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# **Sue Sexty Retires!**

The following is an address given by Richard Ellis, University Librarian at Memorial University at Sue Sexty's retirement party held in the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University on October 26, 2001.

At a time when a long-serving colleague retires, we reflect on the long association of the individual with the

The photograph which accompanied Sue Sexty's application to Memorial University Library in 1968.

library and call to mind that myriad of incident that defines the relationship. This we all do. As University Librarian, I have not only my own store of incident to draw upon but I also have access to personnel files. These I shamelessly mine for tidbits that embarrase characterize the vietim, retiree.

In this case, I found little to embarrass Sue, but a characterization from 1968 worth repeating. A reference wrote ...[she] needs no recommendation from anyone: she has youth, vitality, drive and unusual ability...She should be



Sue Sexty and Richard Ellis at Sue's retirement party in the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University on October 26, 2001.

able to handle almost any type of library work in which she is interested." If the characterization was apt in 1968 (some three years before I met her) it remains apt today, thirty-three years later. By the way, she got the job. Fresh out of graduate school, she was appointed head of the cataloguing department at Memorial University.

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### Sue Sexty Retires! ... continued from page 1

Of course, this was before she was a Sexty lady, and thereby hangs another tale. In 1971 she left Memorial to take up residence in Colorado along with her newly acquired husband, Robert Sexty, who was pursuing his Ph.D. in Business. One of her last acts at Memorial was to sit on the Appointment and Promotions Committee that was charged with finding a successor to Pierce Penney, the Acquisitions Librarian who was leaving to take up a position at the University of Guelph (and on dance floors across southern Ontario). It was in that context that we met. I got the job and she

When she arrived in Colorado, she applied for a position at Denver Community College. And, of course, Memorial was asked to supply a reference. At that time the University Librarian of the day characterized her with these words: She has earned the cooperation of all the members of her staff, some of whom were very strong willed individuals." I must admit that I was surprised to learn that the cataloguing department in those days had strong willed individuals in it. This early experience no doubt prepared her for her several stints as secretary and president of APLA.

She moved on to become Head of the Business Library at the University of Colorado and dutifully reported back to a colleague at Memorial on one of her early involvements with library instruction in here first semester at the Business library. "So far I have met with over 20 classes and more than 600 students in these classes. Each class is different so in preparing for them I have been forced to learn the reference tools." It is clear that the assessment with which I opened my remarks was still accurate. There is comfort in these words for those we welcome into the profession: others have done it from scratch; you can as well (as long as you resemble Sue).

In 1981 she returned to Memorial having returned to St. John's a few years previously. In that interim she worked in the

libraries of all the post-secondary institutions in St. John's before taking up the position of Government Documents Librarian in the Queen Elizabeth II Library. During the last twenty years she has contributed to our public services in that capacity, in interlibrary loans. and, perhaps most notably, in the library instruction programme. Though the name has changed over Orientation from time. Information Literacy, Sue's vision has been strong and stable. She has, if you will, an information rudder. It is necessary that the student understand the intellectual process in which one is involved doing research and the necessity of both clarity and evaluation of sources. These issues are far more basic than where the catalogue is, how to sign on to the Internet, or even where the washroom is. Her work on doing research at a distance, exhibited by Memorial's web page on doing research at a distance, is firmly grounded in these intellectual basics that do not change with eponymous fashion or format du jour.

I mentioned her contribution to APLA through service on the association's executive. She has played a number of roles in that organization, most recently as editor of the APLA listsery. Her contributions have won for her the APLA Merit Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the Association on those who have made a lasting contribution to its success.

You should all know that we have not seen the last of Sue. She has taken on the task, with her friends at that table and at the insistence of the Vice President (Academic) of editing Memorial's Calendar so that it is a) in English, and b) useable. Frankly, this task dwarfs heading cataloguing just out of graduate school, or learning the reference sources so she could teach her first 600 students.

And so I stand here today, talking as long as I can, so that Sue has as little time as possible. I remember coming to work at Memorial one morning in my first week. Sue was

tying up the loose ends before departing for Colorado and our paths crossed as she left the building and I entered. She was walking in a slightly more than purposeful manner, but paused long enough to advise me to remember one thing about the University Librarian of that day: "He is stupid!" And she departed. Since that time, I have been a bit wary of allowing Sue to speak after my introduction, for I am certain that I must have been the second one that fine morning, to hear her comment. Although the object of her scorn never mentioned it.

