



LISSA Newsletter

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Hello SLIS students!

On behalf of the LISSA 2021-2022 Executive, I would like to wish everyone a happy new year!

Our LISSA team has been quiet these last few months, but we've been hard at work behind the scenes. As some of you may already know, we made the decision last year to spend some time thinking about how LISSA can best represent and advocate for all of the students at SLIS, and what our team can do to build those foundations for future executives. To that end, we've been working on a few projects, including rewriting our governing documents and overhauling our executive structure. We now have a full slate of great new executives for the upcoming year.

Over the next few months, we will be slowly rolling out what's been in the works. Please keep an eye out for a few things coming down the road:

- As part of our restructuring efforts, **we will be conducting a survey** to get a better sense of what SLIS students want from their student association. If you have thoughts about how LISSA can improve your student experience, now is the time to share them! (Alternatively, you can also email your friendly neighbourhood on-campus/online rep, or you can attend one of our monthly general meetings.)
- We have some events planned in the near future, including a **Q&A event with a couple of folks from ALA** that you'll probably be hearing a lot about in the next two months, as well as some **fun collaborations with other LIS associations**.
- In case you haven't seen it, we set up a **LISSA Discord server** to provide a space for SLIS students from both the on-campus and online programs to connect ([please feel free to join us](#) if you haven't already!). This is intended to complement, not replace, the existing channels or group chats. We're planning to start using Discord for hosting more low-key events and hangouts.

Below, we're sharing some news from LISSA and other SLIS student groups. There's a lot happening at SLIS in the next little while — whether you're interested in networking events, volunteer opportunities, or the latest episode of LISSA's favourite radio show, there's something for everyone.

We appreciate you taking the time to read this, and we hope you have a great winter semester ahead!

Arianna Alcaraz

LISSA President, on behalf of the LISSA Executive

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Getting involved with LISSA is a great way to meet SLIS students from different years or cohorts. It also makes an excellent addition to both your resume and your capping project! This semester, LISSA is seeking members for the **Social Convenor Committee** and the **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group**.

The **Social Convenor Committee** is responsible for organizing social events and activities. LISSA generally hosts two or three times per semester, and members of this Committee will organize a variety of events that cater to different folks (i.e. both virtual and in-person events, activities for introverts and extroverts, etc.). Whether you're looking for a one-time commitment to help with a specific event, or a chance to bring your SLIS party ideas to life with our team (and our budget!) we welcome anyone who wants to take part in making spaces for SLIS students to gather.

Inspired by similar efforts being made in LIS programs at UBC, U of T, and Western, the **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group** will collaborate with executive members to determine ways that LISSA can advocate for and help improve the experiences of SLIS students from underrepresented groups. We hope to identify actionable strategies for advancing DEI initiatives within SLIS, and to propose the formation of new LISSA Committees and/or student groups that will be tasked with enacting these strategies. As students and future LIS professionals, we have the ability to make the changes we want to see in our profession — and we firmly believe that it starts right here in library school. Help us help you take action!

If you're interested in joining either of these groups, please feel free to email us at lissa@ualberta.ca.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS / PAPERS

The **Forum for Information Professionals' (FIP)** 2022 conference is taking place on **February 18** via Zoom. The theme is "Making a Difference in the Digital Age" and this year's keynote speaker is Jessie Loyer! Jessie is Cree-Métis and a member of Michel First Nation. She is a liaison librarian at Mount Royal University in Calgary, a guest on Treaty 7 and Blackfoot territory. Her research looks at Indigenous perspectives on information literacy, supporting language revitalization, and creating ongoing research relationships through kinship. Keep an eye out for registration! If you're interested in presenting, take a look at their [call for proposals](#) and submit before **January 28!**



Pathfinder: A Canadian Journal for Library Science Students and Early Career Professionals is excited to announce that it is now welcoming original scholarship in the fields of library science, information studies, and archives from current Canadian LIS or archival students, library tech students, and early career professionals (individuals that graduated from information science programs within 2 years).

Manuscripts of interest include:

- Original research
- Other scholarly papers (e.g. critical scholarship, position papers, case studies)
- Literature Reviews
- Book Reviews
- Research Posters
- Teaching Resources
- Reflections
- Conference Reports

The submission deadline for the 2021/2022 Issue is on **February 14th**. Visit [their submissions page](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come and meet your fellow SLIS students! LISSA is hosting a **virtual Meet and Greet** on [gather.town](#) on **Saturday, January 22**, at **7:00 pm MST**. It'll be a great opportunity to chat with folks from both the on-campus and online MLIS program. Please RSVP [here](#) by **Thursday, January 20** to receive a link to the event by Friday.



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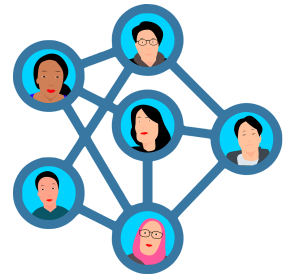
Partners Week will run from **January 24-28** this term. If you are not familiar with Partners Week, it is a twice-yearly event during which students have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with information professionals to learn first hand about the work environment of libraries, archives, museums and other information organizations. It's a valuable opportunity to check out potential careers and put your schoolwork into context. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time! Visit [the Partners Week website](#) to view all available placements.

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The **Library and Information Studies Alumni Association (LISAA)** is hosting a **Career Connections Event** from **6:30 pm - 7:30 pm MST** on **Thursday, January 27**, where students can learn how LIS professionals began their career and make new connections within the LIS community.

Panelists include:

- Anastasia Atwood, '16 MLIS - Access to Information and Privacy Officer, Government of Canada
- Kirk MacLeod, '14 MLIS - Team Lead, Alberta Law Libraries
- Jessica Knoch, '02 MLIS - Library Development Services Manager, Yellowhead Regional Library System
- Yang Wu, '16 MLIS - Open Resources Librarian, Clemson University



This online networking event will feature a panel discussion, followed by a Q&A session where you can ask panelists about their career path and gain valuable insight into different professional streams. Attendance is free! Please register [here](#).

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Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom (FLIF) is hosting a virtual session with the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS) on Bystander Awareness and Action:

Challenging harmful beliefs and actions that perpetuate violence in our communities isn't just for the advocates – it's going to take everybody. In this session, students learn about what domestic violence can look like every day: at work, in school, and on the street. We will explore how we might notice situations where domestic violence is happening and different methods of intervention in those instances. We will work to understand barriers people experience in being an informed, engaged bystander and how to empower other people to become active bystanders too.

This session will be delivered by Alyssa Hartwell and Joe Campbell over Zoom on **Thursday, February 3**, from **10:00 am to 11:30 am MST**. Please register [here](#).

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This term, the **Shout for Libraries** team is taking a deep dive into policing, incarceration, and the concept of public safety within public libraries. To get the ball rolling, next month they'll be sitting down with Dr. Danielle Allard, Dr. Tami Oliphant, and Angela Lieu to learn more about their research on patron-perpetuated sexual harassment. Interested in learning more? Check out [this month's episode](#) and tune in to CJSR 88.5 FM at **5:00 pm MST on February 11**.

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