



Ex Libris Annual General Meeting

Tuesday March 4, 2025

**10 am Pacific, 11 am Mountain / 12 pm Central / 1 pm Eastern / 2 pm Atlantic /
2:30 pm Newfoundland**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2023
4. Approval of Special General Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2024
4. Business arising from minutes
5. Executive Reports.
 - a. President's report (Deborah Thomas)
 - b. Treasurer's report (Bob Henderson)
 - c. Membership report (Bob Henderson)

6. Committee Reports

- a. Archives/Digitization Committee (Christina Wilson)
- b. Biography Committee (Lorne Bruce)
- c. Education Committee (Deb Thomas)
- d. Facebook Committee (Donna Burton)
- e. Indigenous Student Bursary Committee (Deb Thomas)
- f. Newsletter Committee (Frances Davidson-Arnott)
- g. Nominations Committee (Tom Eadie)
- h. Recruitment & Membership Committee (Tom Eadie)
- i. Tours Committee (Vivienne James)
- j. Website / Listserv Committee (Lorne Bruce)
- k. W. K. Lamb Award Committee (Christina Wilson)

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment.

On behalf of the ELA Board:

Deb Thomas, President

David Harvie, Vice-President

Tom Eadie, Past President

Bob Henderson, Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Cynthea Penman, Recording Secretary

Lorne Bruce

Christina Wilson

Frances Davidson-Arnott

Donna Burton

Julia Schneider

Vivienne James



Ex Libris Association

Annual General Meeting

Monday November 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Pacific, 12:00 p.m. Eastern

In attendance: Deb Thomas (President), Tom Eadie (Past-President), Cynthea Penman (Secretary), Bob Henderson (Treasurer and Membership), Vivenne James, Christina Wilson, Frances Davidson-Arnott, Lorne Bruce, Donna Burton

Members at large: 22

Minutes v3

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Meeting was called to order and land acknowledgement delivered by Deb.

2. Adoption of agenda

Additions: Report from the Nominations Committee (8K)

Changes: Date of meeting (9 i and ii)

Motion to adopt agenda as amended: Tom

Seconded: David Harvie

Approved

3. Approval of AGM Minutes, November 5, 2022

Motion to adopt: Christina

Seconded: Elizabeth Ridler

Approved.

4. Business arising from minutes

No business arising.

5. President's Report (Deborah Thomas)

The full report was provided prior to the meeting. Deb reported that it had been a very active year, and that it would great to increase the number of board members.

6. Treasurer's Report (Bob Henderson)

The full report was provided prior to the meeting. Bob reported that the information contained in the report spans parts of two financial years, as the AGM reporting is not synchronized to our financial year.

As of the end of the previous AGM, there was a balance of approximately \$9,900. Income for this year (e.g., memberships, etc.) was approximately \$8,800, for a total of approximately \$18,000. Expenditures included: approximately \$7,800 for two issues of *ELAN* (i.e., printing, postage, etc.); \$2,800 for the Indspire bursary; and other small costs for a total of approximately \$12,100. The balance as of October 11 was approximately \$6,600. Assets include this balance & GICs (approximately \$18,000). Liabilities include a trust fund for life memberships of \$700.

Questions were asked regarding:

- a) the Indspire bursary funds (under both income and expenditures) – simpler, keeps budget line separate from other funds
- b) cost of running the association – generally somewhat lower (e.g., using Zoom rather than in-person AGM), but not significantly.

7. Membership Report (Bob Henderson)

The full report was provided prior to the meeting. Bob reported that there are 229 members, including over forty new members, including some from the 2023 OLA SuperConference. More members are renewing than not, and more are doing so through e-transfer, which streamlines

the process. He continues to follow up with those that haven't renewed. All were encouraged to recruit new members.

Questions were asked regarding:

- a) joint payment through OLA – issues have been resolved, and Bob will continue to monitor.
- b) OLA new executive – suggestion of meeting with OLA to work on streamlining the process, after the SuperConference, between Bob and OLA operations and membership executive.
- c) retiring OLA members – can ELA be notified when OLA members retire, to send them ELA invitation – challenge is that OLA may not be informed, but worth discussing at above-mentioned meeting.

