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Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) agreement

Canadiana.org is pleased to announce the signing of a three-year agreement for Early Canadiana Online (ECO). Following the June 2005 Strategic Meeting, which had stakeholders discussing sustainability and the organization's future, Canadiana.org President John Teskey said, "the CRKN license agreement is a very welcome development."

CRKN
Canadian Research
Knowledge Network

RCDR
Réseau canadien de
documentation pour la recherche



Executive Director Deb deBruijn stated that "CRKN is delighted to count Canadiana.org among its publisher partners. This milestone agreement is an important step forward in creating a fertile research environment for Canadian universities, and ensures that expanded, high-quality and uniquely Canadian content will continue to be made available through the Early Canadiana Online initiative."

This enhanced, renewed commitment from the academic and research libraries ensures that the organization will continue to carry out its mandate—to *preserve and provide access to early Canadian printed publications*—as established by Canada's research community 28 years ago. The next multi-year project, Early Canadian Periodicals to 1920, will commence spring 2006. A project update will be released in our next issue.

Canadiana.org appreciates the continued support of:

Acadia University
Athabasca University
Brock University
Carleton University
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
McGill University
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Nipissing University
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St. Thomas University
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University of Western Ontario
University of Windsor
University of Winnipeg
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

and welcomes the following new ECO subscribers:

Concordia University
Dalhousie University
McMaster University
Mount Saint Vincent University
Nova Scotia Agricultural College

Ontario College of Art and Design
Ryerson University
Saint Mary's University
University of Lethbridge
St. Francis Xavier University

Canadiana.org looks to the future with renewed optimism and is grateful for the increased support from the research community, the continued substantial in-kind support from Library and Archives Canada, and the financial support of our other ECO subscribers in Canada and the United States.

CRKN held a reception and news conference regarding the recent Electronic Content Expansion at the Ontario Library Association's annual conference in Toronto in early February. On hand for the events from Canadiana.org were President John Teskey, Treasurer Sandra Alston, and board member Brian Bell.



Canadiana.org President John Teskey and
CRKN Executive Director Deb deBruijn at the CRKN reception.
Photo courtesy of CRKN

Continued patronage of the Governor General

The Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, has agreed to serve as Honorary Patron of Canadiana.org. Readers may recall Early Canadiana Online's 1999 launch at Rideau Hall during Romeo LeBlanc's tenure and our 2003 anniversary tribute, the Early Governors General Collection, during Adrienne Clarkson's tenure.

Early Canadiana Online – New Features

Canadiana.org is pleased to announce that in January 2006 the interface to the Early Canadiana Online database was updated. This update includes a number of improvements and changes, both large and small. Among the most important changes are:

◆ **Expanded bibliographic Information and linking**

The display of bibliographic information has been re-organized to make the information clearer. In addition, the amount of information available for each document has been expanded to include many new fields, including extensive notes. Search results display an abbreviated version of this information, while selecting a document's title from the search results display will display the full record.

Author names and subject headings are now conveniently hyperlinked so that users can quickly find other documents by the same author or about the same topic.

◆ **Serials Control**

A large portion of the Early Canadiana Online (ECO) collection consists of series with multiple issues or volumes. Users can now link from an issue or volume to the main record for the series, and can link from the series record to all available issues. Many series also provide links to related titles (such as continuations or other language versions).

Searches within metadata fields (title, author, etc., or metadata in general) do not retrieve records for individual issues. For example, a title search for “sessional papers” returns only a handful of records for monographs and series records, rather than including hundreds of records for each individual issue of “Sessional Papers” and “Sessional papers of the Dominion of Canada.” These individual issue records can now be accessed by selecting the appropriate series record and then choosing the desired issue from a chronologically-sorted list of available issues.

