

## John D. Blackwell Named Chair of CHOICE Editorial Board



John D. Blackwell

At the annual conference of the American Library Association held this past June in Chicago, John D. Blackwell <<http://www.stfx.ca/people/jblackwe/>>, Academic Funding and Research Officer at St. Francis Xavier University, was appointed chair of the editorial board of CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries <<http://www.ala.org/acrl/choice/home.html>>. A member of the editorial board since 1998, Blackwell is the first Canadian to serve on the board in CHOICE's 37- year history.

Published by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, CHOICE is the premier review journal for academic books and electronic resources in the English-speaking world. Last year, CHOICE also launched Choice Reviews.online <<http://www.Choice>

Reviews.org>, a highly acclaimed full-text database of more than 70,000 reviews of books and electronic resources. This year, CHOICE will introduce a site license version with consortial pricing.

The CHOICE Editorial Board, which is responsible for guiding the course of this two million dollar (US) publishing operation, conducts formal business meetings at ALA's midwinter and annual conferences, as well as numerous virtual meetings throughout the year.

John Blackwell graduated from Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies in 1993. Before taking up the position of Academic Funding and Research Officer <[http://www.stfx.ca/campus/service/academic\\_funding\\_and\\_](http://www.stfx.ca/campus/service/academic_funding_and_)

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research/> at StFX, he was Reference Librarian/Collections Coordinator at Brandeis University in Boston. He is former Chair of the Canadian Studies Discussion Group (Association of College and Research Libraries) and has served on various committees of the Canadian Library Association, including the Monographs Editorial

Board. He regularly reviews print and electronic titles for several leading publications in Canada and the United States.

John Blackwell and his partner, Dr. Laurie Stanley-Blackwell, are widely known for their Web publications. For instance, their regularly-updated Canadian Studies: A Guide to the Sources <[<http://www.iccs-ca/blackwell.html>> is published by the International Council for Canadian Studies. Numerous universities around the globe link to this extensive Web resource. It is also used in political science, history, and library school courses across Canada and the United States. Since April 2000, the site has had over 30,000 visitors.](http://www.iccs-</a></p>
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### School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University News release - November, 2000

# Marilyn Rennick Receives First Outstanding Alumni Award

The Associated Alumni and the School of Library and Information Studies are very pleased to announce that Marilyn Rennick (MLS, 1976) has been selected as the first recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award. This award was established by the Associated Alumni in 1999 to honour graduates who have made an outstanding contribution to Library and Information Studies.

Since graduation in 1976, Ms. Rennick has held a number of responsible positions at the University of Ottawa, where over the past decade she has played a key role in the delivery of government information on the campus. In her current position as Government Information Specialist she is responsible for promoting the use of government information at the university as well as dealing with governments and international organizations to ensure access to a wide variety of government information products. In addition to her professional position, Ms. Rennick has given significant leadership to the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa serving as the

Association's President in 1997/98 and 1998/99.

Ms. Rennick's energy, enthusiasm and professional commitment have extended far beyond the University of Ottawa campus. She has been an active member of the Advisory Committee for the Depository Services Program (DSP) of Public Works and Government Services Canada, and she has served on a Treasury Board Committee that reviewed the DSP. In the wider professional community she has taken leadership roles with the Canadian Library Association, the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, the Canadian Association of Public Data Users, the Library Association of Ottawa/Hull, and the Ottawa/Hull Law Librarians Association of which she is the current president. Ms. Rennick has contributed her skills and knowledge as a speaker and convener of numerous conferences and workshops, and her publications have appeared in several professional journals.

Beyond these accomplishments Ms. Rennick is noted for her additional community activities, including committee work in the Parish of St. George Anglican Church in Ottawa, editor of the Ottawa Area Committee Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship newsletter, and member of the Urban Christian Outreach Board of Directors, which is a ministry focused on literacy for homeless and street people.

The Outstanding Alumni Award was officially presented to Ms. Rennick at a reception at Dalhousie University, hosted by the Associated Alumni. Susan McLean, Deputy CEO of the Halifax Regional Library and also a member of the class of 1976, read the citation. The selection committee for the 2000 award consisted of Nancy Black, chair (University of Northern British Columbia), John Blackwell (St. Francis Xavier University), Shelley Hawrychuk (University of Toronto at Mississauga), and Dr. Joanna Richardson (Bond University, Australia).

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## News from the President's desk

I am pleased to report that the Advocacy Now! workshops are now being prepared and offered in the Atlantic provinces. The APLA executive was fortunate to have Norine Hanus and Susan Harris give this workshop to everyone attending the fall executive meeting in Halifax. This proved to be a good opportunity for APLA to reassert its previous support for the initiative. Because of the workshop's valuable information and motivational element, it was once again endorsed by APLA. At our fall meeting the APLA Vice Presidents agreed to take on the responsibility of organizing workshops within their home province. The trainers have begun preparation to offer them. APLA supported the Canadian Library

Association's initiative about two years ago by providing funding to have two prospective workshop leaders from each of the four provinces trained to offer the workshops. One of the stumbling blocks then arose over CLA's requirement of \$40.00 per participant to pay for the costs of providing the booklets. Now that CLA has cancelled this fee, and the trainers are able to have the booklets photocopied, the workshops are easier to market.

If anyone is interested in having a workshop offered in their community, please contact your provincial vice president, or you can contact me. This is one project we want to see grow!!!

- Pamela Stevens-Earle

## Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the trust has made its 2000 award to Lisa Wilson in the amount of \$2000.