8. Committee Reports. *(Note: in the interest of time, full reports, provided prior to the meeting, were not read, but questions and discussion were welcome. There were no questions nor discussion unless otherwise stated.)*

a. Biography Project Committee (Lorne Bruce)

Lorne reported that they hadn't been as busy but had started a new project of biographies of those still living, as well as adding photos. ELA now has the largest collection of Canadian librarian biographies (surpassing Wikipedia).

b. ELAN (Newsletter) Committee (Frances Davidson-Arnott)

Frances reported that the committee is interested in articles about how/why people became librarians. She encouraged those wishing to write about their experience to contact her. She is very happy with OLA support with the evolving layout. Many compliments were received, and suggestions for changes, additions, content ideas, etc. are always welcome.

c. Ad Hoc Library Tours Committee (Vivienne James)

Vivienne reported that two tours had taken place. In April, members toured Toronto Public Library's Wychwood branch, and in May, viewed a virtual tour of Stanley A. Milner Central Library in Edmonton. The next tour on November 13 will be of U of T's Robarts Commons and exhibit. Suggestions for other library tour locations (in person or virtual) are welcome.

Deb commented that adding virtual tours was a great way to expand our reach for those not in Toronto.

d. Website / Listserv Committee (Lorne Bruce)

Lorne reported that this year's focus was on technical aspects. For the website, this included moving to Docuwiki, changing the interface to be more user friendly, adding more photos and images, fixing broken links, making the site more prominent in Google and Bing search results, etc.

With the listserv, contact information was reviewed and updated, and it currently has 219 members.

Lorne was complimented on the changes, all of which greatly enhance the site.

A question was asked regarding:

a) the ability to add content from Facebook – this is no longer possible.

e. Facebook Committee (Donna Burton)

Donna reported that the Facebook page had been working well, with new views, likes and followers, and content from the library world was being added frequently, along with ELA news. However, Facebook, in response to the federal Online News Act, is blocking both past news as well as current Canadian news items, and these can no longer be seen or shared. This is causing a major change in ELA's Facebook content, although we can post from other websites. Canadian Librarianship website is posting useful news links, which ELA can then use on our Facebook site.

f. WK Lamb Award Committee (Christina Wilson)

Christina reported that two submissions (both from Ontario public libraries) were made for the biannual award, for outstanding work with seniors. The last award was given in 2021 during COVID. The recipient this year was Innisfil IdeaLab & Library, who exceeded the key criteria of innovation. After a needs assessment, they developed a new program to reach out to seniors who would not likely attend a program in a physical library.

For future years, the committee hopes to expand interest in the award beyond public libraries. Christina thanked the committee, as well as Michael/Michelle at CFLA-FCAB, Lorne and Bob.

Question was asked regarding:

a) location of recipient library - Ontario

g. Archives Committee (Christina Wilson)

Christina reported that the committee hoped to have someone with archival background/experience take over the role of committee chair. A future project is to review and assess the physical documents, and digitize as appropriate.

h. Indigenous Student Bursary Committee (Deb Thomas)

Deb reported that more than enough money was raised for the bursary, and CFLA was a great help in broadcasting the application process to a wide audience. Suggestions for additional sponsors are welcome.

Question was asked regarding:

a) the winner – ELA has not yet been informed if there is a recipient, and if so, who. Inspire has a number of bursaries, and works with the applicants at the general level, then assesses which bursary is best suited to an applicant. Deb will be informed at the end of the year as to the success in awarding our bursary.

i. Education Committee (Deb Thomas)

Deb reported that the first webinar, separate from the AGM, was delivered by Kayla Lar-Son, Indigenous Programs and Services Librarian. The very interesting presentation unfortunately had a low attendance, but the recording is on the ELA website. The plan is to hold two webinars per year, as well as at least one in-person presentation. The next presentation, an in-person event, will be a combination lecture and tour of a Carnegie library. Watch the listserv for a notice early in the new year. Suggestions for future topics are welcome.

j. CFLA-FCAB Intellectual Freedom Committee (Richard Ellis)

Dick reported that the more we can support libraries and library users in the area of intellectual freedom, the better. It appears that a negative US influence is coming across the border. The Canadian situation is different from that of the US, with ALA having significantly more money, staff, operations, communications reach etc., than does CFLA, which makes information as available as possible.

k. Nominations Committee (Tom Eadie) (nominations from the Floor)

Tom reported that over the past year, ELA had been seeking Board members for the roles of Vice President, Archivist and board directors at large. He then called for nominations from the floor.

Christina nominated David Harvie as director at large. Accepted.
Frances nominated Julia Schneider as director at large. Accepted.

The nominations were closed. Both nominations were voted on and approved.

9. Other Business

a. Review of the Constitution (proposed changes provided prior to the AGM)

No further comments were received.

i) *Motion to adopt the changes as indicated:* Donna.

Seconded: Christina

A friendly amendment was proposed, and the revised motion is as follows:

Motion: That the Annual General Meeting Date for the Ex Libris Association be moved in 2025 and subsequent years to within the first six months of the fiscal year, from November/December in order to allow for a full accounting of the previous year's activities and approval of the official financial reports.