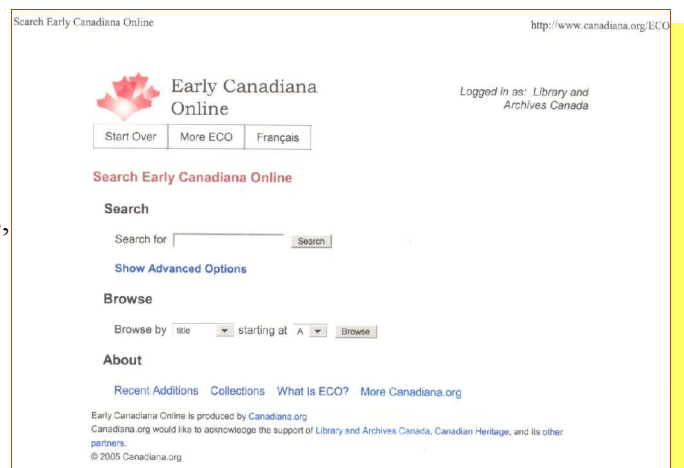
◆ **Searching**

The standard default search form has been reduced to a single text field, which uses the same defaults currently used for about 80% of all ECO searches. Advanced search options are available with a single click, and offer all previous search refinements (searching within a specific field, Boolean options, and subset limiting) as well as the ability to search within a range of publication dates.

◆ **Interface Enhancements**

A number of small changes should improve the overall usefulness and usability of the database. The page image view screen now includes a menu that allows users to go directly to any page in the document, and the default back/forward mechanism has been modified so that blank pages are automatically skipped over. The image resize controls have been changed so that all images are sized to a constant width, and there are a wider variety of image size options available, ranging from a minimum width of 400 pixels up to 1450 pixels wide for users of high-resolution displays. Page rotation controls now operate relative to the current orientation of the image, rather than the “natural” orientation which is not necessarily obvious. (For example, clicking the right rotation arrow rotates the image 90 degrees from its current orientation, not from its default orientation.)

A number of small changes have been made to enhance the compactness and, hopefully, clarity and intuitiveness of the interface, particularly with respect to page selection and PDF generation tasks.



♦ ECO API

A new, experimental, interface is now available to libraries that want to access ECO via a federated search service or other automated system. It responds to search and item record queries by returning an XML document that is independent of the interactive XHTML interface. The documentation for this interface is available at: <http://www.canadiana.org/eco/english/ecoapi.pdf>

Thanks to Electronic Systems Specialist **William Wueppelmann**, ECO software developer **Rob Good**, isagn, inc. (<http://www.isagn.com/index.htm>) and to our staff and colleagues involved in the testing.



Heritage Grant Update

It is most unfortunate that Canadiana.org will **not** receive Canadian Heritage funding for its final year of the *Canada in the Making* project after all. When our grant application had not been approved, President John Teskey and Executive Director Magdalene Albert met with Heritage officials, who suggested Canadiana.org go through Library and Archives Canada (LAC). LAC accommodated that request and included our project along with their digital projects in LAC's Canadian Culture Online application, which was approved by Canadian Heritage in the fall and a press release was issued. Yet despite all of that, we were informed mid-February that due to circumstances beyond LAC's control, not only would we not get our expected grant of \$196,000, but LAC was also going to be short and had to cease work on a number of its projects. It appears that those receiving transfers of funds from Heritage or other departments were caught by the unusual circumstances this year regarding parliamentary approval for expenditures.

Having heard so late in the fiscal year, it will be impossible to avoid a large deficit and this will be reflected in our 2005-06 audited statement. Canadiana.org will weather this, but not without our reserves taking quite a hit.

Canadiana.org thanks its stakeholders once again for writing letters of support to then-Heritage Minister Liza Frulla and appreciates the efforts undertaken by Library and Archives Canada as well as the offer to find some other way(s) to assist the organization in coming to terms with the financial shortfall.

Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries (CIDL)

The 2006-07 Steering Committee:



Canadiana.org (Magdalene Albert)
Dalhousie University (William R. Maes)
Toronto Public Library (Joanna Wellheiser)
University of Calgary (Mary Westell)
University of Saskatchewan (Janet Catterall)
University of Windsor (Gwen Ebbett)

At the 27 January 2006 meeting, attended by outgoing and incoming members, Bill Maes, University Librarian, Dalhousie University, was elected Chair, and Joanna Wellheiser, Manager, Preservation Service, Toronto Public Library, Vice Chair.

With the recent increase in large scale digital projects, including the Open Content Alliance, Alouette Canada, and Library and Archives Canada's digital consultations, the timing is opportune for CIDL to review its mandate and see how the organization will move forward in this changing national digital environment. More on this in the coming months.