Ms. Wilson, a native of Topsail, Newfoundland, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Classical Studies (1998) from Memorial University of Newfoundland. She is currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Studies degree at Dalhousie University.



Ms. Lisa Wilson

# NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



New Brunswick's first ever Public Libraries Week was celebrated from October 16 to 21. The Premier signed an official declaration of the week. The theme "the Power of the Card / Ma carte, mon passe-partout", is illustrated by posters and bookmarks featuring the new plasticised library card. With the completion of the automation project in August, a library card gives every user access to the holdings of each and every public library in the province. Libraries have always provided a window on the world through books and other materials, but with automation in place, and with the installation of the Gates public access computers in many branches this fall, that window will be even bigger. Special events and activities were held across the province, with the official launch at the Fredericton Public Library.

The name of the New Brunswick Library Service has changed to the New Brunswick Public Library Service / Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick. The addition of the word "public" to the name is to clarify the role of this service. It has moved in August, to join the rest of the Department of Education, of which it has been a part since March 2000. They can now be found on the ground floor of Place 2000, a new building at 250 King Street, Fredericton.

New Brunswick Lieutenant-Governor, Marilyn Trenholme Counsell has recognized ten differ-

ent groups and individuals for their outstanding contributions to the lives of small children. The Lieutenant Governor's Early Childhood literacy Awards 2000 were handed out at the New Brunswick Legislature on September 10. In the library category, the Dr. Walter Chestnut Public Library in Hartland and La Bibliothèque publique La Moisson de Saint-Quentin were highlighted for their programs which focus on the importance of reading to newborns. Two awards in the Individual category were handed out. Dianne Elizabeth Clowater of Boiestown was honoured for her imaginative programs for preschool children at the Boiestown Community Library. Linda Landry, director, director of the Mon Soleil daycare in Beresford, was lauded for her project which saw children from two to five years of age create their own story books.

Le Club de lecture d'été 2000 "Lire, c'est dans ma nature : Read, It's In Your Nature" a connu un franc succès. Ê titre d'exemple, dans la région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean, nous comptons 1779 inscriptions, 52085 livres lus et 1153 contrats terminés. Afin de récompenser les jeunes d'avoir participé à ce programme, plusieurs bibliothèques ont organisé des activités d'animation, sous forme de "fête de clôture". The Committee has chosen the theme slogan for next summer's province-wide program. The theme will be Western, and the slogan will be Westwords / La ruée vers la lecture". The York Library Region will be responsible for producing the posters, logbooks and other supporting materials, and the launch will be held in York Region early next summer.

Many libraries in the province continue fundraising efforts. In the Albert-Westmorland-Kent region a variety of means such as plant sales, book sales, yard sales, selling of book bags were effective. A more

unusual fundraising event was held in Port Elgin. Library Board members and their friends presented the stage play Murder in the Library in a local community hall. The interactive murder mystery was very successful with many people asking that the board do it again next summer. Some of this region's donations of material worthy of mention are the Swiss Consulate's donation of fifty books to the Moncton Public Library in appreciation for the library's exhibit of the works of Swiss writer and photographer, Nicolas Bouvier, during last year's Francophone Summit. The remaining stock from a local bookstore, Friends Forever, which closed some months ago, was donated to the regional library — a gift consisting of 6000 books. One hundred and twenty classical compact disks were also donated to the regional library recently.

The annual region-wide workshop for employees of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region took place in October and featured a lively exchange of information as well as a session on communicating effectively in the face of various behaviours.

The Sainte-Antoine and Salisbury Public Libraries celebrated twenty years of service to the citizens of their communities. Dignitaries representing the municipality and the province were on hand for both events. The representative of the Department of Education presented the library with a gift of books to underline the occasion.

## Associations

L'Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick / Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick tenait sa 8e conférence annuelle les 29 et 30 septembre derniers à Campbellton, N-B. At the AGM, the new Executive for 2000-

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2001 was elected: Peter Higham (President), Tina Bourgeois (Vice President), Charlotte Dionne (Past President), Melinda Renner (Treasurer), Thérèse Arsenault (Secretary). Other important motions were passed: the establishment of a Hackmatack Committee to develop a French section to the existing Hackmatack Children's Choice Award, and the creation of a new APLNB Recognition Award to recognize significant outside contributions to New Brunswick libraries.

Samedi, Carrol Lunau, de la BNC, a fait le point sur la norme Z39.50 et ses applications. Steve Godin a présenté le nouveau programme de "Technique de gestion documentaire" du Collège communautaire de Campbellton. Enfin, Gilbert Sewell, conteur et folkloriste micmac, a charmé son auditoire par sa présentation colorée sur la langue et la culture amérindienne.

The New Brunswick Library Trustees Association / L'Association des commissaires de bibliothèques du Nouveau-Brunswick also held its Annual General Meeting and Conference on September 30 in Fredericton. The new Executive for 2000-2001 is: Ray Watson (President), Doug Goss (Vice President), Roseline Maillet (Treasurer), and Aurèle Thériault (Secretary).

Next year, the Associations are planning a joint conference in Fredericton.

Doris Rauch, Engineering Library, UNB, and Laurette Mackey, Regional Librarian, York Regional Library (Fredericton) attended the 66th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Annual Conference in Jerusalem in August 2000 and presented a paper on "Mobile Libraries in Canada".