Moved by: Donna

Seconded: Christina

Approved.

ii) A special meeting is needed to present the above bylaw change to members. This meeting would be held in 2024 and include the bylaw change as well as a presentation of the full financial report for 2023.

Motion to the above change to the Constitution: Elizabeth Ridler

Seconded: Susan Ibbetson

Approved.

b) Affiliations with other Associations (Deb Thomas)

Deb reported that she is actively reaching out to other associations to try to establish relationships similar to the one ELA has with OLA. An initial first step is offering honorary memberships to Executive Directors. Suggestions and recommendations are welcome.

c) CFLA/FC Challenge Survey and the current landscape of intellectual freedom in Canada.

Presentation by Dick Ellis “Is the Sky Falling? Intellectual Freedom in Canada.” Dick delivered a very interesting and thought-provoking overview of the topic, with much discussion.

10. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Peter McNally

Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m., Eastern time.

Ex Libris Association

Special General Meeting

Tuesday March 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Pacific, 1:00 p.m. Eastern

In attendance: Deb Thomas (President), Tom Eadie (Past-President), Cynthea Penman (Secretary), Bob Henderson (Treasurer and Membership), Vivienne James, Christina Wilson, Frances Davidson-Arnott, Lorne Bruce, Donna Burton

Members at large: 11

Minutes

3. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Meeting was called to order and land acknowledgement delivered by Deb.

4. Adoption of agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as amended: Bob

Seconded: Tom

Approved

3. Approval of AGM Minutes, November 6, 2023

ELA held a special meeting this morning with several items on its agenda - some changes to the constitution, year-end financial statements for 2023, and approval of the 2023 AGM minutes. While I have had advice in the past that AGM minutes can be approved at a special meeting of the membership, it was felt by those in attendance that we should wait for the next AGM to approve them. Given that the next AGM will not be until early 2025, the Board felt that the membership deserved to see the minutes, even in draft form, and they were sent out with the agenda for the special meeting. Unfortunately, the version sent out did not include some revisions so the most current version, with revisions, is attached. A financial statement for 2023 and minutes of the special meeting including those changes to the constitution will be distributed via the listserv soon.

Posted by Deb Thomas, March 5, 2024

Formal approval will take place at the next AGM in 2025.

4. Introduction of the 2024 Board (Deb Thomas)

Deb introduced the board members. She noted that there are significant vacancies (i.e., Vice-President and Archivist). Deb has agreed to remain in the position of President for an additional year. We have two new board members (David Harvie and Julia Schneider), although more are welcome to join.

5. 2023 Year End Financial Report (Bob Henderson)

(For information purposes only).

Bob reported that the following are the year-end financial details which will be sent to CRA for 2023.

The balance starting in January 2023 was approximately \$5,500.

Total income was approximately \$9,400, including the following approximate amounts - memberships \$4,200, donations \$1,300, Indspire donations \$3,300 and sales (shirts and bags) \$650.

Total expenditures were approximately \$11,000, including the following approximate amounts – ELAN \$6,000, Indspire Bursary \$3,000.

The balance, as of December 31, was approximately \$4,500. Total assets were approximately \$22,000 and liabilities \$700.

Discussion:

A question was raised as to whether costs could be saved by not printing/ mailing materials, and only providing them electronically. Bob replied that the majority of members access/receive materials electronically, but a small few still prefer print, for a variety of reasons. This also represents a small amount in the overall budget.

A question was raised as whether the website could have a “members only” section. This would involve all the challenges that go with password control, but the idea was shelved for future consideration.

At future AGMs, the final calendar year financial report, as sent to CRA, will be presented for approval.

A written 2023 financial report will be shared with members through the ELA listserv.

6. Changes to the Constitution (Deb Thomas)

a) Date of the Annual General Meeting

Changes to the Constitution, including the date of Annual General Meetings, were originally discussed at the November 2023 AGM. After discussion, the following wording was proposed:

There shall be an annual meeting of members of the association held at a time and place, within the first six months of the calendar year, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Motion to accept: Barb C.

Seconded: Donna

Approved.

b) Article XI: Dissolution

The proposed wording (provided with the Agenda) was discussed.

Motion to accept: Frances

Seconded: Peter Glenister

Approved.

7. ELA Current Committees.

Deb read out the list (provided with the Agenda). Members were encouraged to consider serving on a committee. While additional board members would also be welcome, it is not necessary to be a board members in order to serve on an ELA committee.

Discussion:

It was suggested that the Library Tours Committee drop “Ad Hoc” from its name, and this received favourable reaction. A merging of the tours and Education Committee was proposed, but as the purpose of the latter is to provide webinars, lectures and presentations, it was decided to leave them as separate committee. However, they can work together on joint initiatives when appropriate.

