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Continuing Ed "Down Under": a Conference Report from the Field

by Ruth Miller

It was my great good fortune to receive APLA Memorial Award funding to attend the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) 1st Biennial conference in Perth, Western Australia, September 30—October 5, 1990. The conference title is a little misleading, since this was actually the first conference since a name change but the 25th one overall.

Perth, founded in 1829, is on the western coast of Australia, a short distance up the Swan River from the port of Fremantle on the Indian Ocean. It was mid-spring there in Australia, and the weather was similar to late June in the Maritimes. The only rain was at 6:00 a.m. on the morning I was leaving for the airport. Dry warm sunny days with a comfortable drop in temperature at night for sleeping.

Perth is one of the most isolated cities in the world. The population of the city and suburbs is 1.1 million. The population of the entire state of Western Australia is 1.6 million and its land mass is equal to 1/4 of all of Canada. The nearest city is Adelaide, South Australia, 2700 km away by road, mostly the one road through the Nullabor Plain, a semi desert. This is equivalent to driving from Halifax to Montreal and back again but going through a dozen or so towns smaller than Sackville, N.B.

Library conferences do not differ much between Canada and Australia, nor I expect in the rest of

the world. The similarities are those of principle, librarians from around (not across) this country getting together to discuss issues of mutual concern, to learn from each other and from the sessions they attend. The differences are those of degree, mostly of organization, not philosophy.

The first difference that struck me when I received the ALIA conference information in April 1990 was the civilized conference arrangements, running from a Sunday evening through the following Friday evening. The weekends were free to travel to and from the conference site. This is standard in Australia but particularly important when the conference is held away from the populated eastern seaboard. My travel time was 3 hours by train to Melbourne and 4 hours flying time to Perth plus the usual transfer and waiting times. Only two time zones were crossed although the flying distance was the same as Halifax to Vancouver which covers 5 time zones. When I reached Perth I was just over halfway around the world from home in Sackville, N. B. as Perth and New York City are about opposite one another.

The second difference was financial. The registration fees were very high. If you were a member of ALIA and in time for the "early bird" registration of March 31, 1990 it would cost \$450. This is 50% more than CLA's fee of \$295 and more than 6 times APLA's conference fee

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of \$70. Note that "early bird" is 6 months in advance of the conference! As I was neither "early bird" nor a member of ALIA my fees were higher again by 25%.

The conference site was the Perth Concert Hall with hotels close by, all within easy walking distance. The Concert Hall is just that, not a conference centre. There was a large, beautifully appointed hall with spacious foyers out front for registration and information desks etc. A lounge/bar was in the building and terraces were outside with huge patio umbrellas over tables for relaxing. The exhibitions were housed in the Hall in a rather dingy basement-atmosphere room. The day was laid out differently than the CLA/APLA conferences. From 9:00-10:00 a.m. each morning was a plenary session with one speaker giving a lecture on a particular theme, the remainder of the day being small sessions on the same theme. This was more theory than fact as the themes did not continue throughout the day. The speakers and themes were as follows:

Monday October 1. John Berry III, Editor, Library Journal, "Inform, Educate and Entertain". He did not address the topic but spoke on government and other public sector funding for libraries and education in general. It was largely a history of mercantilism with little on libraries.

Tuesday, October 2. James Billington, Librarian of Congress. "Effective Management of Library and Information Services". He outlined the changes being made at the Library of Congress to cope with today's library world. From his background as an historian he also stressed the librarians' role in the humanising and nurturing of the "culture of the book".

Wednesday, October 3. Margaret Cameron, Chief Librarian and Pro Vice Chancellor, Deakin University. (Also my boss's boss). "The Profession". This dynamo spoke on continuing education for librarians and the responsibilities of librarians to the profession and the users of libraries.

Thursday, October 7. Ian Lowe, Director of Science Policy Research Centre, Griffith University. "The Technological and Economic Issues Related to Access to Information". Missed this one, sorry.

Friday, October 5. Lachlan Chipman, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong. "Access to Information: Social and Political Issues". He gave a philosophical lecture on privacy versus freedom of information. A thought provoking lecture that I wish I had in printed form.

The sessions after the plenary were held concurrently just as in Canada. But there were far fewer of them. This had advantages and disadvantages. You are less likely to have a conflict between sessions you want to attend but, adversely, it is more likely that there is no session you really wish to attend. Six was the average number of concurrent sessions, far less than CLA. As a result, the number of people attending some sessions was very large and you really did need the seating capacity of the auditorium in the Perth Concert Hall.

The individuals who gave the sessions were "presenting papers". This was certainly more academic than either CLA or APLA. In addition they were to submit their papers for publication in the Conference proceedings. These were published before the conference. About 85% did and you received the

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Happy Holidays from the APLA Executive



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Back row: Don Carter, Claire Dionne, Elinor Benjamin, Judy Head, Peter Lambly, Gwen Whitford.

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proceedings in your registration satchel. You therefore had the papers in hand at each session. Thank heavens most of them did not actually read their paper but talked about it. I now have 2 thick volumes of conference papers I can refer to. Unfortunately none of the plenary lectures were published. There are several I would like to have in hand.

I missed the workshop concept of the sessions at APLA/CLA, the smaller groups, the informality, the almost hands-on, nitty gritty of a workshop versus a presenting of papers. But I did like the idea of plenary speakers to start the day.

The attendance is comparable to Canada. Australia has two thirds the population of Canada and ALIA attracted two thirds of the CLA attendance of the last few years.

There were almost 1000 registrants at the conference. You received in your registration satchel a complete list of the attendees with their affiliation as of 4 days prior to the conference. This is a marvellous idea. You can look up friends and acquaintances who are attending the conference. (Of course I didn't have any after only 4 weeks work in Australia except two of the librarians from my university but I knew they were attending).

There was no special provision for first timers nor were there any alumnae sessions. The printed programme was excellent and included pictures of the speakers. Tours to local libraries were available and I took advantage of the one to two universities in Perth—University of Western Australia and Curtin University of Technology.

Morning and afternoon tea were held between sessions. These are our coffee or nutrition breaks. Coffee is served as well as tea but it was the instant variety. Australians are not muffin or doughnut fans. The food at breaks were scones with strawberry jam and a large dollop of cream. Scones are similar to tea biscuits but sweeter. As is usual at conferences there were not enough serving centres for the number of people wanting tea or coffee in the half hour break between meetings.

