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# Alan Borovoy: Keynote Speaker

he keynote speaker at the opening session of APLA '90 was Allan Borovoy, general counsel to the Civil Liberties Union of Canada and author of When Freedoms Collide.

Borovoy began his address, entitled "Barriers to Knowledge", by pointing out that free speech "is not and cannot be absolute." Inevitably there are some limitations.

He stressed, however, that free speech "is the lifeblood of what a democracy is all about." On a personal level, it is "the instrument by which we enrich ourselves and others", while in the political arena it is "the vehicle by which we mobilize public opinion."

Speaking as a former union leader, Borovoy suggested that "free speech is the grievance procedure of a democratic society."

Borovoy noted that opponents of free speech inevitably make use of a small number of fallacious arguments when they mount their attacks.

One of these involves censorship on the grounds that a public expression is not "rational."

"Whoever said free speech has to be rational?" asked Borovoy.

Citing a court case revolving around a Montreal parade that was deemed "a demonstration, not free speech" because it was seen to be more "a show of force than a rational expression of ideas," Borovoy noted that while pressure (in the form of demonstrations, rallies, publicity, etc.) without reason is irresponsible, reasoned argument without pressure is futile and ineffective.

Confining freedom of speech to rational debate would deprive the



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have-nots (who are generally not skilled in this kind of forum) of the right to expression.

A second fallacy is that context is not important.

Referring to the Jim Keegstra case, Borovoy said that he saw no conflict between, on the one hand, upholding someone's freedom to express himself, and, on the other hand, deciding that that person, because he promotes such views, is not an acceptable person to teach children.

The Malcolm Ross case, according to Borovoy, is very similar. Borovoy would be opposed to

prosecuting him. He would, however, encourage the educational authorities to consider whether Ross's extracurricular activities have influenced his curricular activities.

If this were the case, then dismissal might well be appropriate even while maintaining Ross's right to free speech, on the grounds that a higher standard must be applied to positions of public trust than is applied to the right to stay out of jail.

Borovoy also pointed out that laws addressing freedom of speech are invariably vague, making it difficult to distinguish between destructive hate and constructive tension.

He cited two cases in which laws regarding hate literature and propaganda were used to suppress freedom of speech. The first involved protestors carrying "Yankee Go Home" placards at a Toronto Shriners' parade. The second, in an ironic twist, involved the banning of a book about Nelson Mandela on the grounds that it promoted hatred against whites.

When laws are not too vague, they tend to be overbroad, according to Borovoy.

An example of this was the legislation defining pornography as any visual material showing sexual intercourse "or any other sexual activity." The definition of "other" could well have included anything from hand-holding to kissing. The results of such legislation include the documentary Not A Love Story and the censorship of a book on male masturbation which the University of Manitoba Medical School was trying to purchase.

Borovoy ended his talk with praise for librarians. Referring to the Dec. 10 1987 closing of the Toronto Library System in a show of concern over Bill C-54, Borovoy called librarians "the new allies of civil liberties"

—Bradd Burningham

See page 8 for Douglas Lochhead's poem Lessons of the Library

# Douglas Lochhead: APLA 1990 Merit Award Winner

(Excerpts from the presentation speech delivered on May 12, 1990 by Gwendolyn Creelman, APLA Past-President)

t is my great pleasure this evening to present APLA's 1990 Merit Award to Dr. Douglas Grant Lochhead.

Douglas Lochhead's contributions to librarianship and bibliography are substantial and cover such a broad range they are difficult to summarize. He is a poet, scholar, bibliographer, teacher, administrator and a tireless worker for Canadian Studies. The achievements of Douglas are many: He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Founding Librarian at Massey College (University of Toronto), winner in 1985 of the Marie Tremaine Medal of the Bibliographical Society of Canada "for outstanding service to Canadian Bibliography and for distinguished publications in that field", and Member of the Board of the Canadian Institute for Historical Micro-reproductions. He has just informed me that the shareholders of Fredericton's Gooselane's Editions have elected him President.