## Donations and fund-raising effort / Des dons et activités de levée de fonds:

The Fredericton Public Library recently received a wonderful gift from the family of Don Walker. A lifetime of collecting had resulted in a personal library of over 700 books at the time of Mr. Walker's death. "Many people have over 700 books to their name," said Head Librarian Bill Molesworth, "but few collect with Mr. Walker's fixity of purpose. His focus was military history and his books cover conflicts from earliest history to the Gulf War, though the preponderance of material is on the two World Wars, and in many cases, there is a strong Canadian perspective which is often lacking in books on these subjects." The collection, that also includes volumes on various intelligence agencies including the Mossad, KGB, CIA, MI6 and the RCMP, is receiving a lot of attention. A quick count recently indicated that over a third of the books were in circulation. "It's a valuable gift, one that both staff and patrons appreciate", Mr. Molesworth said, "and we can't thank the family of Mr. Walker enough for their generous donation."

La Caisse populaire de Memramcook has, once again this year, donated \$3000 to the Memramcook Public Library to cover the cost of supplies needed for the Literacy for Kids program, for prizes for the Summer Reading Club and craft materials. This ongoing donation makes a difference to the type of program which can be offered at this small library.

The Moncton Library's latest fund-raising effort involves selling book bags and greetings cards. The library received the rights to reproduce on cards three engravings by well-known artist David Silverberg who is currently the Artist in Residence at Acadia University. Each book bag is unique, made of various fabrics, fully lined with a pocket displaying the International Reading Symbol. In addition to sell-

ing the cards and bags locally, the Moncton Public Library Board is ready to offer them to other libraries at a reasonable price for their own fund-raising.

## News from the regions / Nouvelles des régions:

### YORK LIBRARY REGION

The Chatham Public Library in Miramichi held an Open House in November not only to officially acknowledge the receipt of funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for four computers complete with educational software and a laser printer for the use of library patrons but also to launch the Library's new web site. One of the first things that visitors to the site will see, according to the chair of the Library Board, Rick Hayward, is a public acknowledgment of the Library's appreciation for the very generous Gates grant.

Check it out at <http://cspace.unb.ca/miramichi/chathamlibrary>

Tammie DeMarchant, branch manager of the Perth-Andover Library, invited her mom to come to the Library to make her speciality Christmas chocolates with the story time children on December 1. The chocolates are always a big hit, and so now is Tammie's mother. We have it on good authority that one little girl said to Tammie as she was leaving: "Thank you for the chocolates Tammie and thank you for your mother".

The Chipman and Oromocto Public Libraries: Two of York's branch libraries were fortunate to be chosen for Children's Book Week visits by Vancouver author Norma Charles. Charles, author of various picture books and chapter books including *See you later*, *Alligator*, *Sophie Sea to Sea* and the recent *Runaway*, held her audiences in the palm of her hand as she told them how her books came to be from the moment she gets her first idea to the time the finished book is in front of her. And she was not above answering questions about rejection

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slips and how much money she made. "The hour just zoomed," said Krista Blyth of the Chipman Library. "When it was time for the bus, the youngsters didn't want to leave."

### Région de bibliothèques du Haut Saint-Jean :

La première semaine des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick a connu un grand succès dans la région du Haut-Saint-Jean. Parmi les activités citons entre autres: Café littéraire, Session de généalogie, Expositions de peintures de talents locaux, Quiz sur la lecture et la littérature, Heure du conte spéciale, Conférence sur les médicaments pour les personnes âgées. Un concours régional, << Ma carte, mon passe-partout >> a été organisé dans tous les points de service. Le gagnant dans chaque point de service s'est méritée Multi-Dictionnaire de la langue française. Le public a participé en grand nombre durant cette Semaine des bibliothèques aux différentes activités. Les médias d'information ont bien couvert important événement.

La Bibliothèque publique Dr. Lorne J. Violette de Saint-Léonard a procédé le 26 novembre 2000 au lancement officiel d'une importante collection de photographies réalisées par monsieur John Porter résidant à Edmunston, un photographe hors-pair!

L'exposition intitulée: << Découverte du N.-B. par la Carte Postale, en photographies >> comprend plus de 150 photographies prises dans toutes les régions de la province du N.-B.. Certains lieux sont très fréquentés, d'autres moins, mais tous ont un charme particulier.

Le deuxième Salon de l'Informatique à Saint-François de Madawaska, situé à la Bibliothèque publique Mgr Plourde de la même localité, a eu lieu récemment. Des exposants ont présenté leurs produits informatiques et répondu

aux questions du public concernant les nouvelles technologies. Des personnes ressources ont présenté des conférences très intéressantes : <<La Généalogie dans Internet>>; <<Les transactions bancaires sur le Web>>; <<L'utilisation d'Internet dans la recherche d'emploi>>; <<L'informatique accessible à tous>>; <<Conseils judicieux pour faire l'achat d'un ordinateur>>. Ce deuxième Salon avait pour thème <<L'informatique au quotidien>>.

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Vice-President (New Brunswick)

### New Brunswick School Libraries

*Submitted by Marjorie Sinclair*

New Brunswick School Libraries are still being supported at the provincial level. The Department of Education has continued to offer to schools the opportunity to automate their libraries with the Follett Circulation Plus system. A number of districts are participating in this program. Schools received either the Windows version the Circulation Plus software and a new scanner. Schools that already had the software received new scanners. The Department has signed a three-year support agreement with Follett to take the pressure off schools struggling to find the funds to pay for it out of their library budgets. The agreement gave the Province the responsibility for providing the first level of technical support to our schools. In order to provide this, a number of technicians from around the province went to Fredericton for four days of training by Follett representatives. The Help Desk in Fredericton will contact these trainees who will go to the school to provide on site assistance.

A number of schools are participating in the Hackmatack Children's Choice Award. At present the books are in English but APLNB/ABPNB expect to be able to offer a French component by the Fall of 2001.

