

Although it's true that each school library is unique—as is each teacher-librarian – it's also true that we have much in common with our colleagues across Canada and around the world. It's both interesting and useful to be in touch with the world of school librarianship beyond Ontario's borders.

Celebrate School Library Day!

International School Library Day, first celebrated in 1999, is celebrated each year on the fourth Monday in October. ISLD 2006 will be celebrated on October 23. The theme will be Reading, Knowing, Doing. For more information, see the ISLD section of the IASL Web site, at www.iasl-slo.org/isld.html.

In June, 2003, Roch Carrier, Canada's National Librarian, proclaimed the fourth Monday of October National School Library Day, and the first NSLD was celebrated on October 27, 2003. This national celebration is linked to the international celebration. For information on our own National School Library Day – coming October 23, 2006 – check out the NSLD section of CASL's Web site, at www.nsls.ca.

Gain a National Perspective

Don't forget to check out *School Libraries in Canada* (SLIC), Canada's national school library journal. It's now publicly available online, at www.schoollibraries.ca.

And if you're looking for documents, information, or ideas, check out SLiP: Canadian School Library Information Portal, at www.cla.ca/slip.

It's a Big World – Think Globally!

The easiest way to gain an international perspective on school librarianship is to check out the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL), at www.iasl-slo.org.

If you like the idea of sharing professional development with colleagues from around the world, but can't actually travel to an international conference, then keep your eye on the Australian School Library Association's Web site, at www.asvla.org.au. In both 2005 and 2006, ASLA offered an online conference, open to participants from around the world. The 2006 conference featured Ontario's own Carol Koechlin and Sandi Zwaan! Both years, the conference was held in early May, with information posted in the winter and registration in early spring. Interested? Watch the Web site for news! ■



"THEY SAID THEY'RE DOING RESEARCH
 BUT I CAN TELL THEY'RE NOT USING SEARCH SKILLS."

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