Douglas' roots are firmly here in the Maritimes. Part of his childhood was spent here in New Brunswick, I believe, and during his career he has returned twice. It was during his 1953-1960 term as University Librarian at Dalhousie University that Douglas served as President of APLA. According to our official records Dr. Lochhead fulfilled this role in 1958/59 during the time our organization changed from the "Maritime Library Association" to

the "Atlantic Provinces Library Association" of today. As well during this period he was Joint Editor, with Shirley Elliot, of the Atlantic Provinces Checklist, and was instrumental in the expansion of the McDonald Library.

It is with great pleasure that I ask Dr. Douglas Lochhead to accept the Merit Award. You are very deserving of this honour; Sir, and I am very proud to make the presentation.



Douglas Lochhead, APLA Merit Award winner, accepts the pewter goblet from Gwendolyn Creelman, Past-President.



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#### FROM THE

# PRESIDENT'S DESK



he highlight of May was the very successful APLA conference held in Moncton. Many positive comments were heard on the low cost of the conference and the high quality of the sessions-not to mention the banquet! Berthe Boudreau and Susan Libby and the committees did a great job of planning such a successful conference. Next year's conference will be in Corner Brook, from May 23 to 26. Please send your suggestions for sessions or speakers to Sue Sexty. She's planning the programme.

Copyright

CANCOPY continues to negotiate with several provincial departments of education and other institutions, including libraries. Meanwhile, APLA, CLA and ASTED, among others, continue the campaign for copyright legislation which provides a better balance between the needs of users and creators. However, Phase II may not be implemented for another two years.

#### **GST**

It's ironic that, in the Year of Literacy, we are faced with reducing access to books and other printed material through an additional tax on reading. Lobbying of Senators continues for a zero-rate for reading. Watch Feliciter for a hands-on

question & answer column on coping strategies for how libraries can collect tax.

#### PTLAC

What an acronym! It stands for Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council, and it is comprised of the provincial/ territorial presidents. PTLAC was formed in February, following CLA's decision to no longer keep the provincial presidents on CLA council. Our meeting at CLA in Ottawa was well attended, and we had a chance to exchange tips on successful conference planning and attracting membership, and we met with CLA presidents for updates on what legislation and lobbying efforts may be coming up next.

I am looking forward to my year as president. It's an honour and a pleasure to be part of such an exciting association.

-Andrea John

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## **Atlantic Provinces Library Association** REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL EXAMINER

ollowing reappointment as Financial Examiner for 1989-1990, I have examined the financial records of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association for the fiscal year May 1, 1989—March 31, 1990. In my opinion, the records have been maintained with a reasonable degree of accuracy and completeness and the Treasurer's Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenditure presents fairly the financial position of the Association at March 31, 1990.

The Bulletin fund was budgeted for a deficit of \$3,650.00. The actual deficit was \$2,789.58. Revenue from advertising and subscriptions came in above budget; printing costs for six issues of the APLA Bulletin in an eleven month period were only 4.7% over budget.

The Conference Fund, budgeted to break even, produced an unexpectedly large surplus of \$6,317.75. This surplus resulted from the success of the organizers of the 1989 Charlottetown conference in attracting delegates and corporate donations.

General Fund revenue was estimated at \$14,613.00 expenditures at \$13,950.00 plus a proposed \$2,000.00 transfer from the Association's current account to savings. Actual General Fund revenue was \$13,215.24 and expenditure \$11,706.82 exclusive of any transfer of funds to savings. The smaller deficits in the Bulletin and General Funds and over \$6,300.00 surplus in the Conference Fund made it possible to transfer \$6,400.10 instead of \$2,000.00 to savings. This makes up for the \$6,213.10 transferred from the invested funds of

the Association during the 1988-1989 fiscal year.