In relation to dissolution, the Indigenous Bursary is one of two awards (the other being W. K. Lamb), and the question of disbursement of funds was discussed. It was agreed to leave the decision as to how the funds for the awards would be handled to the Board.

8. Other Business

Deb reported that the ELA brochure was being updated. Peter McNally requested that copies be sent to him, for distribution at the Quebec Library Association Conference. It will also be sent electronically to members, to be used as a recruitment tool.

8. Adjournment.

The next AGM will be held in early 2025. A Special Meeting will be held prior to then, if necessary.

Motion to adjourn: Peter McNally

Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m., Eastern time.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Who: President
Date: January 31, 2025
Report on activities in 2024

The Ex Libris Association has had another busy year thanks to our dedicated board and committee members – and those who regularly post articles of interest to our listserv.

This year, we:

- Made our annual appeal to our members to consider joining the ELA Board and were delighted to welcome Julia Schneider and David Harvie to the Board
- Published two information-packed issues of our newsletter, [ELAN](#)
- Added names to our list of [biographies](#) of information professionals
- Offered two webinars: Spring (A Disaster Planner Considers the Future for Libraries with Guy Robertson); Fall (Human Impact of Cybersecurity Incidents with Moe Hosseini-Ara), and one in-person lecture in March 2024 (The History of Carnegie libraries in Ontario with Fiona Smith). *See the Education Committee report for details.*
- Offered two tours: Spring (Yorkville Branch, TPL); Fall (Albert Campbell District Library, TPL) *See Ad Hoc Tours Committee report for details.*
- Pursued funding for a project to organize and permanently house our physical archives and digitize documents of importance to the association's history. *See Archives Committee report for details.*
- Awarded our Indigenous Student Bursary a second time, this time to a Masters candidate in the Masters of Information program at the University of Toronto. *See the Bursary Committee report for details.*
- Continued to maintain and develop our website and Facebook page (the latter in spite of Meta's ban on links to Canadian news) *See Website and Facebook committee for details.*
- Made a presentation about ELA to library association members of The Partnership
- Created an Advocacy committee and moved forward on recommending support of the CFLA-FCAB Intellectual Freedom Statement as a first step

Feedback on what we are doing and suggestions of what you would like us to do are always welcome. Contact the President at thomasde424@gmail.com

We could still use more Board members and more volunteers for committees. After 4 years as president, I am hoping to step back to the Past President role soon. We are a committed and hard-working group – and we are all getting old(er) and new blood and new ideas are always welcome!

Respectfully, Deb Thomas, President

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: February 1, 2025

Bob Henderson, Treasurer

**Ex Libris Association
Financial Report: January 1 – December 31, 2024
Statement of Income and Expenditures**

Balance January 1		\$ 4,424.35
Income		
Membership Fees	\$ 5,376.00	
Donations	\$ 629.00	
Indspire Donations	\$ 3,232.60	
Archival Donations	\$ 50.00	
Sales: T-Shirts	\$ 118.25	
Sales: Polo Shirts	\$ 10.00	
Sales: Bags	\$ 65.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 14.25	
GIC	\$ 18,734.20	
Total Income	\$ 28,229.30	\$ 28,229.30
Expenditures		
Board Expenses	\$ -	
Board Travel	\$ -	
General Administration	\$ 2,771.53	
Membership Expenses	\$ 300.00	
Newsletter <i>ELAN</i>	\$ 4,930.72	
ELA Website	\$ 301.29	
Promotion		
Conferences (OLA, BCLA, APLA)	\$ 200.00	
Events (FI, Regional meeting, tour)	\$ -	
Prizes / Awards / Donations	\$ 500.00	
Indspire Bursary	\$ 3,117.99	
Conference & Annual General Meeting	\$ -	
Bank Charges	\$ 47.50	
GIC	\$ 17,625.00	
Total Expenditures	\$ 29,794.03	\$ 29,794.03
Balance		\$ 2,859.62
Statement of Assets and Liabilities		
Assets		
Cash in bank account		\$ 2,859.62
GICs	*	\$ 17,625.00
Total Assets		\$ 20,484.62
Liabilities		
Trust fund for Life Memberships (\$100 x 6)		\$ 600.00
*Includes Ryder Bequest \$4,000.		