New Brunswick was invited to

participate in a CSLA teleconference chaired by President Ray Doiron on December 3. Roch Carrier, National Librarian, had requested statistical information from each province. This information was collated by the CSLA executive and presented to Mr. Carrier. He requested a meeting with Ray Doiron to discuss this paper. A template is being developed to assist with the collation of data across the country.

The Superintendency Steering Committee for School Libraries in Superintendency Four, the area from Rexton to Tide Head, developed an Information Resource Empowerment Model this fall. This model consisted of two days of training for one or two teachers from each school in the three districts. Day One was a session on "Integrating an Information Skills Model into Curriculum Design" led by Ann Tepe, Director of Curriculum Integration for Follett Software Company. Day Two had components on Internet Research and World Book Online. Teachers who participated are now conducting research units with their students. Once that is completed the school can request supply teacher time so these teachers may work with other teachers and students in the schools on other research projects. This project is under the direction of the Superintendent, Kathy Baldwin.

The Department of Education had a committee study how the maximum benefit can be realized from public funds for all the Departments and Agencies that provide services to promote life-long learning among the general public. The report made a number of recommendations. Final results of this study have not been made public at this date.

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### Academic libraries

College of the North Atlantic:

Sandra Hallett has accepted a Library Technician position with the College of the North Atlantic at the Prince Philip Drive Campus in St. John's. Sandra previously worked at the Elizabeth Morey Memorial Public Library in Torbay NF.

During October, librarians and

some sole-charge technicians from libraries / resource centres of the College of the North Atlantic met for a 3-day conference at the Max Simms Camp in Bishop's Falls. This was part of CONA's annual Student Services Professional Development conference.

Memorial University of Newfoundland:

Joy Tillotson has been Acting Associate University Librarian for the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland. Interviews for the new AUL will be held during November 2000. Karen Lippold is Acting Head of the Information Services Division at the QE II Library.

Penny Cairns, a library school student from the University of Western Ontario, is completing a work term at the Queen Elizabeth II Library Information Services Division. Susan Fahey is working at the QE II as a sabbatical replacement librarian in Information

Services. Lindsay Glynn and Gillian Byrne are public services librarians working on contract at the Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries. Lindsay is working at the Health Sciences Library and Gillian is at the Ferriss Hodgett Library,

Sir Wilfred Grenfell College (MUN).

On October 31, librarians at the Memorial University of Newfoundland joined their faculty colleagues in a strike against the University. After protracted negotiations, they returned to work 12 November 2000. Both the MUN Faculty Association and the Memorial University of Newfoundland maintained Web sites during the strike. For more information on the strike and the negotiations check the archived Web sites -

<http://www.mun.ca/univrel/strikeinfo/>  
and

<http://www.mun.ca/munfa/strkover.htm>.

Angela Lonardo and Suzanne Sexty are on sabbatical from the Queen Elizabeth II Library Information Services Division. Laura Scott is on sabbatical from the QE II Collections Division. Chitra Paranjape has taken a one year leave from the Dr. C.R. Barrett Library, Fisheries and Marine Institute (MUN).

Other:

Karen Hutchens is the new librarian in charge of the Library at the Salvation Army College for Officer Training. Karen Halliday, the former librarian, has moved to Kingston ON.

### Public libraries

St. John's Public Libraries hosted author readings by two western Newfoundland writers, Nellie Strowbridge and D. Jean Young, during September and October. Strowbridge is the author of "Widdershins Stories of a Fisherman's Daughter" while Young is writing a series of young adult novels beginning with "Quicksilver



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Summer". The latest in the series, "Quicksilver Autumn" is being published in the Fall of 2000.

On November 18-19, the St. John's Libraries held another of their popular book sales at the Arts and Culture Centre.

Eastern Horizons: Canadian Children's Literature at the Millennium, held October 19-21 in St. John's, attracted over 1300 teachers, librarians, writers and parents, to a program packed with presentations by 19 top Canadian illustrators and authors, as well as educators and other professionals who use literature in their work with children. From the opening keynote by Janet Lunn — "Celebration (The years since Anne)"—, to final presentations on Saturday afternoon, feedback received by conference organizers was extremely positive. Plans will soon be underway for a second Eastern Horizons conference to be held in 2003. The conference was organized by the St. John's Children's Literature Round Table, which is facilitated by the Public Library's Children's Collections Librarian, and included the Atlantic Provinces Library Association among its sponsors. Public events held in conjunction with the conference were equally successful, attracting large audiences. These included two Canada Council-sponsored public readings hosted by A.C.

Hunter Children's Library in St. John's, one by award-winning author of the Guests of War trilogy, Kit Pearson, on October 17th, and the other by accomplished illustrator Janet Wilson (In Flanders Fields, Sarah May and the New Red Dress) on October 24th. Several of the authors & illustrators presenting at Eastern Horizons (Linda Granfield, Werner Zimmermann, Ian Wallace, Kevin Major, Janet McNaughton, Janet Wilson) visited schools in the area before and after the conference. The conference Web Site at <<http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/easternhorizons/index.html>> provides more information and links to presenters and sponsors for more information.

In Western Newfoundland / Labrador efforts have been expended ordering many new books, thereby increasing circulation division-wide over last year. The Division libraries are working to put the Gates Computer Initiative into effect. Elinor Benjamin has been active in training local library technicians in computer use, and Bob Brake and his IT support staff have been placing new computers in 22 sites.

The Western Newfoundland / Labrador Libraries sponsored three very successful author tours. Sherry Fitch toured Western Newfoundland in the spring. During the Fall, Marilyn Peringer toured in Western Newfoundland, while Alan Daniel was in Labrador.

