

# @LSC

A newsletter of what is new at the Library Services Centre

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## Vaughan Public Library opens new library branch



LSC is happy to have been part of the new Civic Centre Resource Library for the City of Vaughan. LSC staff selected, catalogued, processed, sorted, delivered, unpacked and shelved more than 40,000 items for the new library. I would highly recommend the service offered by LSC regarding opening day collection. Their selections were appropriate, processing accurate and their shelving service exceptional. In just 3 days the team from LSC shelved our entire collection leaving our staff to focus on all other aspects of getting a branch ready to open. What a great help. Very impressive indeed!" Margie Singleton, Chief Executive Officer

## 2016 Materials Pricing Report available

LSC's annual materials pricing report is now available. For more than 20 years, LSC has been providing Canadian public libraries with the definitive guide to pricing data for library materials. This report is free to all LSC member library boards. Order your copy here:

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## Enhanced service for multilingual material

LSC is now able to provide original language content for all MARC records in languages other than English or French. This makes the discovery process for this material much better for their intended audience.

## MARC record changes Fast, accurate, and consistent

For years, LSC has been the leader in our ability to delivery complex MARC content in a consistent and reliable fashion. Once the specifications are agreed, LSC is able to ensure 100% consistency in meeting them through thousands of items. But this fully automated approach takes time and patience to get right. LSC has now implemented a new approach that combines human editing of content during testing and implementation with selected automation where volume and rules make sense. "This has reduced our turnaround time for customer changes by over 80% without sacrificing the quality in the content." Says Marta Gonzalez, LSC's Chief Information Officer

## Enhancements to web site

- ✓ Author name in the cart
- ✓ Searchable
- ✓ Ordering templates (coming soon)
- ✓ Single item transfer from cart (coming soon)

## Ontario Public Libraries Week

Again this year, LSC is one of the principal sponsors of this important awareness campaign.



## 40% and rising

More than 40% of the material that LSC supplies is now sourced through Automatic Release Plans (ARPs). Free, professional and easy to set-up, ARPs are a tremendous savings to the library – without any loss of content control.

Our professionals don't do it better – just as well and at no cost. How much does selection cost your library?

### RDA content: plan for the future

Since April 1, 2015, 100% of LSC's MARC records have had RDA content at no extra charge. Others offer RDA but not consistently. LSC believes that this content provides the proper foundation for library databases in the future.

### Canadian Library Association Book Awards

For many years, LSC has been the sponsor of the three Canadian Library Association (CLA) book awards. With the demise of CLA this summer, there is ongoing discussion of where these important awards will land. LSC has made the commitment to provide ongoing support – both financial and logistical – to allow the awards to continue.

### Fort McMurray evacuation

LSC is a small supplier to the Wood Buffalo Public Library. So we felt it when the library was suddenly closed as all of Fort McMurray was evacuated. Based on a staff suggestion, LSC created a challenge fund for donations to the Alberta Red Cross. Staff donated \$1,090 through our payroll system and LSC matched this amount.

### Still no bed bugs

A few years ago a Canadian public library received something unwanted in their shipment

– bed bugs. Not from LSC! But to be sure, LSC implemented a regular inspection of our facility by trained pest control specialists. And we are happy to report that there have never been any of the critters found here.

### Staff changes

- ❖ Nancy Porteous, MLIS, LSC's Manager of Selection Services, has accepted a position with Edmonton Public Library. She has been replaced in this position by Johanna Whitson, MLIS who most recently was LSC's Manager of Cataloguing. Erika Fyfe is assuming Johanna's role of managing Cataloguing.
- ❖ Sara Firmani has accepted a position outside the library profession. Sara's selection work has been assumed by Angela Stuebing, while Nicole Schaeffer from our cataloguing department is taking over Angela's work.
- ❖ Paul Lockwood has retired after 35 years in the publishing industry and 8 with LSC. Paul leaves big shoes to fill and we have yet to find someone for them.

### Barcodes are free

Processing customers of LSC no longer need to buy barcodes from external suppliers. LSC is able to produce high quality barcodes and link them to the LSC provided MARC record. The price: well, zero to the library.

### RFID tags are not free

But LSC is working with leading RFID suppliers so that we can acquire them directly from the supplier at wholesale cost and pass only this cost along to the library. The library saves ordering, stocking, and management fees.

### More information

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