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Leslie Weir named 2015 recipient of CLA/Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship

(Ottawa, April 20, 2015) - Leslie Weir, University Librarian at the University of Ottawa has been named the 2015 recipient of the CLA/Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship. This award has been established in recognition of CLA past-president Dr. Ken Haycock, distinguished educator, administrator and advocate and honours individuals who have demonstrated exceptional success in enhancing public recognition and appreciation of librarianship.

"In her 30-year career, Leslie Weir has been actively involved in not only promoting, but also shaping and developing the profession of librarianship." says H el ene Carrier, Director of the Morisset Library at the University of Ottawa.

Among her many achievements:

- Ms. Weir has been a tireless champion of the University of Ottawa Library and as a result, the Library is viewed to be a strategic partner of the success of the University in both research and learning in the 21st century.
- She was one of the choreographers of Sm@rtLibraries, a collaboration, initially funded by Industry Canada's Smart Communities programme, which developed a union catalogue of library resources available in the National Capital. She was one of the founding architects of Scholars Portal, an internationally recognized state-of-the-art research infrastructure.
- Ms. Weir was the President of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) from 2007 through 2009. An active member of the CARL Copyright and Public Policy committees, she actively lobbied the government in regard to copyright reform and now chairs the CARL Committee on Research Dissemination.
- She has been the President of *Canadiana.org* since 2012, and as such has overseen the introduction of the Heritage Project, in collaboration with Library and Archives Canada, to digitize and make open accessible some 60 million heritage archival images.
- Ms. Weir is currently Vice-Chair of both the Center for Research Libraries as well as the Board of the Council of Libraries and Information Resources (CLIR). She is also active in IFLA, having been elected to the Management & Marketing Section in 2013.
- Of all of her accomplishments, it is the founding of the uOttawa School of Information Studies that is most dear to Ms. Weir. After many years of effort, the School of Information Studies was created, and in spring 2014, received ALA accreditation for the longest period possible, 7 years. Complementing this contribution in the development of new members of the library and information community, Ms. Weir has been actively involved in Northern Exposure to Leadership (NELI) Institute, in support of future leaders in the library community.

This award, will be presented at the opening ceremonies being held Thursday, June 4 during the CLA 2015 National Conference and Trade Show in Ottawa, Ontario.

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

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