

# ELA: A National Association



The Ex Libris Association, founded in 1986, is the Canadian national association of people who have spent an important part of their working life in libraries, archives, museums, publishing houses, and adjunct fields, and who are attracted to current or historical issues related to those institutions as well as to issues concerning the personal interests of their fellow members. Our objectives, our constitution, our executive and other committees, our long range plan, and our history all reflect our long-standing and continuing concern for issues related to information services.

As times change, our goals have broadened to exploit new technologies and to recognize important new issues, such as reconciliation and recognition of Indigenous peoples. We are a government recognized non-profit organization. ELA is a member of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations-La Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) which is the united, national voice of Canada's library community.

## Activities

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- ELA's [Annual General Meeting](#);
- ELA sponsors the [W. Kaye Lamb award](#) for excellence in library services to seniors and an [Indigenous Student Bursary](#) for studies in librarianship or archives;
- ELA publishes our newsletter [ELAN](#) twice a year;
- ELA organizes [tours of interest to the membership](#) on a regular basis;
- ELA organizes [virtual and in-person presentations](#) of interest to members;
- ELA participates in [library advocacy](#) on a national basis and addresses issues of current interest;
- ELA maintains its website, an electronic Listserv for its members, and a [Facebook page](#);
- ELA publishes [Occasional papers](#) authored by its members and [presentations](#) made to members at conferences and events.

## ELAN — The Ex Libris Association Newsletter

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*ELAN* is ELA's newsletter of articles, reminiscences, pictures, and news.

- *ELAN* has a complete [list of issues available](#) for viewing in PDF since 1987;
- thanks to the work of Jean Wheeler and Agatha Barc, there is a [master index to ELAN's issues](#) [PDF] covering the years 1987 to 2016;
- *ELAN* volunteers: there are opportunities to contribute articles and book reviews.

## ELA's Historical Resources

More details available on the historical resources [main page](#)

- ELA is producing [Biographies of Canadian Librarians and Archivists](#).
- ELA produces historical articles on Canadian library and information studies education, such as the ELAN [special 2004 issue on library education](#), along with chronologies related to [Canadian library and information studies education](#);
- there is a section devoted to [memories and tributes to former members](#).

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