Including the 1988-1989 surplus of \$4,400.10, total revenue for 1989-1990 was \$29,511.70. Total expenditure including the \$6,400.10 transfer was \$26,475.11 producing a surplus for the eleven month period ended March 31, 1990 of \$3,306.59.

The financial assets of our Association now consist of \$10,000 invested at 10.75% and maturing September 1, 1990 plus \$9,436.69 in a Super T-Bill account at Central Guaranty Trust Company.

Peter Glenister is to be commended for the intelligence and care with which he has carried out the demanding duties of Treasurer during the first year of a three year term.

> Respectfully submitted Pauline M.A. Hildesheim

# **APLA 1990** Conference

### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

-by Diane Buhay

enny Hartin, Executive Director of the CNIB in New Brunswick, spoke at the "Access to Information Requirements of the Blind and Visually Impaired" session during the APLA conference. She described some of the many services offered by CNIB, including the Braille collection, talking books and magazines collection, the Music Library, which houses one of the world's largest Braille music score collections, and the Sherman Swift Reference Library.

Hartin discussed the importance of improved access to information for the blind and visually impaired. She stressed that we are now in an age where information is power and that all people, including the blind and visually impaired, have the right to know. Demands from this group for information will continue to increase as our population lives longer and the number of visually impaired increases. Within ten years the number of visually impaired will rise to 800,000 in Canada.

Braille is still the most efficient mode of communication for the visually impaired, but Hartin pointed out that technology also plays an important role. Technology has led not only to talking books on audio tape, but also to computers that can be made to talk (Kurzweil Personal Reader) or to

produce large print.

Hartin recommended that library staff, when dealing with a visually impaired client, should: 1) always introduce themselves by name; and 2), take him or her on a library tour, indicating the locations of the different collections and the information desk. She ended the session by stating that if we could do only one thing to increase access to information for this group it would be to make staff available to assist them to find material. Information is the root of knowledge and we must work together to ensure that we all have access to it.

Diane Buhay is Audio Visual Librarian at St. John Regional Library.



Susan McLean passing the reins of power to Andrea John.

## Treasurer's Report: Financial Statement

Fiscal Year ended 31 March 1990

t the close of this fiscal year, our financial picture may be considered bright as a result of a single event—the 1989 conference which produced a surplus of over \$6300—and despite an actual \$800 shortfall of cash brought forward from the previous year. The resulting accumulated surplus of almost \$20,000 will generate enough revenue to offset

program costs.

The situation is also deceptively improved by an 11 month fiscal year, a one time occurrence owing to a constitutional amendment at last year's Conference. As well, in every menditure compartment but three the actual outlay was below budget, and the overextensions amounted to only \$341.67, including an unforeseen expense of \$585 for the replacement of our computer's hard disc.

two-thirds of General Activities Fund

However, heading into the next fiscal year we must prepare for the shock

of additional expenses caused by the implementation of a new federal tax and

by postage increases.

It is with the uncertainty of the full effect of these external factors that membership fee and subscription rate raises must be considered and the proposed 1990/1991 budget addresses

