

Happy Holidays from CULC/CBUC

CULC/CBUC wishes you peace, joy, and happiness throughout the New Year.

2011 was another busy year:

- Extensive work on public libraries and eBooks including:
 - Awareness sessions at OLA and CLA Conferences;
 - Reaction to limits by HarperCollins;
 - Meetings with ACP, CPC, BookNet and other stakeholder groups;
 - Development of a Pricing Policy Document;
 - Published a White Paper on eBooks and Canadian Public Libraries;
 - Blog on eBooks. (<http://pwp.vpl.ca/culc>)
- Launch of CULC/CBUC Member Wiki with extensive resources sharing coming from our members including: Sample CEO Contracts; Collective Agreements separated by Clause; Information Share documents; Survey and Query results.
- Four new pilot libraries introduce Lest We Forget; Launch in Halifax.
- Release of Lumos Research Study on Urban Libraries 2000-2009
- Idea Forum on Early Childhood Outcomes
- 9 Day European Study Tour featuring visits to world-renowned libraries with 22 visits/lectures and exchanges, visited four countries and developed a permanent record on the CULC website.
- Supported a Cdn attending ISO library metric discussions in Finland
- Two Face to Face Meeting (Spring in Halifax; Autumn in Surrey); in beautiful new central library design by Bing Thom Architects and Reception at OLA.
- Contributed full streams of programming to OLA Super Conference and CLA Conference
- Launch of Senior Management subject listservs
- Contributed to Public Lending Rights Report on eBooks in Canadian Libraries
- Participation in Research Committee on Municipal Expenditures on the Arts and Cultural Sector (to be released in 2012)
- Participated in Academic and Stakeholders Forums offered by LAC
- Pilot project for Cultural Access Pass with Institute for Canadian Citizenship in Vaughan, Richmond, and Markham.
- Canadian Booth and Reception @ IFLA Conference in Puerto Rico
- Supported the 2nd National Reading Summit (Montreal); Co-ordinated part of National Book Count published in Globe & Mail, amongst others giving that summit increased visibility.

Looking ahead to 2012

- Releasing a Research Report on Core Competencies for Urban Public Libraries
- 2011-2012 Compensation Survey conducted and released
- Launch a C-Level Job Service
- Deeper involvement and sponsorship of National Reading Strategy
- Launch of a multi-partner program for Library Leadership in PL's (Fellows)
- Add an Emeritus Class of Membership
- New KPI Format developed by member task force in 2011
- Expansion of Wiki Content
- Two Face to Face meetings planned: May in National Capital Region; October in Mississauga.
- Plus continued work to CULC/CBUC ongoing efforts To work collaboratively to build vibrant urban communities by strengthening the capacity of Canada's urban libraries.



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