

Welcome to CASLIS Toronto, a chapter of Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services (CASLIS), a division of the Canadian Library Association (CLA).

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Message from the President re: CLA Restructuring

What's New

Greetings Everyone,

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our fantastic Annual General Meeting earlier this month at the Arts and Letters club, particularly the executive who organized the event. It was a great evening with lots of shared memories and insight about the importance of CASLIS and CASLIS Toronto in our professional community.

With that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to look to the future of the chapter. Having just taken on the presidency of the organization, I am about to step into some uncharted waters. In March, the CLA issued a press release indicating financial challenges at the national level, and informing its membership of a significant restructuring in reaction to this. At the time, the local chapters and divisions were told to pursue "business as usual" until the June 30, 2010. With this deadline fast approaching, it would appear that we are soon to begin conducting business as unusual. In short, it is highly likely that CASLIS Toronto, in its current form, will likely be no more as a result of this restructuring.

The full CLA press release can be seen on our blog at: <http://caslistoronto.blogspot.com/2010/03/message-to-cla-members-cla-presidents.html>

Details from CLA have been slow to emerge, but many of these changes will likely come to a head at the 2010 Annual General Meeting in Edmonton next week. I, along with my colleagues Maggie Weaver and Lily Mac will be attending the conference, as well as both the CASLIS and CLA AGMs as representatives of our Toronto Chapter. As I stressed at our AGM, my current priority as President is communication with the membership. This message will be cross posted to our blog, listserv and website, as will all further information as we receive it; expect extra activity on the blog and listserv in the coming weeks. Additionally, I invite members to contact me directly with have questions or comments which they would like to see represented by us in Edmonton next month. My email and telephone number can be found below.

Regards,

Eileen Lewis

- Fred Stoss, Associate Librarian at the University at Buffalo, green libraries presentation (April 15, 2010) available ([sustainable/green](#) and [collaboration](#)).
- Kelly Lyons, Associate Professor, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto "Project Management 101" [presentation](#) (March 10, 2010) available.
- Check out our new [blog](#) for up to date news on CASLIS Toronto and the library and information community!
- Check out our new CASLIS student [blog](#) and see what's happening in the iSchool community!
- Stay connected with colleagues through our CASLIS Toronto [Facebook](#) group!
- Check out our [photos](#) from our programs!
- Vicki Whitmell, Legislative Assembly of Ontario "Leadership, Skills and Knowledge: How We Can Prepare Ourselves and Our Staff for the Future" [presentation](#) (November 4, 2009) available.
- Ezra Silverton, [Toronto Web Design & SEO Company](#), "What does the future of the Web hold?" [presentation](#) (October 15, 2009) available.

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