On September 15, 2000, workers at the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board protested the Newfoundland and Labrador government's proposed move of 31 PILRB positions to Stephenville. Full story at - [http://stjohns.cbc.ca/cgi-bin/templates/view.cgi?/news/2000/09/15/nf\\_demo000915](http://stjohns.cbc.ca/cgi-bin/templates/view.cgi?/news/2000/09/15/nf_demo000915)

## Special libraries

Kimberley Hammond has been appointed Director of Information Management for the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly. Susanna Duke has left Newfoundland Power to become Acting Director, Legal Information Management for the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Justice. Mona Pearce has taken a leave of absence from the Department of Justice to work in Alberta. Steven Nolan has moved to the Addictions Services Provincial Library replacing Heather Cooke. Patricia Rahal, whose library at the Grace Hospital was recently closed due to restructuring by the Health Care Corporation of St. John's, is now responsible for the library at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital.

## Associations

The Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association released the 9th edition of its "Directory of Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries" in November 2000.

Stephen Field chairs the Committee planning Library Week 2001. It will be held April 29 - May 5, 2001. The theme will be "Let Libraries Carry You Away".

Adriana Popescu is chairing the committee to plan the 2001 Conference of the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association. The conference will be held Friday, May 4, 2001 at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. It will be followed by the APLA sponsored Advocacy Now! workshop on Saturday May 5.



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## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Libraries Association will hold its annual conference on Friday, April 20, 2001.



## NEWS FROM THE CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

### CBRL Celebrates 50 Years

The year 2000 marks a milestone for the Cape Breton Regional Library. It is our fiftieth anniversary. Thanks to the efforts of community leaders such as J.J. Tompkins and others, the Regional Library was established. On August 31, 1950 the Cape Breton Regional Headquarters and Sydney Branch Library were officially opened. By December of the same year branches were opened in Dominion, Glace Bay, Louisbourg, New Waterford, North Sydney and the Cape Breton County Bookmobile. Today, 13 branches and two bookmobiles comprise the System.

Throughout the year, CBRL has been celebrating its 50th Anniversary with open houses in all the branch libraries. These celebrations culminated Sunday, October 1 with an open house at the McConnell Library in Sydney. Co-chaired by Rosalie Gillis and Theresa MacDonald, approximately 150 people attended the celebration that included addresses by Mayor David Muise, Board Chair Rod MacArthur, Dr. Robert Morgan, and Regional Librarian Ian MacIntosh. Emcee was staff member, Donald Ward. Highlights included a fasci-

nating talk on the history of Cape Breton Libraries by historian Dr. Robert Morgan, of the Beaton Institute, University College of Cape Breton, and the unveiling of a stain glass window commissioned to celebrate the anniversary. The stain glass window depicts the blue skies and oceans of Cape Breton and is based on the Cape Breton seal, which the library uses for its logo.

### Celtic Colours Conversation Series

For the third year, the McConnell Library in Sydney will be the host to the Celtic Colours Conversation Series in conjunction with the Celtic Colours International Festival. From October 10 to 13, the brown bag lunch series will feature local and international musicians, scholars, and story tellers. Among the presenters will be Gaelic singer and harpist, Alyth MacCormack from Scotland, traditional singer Roddy Campbell from the Isle of Barra, historian Dr. Richard MacKinnon from the University College of Cape Breton, and story teller and native Gaelic speaker Murdoch MacNeil from Christmas Island, Cape Breton. There will be talks on traditional

Celtic music, the architecture of the Cape Breton Gaelic settler, and finishing on Friday 13th with stories relating to forerunners and ghost stories.

### LibraryNet Award for Best Practices 2000

LibraryNet, a Federal Government program which recognises leadership in innovative use of the Internet in public libraries, has honoured CBRL with such a recognition. "Best Practices 2000" has been bestowed upon the McLennan Project. View this project by loading <http://www.cbri.ns.ca/McLennan/default.htm>. Learn more about LibraryNet by examining their website at <http://www.connect.gc.ca/en/296-e.htm>.

## NEWS FROM CUMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

### Reading Program - A Success

The Summer Reading Programme "Sail Away With Books" was a big success with 447 children participating in the program. Theme related activities were conducted throughout the summer by students Mike St. Peter and Lisa Jury. Programmes offered included a webquest, building a giant papier mache boat, as well as stories and a games day.

### Books @ the Beach

Children living in the vicinity of Northport were treated to afternoons of fun-filled activities including computer games, stories, and crafts. The new outreach program called Books @ the Beach, was offered at the Northport CAP site.

## EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

### Automated Circulation

Circulation systems located in all Eastern Counties Regional Library branches are now fully automated. The new system provides access to patron records, holds, and loan information for books in all library branches. This, combined with the automated acquisitions has greatly improved control over collections

### New Staff Member

Anita DeCoste has been hired as Rural Outreach Co-ordinator for Eastern Counties Regional Library. Bilingual, Anita has an educational background and experience in public relations and education.

## NEWS FROM PICTOU- ANTIGONISH COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

### Big Waves Made this Summer!

What do you get when you combine a summer reading program theme based on the Tall Ships and children eager to participate and

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

read lots of library books? — Many happy readers with thousands of books read! Pictou - Antigonish proudly reports that 557 children registered in this summer's reading program and read a total of 8,990 books! The Adopt a Library Literacy Program, coordinated by Constable John Kennedy of the Stellarton Detachment of the RCMP and other policing services, sponsored the summer reading program. Support was garnered from local businesses, community groups, stores and Scholastics Canada Ltd.

