The ATLC continues to focus its attention on digital dexterity and generative AI, and has recently established task groups in these two areas. The Digital Dexterity group is drafting a Digital Dexterity Framework. ATLC is compiling a resource of teaching and learning initiatives at CARL member libraries.

### **Open Education**

The Open Education Cross Canada Coffee Chats continue. Discussions are underway for an OER National Strategy Indigenous OER mini-summit to be held at UBC in February 2024.

### **Generative AI Primer**

The CARL office has prepared a function-based Generative AI Primer, which has been reviewed by both ATLC and ARC and is currently in its penultimate version.

## **CARL Administration & Outreach**

### **Conferences, Events, International Meetings**

Since the last report, CARL staff have attended many events, workshops, webinars and international meetings including: RLUK ICIL Reimagine Descriptive Workflows Project, Congrès des professionnel·le·s de l'information, FDM Board Meeting, RDM workshop in Waterloo (Susan Haigh chaired the opening session), CRKN Summit, CSAE Webinars on Truth and Reconciliation and Land Acknowledgements, Access to Knowledge: A Matter of Equity (Knowledge Equity Network), Welch LLP's virtual Accounting and Tax Update Webinar for Non-Profit Organizations, 16th Annual Not-For-Profit LAB (Legal, Accounting, Banking Update), CSAE Association Management Summit, Internet Archives Library Leaders

Forum, CSAE CEOs and Executive Directors' Networking Session, CSAE National Conference. Brett Waytuck, CARL President, represented CARL at the ARL Association Fall Meeting.

### **CARL Member Transitions**

Amy Buckland started her five-year term as the University Librarian at Concordia University on September 15, 2023. Denise LaFitte assumed a role of the Acting Vice Provost (Library and Museums) and Chief Librarian of the University of Alberta on October 1, 2023 while Dale Askey is on leave. Charlene Sorensen was appointed the Interim Dean of University Library, University of Saskatchewan effective November 1, 2023.

### **CARL's New Office**

On October 16, 2023 CARL relocated its office to the MacOdrum Library at Carleton University. We are grateful for the renovations that were made to the space prior to our arrival, and for the support to our settling in that was warmly provided by Amber and the Library facilities team. CARL staff worked to have the remaining furniture and appliances donated and reused. The old office was vacated on November 24, 2023.

### **Staff**

Following the departure of Graham Lavender, who in September accepted the position of the Bibliothécaire en relations industrielles, sciences économiques et données statistiques at the Université de Montréal, CARL is in search of new project/program officer.

The current general division of responsibilities is:

- *Susan Haigh – Executive Director.* Overall executive direction and management; lead for CARL advocacy and public policy; outreach and strategic national and international relations;
- *Katherine McColgan – Manager, Administration and Programs.* Board Secretariat; financial and office administration and oversight; support to Policy Committee and advocacy activities; annual statistics program management; CARL privacy officer;
- *Katarzyna (Kasia) Kozyra-Kocikowska – Administrative Officer & Event Coordinator.* Book-keeping and financial administration; meeting and hospitality arrangements; office management and administrative support; support to Standing Committee on Finance and Audit.
- *Julie Morin – Senior Program Officer.* Support to Strengthening Capacity Committee and Assessment Committee; E-lert co-editor;
- *Elizabeth Kalbfleisch – Project Officer.* Support to Advancing Research Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee; E-lert co-editor.

Visiting Program Officers (part-time)

- *Susan Cleyle – VPO, Leadership Development Initiatives (September 2021 - September 2024)*
- *Aditi Gupta – VPO, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (April 2023 - April 2024)*
- *Rowena Johnson – VPO, Digital Access Policy (September 2021 – September 2024)*

- *Ann Ludbrook* – VPO, Open Education (October 2021 – August 2024)
- *Gabriela Mircea* – VPO, Metadata and CARL Collaboration with OpenAIRE (August 2023-August 2024)
- *Amanda Wakaruk* – VPO, Copyright (July 2022 – July 2024)

Consultants/On retainer

- *Kathleen Shearer* – *Research Associate* - RDM, scholarly publishing and open science initiatives.
- *Temple Scott Associates* (*Don Moors, Josh Matthewman, Ujwal Ganguly*) – Government relations
- *Clark Wilson LLP* (*Michal Jaworski, Jeff Holloway*) – Contracts
- *Emond Harnden LLP* (*Colleen Dunlop*) – Human resources

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Haigh,

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