The Minutes of the CIDL Steering Committee: December 2005, and January 2006 are now available on the CIDL Web site at:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cidl/040021-505-e.html>

The contact information for the 2006-2007 CIDL Steering Committee is available on the Web site at:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cidl/040021-503-e.html>

The February 2006 issue of CIDL News is now available (HTML & PDF) on the CIDL Web site at:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cidl/040021-200-e.html>

Alouette Canada

Alouette Canada is the new name of the CARL (Canadian Association of Research Libraries') Open Canada Digitization Initiative. The Steering Committee has met several times since the communiqué announcing the initiative was released in November 2005.

Some highlights:

- Registration of the new name and planned web site (<http://www.alouettecanada.ca>)
- Several committees have been established: Funding Strategy, Communications/Marketing, Technical, 3Rs (report, record, reveal) and Charter Projects.
- The Declaration of Support has been signed by all CARL members. Further signatures are being solicited.
- A Charter Projects Survey is being distributed.
- The Library and Archives Canada (LAC) planned spring Symposium is being postponed to September to allow for meetings as a lead-up to the Symposium.
- The CBC World Report interview with Carole Moore (University of Toronto Librarian and Chair of the Steering Committee) and Tim Mark (Executive Director of CARL) on Alouette Canada aired 29 December. Summary: <http://www.cbc.ca/story/arts/national/2005/12/29/canada-libraries.html> There was also an inquiry from a woman in Mississippi asking about the digitized knitting pattern book Carole mentioned. The woman was sent the ECO reference for *Home work : a choice collection of useful designs for the crochet and knitting needle...* Toronto : Rose Pub. Co., 1891. (item record 08942)



Call for Nominations to the Canadiana.org Board

The Nominating Committee is seeking potential candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Voting will take place at the AGM in Ottawa 9 June 2006.

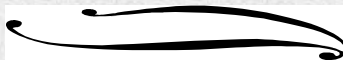
We are looking for individual scholars, librarians, or others with knowledge of Canadian studies, research libraries, publishing and digital enterprises. The Committee will seek to nominate candidates so that the Board has a balanced representation from the research library community and the scholarly research community. The term of office is three years and members are eligible for re-election for one further term. The Board meets at least once each year for two days of meetings: the Annual General Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting. Teleconferencing may also be used for additional meetings. Directors do not receive remuneration, but receive reasonable compensation for expenses incurred by them in the normal course of their duties.

Interested persons should submit their qualifications and experience along with the reasons for interest in the board to Nominating Committee Chair John Teskey at the coordinates below, ***no later than 5 May 2006***.

Our web site includes various information, such as the list of Board members, Advisory Committee members, annual reports, and articles about the history of the Institute, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2003.

<http://www.canadiana.org/cihm/index.html>

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Notice of Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting, 9 & 10 June 2006

The Canadiana.org AGM will take place in Ottawa 9 June, followed by the first Board Meeting of the 2006-07 members. A celebration to mark the completion of the *Canada in the Making* project is in the planning stages.

More information about the AGM and the celebration will be made available in the April Bulletin.

Upcoming events



For those in the Ottawa area interested in genealogy, the Ontario Genealogical Society, Ottawa Branch, will hold **Gene-O-Rama 2006** at a new location this year: Orleans United Church, 17-18 March. **Richard M. Doherty, keynote speaker, will present *Irish Oral Tradition: The Forgotten Source*. For more information:** <http://www.ogsottawa.on.ca/geneorama/>

The **IS&T (Society for Imaging Science and Technology) Archiving Conference** takes place 23-26 May 2006 at Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. For more information:
<http://www.imaging.org/conferences/archiving2006/topics.cfm>

The conference provides a unique forum to assemble international experts from industry, government, cultural heritage institutions, universities, and research institutes to discuss the complex and diverse topics related to the theory and practice of archiving personal and institutional collections.



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May 23-26, 2006
Ottawa, Canada

The Society for Imaging Science and Technology is an international non-profit organization whose goal is to keep members aware of the latest scientific and technological developments in the field of imaging through conferences, journals and other publications.

Upcoming articles

Bibliographic Research Coordinator, Beth Stover, has written an article titled

Canada in the Making: A Project to Digitise Early Official Publications

for the **Canadian Parliamentary Review**.

It will be released late March and can be viewed at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/infoparl/>

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