Bob Henderson, Treasurer, Ex Libris Association

February 1, 2025

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: February 1, 2025
Committee/Role: Membership Committee
Chair: Bob Henderson

The membership to December 31, 2024 is:

Personal members:	
Annual	211
Life	6
Total	217
Institutional/organizational members:	7
Honorary members	18
Current total mailing list:	242

Membership renewals:

- 101 members renewed for 2024
- 13 members renewed through OLA/ELA option
- 29 members renewed through e-transfers
- 16 members renewed through CanadaHelps
- 48 members still have not renewed for 2024
- 21 members renewed for 2025

I continue to invite all members to help in the recruitment of new members, either by giving new retirees the ELA online brochure or by forwarding their names to me at 647-297-8161 or by e-mail at bob.exlibris@gmail.com.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: February 1, 2025
Committee/Role: Archives & Community Webs Committee
Pro Tem Chair: Christina Wilson
Members: Frances Davidson-Arnott, Bob Henderson, David Harvie and Lorne Bruce

Report on activities:

The focus of the Archives Committee in has been to:

- a) Recruit a Toronto-area ELA member to lead the committee. Still unsuccessful and so Christina Wilson continues to lead the initiative.
- b) Mesh the goals and potential of the Community Webs project into the Archives Committee. These are still evolving with assistance from Lorne Bruce, Biography Committee Chair and David Harvie, ELA Director at Large.
- c) Develop a framework to digitize ELA's records, files and photographs so that they can be accessible online, improving ELA's online presence and expand knowledge of ELA's biographical work and knowledge of the contributions of Canada's library and information profession. The project would employ current digitization standards to ensure searchability, preservation and accessibility via ELA's website.
- d) Seek a permanent and accessible partner for ELA's physical archives and records.

Work to date:

- Bob Henderson has acquired Nancy Williamson's files and confirmed that the bulk of ELA's files are warehoused with the OLA's records, although in a separate filing cabinet.
- Bob has created a project budget for the project
- Past copies of ELAN are available via the ELA website and while not indexed can be searched.

We welcome Ex Libris members with expertise and/or interest in archives and digitization to join this initiative.

If interested, please contact Christina Wilson (chriswilson@shaw.ca).

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: January 27, 2025
Committee/Role: Biography Project
Chair: Lorne Bruce with members Barbara Clubb and Rick Ficek

The ELA Biography page is at: <https://www.exlibris.ca/history:canadian-librarians-biographies>

The ELA in memoriam page is at: <https://www.exlibris.ca/history:memories-and-tributes>

Currently, there are about 150 biographies on our site. To improve our linkages with Google and Bing search engines, the URLs for the main page and all biographies were shortened to give a greater priority in responding to searches.

The ELA database features brief, pertinent biographies about prominent Canadian persons in the Library and Information Science and Archives fields. It includes personal facts, significant information on education, careers, publications, honours, awards, accomplishments, or association work; and comments by contemporaries. The inclusion of sources provides readers with further references on each individual. With the addition of current (retired) professionals, we hope to add personal comments provided through direct communication.

A few bios have been added this year, including Donald Redmond and images for several biographies.

Rick Ficek, who did the Richard Moses biography, and Barbara Clubb, who added the Jean Weihs biography, are Committee members contributing their time to the ELA project. However, I would like to invite other ELA members to contribute to the project to keep our momentum going. ELA members can contribute to the project in several ways: by writing biographical entries, by suggesting improvements to the database, by correcting erroneous information, and by adding biographical material to persons already in the database. We welcome contributions to this project.

I will also note that the memories and tributes page for members who have passed away is also expanding. This personalized page allows ELA members to comment on their former friends and colleagues.

If you would like to contribute to the biography project, please get in touch with me at lbruce@uoguelph.ca

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: January 31, 2025
Committee/Role: Education Committee
Chair: Deb Thomas, Todd Kyle

Spring webinar: **A Disaster Planner Considers the Future for Libraries with Guy Robertson** – June 18

Guy Robertson is an instructor in information security and risk management at the Justice Institute of British Columbia. He focused on risks and mitigation measures at a high level as was appropriate to a largely retired audience. As well as natural and human-caused disasters (a fire or flood in a library building for example), Robertson addressed risks such as ransomware attacks and enterprise risks such as technology failures, employee errors or supply chain disruptions. For any risk he discussed, he suggested ways to obviate its worst effects. A very informative presentation. A recording this presentation can be found on our website [here](#).

Fall Webinar: **The Human Impact of Cybersecurity Incidents** - November 15

Moe Hosseini-Ara, Branch Operations & Customer Experience at the Toronto Public Library, spoke in particular about the cyber-attack on TPL from which the library took months to fully recover while still managing to provide services to its patrons. He emphasized the toll on both staff and patrons of these kinds of attacks – and the fact that they are becoming increasingly common on both public and private sector institutions. For security reasons, he allowed us to post a recording for only a brief time (about a month and a half) on our website and it has now been taken down.

