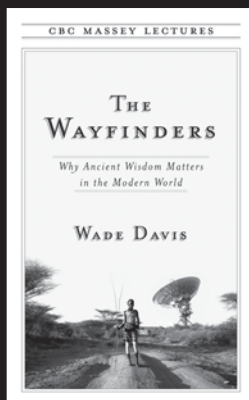




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*Publisher
of the Year!*



*Nonfiction Book
of the Year!*



*Children's Picture
Book of the Year!*

**Thank-you,
CBA, for
the three
Libris Award
nominations!**

Editor's Desk

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By now you must know that CBA has moved from our Don Mills offices to inhabit the same Yorkville building as Retail Council of Canada. From uptown to downtown, Science Centre to Shoe Museum. We've made ourselves at home in our new digs and fully recovered from the upheaval of the move.

Re-locating—and its attendant surveying, sorting and packing—inevitably unleashes waves of nostalgia. I sifted through many a photo in an approximation of archiving, and you'll notice I've pulled some Libris shots from the 2000's for page 38's collage of Awards moments from the decade. The real photographic treasures are the pictures from much further back—authors and booksellers no longer with us, stores that have transformed or closed, Bookselling School students now operating their own stores, convention snaps that conjure up some of its earlier craziness.

I've been with the Association long enough to have seen the annual convention go from "CBA" to "BookExpo Canada" to "CBA Summer Conference" to this year's National Conference. I recall the circus-like atmosphere of my first trade show: the Stoddart elephant and I were simpatico, shifting our weight from foot to foot, warily eyeing the enormous crowd snaking around towering booths, sweltering in the sunniest corner of the show floor.

There was an energy to that show, a level of

excitement unlikely to be recreated in the more intimate setting in which we now host CBA's conference. So, while that event was eventually done in by its own excess, we continue to look back on the two-day frenzied book-hunt that was the trade show, in particular, with a sense of wonder and nostalgia.

But times have changed, and with them bookseller and publisher needs for a national gathering. The new event is less about spectacle and more about interaction—becoming empowered rather than overwhelmed. We talk about the "new realities of bookselling" as if it's the bitterest pill to swallow, yet I believe—truly, albeit tritely—that with the new challenges (e-books, increased competition, even the unsettling changes to foreign ownership in the cultural sphere) come new opportunities.

Looking forward and seeing a path not only to survival but prosperity requires an open-mindedness, a willingness to listen, a great deal of creativity and an enormous amount of energy; I've yet to meet a bookseller who didn't possess those traits in spades. And, maybe it also requires letting go of old ways of thinking about the industry. Hopefully, when booksellers and publishers convene at CBA's National Conference, their discussion of reinvention will explore not only how to seize the great possibilities on the horizon but also consider outdated procedures that may be holding 'traditional' bookselling back.

Our Libris Awards nominee profiles (p. 15) demonstrate that the principles of great book-selling haven't fundamentally changed—passion, adaptability and ingenuity have always been paramount. It's the industry itself that will undergo structural changes, whether we like it or not. It's up to us how big a role we take in shaping its future. **CBA**

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DK PUBLISHING - Celebrating 10 Years in Canada

In Fall 2010, DK Publishing celebrates their 10th anniversary in Canada. DK is an award-winning global publisher of illustrated titles for adults and children published in over 40 languages and 50 countries worldwide. The eight new Fall 2010 titles featured on the cover are shining examples of our commitment to publishing the best in illustrated family reference, and they provide the focus for our celebratory 10th anniversary montage. In the background you'll see some of our most important books of the last 10 years which you have helped to make bestsellers. From perennials like *The Great Canadian Plant Guide* and the *Canadian Medical Association Complete Home Medical Guide* to bestsellers such as *First Meals*, *What Next*, *Pick Me Up* and *LEGO™ Star Wars The Visual Dictionary*, you've given us many reasons to celebrate over the last 10 years and we'd like to say thank you come visit us at cn.dk.com/canada10 to discover more!

