

### ***From the Editor***

**This newsletter, while short, is full of beginnings. It is the beginning of a calendar year and, as we approach the AGM, the beginning of new terms with new executive members. On a personal note, I recently became a new mom. I never thought a baby would be so exhausting and time-consuming, which is why the newsletter is coming out a bit late and a bit short! I hope you all will forgive me for this lapse. I hope to get my act together so that our next newsletter, due out in May, will be back on track and full of the happenings of IBBY Canada.**

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### ***President's Report***

#### **On to the Next Chapter**

After six years serving IBBY Canada, I am excited to be making way for new faces and fresh energy. I am honoured to be joining the Past Presidents Club with such esteemed people as Susan Shipton, Josiane Polidori, Hadley Dyer, Catherine Mitchell, Theo Heras, Ron Jobe, and of course, the Past President who supported me directly and tirelessly throughout my presidency, Brenda Halliday. Oh, to finally know the secret handshake!

During my two terms as President, I am most proud of the measures we took to make IBBY Canada a more efficient organization and to brand it as one that is accessible, engaging, and focused on promoting quality children's literature at home and around the world.

We've cut down costs by bringing the design and production of our website and newsletter in-house and using Skype for all conference calls. And we've raised revenue by increasing two membership levels; student and patron.

What I am also proud of is the membership activity. In 2011, 34 people joined for the first time, and of the organizational members, all were renewing and one increased their level of support. To me, this says we are a) attracting new members and b) retaining support from our most influential existing members. [Read more](#)

#### ***Regional Report: Ontario***

This past year (my second) as Councillor Ontario for IBBY Canada has been a fun and engaging experience. While participating in IBBY Canada events, I have had the opportunity to connect with great people and knowing that IBBY supports such important causes certainly inspires me. [Read more](#)

### ***You're Invited to IBBY Canada's AGM***

IBBY Canada's Annual General Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 3 at the Runnymede branch of the Toronto Public Library. Join us for refreshments and to hear about our activities in 2011 and our plans for 2012. The outgoing, incoming, and long-standing executive officers will be excited to meet you! [Read more](#)

### ***Vous êtes invités à l'AGA IBBY Canada***

L'assemblée générale annuelle de IBBY Canada aura lieu à 9 h le samedi 3 mars, à la bibliothèque Runnymede. Joignez vous à nous pour des rafraîchissements et venez entendre parler de nos activités en 2011 et de nos plans pour 2012. Le conseil d'administration et les conseillers régionaux sortants, entrants, et de longue date seront ravis de vous rencontrer! [Continuer](#)

### ***TD National Reading Summit III***

Mark your calendars for Vancouver for the TD National Reading Summit III from May 2–5, 2012. [More](#)

### ***Le 3e sommet sur la lecture TD***

Le 3e sommet sur la lecture TD aura lieu 2 au 5 mai, 2012, à Vancouver. Notez-le sur vos calendriers! [Continuer](#)

### ***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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