Suggestions for 2025

As always, we are very open to suggestions of topics for the coming year. We have had interest in a speaker on misinformation/disinformation but have as yet been unable to find a good speaker on this topic that we can afford. If you know of anyone, contact Deb at thomasde424@gmail.com to share your suggestion.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: January 25, 2025
Committee/Role: Facebook Editor
Donna Burton

Report on activities:

The ELA Facebook page experienced small but steady growth. As of December 31, 2024, the page had 204 likes and 244 followers, up from 189 likes and 216 followers in 2023.

ELA page postings highlight recent news and trends in the library and information sector, notices of conferences, and other related articles that might be of interest to ELA's diverse membership. Posts include ELA activities, ELA news, and upcoming events such as tours and webinars. The ELA page is a public page and can be viewed by both ELA members and non-members. Where an event is for members only, it is noted.

Due to the Meta ban on the posting of news on *Facebook*, the source for many posts continues to be *Canadian Librarianship* or *Librarianship.ca*, and library websites. *Librarianship.ca* links to library news on their website in a section called "Canadian Librarianship News Updates" and makes reference to these articles on their Facebook page.

The majority of followers of the ELA Facebook page are from Greater Toronto, Southern Ontario, and the Ottawa area with some from across Canada. The page also has a few international followers including some in the Philippines! After I shared some photos that I took of the Library on Holland America's *Koningsdam*, the post generated several new Likes and Follows of the ELA page from folks in the Philippines, including librarians. It remains a mystery whether friends in Canada shared the post with colleagues abroad or whether interest was because it is well known that HAL recruits Filipino crew members for its ships. In any case, our page has acquired a few more international followers!

The ELA Facebook page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ExLibrisAssociation>

ELA members are encouraged to check out the page. Viewers can "Like" or "Follow" the ELA page to get new updates in their FB newsfeeds. Viewers are encouraged to comment on any of the postings or share the item on their own FB pages.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: January 31, 2025
Committee/Role: Indigenous Student Bursary Committee
Chair: Deb Thomas, Lorisia MacLeod, Tom Eadie, Bob Henderson

The \$2500 ELA Indigenous Student Bursary has now been awarded to two students:

In **2023-4**, a Library Technician student, Red River College Polytechnic: “Receiving this bursary has been a life-changing experience for me: I am now enrolled full-time in my studies, and can begin my path to a life-long career in the library field much sooner than I could have without the Ex Libris Association’s generous support.”

In **2024-5**, a student in the Master of Information program, University of Toronto: “Receiving this bursary has significantly eased the financial burden of my studies, allowing me to dedicate more time and energy to my academic and professional goals. This support has been valuable in helping me to remain focused on achieving success in my program.”

Library Bound has continued their gift of \$500 annual to the bursary fund. The remainder is made up of generous donations from ELA members and others in the library community. We approached several other vendors at conferences and by letter over the last year for additional sponsorships and, though several seemed interested, none have chosen to commit. We are continuing our efforts to find additional sponsors.

More information on the bursary and how to donate can be found on our website [here](#).

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: January 24, 2025
Committee/Role: Newsletter Committee
Chair: Frances Davidson-Arnott
Members: Judy Dunn, Suzette Giles, Vivienne James, Leslie McGrath, Wendy Newman, Julia Schneider, Jean Weihs

Report on activities:

The Newsletter is by and for members of Ex Libris Association. We publish two *ELAN* issues annually, spring and fall.

To recap for new members, we have several areas of focus:

- Events and activities of the association (e.g., reports from the President and Committees; reports on tours and presentations; reports on ELA awards);
- Library news of interest to our readers including regional news, milestones within our community and books of interest;
- Current topics and activities within the profession; and,
- Articles on library historical topics (primarily Canadian).

Editorial refinement is an ongoing task. An example is the inclusion of pronunciation guides and translations for Indigenous names of institutions, etc., when appropriate. Our editor, Jo Calvert, has agreed to amend the style sheet accordingly. We are also including more URL links for online readers to go to source information. Suggestions for improvement are very welcome.

We invite all ELA members to make suggestions about topics to be explored, suitable books to be reviewed, and to send us news (honours, deaths, retirements) about our members and professional associates. Members who publish books are asked to let us know.

Please note that we are still looking for members to take over compiling “Obituaries”, “Archives News”, and “Book Reviews”. Please contact Frances Davidson-Arnott (frances.davidson-arnott@senecaretirees.ca) if you are interested in working on these columns.

We would like to express our thanks to Susan Ibbetson who has retired from this committee. She was on the committee for many years and edited the Book Reviews column. We were pleased to welcome Julia Schneider to our committee.

