



# LibraryCo e-Newsletter

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## New Assistant to the Board General Manager

The Board of Directors and the Board General Manager are delighted to welcome Beth Weisz, who joined LibraryCo on April 15 as the new Assistant to the Board General Manager. Beth is a qualified Library Technician with significant administrative experience. Beth's education and work experience will make her a valuable asset to LibraryCo.

Beth may be reached by e-mail at [bweisz@libraryco.ca](mailto:bweisz@libraryco.ca) or by telephone at 866-340-7578.

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## SLA and AALL Bursaries

LibraryCo is pleased to announce that Melissa Firth, Law Librarian at the Peel Law Association, is the recipient of a LibraryCo bursary to attend the Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference in San Diego from June 8 to 11. This year's conference theme is "Connect, Collaborate, Strategize".

We are pleased to announce that Kemala Vranjes, Library Technician at the Essex Law Association will receive a LibraryCo bursary to attend the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) conference in Seattle from July 13 to 16. This year's conference theme is "Rethink Your Value".

Both Melissa and Kemala will be first-time attendees at these conferences. They have agreed to make presentations at COLAL in October in order to share what they learn. In the meantime, we wish them wonderful conference experiences!

## Is Your Association Moving?

Don't forget to notify LibraryCo's insurer when your library moves. Even if your move is to a space down the hall, you need to advise **Jones Brown** prior to the move in order to ensure that your insurance coverage isn't interrupted.

Our contact at Jones Brown is **Bob Richardson**. You can reach him by e-mail at [brichardson@jonesbrown.com](mailto:brichardson@jonesbrown.com) or by telephone at 416-408-5406/1920. Jones Brown's mailing address is 1100-480 University Avenue, Toronto, ON M5G 1V2.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON . . . New Waterloo Region Consolidated Courthouse

### Lobby of the new Waterloo Region Consolidated Courthouse



Photo Credit: Catherine Malvern, Waterloo Region Law Association

On March 13 the Waterloo Region Law Association moved into brand-new premises in the new Waterloo Region consolidated courthouse. The new seven-storey building consolidates the Superior Court and the Ontario Court of Justice, which formerly were located in separate facilities. The new courthouse features 30 courtrooms, a barrier-free design and the latest technology, including video conferencing, closed circuit television, audio amplification systems and equipment for simultaneous translation and evidence presentation. The building was constructed to the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Silver standard in order to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse emissions and promote healthy indoor environments.

The new consolidated courthouse features a stunning lobby with floor-to-ceiling glass and high ceilings. The lobby includes public counters for each court function so that visitors are served upon arrival and directed to the appropriate area of the building. The stone work in the public lobby was sourced from the escarpment and quarried in Owen Sound, in keeping with the emphasis on using local materials. It includes limestone and a darker variety of rock; this combination looks like layers of sedimentary rock formation and is very attractive.

The new law library is located on the lower level of the courthouse. It is a bright and airy space with lots of natural light. The library features an improved layout and new shelving that is finished with a wild cherry veneer.

### Interior of the new law library showing staff desk



Photo Credit: Catherine Malvern, Waterloo Region Law Association

Library technicians Catherine Malvern and Wanda Haayen used the move as an opportunity to evaluate and weed the collection. They have discarded the topical and provincial law reports in favour of electronic alternatives. In addition to easing the burden of the move, this has reduced the amount of shelving required for the new library and freed space for computers and public functions. The resulting look is modern, professional and welcoming. Catherine and Wanda are very excited about their new library and the service improvements that will result.

For several years the law library has featured a rotating display of works by local artists. The new library now features an innovative hanging system that allows the library staff to easily display works of art in a professional gallery style.

The Superior Court of Justice courthouse on Weber Street will be converted into space for the Region of Waterloo. The Ontario Court of Justice courthouses in Kitchener and Cambridge will or have been closed and all justice functions have moved to the new building on Frederick Street.

The new address of the law library is:

**85 Frederick Street, Kitchener, ON, N2H 0A7**

The telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address and web site url remain unchanged.

We congratulate Catherine and Wanda on a job well done as they managed the move with minimal service interruptions.

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## The Roving Law Librarian: Your Partner in Success

Marilyn Elkin extends what you can get done by adding a pair of hands, energy and a great deal of experience to your library operations. She's on the go around the province but you can contact her any time at 416-947-3300, x2433 (toll free: 1-800-668-7380) or at [melkin@lsuc.on.ca](mailto:melkin@lsuc.on.ca). Marilyn has helped with weeding projects, given advice on collection strategies and made recommendations on how to improve library services. Sometimes she's the person who gets things done with you and other times she helps you to find the right person for that tricky accounting question, setting up LexisNexis training or obtaining a shelflist.

Most of Marilyn's visits are focused on a particular need but each library needs something a bit different. Send her an e-mail or give her a call and let her know about the challenges you're trying to overcome. She can help in brainstorming solutions, connecting you with colleagues who have handled similar challenges or come to your library and give you a hand with your projects.

Marilyn can help orient new staff, support you when calamity strikes (and even when it doesn't) and collaborate with you and your executive as your library's needs evolve. As her title suggests, she's frequently on the go but she can make return visits to help you stay on top of ongoing challenges. If you need an extra pair of helping hands, give Marilyn a call and take advantage of her assistance.

## Law Society of Upper Canada CPD

### For your information...

Beginning with the April 2013 "10<sup>th</sup> Annual Real Estate Law Summit", all additional hard copy materials for two-day video replays are now \$60.00 + GST/HST.

### These video replay programs are now available:

[The Six-Minute Administrative Lawyer 2013](#)  
[Property Issues in Family Law Part 1 and/or Part 2](#)  
[Complex Commercial Litigation Matters](#)  
[Business Law Practice Essentials 2013](#)  
[Wills and Estates Practice Essentials 2013](#) – **Coming Soon!**

[10<sup>th</sup> Annual Real Estate Law Summit](#) – **Coming Soon!**

[The Annotated Share-Purchase and Asset-Purchase Agreement 2013](#) – **Coming Soon!**

[Demystifying a Family Law Mediation](#) – **Coming Soon!**

**For a listing of upcoming programs, descriptions and accreditation, please visit our [website](#).  
View our entire legal education resources library at <http://ecom.lsuc.on.ca/resources>**

## Roving Law Librarian - A Report from Marilyn Elkin



Photo Credit: Martha Foote, LibraryCo Inc.

This month, I visited the Waterloo Law Association library. The library had just moved into the new courthouse a few days before. Most of the courts had moved into the new building as well by that time. I had visited for a one day orientation prior to this. My return visit the following week extended over four days while Catherine Malvern was away and Wanda Haayen was on sick leave. Over these four days, I provided day to day assistance to library users.

This is a beautiful space. Coming from a windowless basement, the new library and lounge are filled with light and are airy and inviting. Catherine has added several personal touches to the space that are unique and very creative. The attention to detail is evident everywhere you look. It really is a fabulous space.

My next visit is to the Lanark Law Association library to work with Bev Brett. We will be reviewing library operations and starting to shelf read if time permits. I will be attending the CALL Conference in early May as well as visiting the Huron Law Association library later that month.

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Please contact me at [melkin@lsuc.on.ca](mailto:melkin@lsuc.on.ca) if you have a project in mind. Summer is a good time to attend to the many tasks that have to be put aside in the busier months and I would be happy to assist with any of these.

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