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can be difficult to choose which to attend. Gabrielle commented on each session that she attended and we are sharing a few of her comments with you here.

Adapt, Act and Thrive: Ensuring a Sustainable Library. Participants were given advice and tips about controlling costs, demonstrating value, managing vendor relationship, library technology, budgets, efficiency, integration and relevance. Sustainability seemed to be a real focus at SLA this year. One of the topics was tracking (statistics), measuring and monitoring of services, satisfaction and performance results. This session was very well attended.

Social Media for Everyone and Every Library: How to use New Apps and Tools in Innovative Ways. It seems you can't log in, log on, read or watch anything anymore that doesn't promote a Facebook or Twitter link. Social Media – it's not just for kids anymore. This program provided much information about how organizations and libraries can use social media to their benefit. There were also tools to help the users stay on top of the latest social media trends.

Five Top Tips for Developing Powerful LinkedIn Profiles. I loved this session. Basic information. Fifteen minutes of bottom line necessity for your LinkedIn profile. CREATE – complete compelling profile; CONNECT – to people you know; CONTRIBUTE – give to get; Congratulate – other people's successes; CRAFT – settings and COMMIT – to daily progress. My LinkedIn profile is still a work in progress, but these tips will help me advance my profile.

LibraryCo is pleased to be able to fund the SLA bursary, now in its fourth year, which enables one person from the county and district law libraries to experience this stellar conference.

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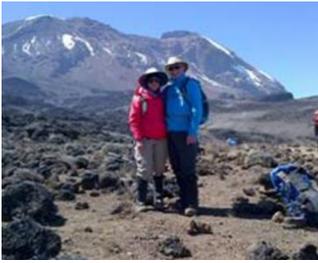
The Special Libraries Association (SLA) met in Vancouver this year from June 7 to 10. The conference attracted a large number of attendees, many of whom were from outside Canada. This year's theme was "Beyond Borders" and the approximately 240 programs were designed to embrace SLA's global membership.

This year I was busy with my duties as chair of SLA's Leadership and Management Division. I also served as program planner for the Museums, Arts and Humanities Division. Three staff from the county and district law libraries attended SLA – Melissa Firth of the Peel Association, Kelly Elliott of the Lincoln County Law Association and Gabrielle Gignac of the Victoria-Haliburton Law Association. Gabrielle was this year's recipient of a LibraryCo bursary. This bursary covered the cost of her registration, hotel, air and ground transportation as well as a meal allowance.

Gabrielle was positive about her experience at SLA. She commented "[one] thing I enjoyed about being at SLA was the collegiality of the members. . . . It was so comforting to see how members of SLA treated each other. . . . the sincerity was truly awesome." With so many sessions it



LibraryCo Director Ross Earnshaw Climbs Mount Kilimanjaro and helps raise \$825,000 for charity!



Normally he is busy with his civil litigation practice at Gowlings LLP in Kitchener, serving as a Bencher and attending LibraryCo Board meetings, but in July Ross Earnshaw did something different: he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Ross participated in the "Summit for Literacy Climb" to promote literacy in Tanzanian primary schools through CODE, Canada's leading international development organization uniquely focused on advancing literacy and education in the developing world for over 50 years. Ross and 14 fellow intrepid climbers (including Law Society of Upper Canada CEO, Rob Lapper) had a twofold purpose: first, to raise funds for CODE Canada in its mission to advance the cause of literacy for African children in that country and second, to answer the personal challenge of overcoming the physical difficulties to reach Kibo, the peak, at 19,340 feet above sea level.

Ross and his fellow climbers raised over \$208,000 to support CODE's literacy programs in Africa. With matching funds from the Canadian government, their total contribution exceeded \$825,000!

LibraryCo congratulates Ross not only for his dedication to this project but also for his success in managing such a challenging climb. Will Mount Everest be next?

New Staff at the Waterloo Region Law Association



We are delighted to welcome Amanda Fudge, who has joined the Waterloo Region Law Association as the new library assistant. Amanda brings a strong background in special and academic library reference service, having worked at

Health Canada, the Hamilton Health Sciences and Conestoga College. She has also volunteered with Cambridge Libraries and Galleries for the last two years, helping to facilitate the Un|Book Club monthly reading and discussion group.

