

Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

Sunday, July 6, 1997, 09:00-16:00

STUDENTS' INFORMATION NEEDS: ADVOCACY FOR LITERACY

Evolving information technologies are making the development of information literacy skills and dispositions of increasing importance to today's students and to society as a whole. Young peoples' need to be knowledgeable, critical and creative users of information is made more complex by the changes occurring in the types and amounts of information available. This full-day institute will feature presentations, explorations of materials, group work and discussion as it examines the needs of students, the practical support that they require, and how teacher-librarians can advocate for information literacy and for students' rights to the experiences necessary for developing it. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the way in which the teacher-librarian's role is also evolving in response to technological change. The Pre-Conference Institute will provide an excellent framework for the conference that follows, where many facets of the Institute will be explored in workshops and presentations. It will also provide an opportunity for participants to contribute to a national consensus process that will culminate in a National Library of Canada, Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada and Canadian School Library Association-sponsored Information Literacy Symposium in October 1997.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- to focus on students' needs for information literacy
- to examine current information on the ways students process information
- to develop a clear understanding of the support that students require to acquire needed information literacy competencies
- to examine ways to broaden the support base for students (e.g., classroom teachers, parents, community)
- to explore ways of advocating for students' information literacy needs
- to consider the issues related to equity of access to information (local, national, international)
- to look at the implications for current and future changes to the teacher-librarian's role



Presenter: Judy Davies (Resource-Based Learning Consultant, Dept. of Education, Prince Edward Island) Judy has been a teacher-librarian for most of her twenty-three year career in education in Ontario and PEI. Currently a Director in the Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada and on the Editorial Board for *School Libraries in Canada*, she has been active in provincial and national teacher-librarian organizations, serving on many committees. Judy has written and published several articles about teacher-librarianship and resource-based learning.

Presenter: Vicki Pennell (Teacher-Librarian, Mount Pearl Senior High School, Mount Pearl, Newfoundland) Vicki served at the district level in Avalon Consolidated School District for fourteen years, as well as being active in local, provincial, national and international school library associations. She served as the Past President and Publications Coordinator of ATLC from 1995-1997. In 1996, Vicki received the Barnes Award for leadership in professional development from the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, as well as the Canadian School Library Association's Margaret B. Scott Award of Merit for her national leadership in school librarianship.

Presenter: Pat Taylor (Coordinator of Learning Resources, Saskatoon Board of Education) As President of ATLC (1995-1997), Pat has provided outstanding leadership at the national level. Provincially, her work was recognized by the Saskatchewan School Library Association with the 1996 John G. Wright Award of Distinction. The citation acknowledged her many inservice presentations at the local, provincial and national levels, as well as her work in program development and the implementation of library automation systems.

Audience: The prime audience is Canadian teacher-librarians, but the content will be generic enough for an international audience and application.

Registration: \$100.00 if also registering for "Bridging the Gap"; \$125 for non-registrants (minimum 50 participants). Please check the appropriate item on the conference registration form. The registration fee includes:

- admittance to the pre-conference institute
- a package of reading materials
- an "Advocacy" package
- the Student's Bill of Information Rights
- refreshment breaks
- lunch

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Payment

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Vancouver City

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Reservations

All bookings at the hotels are to be made on an individual basis: rooms must be guaranteed by a credit card. Individuals can call or fax the hotel to make their reservations, and should identify themselves as part of the IASL/ ATLC Conference "Bridging the Gap" in order to get the special room rates. All reservations should be made by **June 1, 1997** to ensure availability. Any reservations made after this date will be subject to availability and may be priced differently. Rates quoted are in Canadian funds and subject to applicable taxes.

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Single/Double: \$135.00;
Triple (3 beds): \$150.00;
Quad (4 beds): \$165.00

Central Booking Agency

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