## NEWS FROM WESTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

### Adopt-a-Book 2000

Adopt-A-Book 2000 was the most successful fund raising campaign to date. On closing day, June 30th, a total of 1253 books were adopted. This represents \$24,189.00 in book purchases. In comparison the campaigns for '96 & '98 averaged \$22,264. Special thanks to sponsor CJLS for their continuous support. Since Adopt-A-Book began a total of 3942 new books have been placed on shelves across the region. "Hats off" also to our front-line staff and Friends of the Library groups who kept the campaign vibrant for three months. Their enthusiasm resulted in the bookmetre rising weekly! Above all, a big THANK YOU to every individual, community group, service club and organization for rallying behind your library.

### Open House for Library Card Month

An open house was held at all ten WCRL branches on Saturday, September 30th. The event was scheduled to conclude Library Card Month by highlighting the new online services available to library card holders. Some of these services include: viewing your own user record; placing holds on books you

wish to borrow and being able to use the library's magazine database from home. As of September 23 Western Counties saw an increase of 3% in library membership over the month. This represents 372 new members and 365 renewals. Library Card Month, sponsored by Cameron Publications, is an awareness campaign designed to attract new members, encourage previous members to re-register and to draw attention to the many library services available with your free library card.

### Friends Day

Val Marshall, past president of Friends of Canadian Libraries was in Yarmouth on Saturday, September 9th as guest speaker for the second annual Friends of the Library Day. She captivated her audience with a mix of Friends stories and entertaining anecdotes from the Ajax Public Library. The group attending could find many common threads between Ajax and their own libraries. Val remarked on the "level of enthusiasm and commitment" from the Friends groups of Western Counties. Throughout the day many ideas for fund raising and promotion were exchanged and all enjoyed their session in the new Gates Computer lab.

## NEWS FROM THE HALIFAX REGIONAL LIBRARY

### First Contract Ratified

As reported in the Chronicle Herald September 20th, Halifax Regional Library workers voted to accept an 30-month contract. A "substantial number" of the 325 employees voted to accept their first collective agreement. Negotiations began in February.

### Woodlawn Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Members of the community, library staff, and local politicians gathered recently to celebrate the

25th anniversary of the Woodlawn Public Library. This busy Dartmouth library was formerly the second branch of the former Dartmouth Regional Library System. Today it's one of 13 branches in the Halifax Regional Library system.

## NEWS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

### Tatamagouche Education Design Model

Gillian Webster, Network and Information Services Librarian recently attended a week long workshop at the Tatamagouche Education and Retreat Centre. Thirteen attendees learned, first hand, how to design well-balanced programmes for adult learners. Using both theory and practice, the class designed short programmes on a daily basis. For more information about this and other programmes, visit <http://www.tatacentre.nsis.com>.

### CNIB Visits Nova Scotia

CNIB Library from Toronto recently visited Nova Scotia as part of a cross country promotion of their services. A description of CNIB library services can be found at <http://www.cnib.ca/library/visunet/partners.htm> Regional and Provincial library staffs have met to discuss the future of talking book services in the province following the decentralization of the Provincial Library's talking book service. The collection of talking books will be distributed throughout the Regional Library system.

### Word on the Street

On Sunday, September 24th Nova Scotia was deluged with rain, however the spirits of hundreds of book lovers could not be dampened! Enthusiasm ran high as people participated in the 6th annual celebration of the spoken and written word. Staff members of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and the

Hackmatack Children's Choice award participated by passing out information regarding the Summer Reading Programme and offered SRP t-shirts, sweatshirts, and posters for sale. Visitors to the booth were encouraged to fill out a ballot to win a basket filled with books from the year's Hackmatack list of nominees.

### **Academic Libraries - St. Francis Xavier University**

The Coady International Institute is developing a training program to assist social development organizations with the challenge of running an effective information resource centre. The Certificate in Managing NGO Resource Centres will provide participants from Canada and around the world with the opportunity to gain or improve skills in managing information, appropriate media, information sharing and networking. This unique three-week program is intended for those working in, or planning to establish, a small library or resource centre. It will be held in the Coady Institute's stimulating multicultural environment in May 2001.

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### **Academic Libraries**

Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in conjunction with the UPEI Founder's Day on September 14 with an Open House. The Friends of the Robertson Library presented a rare copy of Milton Acorn's book, *In Love and anger*, for the PEI Collection. The Library was also presented with *Forward in faith : establishing the School of Nursing at University of Prince Edward Island* written by former Dean Margaret Munro and volume one of *Nationalism and ethnicity terminologies: an encyclopedic dictionary and research guide* by retired professor, Dr. Thomas Spira. The editorial team from the Institute of Island Studies presented their publication, *Message in a bottle: the literature of small islands*. The final presentation and reading was by poet and English professor Brent MacLaine of his book of poems entitled *Wind and root*.

Robertson Library recently opened its Learning Lab, an instructional computer lab consisting of 13 Pentiums located in the library. The equipment was donated to the library by the Webster Foundation.

Holland College has now published the first in a series of online information skills training on the Web. Andrea Stewart and Donald Moses teamed up to produce "Internet Survivor", which sends up the popular TV program and uses other examples from popular culture to teach basic searching skills.

"Survivor" uses WebCT tools such as its bulletin board, quiz package, and student management features to monitor student progress and provide additional interactivity. Eventually, staff hope to offer a complete online information competencies curriculum on their site.

### **Public Libraries**

The twenty-four public libraries celebrated Library Week from October 23 - 29 with the theme "Your library is the on-ramp", designed to highlight the Internet and computer-based services provided by every public library. The public computers provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are all installed and provide additional access points to the public Internet sites already in existence from the Provincial Library Service and the Community Access Program.