There were receptions (with food) or dinners every night except one. The opening reception on Sunday night and the closing reception on Friday night included buffet

suppers. Blackwell's had a reception with delicious food in the ballroom of Government House and the State government hosted a reception at one of the hotels. The conference dinner with entertainment and dancing later was held in the middle of the week, not at the end of the conference. We were certainly well fed.

Sixty-six exhibitors had 84 stands at the Perth Concert Hall, John Coutts was the only Canadian exhibitor. Most were Australian but there were 6 from the UK, 1 German, 1 Italian and 2 from the Netherlands. Many of the Australian ones were agents for American firms. I felt right at home as I saw Bowker, Dialog, Faxon, Geac, Inmagic, Xerox, 3M, etc. 3M was demonstrating their prototype Patron Self Checkout. And Baker & Taylor bags with their familiar cats were seen everywhere.

Was the conference worth attending? It certainly was. I met librarians from all around Australia. The sessions and plenaries were well worth the money and I learned from them both. I also met two other librarians on exchange and we had lunch together on the Wednesday—a public librarian from Baltimore, Md. working in Dandenong, Victoria, a teacher-librarian from Ottawa working in Perth and me, a librarian from a university in New Brunswick working in Warrnambool, Victoria. We had a great time comparing notes.

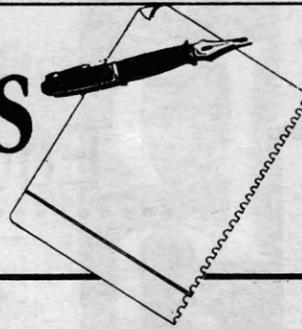
The next biennial ALIA conference is September 27—October 2 1992 in Albury-Wodonga. They are twin cities on the Murray River which is the border between the states of Victoria and New South Wales. The population is 75,000 and the city is in the midst of a winemaking area of Australia. And Australia makes superb wines. Shouldn't an Atlantic Canada librarian attend this conference also? Why not try and exchange and be in Australia in 1992 for the Biennial ALIA conference?

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



As I write it is a cold fall day and I am busy working through all the things I agreed to do at the fall executive meeting. But first, updates on what was discussed:

Strategic planning

As with so many organizations and institutions these days, APLA is seriously considering a self-examination of its future role. Many libraries, library organizations and other groups have been looking at what they do and how well they do it, in the larger context of strategic planning. One item discussed at the September Executive meeting was the idea of hiring a library consultant to help APLA establish a strategic plan. "To do good, you've got to do well." Federal and provincial sources of funding to pay the cost of a consultant were also discussed. Several executive members will be writing grant proposals to get some of this money.

Interest Groups

Two new Interest Groups were born at the September meeting. The fledgling groups are the Newspaper Interest Group and the Continuing Education Interest Group.

Goods and Services Tax

As I write, it looks like the GST will pass through the federal Senate and APLA members will be looking at paying GST on membership fees and conference registration. APLA will also be collecting GST on advertising revenue. The campaign to establish a zero tax rate on reading materials continues.

New policy on release of membership list

APLA gets several requests each year from individuals and organizations who are interested in acquiring APLA's membership labels, for promotional purposes. At the May Ordinary General meeting in Moncton, the membership was asked how they felt about having their addresses given out or sold. The general feeling of the members at the meeting was that the address labels could be given out or sold, at the discretion of the executive, and in adherence to a policy. That policy has been drawn up and is available in full by writing to me. In brief, the policy says that addresses are available, in label form only, to individuals or organizations which may be of interest to APLA members, and that a fee shall be charged which is at least equal to the cost of printing the labels.

OGM Resolution

A letter was sent out to the Provincial Department of Education to express APLA's concern over the proposed move of the Provincial Library of its Charlottetown location. No response has been received.

Lobbying

A letter was also sent to the NS Civil Service Commission to express surprise and concern that the Provincial Equity review of Librarian I positions in the Civil Service concluded that these positions were appropriate, paid and classified as they stand now, and that no new upward classification was going to be applied. Librarian II positions were adjusted upwards by several thousand dollars. Civil Service librarians had hoped that since librarians are traditionally a female dominated profession, and pay equity had resulted in upward adjustments in other provinces, Nova Scotia Civil Service librarians were sure to benefit from a Provincial Equity review. The recent decision is very disappointing.

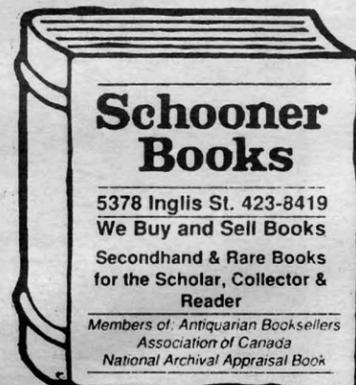
Conferences

Plans for the 1991 and 1992 conferences (in Corner Brook and Nova Scotia) are well on their way. The theme for the 1991 conference "Bridging... faire le relais", and when I hear of the speakers and sessions from organizers Sue Sexty and Elizabeth Behrens, sounds very exciting!

Keep in touch!

In spite of my efforts to get in touch with you, remember that executive members are only a telephone call or stamp away! APLA is also there to assist you in lobbying whether the issue is funding, legislation or professional issues. To get greater the number of members who get involved with APLA, and show how we can help them, the strength of our association becomes. I hope to hear from you!

—Andrea Jones



Continuing Education Feature

APLA & Continuing Education

by Judy Head

Standing Order 8.25 of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association directs "that APLA expand its efforts to bring continuing education opportunities to library employees and trustees throughout the regions, and publicize further the availability of APLA funding for regional programs." APLA has chosen to address this standing order as its priority for 1990/91.

At the September executive meeting, the APLA executive approved the establishment of a Continuing Education Interest Group which has as its terms of reference:

1. to insure that a mechanism exists within APLA to allow it to fulfil its continuing education mandate;
2. to provide analyses of professional literature with a view to identifying professional issues and trends for the membership;
3. to provide regional continuing education co-ordinators and conference program committees with information on issues and trends which, together with ideas from other Interest Groups, might provide continuing education opportunities.

