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**National recognition for Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library**

Following a high-profile launch in 2007 that included Premier Ed Stelmach and government and community leaders across the province, the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library is already receiving national recognition.

The initiative was recently presented with the 2008 Canadian Association of College and University Libraries' Innovation Achievement Award at the Canadian Library Association's National Conference in Vancouver.

In making the announcement, the Canadian Library Association noted that the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library "is truly innovative in concept, scope and breadth; has pushed consortial activity to a new level; and may in fact serve as a model of collaboration for other provinces."

"This award recognizes the progressive nature of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library and the important role it is playing in Campus Alberta," said Alberta Advanced Education and Technology Minister Doug Horner. "It gives students across the province easy access to the best educational resources possible."

"We are honoured by this award, and committed to continuing to build a digital library that exemplifies the future of learning in Alberta," said Ernie Ingles, University of Alberta Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, and Chair of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library.

The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library provides a vast array of digital resources for teaching, learning and research, including:

- Province-wide access to full-text digital collections.
- Digitized materials important to Albertans.
- Electronic repositories to manage and preserve digital materials.
- Management of a secure authentication system.
- Information literacy programs for library staff, faculty and students.

The digital library gives students and faculty unlimited access to resources, regardless of their school or location. This dramatically expands the information available to Albertans and transforms the way libraries enable their learners and faculty to discover and use information and knowledge resources.

The resource currently contains over 4.5 million items, including academic journals, encyclopedias, magazine and newspaper articles, literary criticisms and video clips. Digital library content includes not only the shared collection of licensed materials, but also new collections of unique digitized content.