# First Call for Volunteers!

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# News from the President's Desk

I hope that you have all experienced a joyful holiday season and are looking forward to a successful 2002. A busy group of APLA members are looking forward to, and working hard for, a successful 2002 conference which is to be held June 19-22 at the Halifax Trade Centre. Stimulating program sessions combined with the beauty and the fun of a Halifax locale make this joint APLA/CLA Conference a must to attend. The theme is "Inventing Our Future" and the program will be divided among five streams: Policy, Technology, Human Resources, Service, and Atlantic Canadian. Keep a eye on the CLA website for details.Don't forget to renew your membership in APLA. This provides you with the same membership rate to the conference as CLA members. This is but one of the benefits of belonging to APLA. The Association also provides funds for projects or activities which will further its aims objectives (the General Activities Fund), provides financial assistance for study and research (the Memorial Awards), and provides assistance to members attending their first conference (the First Timer's Grant). Notices of these grants can be found elsewhere in this issue. As the Association exists to assist its members, equally it draws strength from its membership through their financial assistance and their volunteer work on the executive and committees and interest groups. Why not consider running for one of the available executive positions or offering your services on one of the committees or interest groups? Volunteering is an enriching experience. We learn from each other while working to prolibraries and library service. To those of you have already volunteered, thank you. All library personnel in Atlantic Canada benefit from your contributions. For myself, it is a joy to know and work with you.

Norine Hanus

## Joint Conference in 2002

Have you always wanted to attend a national conference but find that the registration fees and travel costs are too expensive? If you do manage to attend, do you find that the sessions are interesting but few of them relate to what is happening in Atlantic Canada? If any of the above is true, this is your year.

The CLA conference in 2002 is being jointly sponsored with APLA. It will be held at the Trade Centre in Halifax from June 19th to the 22nd. APLA members receive the CLA member rate, a savings of \$190.00. Is it starting to sound affordable? If you are a student or a Friend, it gets better. Student rates are \$60.00 for both early and final dates and \$85.00 for on-site registration. Friends' rates are \$30.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members.

The conference program is arranged in streams including Policy Issues, Technology, Human Resources, Services, and Atlantic

# Call for Nominations

The executive offices requiring nominations for 2002/2003 are: Vice-President, President Elect Vice-President (Newfoundland) Vice-President (Nova Scotia) Vice-President (Membership)

### Guidelines:

- 1. No member of the Nominations and Elections Committee is eligible for nomination.
- 2. Any APLA Member may nominate any other member for elective office.
- 3. Every person nominated shall be a personal APLA member in good standing and shall file a letter of acceptance with the Secretary of the Association.

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Canada. All streams include sessions that are broad based and should appeal to registrants from all libraries. The Atlantic Canada sessions focus on issues of local interest. Details on the sessions being offered should be appearing on the CLA web page in January.

It gets better yet. There is a large trade exhibition planned, social events, and tours. APLA members will have the opportunity to visit and exchange ideas. The Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled for the Thursday afternoon and will be followed by our annual Past Presidents Reception. The Interest Group Dinners of the past couple of years proved popular and there are plans to hold these again.

Financial savings, an interesting program, and the opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances all make for excellent reasons to start planning to attend the 2002 Conference.

### An invitation to contribute!

Contributions to the APLA Bulletin are always welcome. These contributions could include: letters to the editors; cartoons; web site and software reviews; personal essays of 500 to 1,000 words; library news; upcoming events etc.

The APLA Bulletin reflects the interests and concerns of the APLA membership and, as a member-driven organization, this publication values the views and ideas of its readers.

Please add your voice to the Atlantic library community by contributing to the APLA Bulletin.

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# **NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES**



### **ACADEMIC LIBRARIES:**

Mount Allison University Library reorganized redesigned its Web site with the goal of making it easier for users to find the information they need. There are now two sections to the home page: Resources for FINDING INFOR-MATION and information ABOUT THE LIBRARY. There is also a WHAT'S NEW section that provides brief headlines about the library's newest resources and services. The web version of the catalogue was also upgraded recently.

Also new at Mount Allison is a library guide designed to assist students and faculty in critically evaluating sources of information found on the Web. A Library Instruction Lab now provides hands-on library instruction and information literacy sessions to students.

Finally, the ASIN Agreement has facilitated faculty and students from collaborating universities to have the same borrowing privileges when visiting a library at one of these sites.

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library region:

The fall workshop, held for all employees of the region, consist-

ed of sessions on planning retirement and the Media Awareness Network session, "Fact or Folly", which focused on how to authenticate information found on the Internet. Staff recognition concluded the day.

Libraries in the region have begun developing events to the provincial Success NB Succès Program(me), which encourages people to improve both their literacy skills and their level of participation in fitness and sports.

A new library is under construction in Shediac and the Municipality of Rogersville has indicated an interest in establishing a library for its citizens.

The Moncton Public Library has received funding from the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Fund for the purchase of materials related to family violence.

# Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean:

Cette région a enregistré un grand succès lors de la Semaine des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick. Parmi les activités organisées, nous mentionnons les suivantes: «Bouillon de culture», conférence par une auteure, lancement de livre, heure du conte spéciale, session de généalogie, atelier sur Internet pour les ainés, expositions de peintures et de photographies, un concours régional et finalement deux reportages ont été réalisés par la télévision de Radio- Canada.

