



Alberta Association of Library Technicians

P.O. Box 700, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2L4

Toll Free: 1-800-350-AALT (2258)

Web Address: www.aalt.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

May 27, 2006

AALT AWARDS WEB SITE CREATOR

(Banff, AB) - Cynthia Beuselinck, Library Technician and 2006-2007 AALT Web Team Director is the recipient of the 2006 Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT) Library Technician Award of Excellence. This award was created to recognize the efforts of a Library Technician who has made a major contribution to the library field in Alberta. It is her dedication to AALT and the professional development needs of the library technician profession that makes Cynthia Beuselinck a worthy recipient of this award. Sandi Swanston, outgoing AALT President and Chair of the Awards Committee, presented the award to Cynthia at the 32nd AALT Conference held at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta, on May 25 – 28, 2006.

Cynthia has been a long standing member of AALT. Her dedication to the Association has included not only holding positions on the Board in the form of 2nd Vice President, President, and Past President, but also is reflected in her creation of an AALT Web Team. In 2003, when Cynthia took on the position of Web Director, she recruited, trained and led a dynamic Web Team in the development of the spectacular web site we are now so fortunate to have. She created the original AALT web site back in 1995, bringing AALT into the professional limelight. In her words, “that project changed the course of my library career.”

Cynthia Beuselinck has also contributed to the professional development needs of her fellow library technicians. She has been asked many times by AALT and other associations to share her knowledge and experience. In 2000, she co-authored *K-12 Web School Web Sites* with a Library Media Specialist in Ohio. During her travels for her company, Cynthia has been a constant promoter of the library technician profession but according to Cynthia, AALT has played an equally important role in her career path. As she said, “I’ve experienced first hand how versatile our library training makes us. I always encourage other Library Technicians to stretch beyond their traditional roles and get creative with their skills.” In the words of AALT Web Team member Dianne Guidera, “Cynthia is passionate about Library Technicians, what they can do, and about AALT itself.”

Cynthia is a graduate of the SAIT Library and Information Technology program. After working in a variety of library environments, she chose an alternative career that combined her love of information management and technology by moving into the information technology industry. Cynthia now owns I-net Toolbox, a company that specializes in web site consulting and technology training for those in schools and libraries.

For additional information about AALT and their awards, please visit www.aalt.org or contact AALT at P.O. Box 700, Edmonton, AB T5J 2L4.

XXX

Technicians and Technology : Partners in Information