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Canadian Library Association/ Association canadienne des bibliothèques 2009 National Conference and Tradeshow in Montréal

(Ottawa, May 12, 2009) - The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques is an award-winning not-for-profit organization, serving as the national voice of the Canadian library and information community including professional librarians, library technicians, and the organizations that employ them.

This marks the 64th annual conference of the CLA and the first time back to Montréal since 1991. The conference, to be held from May 29 to June 1, at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, includes 63 concurrent sessions and 5 pre-conference sessions, and the tradeshow with 110 booths and 14 tabletops.

Saturday, May 30, the conference kicks off with the opening keynote speaker Joe Janes, Associate Dean of the University of Washington and “Internet Librarian” columnist for American Libraries. A frequent speaker in the US and abroad, he was the Founding Director of the Internet Public Library and the co-author of eight books on librarianship, technology, and their relationship, including *Introduction to Reference Work in the Digital Age*.

At 6 pm, CLA celebrates the best of Canada’s creators of books for young people. The Book Awards Reception is generously sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group. This year’s winners are:

- The CLA Book of the Year for Children Award - *The Shepherd’s Granddaughter* by Anne Laurel Carter, published by Groundwood Books. The award is generously sponsored by Library Services Centre.
- The Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Award for Illustration - *Mattland* (Annick) illustrated by Dusan Petricic and written by Hazel Hutchins and Gail Herbert.
- The Young Adult Canadian Book Award - *Chanda’s Wars* by Allan Stratton, published by HarperCollins.

On Monday, June 1 the conference closes with Keynote speaker, Helene Blowers, Director of Digital Strategy at the Columbus Metropolitan Library and the architect of the widely adopted discovery learning program, *Learning 2.0: 23 Things*, which has been duplicated by over 500 libraries and organizations world-wide.

The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques is Canada’s largest national and broad-based library association, representing the interests of public, academic, school and special libraries, professional librarians and library workers, and all those concerned about enhancing the quality of life of Canadians through information and literacy.

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