La Bibliothèque publique La Moisson de Saint-Quentin a procédé au lancement de sa campagne financière. Les fonds amassés serviront à faire l'achat de nouveaux documents. Cette campagne est organisée en collaboration avec les parents des enfants inscrits à l'heure du conte.

### STAFF CHANGES/CHANGE-MENTS DANS LE PERSON-NEL:

Marilynn Rudi left the position of Head of the Biological Station Library in St. Andrews to move to Dartmouth with her family. She is now working at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography as the Archivist/Librarian.

Darlene Tan has replaced Marilynn Rudi in St. Andrews. She was the Head of the Forestry Library in Fredericton.

From Mount Allison University Library, Ruth Miller is working half time and will retire in June 2002. Also, Jean Cole has retired and Peter Higham has returned from sabbatical leave.

Julie LeFrancois a accepté le poste de bibliothécaire au Collège Communautaire de Campbellton. Michèle LeBlanc est maintenant responsable de la Bibliothèque publique de Dieppe.

### **SALON DU LIVRE 2002:**

Le Salon du Livre d'Edmundston se tiendra du 4 au 7 avril 2002 au Centre des Congrès. Les bibliothécaires seront tout particulièrement les bienvenus le jeudi après-midi alors que le Salon ouvre expressément ses portes pour eux.

### NBLTA:

Trustees, librarians and representatives from the N.B. Public Library Services gathered

at the New Brunswick Legislature on December 11 to hold the 28th Annual M.L.A. Reception. The Lt. Gov. Marilyn Trenholm-Counsell honoured the gathering with a visit and presented life memberships in the NBLTA to trustees Valerie McGraw and Justin Cormier acknowledging their work on behalf of libraries in this province as well as their efforts in their own.



### **Public Libraries**

### News from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library

### **Mobile Branches**

Staff are excited about the changes in the wireless communications now available in our region. The mobile branch servicing the eastern part of the region has been using a digital technology (CDPD) for most of its locations. The mobile branch servicing the western portion of the region will now be able to take advantage of this technology. The second bus will be outfitted with the necessary equipment needed to utilize this service. The digital service will soon cover most of western Nova Scotia.

### **MultiLIS**

The new web version of our library catalogue will have patron features never before

offered. Library users will be able to view their account, place holds, and renew books from anywhere they have an Internet connection. It is possible to edit the display of the information in the web version of the catalogue, this capability allows us to make this a very user friendly service. To ensure that the product is ready for the public several focus group sessions will be held. One user from each location will be asked to attend a session where they will test the services being offered. The feedback from these sessions will be used to prepare us for a region wide launch.

### LibraryNet

The LibraryNet program will be coming to a close in mid-December. The 15 week program has offered programming in branch libraries for the public. The after school component has been the most popular with many locations booking weeks in advance.

### **Smart Communities**

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library web site will go through a major transition in 2002. The early Smart Libraries' project will provide new online services. Users of the site will be able to register online to get a library card, place holds on material in our catalogue, search various databases, ask a librarian for information, and much more. Users will be asked to recommend sites to be included in our web resources, with a site of the month listed. Users of the virtual library will be able to share their comments on books they have read with Special features will others. include a Kids' Corner, a Teen Zone and a Seniors' Café, where the topics are designed specifically for that group.

### **Branch Services Report**

We are thrilled to announce that a new library is slated for the Village of Lawrencetown! A private donation from the family of the late Dr. Frank Morse will allow for the construction of a facility over the next year. The family, the project architect, and regional library staff have met to discuss details.

### In Service Sessions Offered

Our Fall in-service for Branch Managers took place on October 29. Topics included: the Web Catalogue; our Virtual Library Project; Library Cards for Computer users; and, Statistics. As well, our Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee was on hand to provide an overview of the new Health and Safety Program to the Branch Managers and all Department Heads. Responsibilities of management, supervisors, department heads, and all employees were underscored. Safe lifting procedures were also addressed at this time. First aid training of staff is on-going, with many branch staff requiring re-certification during the past month.

### News From Eastern Counties Regional Library

### **Trade Shows**

Eastern Counties Regional Library staff are often present at local trade shows, informing the public about library services and programs. This fall, Outreach staff attended a Trade Show and Booth Development Workshop sponsored by the Guysborough Business Development Centre and presented by Hicks & Young Associates.

It's easy to adapt the tips and

techniques for a successful company booth to the library situation. Trade shows can be used to inform the public about library services, increase membership, introduce new services and programs, and enhance the library image. Educating members of the business community about library services, recruiting volunteers and advocates, and conducting market research through informal methods are other positive spinoffs of a show.

A trade show targets the visiting public, in this case, the business community and the community at large. However, it is also an occasion to network with other exhibitors and to initiate or complement partnerships with private, municipal, provincial, and federal organizations. Exhibiting at a trade show gives maximum benefits for minimum costs.

Handouts are tailored to suit the target audience, and the booth effectively designed to meet the steps for trade show success. It must capture the attention of passers-by and draw them to the booth. It is a good opportunity to show the creative side of libraries with eye-catching posters, word games, books, and e-books.