The executive has given instructions that the group is to concentrate initially on the first item of its mandate, so that APLA will have in place the mechanisms necessary to fulfil its continuing education mandate in the future.

The executive has allocated a total of \$3000 to the General Activities Fund. This fund was established in 1985 and was designed to provide funding for activities and projects which serve to further the aims and objectives of the Association but which are not dealt with through the normal budgetary process. In the evaluation of funding requests this year, projects which address continuing education for APLA members will be given preference. The Fund is open to any vice-president, committee or interest group convenor, or member of APLA in good standing. Applications for support from the General Activities Fund are made to the Finance Committee as outlined in Appendix E of the *APLA Procedures Manual* (available from your V.P.).

The Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (a division of the Canadian Library Association) is promoting continuing education activities across the country. CACUL has

Continuing Education for Atlantic Librarians

by Gwendolyn Creelman

Continuing education has been part of librarianship in the Atlantic region for many years, if not for as long as there have been libraries and librarians. Workshops and lectures have been provided about various timely topics throughout the four provinces. Librarians have gathered together to discuss common problems and shared various solutions to those problems.

In recent years sessions have been held on such topics as "Bill -C-54: What is Pornography", "Resource Sharing", "A Research Agenda for the 1990s", and "The Reference Interview" to name only a few.

In the early 1980's with the introduction of AACR2, several sessions were held in the Atlantic region on the new rules and their impact; in the mid-1980's, a topic of interest for New Brunswick librarians was "Burnout in Libraries"; and in the late 1980's, various sessions related to library technology including a workshop on "Optical Disk Technology", have been sponsored throughout the region. In other words, there have been always been those who have taken the time and effort to organize, however informally, workshops, sessions, etc. Some of the gatherings have been sponsored or co-sponsored by APLA, especially since the establishment of its General

Activities Fund. However, many of the events held over the years have been organized at the local level by interested individuals, and/or formal, or informal groups of librarians.

Various groups have been formed and dissolved over the years. I am sure a study of the past issues of the *APLA Bulletin* would uncover many. Below is a list of some of the informal/formal groups presently existing in the Atlantic Provinces, with a name to contact for further information. If there are other groups in existence, I would appreciate being informed about them.

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established a program to offer workshop incentive grants for co-sponsorship of continuing education programs. Any program of special interest to college and/or university libraries which is planned at the local, regional or provincial level is eligible for funding under the program. Deadline dates for application are October 1, 1990, January 25, 1991, and June 1, 1991. Details concerning applications for these grants are available from the APLA Vice-President/President Elect.

One of the major roles of APLA is to provide continuing education opportunities for its members. Members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities provided, opportunities to mount continuing education activities and to attend them.

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Continuing Education and CLA

by Terri Tomchyshyn

There are many definitions of continuing education or CE. The best description I have seen is from ALA's *Guidelines for Quality in Continuing Education for Information, Library and Media Personnel*, penned by members of the CE Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Library Education (SCOLE). Continuing education is "a learning process which builds on and updates previously acquired knowledge, skills and attitudes of the individual". CE comes after the preparatory education necessary for involvement in or with information, library and media services. It is usually self-initiated learning in which individuals assume responsibility for their own development and for fulfilling their need to learn.

"CE takes as its base the individual, while staff training or staff development uses the development of the group as it relates to the total organization." For instance, a new automated system in the library will require an organized effort to train all staff in the use of the equipment and software in order for the library to conduct its business. This article is emphasizing personal professional development (used interchangeably with continuing education) as

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opposed to staff training or development.

Gordon Ray, Director of the Fraser Valley Regional Library System in British Columbia, had this to say about CE in Canada at a CLA/CAGELAIS pre-conference program in 1989:

"What we have in continuing education for librarianship in this country is what can best be described as a mish-mash of courses mainly in the fields of management and library automation offered by professional associations, library schools and commercial vendors, with a very spotty geographic coverage, minimal quality control and evaluation, widely varying success rates and a total lack of coordination in meeting the frequently unexpressed needs of the national library community."

Strong stuff! In my view, there are five primary groups responsible for CE in Canada. They are: library schools, colleges, library associations, employers and you as an individual.

Library schools and colleges:

Most of the Canadian library schools do provide some continuing

education programs. However, the emphasis at the universities is first and foremost on what ALA has called the preparatory work, in this case, the MLS for librarians. Resources being scarce at most universities, CE cannot be a priority.

Library associations:

Most library associations have a mandate to meet the professional development needs of their members. CLA members often declare that professional development is a key reason for joining the association. At present, the many library associations do not have a formal method of coordinating CE events across the country. We just don't know WHO is doing WHAT. Therefore, resource-sharing cannot take place and duplication can occur. Ideally, CLA is the most appropriate organization to coordinate and disseminate information about such activities. Is it time to discuss formally with provincial and regional associations a simple method of keeping each other informed?

What about Ray's assertion that programs offered have "spotty geographic coverage, minimal quality control and evaluation, [and] widely varying success rates"? This opens a discussion about the CLA Seminar program as one example of an association CE program. CLA Seminars were initiated in 1985 when the Council and the Board approved the concept of the travelling seminar. CLA seminars are intended to give the participant an entire day of learning from qualified experts at an affordable cost. In addition, they give the opportunity to meet colleagues at seminars and enjoy group interaction.

The Seminar program is issue-oriented and attempts to meet the needs of members. Each participant is asked to evaluate each session and ideas for future seminars are solicited. Of course, filling the needs of all librarians and library-workers across Canada is no easy task and we certainly have found no magic formula to determine which sessions will work and which won't. Some, such as AACR2 and the CD-ROM session, are wildly successful; others, like Career Development and Employer/Employee Communications, just didn't catch on.

Gordon Ray is quite right about automation courses; a good instructor and cutting-edge subject matter ensures a successful seminar. On the other hand, management seminars, especially personnel management, have not been very successful. An informal survey was conducted to determine the reason why; public library directors

Continuing Education Feature

by Valerie Brooker

The subject of training/education for non-professional library staff has long been a subject of controversy. In my fifteen year association with New Brunswick libraries I have watched the conception and demise of several courses. It appears that such training/study programs are designed either for persons already employed in a library setting, or to meet the specific need of some library-employer client group. While each of the Atlantic Provinces is currently offering a library training program, the methodology differs.