PEI hosted author Ann Alma for Children's Book Week. Ms. Alma is the author of 4 children's books, most recently a new edition of **Skateway to freedom**.

The public library system on P.E.I. will be adding a new branch in the New Year. The twenty-fifth branch will open sometime in January in Stratford, P.E.I., the community directly across the Hillsborough River from Charlottetown.

Johanne Jacob of the Provincial Library Service (recently convener of APLA's Francophone Interest Group) has been seconded from her position as French Services Librarian to oversee the planning and construction of a new French school and community centre in Summerside. The project is intended to house a combined school and public library facility. The secondment will last until Jan. 30, 2002.

## A Call for News: What is Happening at YOUR Library

If you have exciting events happening at your library - please share it with the rest of the Atlantic provinces library community. Promotional material for upcoming library events and library newsletters are also most welcome!

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Please see the APLA 2001 web site at: <http://www.upei.ca/~apla>

Presently, the web site contains contact information and preliminary program information. We will be continually adding information to the web site so please bookmark and visit often.

**Keynote speaker:** We are very pleased to announce that the keynote speaker is Stephen Abram - VP for Micromedia Limited. For a biography of this dynamic speaker and information leader please see: <http://www.sla.org/assoc/board/bioboard/Abram.htm>

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# Alberta Letts Travel Award

*By Bertrum H. MacDonald and Norman Horrocks*

This note is written as a follow-up to the exchange of letters between Mary (Mollie) E. Cameron and Peter Webster published in the APLA Bulletin (July/August 2000, p. 10) concerning the Alberta Letts Memorial Award now absorbed into the general APLA Memorial Awards.

In 1976 Dalhousie University established the Alberta Letts Travel Award to mark the many contributions made by Alberta Letts to library services in Nova Scotia and her support for the establishment of the School which opened in 1969. The Award is made annually to a member of the first year MLIS class in the School of Library and Information Studies to underwrite the travel costs for attendance at the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association (CLA) of which Alberta Letts was a former President.

The source of the original money for this Award came from the winding up of the operations of a small bookstore on campus that was established by a group of professors, acting as trustees. The store was run by a committee of faculty mem-

bers and students from some time before 1935 and operated until about 1946. For a number of years the income from the fund was used to buy magazines for the student residences. This practice was discontinued in the 1960s and the income was allowed to accumulate under the name of the "Dalhousie University Store" fund. In 1976, after discussion with Norman Horrocks, then Director of the School, the trustees of the fund (Dr John Graham and Professor R.S. Cumming) recommended to Dalhousie President Henry D. Hicks that the funds be turned over to the University and be named the Alberta Letts Travel Award Fund.

In the early years of the Fund the School offered an Alberta Letts Memorial Lecture. The lecturers included Dr. Elizabeth Morton, first executive director of CLA, Dr. Guy Henson, Director of Dalhousie's Institute of Public Affairs (who as Director of the Adult Education Division in the N.S. Department of Education was instrumental in bringing Alberta Letts to Nova Scotia as Assistant Director of Libraries for the province), and Dr.

Violet Coughlin of the University of Toronto Faculty of Library Science. The lecture by Dr. Morton was published by the School as its Occasional Paper # 9, with the proceeds from its sale being added to the Alberta Letts Memorial Fund.

The Alberta Letts Travel Award was first awarded in 1977 to Linda Keddy who was a graduate in political science from the University of New Brunswick and before entering the School had worked for two years at the York Regional Library in Fredericton. Linda is now Director of Research at Pink, Breen, Larkin Barristers & Solicitors in Halifax. The latest recipient is Rebecca Larocque, a B.A. graduate in Politics with a concentration in public administration and Canadian government from Brock University, who attended the CLA 2000 Conference in Edmonton.

With the Alberta Letts Travel Award, the School of Library and Information Studies is able to regularly honour an outstanding librarian while at the same time promote the career development of new professionals.

## MARGARET WILLIAMS TRUST FUND AWARD

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### N.B.:

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### N.S.:

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When? TBA

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Where? Memorial University

When? Sat. May 5 after the NLLA conference

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This workshop is sponsored by APLA in conjunction with the CLA program and pre-registration is required. Seating is limited so please register early by contacting your Provincial V.P.

Watch for more information on the APLA listserv !



## “Achieving Inclusion: A Parent Guide to Inclusive Education in New Brunswick”

Through a new publication, “Achieving Inclusion: A Parent Guide to Inclusive Education in New Brunswick”, the New Brunswick Association for Community Living (NBACL) hopes to provide assistance to parents of children with disabilities in their efforts to ensure their children receive such an education.

It is the belief of NBACL that a high quality education can best be achieved in an inclusive setting where children with disabilities spend their days in their neighbourhood schools in regular classrooms with students their own age. Meaningful inclusion, where chil-

dren with disabilities receive needed support in regular classrooms, enables children to gain confidence, a positive self image, social behaviours, academic and other skills, and feel valued as persons and to be accepted by society.

MP Andy Scott, the Deputy Minister of Education, key government officials and more than 100 volunteers and representatives of NB People First were on hand for the launch of the Inclusion Guide in May 2000, held in conjunction with the Who Cares? Rediscovering Community conference and Annual General Meeting held in Fredericton.

### HOW TO ORDER:

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## The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award Celebrated Authors Will Meet Young Audiences

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book award is back for another season with an exciting selection of Canadian books for young readers. In May 2001, children's votes will once again decide the winners of the awards in the fiction and non-fiction categories.