Library booths can be among the busiest since its services reach out to the whole community. In Canso, a town in Guysborough County with a population of 1,870, over 300 people visited the show and dozens were involved with the booths. The library logo and services were at the forefront of activities.

### Reading to Seniors

The library has recently expanded its reading program for young families and their children to include Seniors. Donna D'Amour, Community Relations Assistant, has visited Seniors' residences and nursing homes in the counties of Inverness, Richmond, and Guysborough bringing reading activities to older residents. Poetry, short stories, and local articles have captivated their interest and enthusiasm. Seniors, particularly those less mobile or whose sight is failing, enjoy this unique occasion not only to hear a good story but to share their own tales and often a good chuckle with others. Some seniors have been introduced to library services, and some have rediscovered the library and its books by mail, householder, large print, and talking book services. All have enjoyed a stimulating and fun social gathering. The 'listening' is often as important as the 'reading'!

### News from the Pictou/Antigonish Regional Library

### Library Celebrates Anniversary

An open-house was hosted by the Antigonish Library on November 14th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that library. In 1951 the towns of New Glasgow, Pictou, Trenton, and Westville and the municipality of Pictou united to provides library services to their citizens. Stellarton joined in 1963 while town and county Antigonish joined in 1964. The new regional system then became known as the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

### News from the South Shore Regional Library

Public Week Library Celebrated with Help of Celebrities! Local authors, politicians, media personalities and other well known townsfolk helped the South Shore Regional Library celebrate Public Library Week, Each local 'celebrity' volunteered one hour to check out books to patrons at a Town or Mobile Branch. Celebrity participants included author Sylvia Gunnery: South Shore Regional Library Board Member, Wilma Stewart; and Queens County MLA. Kerry Morash. Volunteer Donates 1,000 hours South Shore Regional Library Jean Wagner recently completed 1.000 hours of volunteer service at Library Headquarters. Mrs. Wagner's primary job is to deprocess books in readiness for the library's book sale. Many of Mrs. Wagner's volunteer hours are spent in the Special Services Department as well.

### News from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library

### National Conferences on Learning Disabilities

Regional libraries were well represented at the 13th National Conference on Learning Disabilities, held September 27-29 at the World Trade and Convention Centre. NSPL booked a booth, the regional library display unit was set up, and a number of useful contacts were made. Virginia Stoddard, Cathy d'Entremont (WCRL), Rinda Revege (HRL), Gillian Webster (NSPL) spent time in the booth. 800 delegates from across the country attendconference. ed the The VISUNET brochure was included in all their registration pack-

ages, and generated a number of questions. Many people were unaware that libraries carried talking books, or that interlibrary loan even existed. The conference generated a number of follow-up contacts, and ideas on how to provide appropriate library services to this under served group.

### **Summer Reading Program**

The 2001 Summer Reading Program, "Don't Bug me...I'm Reading!/Je m'emete pas...je lis!", with its theme of all things buggy, appears to be the most popular programme to date! An estimated 13,000 children visited their local public library, either in person or via the Web, reading numerous books and participating in various theme related activities. The conclusion of this year's programme was celebrated by the annual province wide draw for a Bag of Books donated by Tattletales Books Ltd., Penhorn Mall,

Dartmouth in mid September. This year's winners were Sebastien McBride from AVRL in the pre-school to six age category; Keagan Nickerson from WCRL in the seven to nine age category; and Stephanie Smith from CBRL in the 10 to 12 age category. Congratulations to all who participated in this year's SRP!

### **Public Library Week**

Libraries: Where the Future Begins was the theme of Nova Scotia's first annual Public Library Week. Public libraries in P.E.I. and Nova Scotia shared the theme and poster for this year's week. The dates were chosen to coincide with similar weeks in New Brunswick and other provinces. The focus of the week was to promote the services of public libraries, and encourage people to visit their local public library during the week. Events and promotional activities were held across the province, and libraries received coverage in newspapers, radio,

and television. One of the highlights of the week was a series of Breakfast appearances on Television. Library staff members used the opportunity to highlight library services such the Summer Reading Program, remote library use over the web, and more traditional outreach services such as Books by Mail, and bookmobiles. The Library Public Awareness Group will be meeting in November to evaluate the success of Public Library Week, and discuss plans for next year.

### Council of Regional Librarians Fall Meeting

The Council of Regional Librarians held their fall meeting in Pictou, October 18-19. Among the highlights: \*Building on ideas from the workshop presented by Charles McClure in September, a committee has been struck to look at statistics gathering. The committee will make recommendations on which statistics currently collected are useful, and look

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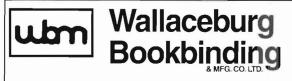
at other ways of measuring library services, in particular electronic services. \*Digital reference services were discussed. and a meeting will be held in December to continue the discussion and explore potential cooperation in the provision of such services. \*Bernice Cameron presented an overview of the classification and signage project currently underway in the Northern CAP Region. \*A discussion was held on planning and priority setting for the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, facilitated by Donna Hendy (NS Dept. of Education). A follow up meeting will be held later in November. \*NSPL staff will work with the Southern Ontario Library Service to bring a trainer from Ontario to conduct a session on their "The Library's Contribution to vour Community" program.

