2012 Braverman Award

The 2012 Braverman Award was presented to Sara Zettervall of St. Catherine University for her paper, *Through a Distant Lens: Visions of Native Hawaiians in Children’s Picture Books*. The award presentation was part of the annual PLG meetings at the ALA conference. Congratulations to Sara! For more information about the Braverman Award, please consult: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miriam_Braverman_Memorial_Prize

PLG Coordinating Committee member Mark Hudson presents the Braverman Award to Sara Zettervall at the annual PLG dinner in Anaheim, CA.
London (Ontario) PLG Update

Members of PLG London, to reach beyond current membership at the Faculty of Information and Media Studies at Western University, held their first meeting the night of June 29 at a local pub. These gatherings will be held twice a month: alternating between the pub and a local coffeehouse, where members will reach out to anyone interested in information issues. At the June 29 event, discussions included the need for a more representative national librarians/information workers association, and ways to continue to raise awareness and discussion around the removal of government support for Library and Archives Canada.

Reported by Joanna Kerr

Did you know that the PLG has a brand new, totally re-designed website? Check it out: http://libr.org/plg/index.shtml

Special thanks to Sarah Henriksson for all of her work on the website.
Edmonton PLG Update

Members of the Edmonton PLG were instrumental in coordinating local and national protests against recent cuts to archival funding across Canada. The cuts were announced by Library and Archives Canada (LAC) at the end of April, at which time Edmonton PLG members began coordinating with archivists across the country to organize an active response. The efforts culminated with the Archivists’ On to Ottawa Trek on May 28. Over 150 people participated in the main protest at the LAC building in downtown Ottawa, with coordinated protests in Edmonton and London (Ontario) organized by PLG members and allies.

The Archivists’ On to Ottawa Trek was modeled on the 1935 On to Ottawa Trek, in which unemployed workers across western Canada attempted to train-hop en masse to bring their displeasure directly to the government in Ottawa. The Trek, however, did not reach its destination as it was violently suppressed by the RCMP in what came to be known as the Regina Riot.

*Reported by Braden Cannon*

Archivists and allies, including members of the Edmonton PLG, participate in a protest against archival funding cuts on May 28 in Edmonton.