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From the Editor

Spring is here and so are the awards! In the national awards arena, the winner of the 2011 Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Award was announced at the IBBY Canada Annual General Meeting (AGM). The winners of the international awards were announced at the Bologna Book Fair in March. It seems like there is a constant stream of awards, what with all the calls for submission, winner announcements, and presentations of awards. I must admit it took me a long time to get them all straight, though I still get confused about what we've covered in the newsletter!

The AGM also saw the turnover of the Executive Committee. I look forward to working with all the new Executive Committee members, but it is with particular pleasure that I welcome our new Councillor-Ontario, Rebecca Gold. I first met Rebecca in a publishing course taught by Past President Hadley Dyer. In that class, I also met Past President Patricia Ocampo and outgoing Councillor-Ontario Kate Newman. I wonder whether Hadley knew what she was doing, recruiting all these new IBBY Canada members who would go on to serve on the Executive Committee! It just goes to show how passionate lovers of children's books are, and how tirelessly they promote literacy and quality books. All we need to do is connect with each other through organizations such as IBBY Canada. Together we can do great things!

– Jessica Fung
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President's Report

My first year on the IBBY executive has been very formative and rewarding. What an educational experience to be working with such interesting people at promoting quality children's books. I have attended the executive meetings with great interest. I have participated on the Honour List jury and on the Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Award jury.

While attending the «Lis avec moi» congress in Laval, Quebec and the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper, Alberta, and speaking to a McGill University Information Sciences class, I handed out IBBY marketing material and registration forms. I wrote an [article](#) on Librairie Monet's [blog](#) to promote and invite people to join IBBY Canada. I have also been translating a few press releases. [Read more](#)

Regional Report: East

IBBY Canada will again have a booth at Word on the Street in Halifax in the fall. If the Book Bag Treasure Hunt is on again, we hope to participate as it brought over 200 people to the booth to pick up their treasure. Naturally, before popping their IBBY Canada button or bookmark in the bag, they will hear all about the wonderful things IBBY Canada is up to, promoting children's books all over the world. For those in the Atlantic Region who would like to help or even just talk about all things IBBY, please contact me by clicking the link below or emailing me at councilloreast@ibby-canada.org. I would love to hear from you! [Read more](#)

Regional Report: Ontario

Hi, my name is Rebecca Gold and I am the new Councillor-Ontario. I have worked in the book industry since 1999 when I first started working for Indigo Books. I have worked on and off at Indigo since then and have worked there full-time since 2004. I have taken publishing courses at Ryerson where I learned that I have a love for children's books and discovered IBBY Canada. I am excited about the opportunity to be more involved with IBBY Canada's work! [Read more](#)

Regional Report: West

This spring has been a busy one in Vancouver. Authorfest was celebrated on February 2 at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Canadian authors Linda Bailey, Robert Heidbreder, and Ellen Schwartz presented; other Canadian children's book authors on hand included Tanya Kyi, Kathryn Shoemaker, and Julie Burtinshaw. [Read more](#)

Annual General Meeting 2012

On Saturday, March 3, 25 IBBY Canada members—new and old—gathered at the Runnymede Branch of the Toronto Public Library for our Annual General Meeting. We were pleased to welcome Executive Committee members from coast to coast: Ellen Wu and Kay Weisman from BC and Jane Baskwill from Nova Scotia. Fortunately, all three had flown in to Toronto in advance of the high winds that lashed the dormer windows of the historic library that morning. Inside, there was a warm buzz as people renewed their memberships, caught up with each other, and heard a very expectant* President Patricia Ocampo and the other Executive Committee members report on a busy and successful year. [Read more](#)

IBBY Canada Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Award to illustrator Cybèle Young

IBBY Canada is pleased to announce that illustrator Cybèle Young is the winner of the 2011 IBBY Canada Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Award for *A Few Blocks*, published by Groundwood Books. The \$1000 award will be presented to Cybèle Young at a date and location to be announced. [Read more](#)

Le prix IBBY Canada Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver est décerné à l'illustratrice Cybèle Young

IBBY Canada (Conseil international sur les livres pour les jeunes) est heureux d'annoncer que Cybèle Young est le récipiendaire de l'édition 2011 du prix Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver pour le livre *A Few Blocks*, publié par Groundwood Books. [Continuer](#)

International Awards Announcements

Click [here](#) for information about the following awards and IBBY Honour List:

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2012 /

Le prix de littérature à la mémoire d'Astrid Lindgren 2012

IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award 2012 / Le prix de promotion de la lecture IBBY-Asahi 2012

Hans Christian Andersen Awards 2012 / Le prix Hans Christian Andersen 2012

IBBY Honour List 2012

The IBBY Honour List is a biennial selection of outstanding, recently published books that are representative of the best in children's literature. Each IBBY National Section selects the best books in

particular categories (depending on how many official languages are recognized by that country). The Honour List provides insight into the diverse cultural, political, and social settings in which children live around the world and is used to develop educational and literacy programmes to develop exemplary international collections.

La Liste d'Honneur d'IBBY 2012

La Liste d'Honneur d'IBBY est une sélection bisannuelle de livres remarquables, récemment publiés, qui représentent le chef de file en littérature jeunesse. Chaque section nationale IBBY choisit les meilleurs livres dans un certain nombre de catégories (selon le nombre de langues officielles reconnues par le pays). La Liste d'Honneur fournit donc un aperçu des divers environnements culturels, politiques, et sociaux dans lesquels vivent les enfants à travers le monde, et se sert à développer des programmes d'éducation et d'alphabétisation et des collections modèles internationales.

Click [here](#) for information about the International Awards and IBBY Honour List.

Wanted: Hans Christian Andersen Award Co-Chair

Would you like to help promote Canadian children's authors and illustrators abroad and nominate them for the Hans Christian Andersen Award? The Hans Christian Andersen Awards, awarded biennially, are internationally recognized as the highest honour for children's authors and illustrators. IBBY Canada is the only Canadian nominating body for these prestigious awards. [Read more](#)

CANSCAIP Spotlight: Ron Lightburn

One of a Kind

Welcome to Ron Lightburn, who is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning children's book illustrator. His awards include the prestigious Governor General's Literary Award for Illustration. He is both a long-standing member of CANSCAIP and IBBY Canada and great promoter of children's literacy.

In 2011, Ron Lightburn celebrated his thirtieth year as a professional illustrator with picture books published in seven countries and six languages. Several have become international best sellers and one has received unprecedented recognition. Every year an entire town celebrates his picture book *Pumpkin People* with book signings and harvest festival celebrations. Where else in Canada does the Mayor read from the same children's book each autumn and the town give each Grade 3 student a free copy of the picture book to promote literacy? [Read more](#)



IBBY Congress: London 2012

Mark your calendars! The 33rd IBBY Congress will be held August 23-26, 2012 in London, UK. IBBY's biennial congresses bring together IBBY members and like-minded people involved in children's books and reading development from all over the world. [Read more](#)

Congrès IBBY: Londres 2012

À vos calendriers! La 33e Congrès de IBBY aura lieu 23 au 26 août 2012 à Londres, Royaume-Uni. Le congrès biennal IBBY réunit les membres d'IBBY et toute autre personne dans le monde qui s'intéresse aux livres pour enfants et au développement de la lecture. [Continuer](#)

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