### Sharing Alternative Format Materials Workshop

On Friday, October 12, 2001, The Nova Scotia Provincial Library hosted a day long workshop on Sharing Alternate Format Library Materials. Peter Webster, Manager of the

Ferguson Library at St. Mary's University, was the workshop facilitator. This workshop was attended by 18 staff members from the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Peter started his presentation by providing an overview of issues affecting the print disabled in Canada and their special materials needs. He talked about the issues identified by the National Library of Canada and CNIB joint Task Force on Access to Information for the Print Disabled He also discussed Canadians. the needs for the print disabled in Nova Scotia. Peter gave a demonstration of alternate format materials available from the AMICUS union catalogue and discussed the borrowing and lending of these materials across Canada and beyond. A segment of the workshop was devoted to discussing E-text for alternate format users. Participants were given the opportunity to test some examples of E-text and were also provided with assignments to do. These assignments provided workshop attendees with hands-on experience with alternate formats.

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year, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library took part in the annual Word on the Street (WOTS) event, held on Sunday, Sept.30. Due to the numerous problems with the weather in the past few years, for the first time, WOTS was held at Pier 20, rather than its usual venue of Spring Garden Rd. Once again, the Provincial Library booth was shared with the Hackmatack Children's Choice award. Staff from Provincial Library were joined by volunteers Lesley Carruthers and Joyce Rankin, both from ECRL, all of whom helped to promote the Summer Reading Programme (SRP). A record number of remaining Summer Reading Programme (SRP) sweatshirts and posters were sold, and information sheets on the SRP were distributed to those visiting the booth. A great time was had by all!

For the seventh consecutive

### **Hackmatack Award Update**

With the recent departure of Monika Sormova Hackmatack co-ordinator to a position with the Writers' Federation, Norene Smiley has taken on the job of new co-ordinator. Hackmatack Norene will be in the Hackmatack office, located at Provincial Library, on Tuesdays and Thursdays until work for the author tours and May award ceremony increases in the Spring. Norene reports that a total of 242 reading groups have registered to date, and that kits have been sent to all registered groups. And, as the 2002 activities continue, the selection process for the 2003 book list has already begun!

### Staffing

The Provincial Library welcomes Susan Slaunwhite, who joined us as Secretary on October 15. Susan comes from within the Department of Education where she has been working most recently with Regional Education Services, and previously with English Programs Services, and Adult Learning & Innovation.

Don Goss. a long-time Provincial Library employee has been assigned to the Bargaining Unit Job Evaluation Committee for a period of 18-24 months. This committee is charged with evaluating the job fact sheets for every bargaining unit position in the Provincial Government as part of the Bargaining Unit Classification Review Project. We wish Don well in his new assignment.



### **ACADEMIC LIBRARIES:**

Holland College Library Services has had a very busy and productive term. After a great deal of hard work and preparation, they launched their new web-based library catalogue, Horizon, on October 31st. Each of the College library branches hosted their own launch party, some in conjunction with Halloween festivities. The launches were a great success with a large attendance of ghouls and goblins who came dressed in costume for the occasion. The catalogue can now be accessed via the shorter url http://library.hollandc.pe.ca. Thanks to Donald Moses who did a wonderful job customizing the catalogue interface.

The web-based catalogue has also allowed Library Services to integrate with WebCT by providing direct links from the resource listings in WebCT to the corresponding records in the library catalogue. This allows for a much more user-friendly and seamless search process for students and staff who use WebCT.

Brenda Brady has been busy updating and adding new material to the library web pages. She continues to update the "What's New in the Holland College Resource Centres" list and has now added hyperlinks so users can click on the title to link to the catalogue and make a request. Donald Moses has attached a search box on the library's homepage which provides a short cut to the library catalogue.

Library staff continue to deliver various instructional sessions, including Internet searching, evaluation, research methods, and information ethics, as demand for instruction has increased from previous years.

Library Services participated in the Holland College Open House on November 21st. This is a promotional event for College programs and provided the library with the perfect opportunity to publicize our services as well as our new library catalogue.

UPEI Robertson Library has had another busy academic term. The library's Instructional

Services Team, coordinated by Betty Jeffery, delivered an extensive program of orientation tours and in-class instruction sessions. Planning is now underway for a series of workshops to be offered in the Spring 2002 term.

The inaugural issue of the library's newsletter, Books & released Bytes, was in September to favourable response. Preparation has begun for a January 2002 issue, with Sharon Clark as a welcome addition to the editorial team. http://www.upei.ca/ Visit ~library/about/about.html#book s to download a PDF version of the newsletter. Also online is a monthly "New Books" list set up by Norine Hanus. This list can be accessed at http://www.upei. ca/~library/about/newbooksoct. html.