We are grateful to our members for writing such great articles. Thanks again to our editor, Jo Calvert for her skill, and to Bob Henderson for all his work. Special thanks go to the Ontario Library Association for their continuing support and dedication in publishing *ELAN*. Laurel McLeod continues to do a great job.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: February 7, 2025
Committee/Role: Nominations Committee
Chair: Tom Eadie
Members: Tom Eadie, Deb Thomas

Report on activities:

At the last AGM we welcomed two new Board members at large: Julia Schneider and David Harvie.

As there were no nominations for vacant positions: Vice-President/President-Elect, Archivist, and additional members at large, as in past practice, we continued to seek members to fill these positions. At the January 2025 Board meeting, David Harvie agreed to step into the position of Vice-President/President-Elect and was approved by the Board.

As of the 2025 AGM, current president Deb Thomas will have completed two 1-year terms as president plus 1 additional year as there was no Vice-President/President Elect at that time. She will be officially resigning as of the AGM and David Harvie as president-elect will assume the role.

We will ask for nominations from the attendees for the open positions of Vice-President/President Elect and Archivist as well as expressions of interest for additional members at large.

Members are also encouraged to come forward to serve on committees. Committee members do not need to be members of the Board.

- Tom Eadie

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: February 4, 2025
Committee/Role: Recruitment & Membership
Chair: Tom Eadie, Frances Davidson-Arnott, Christina Wilson, Deb Thomas

In the year since our last AGM, the Recruitment and Membership Committee have met via email, and recently in one-on-one discussions at the recent OLA Conference.

OLA Conference activities included draws for free student and general memberships at the booth (our practice in the last few years), and discussions with attendees and exhibitors. Exhibitor discussions have confirmed a degree of interest in individual and corporate memberships, and in our Indigenous Bursary. The Committee is generally agreed on the development of a vendor-specific brochure, and/or adding wording to our general handout. The possibility of using badges or pins to indicate ELA affiliation was discussed. Deb Thomas made ELA flyers available and talked to fellow retirees at the BC Library Conference in 2024.

Deb Thomas liaised with other Canadian library associations, not all of which are as robust as OLA. None could afford to offer the kind of relationship ELA currently enjoys with OLA (joint memberships, free conference booth, etc). Deb made a presentation to The Partnership (Canadian library associations) about ELA in August 2024.

Paul Takala, CEO Hamilton Public Library, offered to approach CULC (the Canadian Urban Libraries Council) to seek their assistance in identifying recent or imminent retirees, as potential new members. Similarly, Todd Kyle has offered to contact past OLA presidents and retiring library directors as possible members, in part because they are well-placed to identify other potential members. In general, the Committee wishes to encourage all members to assist in recruitment by speaking to former colleagues and friends.

Possible Future efforts:

- Offering free memberships to information professionals of near retirement age who have won awards or served their profession with distinction
- Liaise with major libraries HR departments to encourage inclusion of ELA flyers in retirement packages. (This has proved challenging to date)

Tom Eadie, Chair

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: February 1, 2025
Committee/Role: Library Tours
Chair: Vivienne James

Report on Activities

This Ad Hoc Committee plans and organises tours for members of libraries and archives that are significant and remarkable, both for the services they provide for their communities and customers and for their amazing and in some cases, award-winning architecture. From these tours we witness the modern trends in library buildings, the creativity that goes into the programmes and services offered and our visits to the various locations are truly enjoyable and eye-opening . These tours are a good opportunity to get a sense of current trends in libraries. They are also a chance for us to get together for lunch and chat, which we always enjoy.

Our Fall tour took place in September 2024 with a wonderful tour of TPL's Albert Campbell District Library, the recipient of the 2024 Ontario Association of Architects Design Excellence Award. It is truly a fascinating facility, from the indigenous medicine garden at the entrance, to the wonderful open spaces for children, teens and adults and rooms for creative projects, as well as a great rooftop space for community gatherings.

Our next tour is planned for May 15, 2025, when we will visit the Stratford Public Library and this time it is a tour with a difference because we are including a play at the Avon Theatre as well.

Thanks to Board member Julia Schneider, who has made the arrangements for the library tour and the tickets for the play, and to Frances Davidson-Arnott for the publicity on listserv.

We look forward to another enjoyable event.

A big thank you to members who offer suggestions for future tours. We do welcome and appreciate them.

Respectfully submitted

Vivienne James

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM

Date: January 28, 2025
Committee/Role: Website and Listserv
Chair: Lorne Bruce with members Barbara Clubb and David Harvie

Report on activities:

The ELA Website page is at: <https://www.exlibris.ca>

In 2024, more new entries and pages were added, improving the navigation of our site and installing a variety of ‘plugins,’ that is, programs that do things such as batch edits to correct and move links and pages. Most new updated pages, especially for biographies, are announced through our Listserv, which currently has more than 200 members.