Amanda graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 2012 with a Masters of Library and Information Science degree. She has a Bachelor's degree in criminology from Carleton University and graduated from the paralegal program at Loyalist College.

We look forward to meeting Amanda at COLAL in October.

COLAL 2014

Remember to book your hotel reservations for COLAL. Rooms have been set aside from October 15 to 17. You must make your own reservations using one of the following options:

- Call (416) 595-1975 or 1-800-243-5732 and refer to "Library Co – COLAL 2014" for the special rates
- Send an e-mail to Estor.reservation@eatonhotels.com and refer to "Library Co – COLAL 2014" for the special rates
- Use the online booking link where you will receive an instant confirmation number: [Library Co COLAL 2014](#)

Reservations at this rate and against this block will be held until **Monday, September 15, 2014**. **Please mention that you are with LibraryCo (COLAL) when you make your reservation.** For further information, map and directions, please check the hotel web site at: <http://chelsea.eatonhotels.com/>

Toolkit of Legal Resources

Please remember that all lawyers have access to the Toolkit in all 48 county and district law libraries. Desktop delivery is available to lawyers who practice in the 28 local associations as well as Algoma, Kenora and Thunder Bay.

Lawyers who practice in one of the associations that are included in the Desktop Delivery Initiative should request a password by e-mailing libcosupport@lsuc.on.ca and include their name, date of birth, Law Society of Upper Canada member number and e-mail address. Christopher Stephenson, Library Systems Administrator at the Great Library, will create new accounts and e-mail the password information directly to the lawyer, often the same day.

Lawyers with passwords should go to www.libraryco.ca and click on the Toolkit icon. They will be taken to the Toolkit page where they will click on the icon and be prompted to enter their user name and password. At this point they will be at the search page and ready to begin their research.

Both the Toolkit of Legal Resources and the Desktop Delivery Initiative are available without charge. Please do not hesitate to contact LibraryCo for further information.



Roving Law Librarian-A Report from Marilyn Elkin

During the past month, I visited the Halton Law Association library to work with Karen Kennett on weeding her collection. We had discussed options for creating more space within the library on a previous visit and so this weeding is part of Karen's plan to do so. By discarding out of date items and freeing up shelf space Karen can replace some of this shelving with research desks.

My next visit was to the Prescott and Russell Law library in L'Original. Michelle Landriault and I shelf read and weeded the collection and compared it to the core collection list. Michelle is now in a position to report to her library committee on what steps need to be taken to bring the collection up to local library standards as specified in the core collection list.

I am currently on vacation until August 15th. Following my return, I will be visiting the Huron Law Association library to wrap up some details that arose during the shelf reading in June. I will also be returning to the Halton Law Association library at the end of the month to complete the shelf reading that was started in July.

Please contact me by email at melkin@lsuc.on.ca or by telephone at 1-800-668-7380 (ext 2433) to arrange a visit this fall. I would be happy to assist you with any library issues.

An Update from Great-West Life



Electronic response to Member eClaims audits now available

Plan members whose electronic claims are selected for random audit can now submit their responses electronically. This convenient option eliminates the need to mail in receipts, while helping the environment by saving paper.

Details on how to submit a response electronically are provided when plan members receive audit notifications. Those who choose this option simply send an email message to eclaimaudit@gwl.ca, along with a photo or other image file showing their original claim receipt and any other supporting documents. Acceptable file formats are photo scans or scans in JPEG, TIFF or PNG, or images embedded within a PDF. The audit confirmation number should be included in the subject line.

Did you know?

Great-West audits more than 180,000 electronic claims from plan members each year.

Please contact your benefits advisor or Great-West group representative.

Call for Submissions

Have you improved a process in your library or embraced new technology to improve your work? Have you found a new and better way to provide value-added service? We would love to hear from you!

Send your submissions to Beth Weisz at beweisz@libraryco.ca

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