Thanks to the successful launch of a proxy server in October, remote access to the library's databases is now available to the UPEI community. Initial response has been very enthusiastic, with more than 130 registrations processed as of late November. Planning for a streamlined username/password procedure is now underway. Congratulations to the implementation team which included Moira Davidson, Nicole Parsons, Sharon Clark, and UPEI Computer Services.

The UPEI Faculty Association (UPEIFA), which includes Robertson Library's full-time librarians, is now unionized. Negotiations are in progress on the first collective agreement. Information Services Librarian Cathy Callaghan is on the negotiating team.

Work continues on a compre-

hensive collection development strategy for the UPEI Robertson Library.

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

A promotion was held in October during which public libraries gave away copies of Nicholas at the Library by H.J. Hutchins. Provincial Minister Gail Shea; a TD Bank representative; Children's Librarian, Barb Kissick; and Provincial Librarian, Allan Groen read to a large audience. Local media were in attendance at this event.

The PEI Provincial Library Service participated in the annual Canadian Children's Book Week, November 3-10, 2001, by inviting Grade 1 children to "Uncover a Mystery" at their local public library. All Grade 1 children who visit their local

public library over the next several weeks will be given a copy of John Bianchi's book Young Authors Day at Pokeweed Public School. Through the partnership of the PEI Provincial Library Service, Canadian Children's Book Centre and the TD Financial Group approximately 1,750 copies of the book were made available in both official languages.

Also, as part of Children's Book Week activities, Frank B. Edwards held public readings in Summerside and Charlottetown public library branches and at eight schools in addition to a book signing at the Bookmark bookstore. The author noted that his reading at Confederation Centre Public Library was his largest yet staff lost count at 80 children.

Overall, Children's Book Week was a success even though one of the readings was cancelled due to weather, an open house had to be held by candlelight, and the library did not receive the shipment of the "Pokeweed" books until November 14th.

Local libraries held a draw for a free copy of one of the Harry Potter books to help celebrate the launch of the movie. They are now preparing local programming adult around the launch of the first installment of the Lord of the Rings trilogy coming to theatres soon. Prizes will be offered the book including Fellowship of the Ring and a photo guide for younger readers. A "Bilbo Baggins Birthday Pizza Party" will also be held for fans aged 10 and older.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARIES:**

The PEI Teacher-Librarians' Association (PEITLA) held their

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semi-annual meeting November 27. President Cathy Horne chaired the meeting at the newly constructed Donagh Regional School for grades 1-9 which officially opened last spring. The library is the focal point of the school due to its central location across from the school's main entrance. beautifully designed and decorated thanks in part to the work teacher-librarian. Gallant. Donagh Regional School was a fitting location for the meeting since the school's principal, David Mitchell, was the 2001 recipient of the PEITLA's Distinguished Service Award for Administrators.

Due to technical difficulties,

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## Report from the APLA Computers and Connectivity Interest Group

James Watson, Convenor
Information Services Librarian,
University College of

Cape Breton Library.

The Computers and Connectivity Interest Group is a forum for discussion among APLA members who are interested in computers and related technologies. This includes software and hardware that has any application in libraries. Group members have the opportunity to meet each other at the APLA interest group dinners. As convenor since 1999 I have organized APLA Conference sessions that would be of interest to group members and others at APLA. At APLA 2000 in Antigonish there was a session on publishing databases to the Web. This year in Charlottetown a session on methods of providing off-campus access to electronic resources. The Web site providing the terms of reference for the group located at: http://www. stmarys.ca/partners/apla/ compconn.html. There is also a Web site for the group at http://www.uccb.ns.ca/library/c& c.html and I have recently instigated a discussion list for the group via Coollist.com. This list is only open to group members. Group members are encouraged to contact the convenor with questions, possible topics for future APLA sessions, and to use the new discussion list seek help and advice on technology issues from other group members.

## Report from the APLA Francophone Interest Group

by Jean-Claude Arcand, Convenor Bibliothécaire/Librarian, New Brunswick Legislative Library

Groupe d'intérêt francophone.

Ce groupe a été créé pour répondre aux besoins des membres francophones de APLA. Il existe depuis plusieurs années, avec plus ou moins de régularité. selon le nombre et l'intérêt de ceux et celles qui v participent. Depuis les trois ou quatre dernières annéés, nous avons essayé d'organiser des ateliers en franccais ou du moins bilingues. Pas toujours facile étant donné le prix de l'interprétation. Nous avons eu, à l'occasion, la chance d'avoir des personnes ressources de la bibliothèque nationale, donc possibilité de présenter le même atelier en anglais et en français. La participation n'a pas toujours été à la hauteur de nos espérances. Cependant nous avons quand même réussi à nous rencontrer d'une façon informelle lors de soupers, à l'occasion de la conférence annuelle de APLA. Et c'est une coutume que nous allons conserver, afin de pouvoir échanger nos idées et toute information sur les bibliothèques francophones l'Atlantique. Actuellement. seulement une dizaine de membres sont inscrits officiellement dans notre groupe, mais avec une liste de correspondance par courriel, je peux rejoindre une trentaine de personnes susceptibles d'être interessées par nos activités. Mon but est de pouvoir rester en contact avec le plus de bibliothécaires francophones possible dans l'Atlantique. La conférence de Charlottetown, pas celle de 1864, mais celle de 2001, nous a permis de constater un regain de vigueur dans notre