In New Brunswick, the Library Assistant Program and corresponding Cours d'aide-bibliothécaire have been offered by the Extension Departments of UNB and the Université de Moncton/Centre Universitaire de Shippegan since

1985. Level One, which is not being offered for the 1990-1991 term, consisted of approximately one hundred classroom hours, either on site or via teleconferencing, and four day-long workshops. Costs ran to approximately \$450 (including materials).

Level Two, short courses on specific subject areas, is currently being offered. *Cataloguing and classification*, a ten-week program, tuition \$185 plus materials, is being offered for a second season. A second course, *Children's Services*, will be available in 1991 as a twenty-four-classroom-hour program. Tuition is \$225, which includes materials. Both Level One and Level Two courses are non-accredited.

Nova Scotia Library Technician programs are offered at two campuses of the Nova Scotia Community College. Both Kingstec and Halifax Regional Vocational School offer a four semester certificate program. Admission requirements are high school completion (or equivalent) plus demonstrated competence in oral and written English. Enrollment is limited. Their brochures advertise that the curriculum is based on CLA recommendations. There are no tuition fees, but books and materials must be purchased by students.

suggested that management skills are just not a library issue. Managers are sent to municipal courses, or local university and college courses. Several federal and provincial government librarians stated that, due to unions, very specific policies are in place and personnel departments conduct programs for managers. However, the Library Administration and Management

Library Technician/Assistant Programs

The University of Prince Edward Island, through their Education department, offers a non-accredited diploma in school library services. Admission is limited to teachers and teacher librarians with few exceptions. The program is comprised of ten, three-credit-hour courses, with no courses running concurrently. Tuition follows UPEI's fee schedule. When I inquired about other training programs, it was reported that some public library employees are enrolled in the correspondence courses offered by Memorial.

Memorial University of Newfoundland offers a Certificate Program in Library Studies, again non-degree. To qualify for the Certificate, students must complete

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six courses (three credit hours each), including at least one degree course. Courses available are: Intro to Libraries (10601), Technical Processing (10602), Reference (10603), Adult Leisure Reading (10604), Children's Services (10605), and Computers in Libraries (10606). All are available via teleconference. And five of the six, with Reference being the exception, are offered through correspondence. Tuition is \$179 per course. It is encouraging to note that the provincial Library Board offers to pay 100% for employees of the Newfoundland Public Library Service.

In the article, "The Importance of the Library Technician", (Halsted and Neely, *Library Journal*, March 1, 1990), the role of various library staff is addressed. Halsted and Neely perceive the term "non-professional" to give the impression of a person doing very little or low-quality work. They suggest that other titles, such as "para-professional", "library technician" or "library aide" portray a more positive image. Until the role of "non-professional" library staff is addressed, regulated training/education for such "para-professionals" seems unlikely.

Valerie Brooker is Manager of the East Branch of the Saint John Regional Library.

Association (LAMA) is ALA's fastest growing division and at SLA, the Executive Development Academy and Middle Managers Institute are two popular programs.

At this time, CLA is beginning a strategic planning process that will take an exhaustive look at all of the Association's programs and services, including seminars.

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Maritime Tel & Tel Hosts Library Conference

It's not often that a group of librarians from across Canada gets a chance to travel to a seaside resort for three days to discuss common issues and problems. However, they had their chance this year when Maritime Tel & Tel hosted the IRC (Information Resource Centre) Coordinators' Meeting in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Sept. 16-19.

The IRC Coordinators' group is made up of librarians from telephone companies across Canada including Maritime Tel & Tel. The group was formed when Telecom Canada librarian Susan Grohn invited telephone company librarians to

Ottawa last fall for a three day conference. The purpose of the meeting was to give librarians in the telecommunications industry in Canada an opportunity to discuss various issues, from marketing their libraries to researching telecommunications topics.

This year's meeting was organized by MT&T librarian Christine Williams. Most of the meeting consisted round-table discussion on such topics as telecommunications sources, resource sharing, automation, promotion, the CRTC's impact on telephone companies and a presentation on Bell Canada's Marketing Information Centre. The talks

took place in the charming atmosphere of the Boscawen Inn in Lunenburg. "Holding the meeting in Lunenburg allows us to talk in a more relaxed setting," says Williams. A visit to the Information Resource Centre at MT&T was also planned, and, of course, no visit to the Maritimes is complete without the mandatory sailing trip and lobster dinner.



Christine Williams
Maritime Tel & Tel
Corporate Librarian

APLA Merit Award Nominations

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association solicits nominations for the Association's Merit Award. The Award is conferred on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces.

Nominations, with the appropriate accompanying documentation of the nominee and his or her contribution(s) should be sent by January 31, 1991 to:

Susan McLean
APLA Nominations and
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Halifax City Regional Library
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*Continuing Education and CLA,
cont. from page 5.*

Employers and individuals in CE:

Employers and employees are obliged to work together to achieve the best professional development for all concerned. Do employers have a responsibility to provide for CE? What about the individual? Librarians committed to personal professional development have turned down job offers because they sensed a lack of commitment to CE on the part of the employer. This is a powerful way to make a statement to potential employers. In these times of fiscal restraint, the professional development budget is often the first to be sacrificed. Training and development are the issues of the 1990s as the baby boomers experience less and less upward mobility. How are employers to keep staff motivated and interested in doing their job? This trend is not unique to libraries. Plateauing is occurring in all sectors of the work force.

Employees must learn to sell the benefits of attending seminars, conferences and courses to their employers and employers must recognize the high rate of return that can be realized from investing in CE for their employees. By sending someone to a professional development program, the employee could learn a new cost-cutting method for processing material or a better way of communicating in the work-place. Continuing education is a MUST for all organizations.