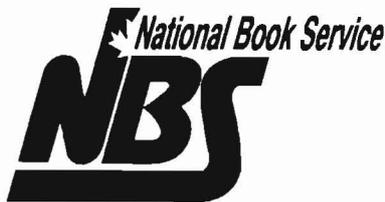
While the young readers are busy selecting their favourite books of the year, the Hackmatack Committee started making plans for author tours in participating communities. Last year, twelve Canadian authors visited Nova Scotia and offered thirty-three readings in libraries and schools across the entire province. This year's author tours are made possible with the financial assistance from the

Nova Scotia Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts, and through a generous collaboration from the Western Counties, Cumberland, Pictou-Antigonish, Cape Breton and Halifax regional libraries. Sixteen Hackmatack authors will visit Nova Scotia this year and meet hundreds of young readers in schools and libraries in the province. Additional readings are also planned in participating communities in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and the Prince Edward Island.

All readings will take place during the week of May 14 to May 20, 2001. The Hackmatack Award Ceremony, will be held on May 19 at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth. This final

event will mark an official start of the Atlantic Book Week, a celebration of reading and writing in the Atlantic region, organized by the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.

For more information on the upcoming events, please contact our office at 902-424-3774 or e-mail us at [hackmatack@hackmatack.ca](mailto:hackmatack@hackmatack.ca)



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"This year we've streamlined event programming along five specific tracks," says Vicki Casey, Director of Content for Information Highways. "Participants interested in Knowledge Management, Government, Enterprise, Web Publishing or Professional Power-User applications can attend all of the events within a specific stream or cherry pick program sessions that interest them across streams over the two days. Also, we are offering opportunities for delegates to participate in cafes - small, interactive discussion groups on topics that interest them."

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The Internet presents both challenges and opportunities for all levels of government to transform how their services are delivered to citizens. This stream addresses the strategies for developing the best-of-breed services through multi-department, multi-government partnerships.

### 3. Enterprise Knowledge ROI.

How can organizations that deliver knowledge resources and tools to the desktop begin to realize a return on their substantial investments in technology? This stream identifies a combination of approaches and technologies that make sense to users, motivating employees to work smarter by fully integrating the resources available at the desktop into their work.

### 4. Internet content publishing and distribution

For those concerned with the creation, design and delivery of content for e-knowledge and e-business applications, this stream looks at current models

for personalized content delivery on the Web and creating usable content for wireless devices.

### 5. Power user communities

Competitive intelligence professionals, market analysts, legal professionals, communications/PR professionals, information professionals and other power consumers of e-content will learn about technologies that promise to make results more complete and relevant, integrating invisible Web content with public sites as well as text with multimedia resources.

Established in 1993, Information Highways magazine, conference, exhibition and web site are dedicated to informing professionals about strategic online content applications and collaborative tools from a Canadian perspective. Register today for INFORMATION HIGHWAYS 2001 and enjoy early bird, professional association and group discounts!

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## **Christine Davies Receives ALA Scholarship**

The School of Library and Information Studies is pleased to announce that Christine A. Davies, a student in the first year of the Master of Library and Information Studies programme, has been awarded a \$3000.00 (US) American Library Association (ALA) scholarship. The ALA Scholarship Committee selected Ms. Davies for the Bash ProQuest/ERT Scholarship "from among many highly qualified candidates."

Ms. Davies, who holds a Bachelor of Journalism (First Class Honours) from the University of King's College, is an Associate

Producer of History Programming with responsibility for the Record Library and Archives at CBC Radio in St. John's, Newfoundland. She has worked as a reporter and producer with CBC (Radio and TV) since 1985. Her job has taken her throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, giving her an extensive knowledge of the province. A recent secondment to a special CBC Radio Archives project led her to pursue the Master of Library and Information Studies degree. In her essay for the ALA scholarship, she noted that her experience in providing a listener with archival materi-

al helped her realize that linking people to the information they want is what it's all about."

Ms. Davies has also received the Alumni Scholarship awarded each year by the School of Library and Information Studies to an excellent incoming student in the Master of Library and Information Studies programme. This Scholarship, made possible by an endowment established by alumni to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the School, is awarded on the basis of academic excellence and evidence of a commitment to a career in librarianship.



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**News release - December 6, 2000**

## **Relais and the Dal Libraries**

In 2000 the Dalhousie Libraries made a consortial purchase (with the Libraries at Memorial University and the University of New Brunswick) to acquire Relais, the electronic document delivery system of Relais International. This is the first time that members of the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL) have undertaken a joint system implementation across provincial boundaries.

The current version, Relais 2.3, streamlines the processing of requests from other libraries for material held at Dalhousie in a number of ways. It automatically checks for holdings and call number

information from the Novanet catalogue, then prints the requests in a predetermined order for easy retrieval from the stacks. Once retrieved, articles are scanned and delivered electronically to the requesting library. Upon scanning, the management system is also updated automatically, eliminating yet another time-consuming step and many paper files.

A future version, 3.0, to be implemented in 2001, will streamline the procedures involved in requesting material from other libraries on behalf of Dalhousie faculty, staff and students. It enables Document Delivery staff to search

several national bibliographic databases, to have the results of these searches linked to the request and the request sent to a holding library.

The complete Relais system will expedite the handling of ever-increasing numbers of interlibrary loan / document delivery requests. (The Killam Library alone processed over 20,000 requests in 1998-99, a 70% increase in five years !) It is also expected to play a key role in the sharing of resources within the Atlantic Scholarly Information Network (ASIN), another recent initiative of CAUL.



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