groupe. Espérons que celle d'Halifax en 2002, avec CLA, sera d'avantage fructueuse. L'important est de rester en contact et de vouloir participer, en suggérant des ateliers ou autres activités susceptibles de plaire à la majorité. J'attends vos suggestions et vos articles.

### Francophone interest group

Our group was created to satisfy the needs of the francophone members of APLA. It has been working for many years, with more or less regularity, depending on the number and interest of the persons involved. For three or four years, we have tried to organize a few workshops in French or bilingual. Not very easy if you consider the price of the interpretation, but, from time to time we have been lucky: the national library was able to offer bilingual workshops for free or for a small fee. Participants were not too many. However, we have succeeded to meet informally for supper, during the annual conference of APLA. And we are planning to do the same every year to exchange ideas and information on the atlantic francophone librairies. Right now, only a dozen members are registered officially in our group, but with a list a electronic mail, I can reach at least thirty people interested in our activities. My goal is to be able to contact as many as possible. The Charlottetown Conference, not the 1864 one, but the 2001, was the occasion to notice a new interest in this group. Let's hope the next conference in Halifax in 2002, with CLA, will be even more interesting. The important thing is to keep contact with each other and to participate by making suggestions or writing articles.

## Report from the APLA Library Instruction Interest Group

Dianne Cmor, Convenor Information Services, Memorial University of Newfoundland

# TIPS, TIPS AND A FEW MORE TIPS FOR INSTRUCTION LIBRARIANS

Last spring a new web page was created on the Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries' website entitled "Instruction Program - Tips for Librarians" at http://www.mun.ca/library/research\_help/qeii/libr

ariantips.html The purpose of this page is to support instruction librarians by providing a central resource for ideas, examples, etc. The page has been introduced to the APLA Library Instruction Interest Group, and members are encouraged to make suggestions for additions to the page in the hope that it will become a useful resource to us all. The page is divided into sections on planning, collaborating with faculty, teaching, exer-

cises/guides, and evaluating. The page is only in its infancy and is currently quite Memorial-specific, but we hope that it will grow. A section entitled "Learning Activities" was recently added to the Teaching section of the page which provides concrete examples for actively engaging students in library instruction sessions. Have a look, and send suggestions for additional items to Dianne Cmor at dcmor@mun.ca

# Library Journal Editors Seek Nominations for LJ Paraprofessional of the Year 2002

Third annual award to honor libraries' essential non-MLS workers. Library Journal will honor one library worker with the third annual Paraprofessional of the Year Award in its March 1 issue. The award recognizes the essential role of paraprofessionals, now the largest constituency of library workers, in providing excellent library service and places emphasis on the efforts of the winner to further the role of paraprofessionals in the library profession. The editors see this honor as equal in importance to LJ's annual Librarian of the Year Award. which debuted in 1989 and recognizes those who hold the MLS. Deadline for nominations is January 2, 2002.

### Nominating criteria

The criteria for candidates for LJ's Paraprofessional of the Year are:

Excellence in job performance, including contribution(s) enabling the library to serve its constituents and/or its community (whether town, college/university, school, or corporation) better;

The encouragement of reading and the use of library resources:

A commitment to free access to information for all;

Having made efforts to build support groups, networks, and organizations to promote new career paths, excellence in library work, better pay, improved communication in libraries, and the breaking down of barriers between support staff and the MLS librarians with whom they work.

### **Submissions**

Nominating letters should name the candidate and describe in 500 words or fewer why the nominee deserves the award. Supporting letters and accompanying material will be considered, but the nominating letter itself will be of prime importance.

Nominations may be e-mailed to

fialkoff@lj.cahners.com

or sent to:

Francine Fialkoff Library Journal 245 W. 17th St. New York, NY 10011

# Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

Applications are now invited for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

This annual award provides funding to a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree of Master of Library Science. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and financial need is a consideration. Please note this scholarship requires that applicants have already been accepted in an accredited School of Library and Information Science as a candidate for a masters degree in Library Science. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2002

Further information and application forms can be found at the APLA Web site http://www.apla.ca/ or please contact:

> APLA Vice-President / President Elect Elaine MacLean Head of Technical Services Angus L. Macdonald Library

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# The Eileen Wallace Research Fellowship in Children's Literature

The Eileen Wallace Research Fellowship in Children's Literature, valued up to \$5,000 (CDN) per annum, invites proposals for research and scholarship using the resources of the University of New Brunswick's Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection. Proposals are welcomed from anyone who can provide evidence of competence and scholarly background and outline a practical and worthwhile project using the resources of the Collection. Application forms are available from:

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Deadline for application is March 1st of any year, with fellowship to be awarded after July 1st of the same year.