Terri Tomchyshyn is Director of Professional Development for the Canadian Library Association. CLA's upcoming seminars include: PLATEAUING IN LIBRARIANSHIP with Susan Jurow; INFORMATION: HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT PEOPLE REALLY WANT TO KNOW with Catherine Ross; MAKE MINE MARC: A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING AND IMPLEMENTING MARC with Maureen Killeen; HOW TO FIND OUT ABOUT CD-ROM: COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES with Paul Nicholls, and a new Technology Update with Jane Beaumont



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Literacy Year at Saint John Regional

by M. Eileen Travis

The Saint John Regional Library launched three major projects in recognition of INTERNATIONAL LITERACY YEAR. The first was the publishing of a booklet for new parents entitled, "Catch 'Em in the Cradle". This project was funded by the Office for Childhood Services, Government of New Brunswick. In addition to explaining why reading to baby is important, "Catch 'Em in the Cradle" tells parents how to start sharing books with baby. The 10 page booklet provides details on how to begin book-related projects, such as making simple puppets and doing finger plays. A list of books suitable for babies and another list of books for parents have also been included. The booklet lists library services, along with the addresses and telephone numbers of the public libraries in our Region.

At the launching of the booklet, the Honourable Jane Barry, Minister of State for Childhood Services, said, "Government is committed to making substantial reductions in the illiteracy level in our Province". "Catch 'Em in the Cradle" is available at all libraries in the Region and is bilingual booklet will also be given to the parents of each baby born at the Saint John Regional Hospital, the Charlotte County Hospital and the Sussex Health Care Centre.

The second project, to launch our "Library Card Sign Up" during the month of September, was a full-page advertisement in the Evening Times-Globe (totally funded by the Evening

Times-Globe), which encouraged the reader to... "Take Advantage of Your Library". The full-page advertisement contained the comments from fifteen registered borrowers and/or representatives of organizations from each of our eight library outlets.

The third INTERNATIONAL LITERACY YEAR project was the official opening of our new literacy collection on October 17th. This new collection was purchased with money from a \$7,000.00 grant given to the New Brunswick Community College in Saint John by the National Literacy Secretariat. "We wanted to make the materials we bought with the grant accessible to as many people as possible, so we offered them to the public library", said Paul McMackin, Literacy Co-ordinator for New Brunswick Community College, Saint John.

The purchasing and processing of the material was done by Saint John Regional Library staff.

October 17th was designated by Honourable Roland Beaulieu, New Brunswick's Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage, as the date for public libraries to celebrate INTERNATIONAL LITERACY YEAR. Representatives from all three levels of government extended greetings. Following the official opening, the audience was given a tour of the Adult New Readers Section.

M. Eileen Travis is the Regional Librarian at Saint John Regional Library, N.B.

New Fiction Award for Atlantic Canada Honors Thomas Raddall

The Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia, the Writers' Development Trust, and the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism and Culture are pleased to announce the creation of a major new book prize, the Thomas Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award.

The annual award of \$1,000 will go to the best work of adult fiction by an Atlantic Canadian published in the previous year. Entries may be novels or collections of short stories, and may be published in English or French.

Submissions may come from natives or residents of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, or from their publishers. Entries consist of 3 copies of the book sent by April 15th to the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia, Suite 203, 5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N.S., B3J 1G6.

The Award, named for one of Nova Scotia's greatest novelists, is the only regional prize of its kind. Raddall is internationally-known for

books like *The Nymph and the Lamp*, *His Majesty's Yankees*, *Hangman's Beach* and *Halifax: Warden of the North*. An officer of the Order of Canada and an Honorary Life Member of the Writers' Federation, he has won 3 Governor General's Awards. He has lived on Nova Scotia's south shore for most of his life.

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Nova Scotia Newspapers: A Directory and Union List 1752-1988

The Public Archives of Nova Scotia and the Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies are pleased to announce the publication and joint release of *Nova Scotia Newspapers: A Directory and Union List 1752-1988*.

This two-volume compilation includes bibliographic descriptions and holdings statements for 1,096 newspaper titles held in over one hundred Nova Scotian repositories, together with title, subject and publisher/editor indexes. Nova Scotia has a rich history of newspaper publishing; the first newspaper in British North America was published in Halifax in 1752. Providing access to some of the prime sources of historical information on the social, economic, cultural, religious and political life of the province, this compilation is a valuable research tool.

The project was directed by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation and Access of Nova Scotian Newspapers. Lynn Murphy compiled the inventory. Brenda Hicks, assisted by Anjali Vohra, was project cataloguer. The cataloguing, done through the facilities of UTLAS International in Toronto, conforms to standards established by the National Library of Canada.

Funding for the *Directory and Union List* was provided primarily

by means of a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, awarded to the School of Library and Information Studies for cataloguing the data. Prior to the SSHRC funding, the National Library of Canada funded the compilation work as part of its programme to establish bibliographic newspaper inventories throughout Canada. Additional funding for the cataloguing project was provided by the National Library, the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, the Council of Nova Scotia Archives, the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism and Culture, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, and the Nova Scotia Legislative Library. The use of the UTLAS International facilities was by arrangement with the Dalhousie University Library.

Nova Scotia Newspapers: A Directory and Union List 1752-1988 will be available after November 1st from the School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S. B3H 4H8. Cost of the two-volume work is \$49.00 (postage and handling included). For additional information please contact Shanna Balogh, Administrative Assistant, at (902) 494-3656.



\$101,100 Grant Awarded to Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Literacy Committee

The goal of literacy for all Nova Scotians took a great step forward with the announcement of a Federal grant of \$101,100 to the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Literacy Committee, says Provincial Librarian Marion Pape.

The bulk of the grant, from the Federal Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, provides for collections of more than 1,000 items for each of the 11 regional public library systems. The Nova Scotia Provincial Library will order, catalogue and distribute the collections to the regions.

The grant will be used to provide a broad based foundation collection of literacy/learning/reading materials; to make these materials accessible to potential and existing adult learners and tutors, and to provide professional development literacy workshops at the local level for regional library staff. A provincial workshop began the process at the Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) Conference held in Sydney September 28-30. During the conference librarians had the

opportunity to see the materials in the core collections.

The public library network in Nova Scotia consists of 11 regional library systems which serve virtually every community in the province with their 73 branch libraries and 15 bookmobiles. Members of this network have been involved in literacy training for many years. Some regional libraries are actively involved in the classroom training aspect, some provide space for local literacy groups, and many are involved through participation in community literacy groups.

With this grant, regional libraries will be able to take advantage of the great effort made during the past year by the Department of Advanced Education and Job Training in identifying and assembling a collection of literacy materials. By acquiring a core collection of these materials for each of the 11 systems, the province's regional libraries gain a firm basis for the future development of collections and programs for all Nova Scotians.



NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

NEWS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

University

Library services at Memorial's libraries were reduced when library assistants and other C.U.P.E. support staff went out on strike from October 1 to October 18. Librarians and non-union staff kept the libraries open, but some hours were reduced, and ILL and off-campus "LIBLINE" services were cut. In spite of the administrations' public statements to the contrary, students, faculty, and most especially, librarians, reported missing the staff "seriously".

The SPIRES workshop was pronounced to be "very, very successful" with approximately 60 participants from across Canada and the U.S.A.

Joy Tillotson has left CISTI, Marine Dynamics Branch in St. John's and returned to her former "home" at Information Services, Queen Elizabeth II Library. For those who were inquiring when I was in Halifax, I am happy to report that Alison Mews has a daughter, Andrea, and came back to work just in time for the strike.

Colleges

In early October, it was announced that the Western Community College based in Stephenville would be taking over the administration of the Fisher Technical Institute in Corner Brook. No further details are available on what implications this will have on library services. The Western Community College has Lasar Quest "up and running", and

reports that library services have been established for the Port aux Basques campus.

The Community College in Grand Falls has a new librarian, Alex Lubinchansky from London, Ontario, but positions at Burin, Clarenville and Carbonear are still vacant.

Public Libraries

The Newfoundland Public Library Services are happy to be back up to a full complement of staff, with the hiring of Sanford Chilcote as Labrador-Northern Regional Librarian. Chilcote comes most recently from South Bend, Indiana, and has worked in Nigeria and Nepal, so Labrador City shouldn't offer him any surprises. Heather Myers has been appointed Children's Librarian for the St. John's City Libraries. She was formerly with Agriculture Canada, and most recently, in a contract position at Memorial.

Also new on staff is Greg Beauregard, temporary Public Relations Officer. His services were obtained through Memorial Business School's Co-op program. This program is most timely; the Provincial Public Libraries Board has long been trying, without success, to create such a position, but funding would not permit.

The Provincial Public Libraries Board's Literacy Project, Phase 1 has just been completed. Janet Goosney has produced the *Report on the Evaluation of Newfoundland Public Libraries Collection of Books for Adult New Readers*. The only thing left to be done is to produce the bibliography that was to accompany the report. The project ran short of funds at the typing stage. Phase 2 is supposed to

cover a public awareness for the collection and staff training in use of the collection and in evaluation of the reading level of all new adult non-fiction materials. Funding has been sought, but no commitment has yet been received. It was hoped that funding for some new materials might be part of Phase 2, but this area is not eligible for funding.

Newfoundland's desperate financial situation will not leave public libraries unaffected. Already, cutbacks have been announced for education and health care, and the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board's budget for 1991-92 has been frozen at the 1990-91 level. The Provincial Public Libraries Board will be consulting with its regional boards to plan how it will have to respond, but some lay-offs may be unavoidable.

Schools

I am sorry I have nothing to report from the school front this time, but will make sure that there is something in the next issue. The Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador held its annual general meeting and conference in Deer Lake, September 28-30, with a number of interesting guests, among them Tim Wynne-Jones.

Elinor Benjamin

NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK/ NOUVELLES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Gilles Chiasson de Campbellton, N.B. a quitté son poste de directeur régional de la région Chaleur le 26 octobre 1990. M. Chiasson a travaillé pendant 15 ans au sein des bibliothèques publiques, de 1975 à 1987 en tant que directeur de la région Haut-Saint-Jean et depuis 1987 comme directeur de la région Chaleur. Il assumera de nouvelles fonctions à la bibliothèque Champlain à l'Université de Moncton, section du catalogage.

Le monde des bibliothèques est redevenu à M. Chiasson de sa contribution importante durant une période exceptionnellement fructueuse du développement des bibliothèques publiques de la province. Pendant ses années de fonction à la région Chaleur de nouvelles bibliothèques publiques ont vu le jour à Bas-Caraquet, Lamèque et Petit-Rocher. Un directeur intérimaire M. Jean-Claude

Moncton Library Activities

by Ruth Mitchell

The Moncton Library has been actively involved in the Moncton 100 celebrations, including hosting several local author readings throughout the year. In September, their main event for the centennial year took place. At the program, *Chocolate River Rising*, those attending had an opportunity to share and sample each other's favourite chocolate creations, add to the list of "100 things to do at the Moncton Public Library", visit with Ed Larracey, author of *The Chocolate River*, and listen to old style music, courtesy of staff member Irène LeBlanc and her husband Larry. Many guests as well as staff came in period costumes. The goal of 100 participants was almost met and a number of local business helped sponsor the event, some sending their own chocolate treats.

Being next door to the Memramcook Institute School of Theatre Arts proved advantageous to the St. Joseph Library this past summer. A variety night was presented by the group, with proceeds going to the library to purchase Summer Reading Club prizes. The theatre group also presented "Night Light", a play for children on dealing with fear, at both the Saint Joseph and Moncton libraries.

Cable Service Ltd. in conjunction with the Arts and Entertainment Network (A & E), has donated to the Moncton Public Library a video-cassette recorder, a television and video tapes of classic programming. The Moncton Public Library is the first library in Canada to benefit from such a gift. The official presentation of the A & E Library Theatre took place on October 9, 1990 at the Moncton Public Library. The A & E Network, Cable Service Ltd. and the Moncton Public Library invited members of the public to attend this special event and reception.

Ruth Mitchell is Assistant Regional Librarian at the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library, Moncton, N.B.

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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Boudreau a été nommé pour la période de transition.

The NB Department of Advanced Education and Training has approved purchase of the INLEX integrated library system for implementation in all college libraries. Phase I of the project, which is reconversion of existing records to MARC format, should begin in early 1991. There are nine community colleges in New Brunswick of which four are French-language institutions. The INLEX system will be bilingual.

Claire Dionne

NEWS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Suzanne Jones has moved to U.P.E.I. from Holland College, Charlottetown Centre on a one-year assignment to assist in implementing automation there.

Priscilla Ykelenstam has replaced her at Holland College, Charlottetown Centre for the year. Priscilla was formerly in charge of technical services at the P.E.I. Provincial Library.

