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In March 2002 Stephen was named by *Library Journal* as one of the Top 50 librarians who are shaping the future of libraries and librarianship.

Micromedia ProQuest is Canada's largest electronic publisher. Stephen's role is to be responsible for the long term development of their successful print, microform, CD-ROM, intranet and web-based news, periodical, directory, corporate, engineering and government information publishing lines.

He has been Publisher, Electronic Information for Carswell and Thomson Electronic Publishing in Canada and the U.S., creating some of the leading legal information finding tools in North America in CD-ROM, online and web formats. He has managed libraries, marketing and information resources for Hay Management Consultants, Coopers & Lybrand (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers) as well as positions with the Canadian law firm Smith, Lyons, Torrance, Stevenson, & Mayer, and Suncor.

Stephen has also held positions nationally and internationally for many information industry and librarian organizations, including the Special Libraries Association (SLA), Canadian Library Association (CLA), Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services (CASLIS), Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC), and The Electronic Rights Licensing Association (TERLA). He is the 2002 president of the Ontario Library Association. He is the President-elect of the Canadian Library Association. He writes and speaks frequently on new roles for librarians, developing effective knowledge ecologies, product creation and marketing, library technology trends and e-learning.

Stephen was 1992 Member of the Year for the SLA Toronto Chapter. He was made an international Fellow of SLA in 1995. In 1998 Stephen was CASLIS Canadian Special Librarian of the Year. In June 1999 Stephen was awarded the prestigious SLA Management Leadership Award. In June 2000, he was presented with the SLA Public Relations Member Achievement Award. In June 2001 Stephen received the Alumni Jubilee Award from the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto. In June 2003 Stephen was awarded SLA's highest honour, the John Cotton Dana Award.

Stephen spends his copious amounts of leisure time with his two children (a writer son in Grade 12 and a gymnast daughter in grade 9 French immersion) and his wife (author of over 24 books including novel studies, major history textbooks as well as several websites and Phys Ed curricula) and enjoys telling off people who talk during the movie in theatres.

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