# First Timer's Conference Grant

Have you never been to an APLA annual conference?

Do you want to go to Halifax but cannot afford it?

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To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA, residing in an Atlantic province, and planning to attend her/his first APLA annual conference. Grants are allocated, consistent with general APLA guidelines, to help meet conference related expenses. If more applications are received than can be met by the fund, money will be awarded by drawing from the names of all eligible applicants. Recipients will be expected to write a short report, for the Executive and the Bulletin, summarizing their conference experience. Applicants should include name, business address, chosen means for contacting (mail, e-mail, telephone, fax) estimated costs (travel, accommodation, meals, registration), and a signed compliance with eligibility requirements.

Applications should be submitted by March 29, 2002 to:

Norine Hanus, President, APLA Robertson Library University of Prince Edward Island Charlottetown, PE C1A 3P4

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# Memorial Awards

Financial Assistance is available, from the APLA Memorial Trust, for study and research. Projects which contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the professional are encouraged. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed research and estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 29, 2002 to:

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Angela Lonardo

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# The APLA General Activities Fund

This provides funds for projects or activities which will further the aims and objectives of APLA. Applications will be considered based on the availability of funds. Applications should state topic and date of activity, relevancy to the Atlantic library community and APLA, sponsoring bodies, estimated costs and revenues, and a contact person. Send applications by March 29, 2002 to:

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# From St. Jer@me's Den

Did you get a book for Christmas? Was it print or electronic? Odds are in favour of it having been a print book, but that could change in the not too distant future. There are any number of interesting topics which one could pursue in the debate between traditional versus electronic publishing. For instance, what are the social, cultural, and political impacts of the new information technologies? Did authors sign away their rights to royalties on electronic books before e-books were even invented? Are we about to achieve a paperless society? For now lets look at some trivia about e-books.

Statistics from R. R. Bowker 40,618 - U.S. e-Book Total Item Count (no year for statistics given on Web table) <www.bookwire.com/bookwire/ebook\_stats.htm>\* 119,357 - U.S. Book Production Total Item Count (1999) <The Bowker Annual, 2001> Predictions/observations made at an August 31, 2000 Seybold seminar on e-books: <macweek.macworld.com/2000/0 8/27/0831pundits.html>\*

John Warnock (Adobe CEO) predicted that the first print materials to fall victim to the widespread digitization of content will be textbooks and technical journals.

John Gage (chief researcher at Sun Microsystems) - "Paper won't disappear. Books won't disappear. But they will occupy niches where it makes sense for content to be on paper."

Paul Saffo (director of Institute of the Future) - in discussing copyright issues in the digital age, "I think the next 20 years will be an age of policy by piracy," Saffo said, describing content piracy as "creative destruction."

Books of interest

Martin, Henri-Jean. The History and Power of Writing. Trans. Lydia G. Cochrane. U of Chicago Press, 1994. Sellen, Abigail and Richard Harper. The Myth of the Paperless Office. MIT Press, 2001.

Web sites worth noting

e B o o k s N' B y t e s <www.ebooksnbytes.com>\* - information on e-books including writing, creating, publishing, and marketing.

A b o u t P u b l i s h i n g <publishing.about.com>\* - information on publishing in print or online.

Blue Skys: a service of the Kansas State Library <skyways.lib.ks.us>\* - an interesting site for a number of reasons including a report on "The Role of Public Libraries in Local Economic Development." For the purpose of this column, the commentary "Can e-books improve libraries? "<skyways.lib.ks.us/ central/ebooks> is of particular interest.

\* All Web sites were accessed on December 4, 2001

# **Library Humour**

Help us beat the mid-winter blues! We would like to make the January / February 2002 APLA Bulletin a theme issue on Library humour.

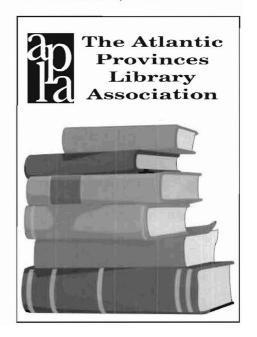
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We look forward to hearing from you

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# The Atlantic Provinces Library Association



# Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award



Christine Davies

The trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the trust has made its 2001 award to Christine Davies for the amount of \$2,000.

Ms. Davies is a native of Newfoundland, having grown up in Labrador City and spent the last eleven years in St. John's. She holds a Bachelor of Journalism (1983) from the University of King's College in Nova Scotia and is currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Studies degree at Dalhousie University.



# **NEEDED:**

New Editors for the APLA Bulletin



The Atlantic Provinces Library Association needs a new team of editors to run the Bulletin.

If you are interested, please contact:

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