Charmaine Comeau has taken over operation of the library at Borden elementary school during the maternity leave of Marie Webster.

Jane Beaumont & Associates will be conducting a feasibility study for the Provincial Library on automating their system during the next several months.

The Provincial Library has finally completed installation of their microfiche catalog in the Confederation Centre Library in Charlottetown as well as in all branch libraries of the system.

The P.E.I. Professional Librarians' Association has recently completed its International Literacy Year project by placing collections of suitable material in several branches of the Provincial Library as well as in several correctional facilities throughout the province.

Don Carter

OH HO... WE KNOW IT AIN'T SO!

In our last issue, Bradd Burningham reported that Mount Allison students were contributing \$15,000. per year to the library; in fact, the amount donated is \$45,000 per year. Our apologies to the students of Mount Allison University; large numbers confuse Mr. Burningham.

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Dalhousie University— Kellogg Health Sciences Library

Betty Sutherland is the new Health Sciences Librarian, as of August 27, 1990. She had previously worked in the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans libraries in the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

Dalhousie University— Killam Library

The Killam Library has received a grant of \$30,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to support its Kipling Collection. The collection contains more than 90% of the known bibliography of Rudyard Kipling. The grant will be used to purchase primary source records in microform of Kipling's life and times, such as the *Rudyard Kipling Papers* from the University of Sussex Library and Cambridge University Library.

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Library

Ilga Leja is the new Library Director. She had previously worked for the Halifax County School Board and the Legislative Libraries of Ontario and Nova Scotia, respectively. John Murchie was the previous Library Director at NSCAD.

Halifax City Regional Library and Halifax Library Association

On October 1, 1990, the Halifax City Regional Library Board and the Halifax Library Association co-sponsored a reception in honour of Marion Pape, the newly appointed Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian. It was held at the Thomas Raddall Branch of the Halifax City Regional Library. This event provided an opportunity for members of the Metro area library community to meet Ms. Pape, and to express their appreciation to Bertha Higgins, Acting Provincial Librarian during the last three years.

Halifax Library Association

An HLA meeting took place on October 18 at 7:00 at the Public Legal Education Offices, 1127 Barrington Street, Suite 109. Peter Webster discussed public legal services in Nova Scotia.

Other meetings during 1990-91 will include: a software workshop (Dbase or WordPerfect); Guy Mclean, N.S. Ombudsman; Public Archives of Nova Scotia (tour and overview). For more information please contact Penny Logan at 434-6177.



Cape Breton Regional Library

The library system celebrated its 40th anniversary of operations the first week in September. Programs to mark the events were held at all branches. Carol Goodfellow and Isabel Robertson, professional librarians employed with CBRL's twin library region in the Scottish Highlands, toured and worked at our facilities the first two weeks of September. Donnie Ward, a librarian at the Sydney Branch, will make a reciprocal visit to Inverness in Scotland in October.

The Nova Scotia Library Association held its annual conference in Sydney from September 28-30. The Conference was hosted and organized by this library system with assistance from the University College of Cape Breton Library. One hundred and forty-five delegates participated in the workshops. A ceilidh on Saturday evening resulted in about one hundred persons being initiated into the art of Cape Breton step-dancing.

Nova Scotia Library Association

The annual NSLA Conference, hosted by Cape Breton Regional Library, with the assistance of UCCB Library, was held on the weekend of September 28-30th. The keynote address, given by Dr. Marianne Scott, National Librarian of Canada, had as its theme: "Into the 90's: Libraries Broadening their Focus". Some of the other workshops included: A CLA seminar on Reference Services; an author reading by Joyce Barkhouse, who wrote *The Pit Pony* (this workshop was sponsored by the Canada Council, and was open free of charge to the public); a two part series on legal issues for libraries; and a Black Loyalist puppet show performed by staff from Halifax City Regional Library. Several speakers included: Dr. Norman Horrocks of Scarecrow Press, who was also a recipient of NSLA's Honorary Life Member award; Roy Gould, editor of *Micmac News*; and Rita Joe, Micmac poet, and recipient of the Order of Canada. The Conference included varied and interesting workshops, and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

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MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND QUEEN ELIZABETH II LIBRARY ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

LIBRARIAN, CENTRE FOR NEWFOUNDLAND STUDIES

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND seeks a librarian to fill a one-year contractual position in its Centre for Newfoundland Studies.

DESCRIPTION

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies, a research collection of approximately 60,000 monographs, government documents, serials, microforms and maps, provides information and bibliographic assistance to the faculty and students of Memorial University and to visiting scholars and the public.

The position provides reference and bibliographic aid to patrons of the Centre; collects government documents relevant to Newfoundland; establishes and maintains contacts with government departments and agencies, both provincial and national; plans and supervises projects within the Centre and assists the Head of the Centre in administrative responsibilities in the Head's absence.

BENEFITS

Rank and salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Floor Salary for Librarian I is \$27,560.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will hold a degree in Library Science from an ALA accredited library school. An academic degree in History, or other areas relevant to the work of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, would be a definite asset. Experience with government documents, information service and computerized library services is highly desirable.

PROCEDURE

Interested qualified persons should send resume and names of three references to:

Mr. Richard H. Ellis, University Librarian
Queen Elizabeth II Library
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 3Y1

The position is available 1 January 1991. Applications will be reviewed as received.

Memorial University is committed to the principle of equity in employment.



The Program Committee thanks everyone who helped with this year's conference, and looks forward to the next NSLA Conference, to be held at Dartmouth Regional Library.

The 1990/91 NSLA President is Martha Langille, Halifax County Regional Library; Past-President is Hope Bridgewater, Halifax City Regional Library; President-Elect is Fred Popowich, Pictou Antigonish Regional Library. The Program Convenor is Sharon MacDonald, Dartmouth Regional Library.

Western Counties Regional Library

On November 2, 1990, the Shelburne Branch is hosting the NSLA's Children and Young Adults' Interest Group. Local storyteller, Peter Ott (the Wizard of Words) is doing a Storytelling workshop. On June 9, 1990, Yves Beauchesne (author and Head of the Department of Children's Literature at Universite Ste. Anne), gave a French in-service session on storyhour techniques to WCRL staff and local daycare/nursery school workers. Fantasy Adventures, a 6 week series aimed at male teens, is being held at the Yarmouth Branch.