Most of the work has focused on two important separate sections on advocacy and ELA presentations. The advocacy section contains ELA's executive decision to endorse the CFLA/FCAB statement on intellectual freedom. The page also includes additional links to other intellectual freedom to read resources such as:

- the ALA Library Bill of Rights, most recently amended in 2019;
- the CFLA/FCAB statement on Third Party Use of Publicly Funded Library Meetings Rooms and Facilities.
- the Canadian Association of Research Libraries Freedom of Expression and Inclusive Libraries statement adopted in April 2022;
- the International Federation of Library Associations Libraries and Intellectual Freedom statement adopted January 2007; and
- the Centre for Free Expression website, a Canadian non-partisan organization focused on freedom of expression.

The link for all this information is at <https://exlibris.ca/activities:advocacy>.

The second section gathers together presentations by persons that ELA has recorded over the years. Most addresses were made at former ELA annual meetings, but in the age of Zoom members will become more familiar with ELA hosted webinars that include pages for:

2002 — Panel Discussion: Is Librarianship Headed for Oblivion? A session on the de-professionalization of librarianship.

2010 — Storytelling and Children's Library Work: Ken Settingington and Mariella Bertelli speaking about the importance of reaching children through stories.

2010 — Shirley Lewis spoke about the Older Women's Network in Toronto and Her Volunteer Work in Ethiopia, which ELA helped fund.

2010 — Jean Weihs: Working after Retirement!

2022 — Archives and Truth and Reconciliation, a talk via Zoom by Lisa Glandt (University of British Columbia).

2022 — Censorship Threats in Canadian School Libraries: Richard Beaudry via Zoom about the censorship of materials in Canadian libraries and current threats to intellectual freedom.

2023 — The State of Intellectual Freedom and Canadian Libraries by ELA's Richard Ellis

2023 — Kayla Lar-Son spoke on Indigenous Data, Knowledge and Cultural Sovereignty Related to Libraries.

2024 — Guy Robertson gave a webinar on Disaster Planning for Libraries.

The link for all this information is at <https://exlibris.ca/presentations:home>.

As well, navigation was improved by changing the headers, footers, and sidebars for each major section.

Along with our Listserv, the Wiki format for our site makes it easier to contact our membership and keep people updated. The Listserv has been busy this year, and there have been fewer disruptions due to several changes in the basic listserv protocols for security.

If you would like to help with the website work, please get in touch with me at lbruce@uoguelph.ca

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM 2024

Date: February 1, 2025
Committee/Role: W. Kaye Lamb Award Committee
Chair: Christina Wilson. Donna Burton, Todd Kyle and Ann Smith (CFLA/FCAB Liaison), Michael Rogowski (CFLA/FCAB Executive Assistant)

Background

The W. Kaye Lamb Award is given out biennially to a Canadian library whose application demonstrates outstanding library service to seniors. Named for Canada's first National Librarian, it is a cash prize of \$500.00 with a commemorative plaque. In 2023, the award was given to the IdealAB, the public library for Innisfil, Ontario. An awards ceremony took place at the 2024 Ontario Library Association's SuperConference which was a great venue especially since the winner was an Ontario public library. For the photo, go to the W.Kaye Lamb page of ELA's website ([W. Kaye Lamb Awards, 2002 to Present \[EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION\]](#)).

Co-sponsored by Ex Libris Association (ELA) and the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB), the award is open to any library across Canada, whether private, public, governmental, special or postsecondary.

Application Timelines/Activities

A call for submissions for the 2025 award will go out in the coming month along with a brief article in ELAN and postings on our Facebook page. The Call for Submissions has been picked up and promoted by: librarianship.ca, FOPL.ca, LAA's newsletter and a variety of library listservs, including APLA, ELA, Jerome (Alberta), BCLA and OLS' First Nations listserv. In person promotion took place at the 2025 OLA SuperConference. The updated W. Kaye Lamb Award bookmark was distributed at OLA. If members are attending other regional conferences, we can supply you with the bookmarks to promote this unique award, especially to other library sectors.

The application deadline is **Thursday, October 2, 2025.**

W Kaye Lamb Committee:

Ideally composed of three ELA members and a member of the CFLA/FCAB Board all ELA members are returning: Christina Wilson, Donna Burton and Todd Kyle.

We will be seeking a CFLA/FCAB Board representative and thank Ann Smith for her work on the committee in 2023.

Another key member of the committee is Michael/Michelle Rogowski, CFLA-FCAB's former Administrative Assistant and we hope that this position will be filled.

How you can help: If you are aware of an innovative program in your local library, please encourage them to apply by viewing the Ex Libris Association website, W. Kaye Lamb Award page.

