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Catherine McGoveran named recipient of the CLA Emerging Leader Award 2015



(Ottawa, April 23, 2015) - **Catherine McGoveran** of the University of Ottawa Library is named the recipient of the 2015 CLA Emerging Leader Award, the Canadian Library Association announced today.

A graduate of Dalhousie University School of Information Management, Catherine serves as co-moderator of CLA's Government Information Network. In this capacity she collaborated with other Network members to draft CLA statements about cuts to Statistics Canada and about Open Government. Within the Network, Catherine worked to keep members engaged and informed, including having an active presence on Twitter and the Network's blog.

Within the Canadian government information community, Catherine took a lead role in designing the highly successful 2014 Government Information Day program, finding many of the speakers, and managing the event logistics including registration, room booking, multimedia, post event dinner, etc.

Catherine is also active in the Ottawa open data community, serving as Community and Social Media Liaison at Open Data Ottawa, organizing monthly open data bookclub events where community members can meet to "hack" and present on projects using local open datasets. To highlight International Open Data Day in 2014 she co-organized a hackfest at the University of Ottawa. This event was repeated in 2015 with new partners, including Carleton University and Industry Canada, fostering collaboration between open data enthusiasts from across the National Capital Region.

Quick Facts

- The Award was established in 2012 to recognize a member of the Canadian Library Association with less than 5 years' experience in the library field who demonstrates leadership or active participation in association work.
- The Emerging Leader Award recipient receives a presentation plaque, complimentary registration to the 2015 CLA National Conference, as well as travel and accommodations.
- The Award will be presented during the at the opening ceremonies of the CLA National Conference and Trade Show in Ottawa, Ontario on Thursday, June 4th at the Shaw Centre

"[Catherine] is able to bring people together, seeks collaboration inside and outside the profession and is passionate about government information. She's a model for young professionals and an inspiration for us all."
- Ingrid Moasil, University of Ottawa Library

The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques is Canada's largest national and broad-based library association, representing the interest of public, academic, school and special libraries, professional librarians, library technicians, library workers, and all those concerned with enhancing the quality of life of Canadians through information and literacy.

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