South Shore Regional Library

Staff members are pleased to introduce a new library logo. The logo is an adaptation of the International Library Logo with a uniquely Maritime touch—a sou'wester and a seagull.

SSRL hosted the annual Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia Conference on October 19-21, 1990, at the Oak Island Inn, Western Shore. The Conference theme was "Shrinking Budgets, Exploding Needs".

SSRL Staff will be producing and starring in the annual Library Christmas show. The Library storytime will follow a message from Santa Clause each night for ten nights before Christmas on the local cable TV station.

Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

The official opening of the New Glasgow Library Complex on July 20 was well attended and many positive comments were received on the building, its furniture and library collection.

The Carrie Best Collection of books for visible minorities was officially opened in the New Glasgow Library on August 13th, followed by a teacher-librarian workshop focusing on the use of multicultural materials in the classroom.

In keeping with this theme, a donation of 50 books was given to the Library under the direction of the friends of Harambee. The following day, members of the friends of Harambee conducted a delightful multicultural children's program.

Bilson Award Shortlist Announced

The Canadian Children's Book Centre is pleased to announce the shortlist for the second annual **Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People**. On the shortlist for 1990 are:

- Blood Red Ochre* by Kevin Major, published by Doubleday
- Jesper* by Carol Matas, published by Lester & Orpen Dennys
- Mogul and Me* by Peter Cumming, published by Ragweed Press
- Nykola and Granny* by Constance Horne, published by Gage
- The Sky is Falling* by Kit Pearson, published by Viking Kestral
- Tales From Gold Mountain* by Paul Yee, published by Greenwood Books

The Bilson Award was established in 1988 in memory of Geoffrey Bilson, a respected historian and children's author who died in 1987. This annual prize of \$1,000 has been made possible by the Canadian publishing industry, and is awarded to a Canadian author for an outstanding work of historical fiction for young people.

The co-winners of the 1989 award were Martyn Godfrey for *Mystery in the Frozen Lands*, published by James Lorimer and Co. and Dorothy Perkyms for *Rachel's Revolution*, published by Lancelot Press. The winner will be announced this fall and the award will be presented at the Canadian Images conference in Winnipeg.

Pat Smith has a 2 month term position with PARL. She is studying types of rural services that may be applicable to the PARL region.

Antigonish County has given the Library Board official notice to withdraw from Pictou Antigonish Regional Library effective December 21, 1991. This is a very serious concern for the Region and the Board is now involved in attempts to prevent this proposed withdrawal from becoming a reality.

Linda Arsenault has accepted a new position with PARL as Program Librarian. Programs for adults, youth and children will be co-ordinated and carried out by Linda and her assistant, Dona Morrison.

Gwen Whitford



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in faster, cheaper Interlibrary Loan service for the Atlantic Region.

BinkILL will be familiar to those who attended Mr. Binkley's workshop at Mount Allison University in September, 1989, or the "Software Packages for ILL"

workshop at CLA this June. The University of Toronto is considering purchasing the system, it is being tested by the ILL department of the McLennan Library at McGill, and a number of public library systems have expressed interest.

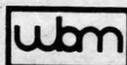


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From Newfoundland:

Laurie Brett, Wallace McKenzie.

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Jane Beaumont, Pam MacDonald, Janet Moss.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM REPORT

by Brian McNally

The Committee would like to inform APLA members of some of the issues discussed during the annual meeting.

The Book & Periodical Development Council have assured me that the "Freedom to Read Week" kits will be available on time this year. This year Freedom to Read Week is from February 15 to 22, 1991. You can write directly to them at: BPDC, 34 Ross Street, Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 1Z9 or use the insert in the next edition of the Bulletin.

The prohibition and exclusion by Customs Officials of material entering the country was also discussed. Mr. Jelinek responded to my request for information. He assured me that his "department is

committed to preserving every Canadian's right and freedom to express views, opinions and beliefs, while at the same time meeting its responsibility to enforce the law which Parliament has established governing the importation of obscene material". I am preparing a longer item on how Canada Customs operates in this regard.

The Committee would also like to start a pamphlet file of item relating to intellectual freedom. APLA members are encouraged to forward clippings to the convenor for this file.

Brian McNally is Science/Government Documents Librarian at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. and Convenor of the Intellectual Freedom Interest Group for APLA.

Reading Stimulation Grants Available

The Canadian Federation of University Women is offering two Reading Stimulation Grants of \$1,000 each for the purchase of children's books for public library use in areas in Canada where the library budget is limited and the need is great. The 1990 grants were awarded to the Bell Island Public Library, Bell Island, Nfld. and the Donald Suluk Community Library, Arviat, N.W.T.

The staff member in charge of the children's department must be a qualified librarian, or an experienced

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Since the fall of 1987, the Halifax/Dartmouth Children's Literature Roundtable has hosted authors and illustrators such as Kit Pearson, Joan Clark, Sylvia Gunnery, Ian Wallace, Sheree Fitch, Joyce Barkhouse, Claire MacKay, Paulette Bourgeois, Peter Eyvindson, Eric Wilson, Dorothy Perkyns, Tamara Lynn Thieboux, Juanita J. Smith, Monica Hughes, Ken Ward, Dorothy Perkyns and Bernice Thurman Hunter, as well as having guest lecturers talk about motivating young readers, whole language, the history of children's

literature and a panel on the state of school libraries in N.S.

Winter Program, 1991:

January 23 -

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with Trudy Carey from Wozzles Book Store and Linda Cruikshank from H.H. Marshalls Ltd.

February 19 or 20

INFORMATION BOOK NIGHT

a session on non-fiction books for children led by Linda Winhim from Dartmouth Regional Library.

March 18

Nova Scotia writer Nancy Wilcox-Richards author of *Farmer Joe's Hot Day*.

April 11?

Alberta writer Martyn Godfrey. Author of *Mystery in the Frozen Lands* and *Send in Ms. Tiny-Wonderful*.

April -

Phoeby Gillman, author and illustrator of *The wonderful pigs of Jillian Jiggs*.

May -

Margaret Buffie, Manitoba author of *Who is Frances Rain?*

For further information, call Norene Smiley, 902-453-0365.

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