> Respectfully submitted, Peter Glenister

Budy	et for 1990			
	1989/1990 Actual		1990/1991 Budget	
Item Revenue		Subtotals		Subtotals
1. Bulletin Fund				
1 Advertising	2770.52		2750	
Advertising     Back Issues	14.10		0	
3. Royalties	0		100	
4. Subscriptions	2292.00		2000	
		5076.65		4850
2. Conference Fund			- 1 0 0	
1. Receipts	4123.97		. 0	
2. Seed grant repayment	500 2195.74		500	
3. Corporate donations	2195.74	6819.71		500
3. General Fund		0018.71		300
1. Membership Fees				
1. Personal	8453.56		10000	
2. Institutional	2850.00		3000	
		11303.56		13000
2. Other				****
1. Interest		1911.68		_2000
Total		29511.70		20350
. Expenditure				
1. Bulletin Fund				
Packaging, supplies     Printing	640.85		500	
2. Printing	4712.27 2513.11		5000 3500	
3. Postage, shipping	2513.11	7866.23	3500	9000
2. Conference Fund		7000.23		9000
1. Expenses	1.96		. 0	
2. Seed grant	500		500	
		501.96		500
3. General Fund				The state of the s
1. APLA prize		100.00		100
2. Executive Travel				
1. CLA Council	240.00		4500	
2. APLA Executive 3. Presidential travel	3764.88 842.02		4500 1000	
3. Fresioental travel	842.02	4846.90	1000	5500
3. Registration, memberships		175.00		200
4. Office expenses				
Database (APLAbet)	700.00		0	
2. Postage	111.26		120	
Student Assistant     Supplies, telephone	160.00		160	
4. Supplies, telephone	936.25		500	
5. Legal fees	917.20		0	
5 Everythin committees		2824.71		780
5. Executive committees 1. Aims & objectives	0		30	
2. Bulletin Management Board	ö		30	
3. Committees, Interest Groups	ŏ		30	
4. Finance	0		30	
4. Finance 5. Membership	387.56		400	
6. Merit Award	65.49		70	
7. Nominating/Elections	100.00	1 6 - 1	250	
		553.05		840
<ol><li>Standing committees/Interest group</li></ol>	ps a			
APLA Memorial Awards     Intellectual Freedom	0.38		30	
2. Intellectual Freedom 3. Publications	617.11		1200	
4. Community colleges	28.12		1200	
5. Conservation	0		30	
6. Trustees	Ö		30	
7 Library instruction	24.15		75	
8. Library Technicians	0		30	
9. Collections development	93.40		150	
10. Microcomputers	0		30	
11. Francophone	0		30	
		763.16		1755
7. General Activities Fund		2370.00		3000
8. Miscellaneous		74.00		200
Total Expenditures (Deficit)/Surplus		20075.01 3036.59		21875 (2025)
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1. Bulletin Fund				
1. Advertising	2400		2770.52	
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4. Subscriptions	2000		2292.00	
		4500		5076.65
2. Conference Fund				
Receipts     Seed grant repayment     Corporate donations	500		4123.97	
3. Corporate donations	0		500.00 2195.74	
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Interest     Miscellaneous     General Activities Fund	1063		1911.68	
3. General Activities Fund	50 500		0	
		1613		1911.68
4. Cash brought forward		5212.93		4400.10
otal		24825.93		29511.70
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. Expenditure	Actual	Subtotal	Budget	Subtotal
1. Bulletin Fund				
1. Packaging, supplies	450		640.85	
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2. Seed grant	500		1.96 500.00	
		500		501.96
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2. Executive Travel		100		100.00
1. CLA Council	800		240.00	
2. APLA Executive	4000		3764.88	
	500	5300	842.02	4846.90
3. Registration, memberships		150		175
Registration, memberships     Office Expenses     Database (APLAbet)	***			= 11 77 - 139
2. Postage	100		700.00 111.26	
Student Assistant     Supplies, telephone	160 450		160.00	
Supplies, telephone     Legal fees			936.25	
5. Legal 1998	1000	2510	917.20	2824.71
Executive committees     Aims & objectives     Bulletin Management Board     Committees, Interest Groups     Finance     Membership     Merit Award     Nominating/Elections		2010		2024./1
1. Aims & objectives	30		0	
3. Committees, Interest Groups	30		0	
4. Finance	30		0	
5. Membership	350		387.56 65.49	
7. Nominating/Flections	60 200		65.49 100.00	
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Standing committees/Interest group.     APLA Memorial Awards     Intellectual freedom     Publications	ups			
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3. Publications	30 1500		617.11	
	100		28.12	
5. Conservation 6. Trustees	30 30		0	
7. Library instruction	30		24.15	
Library technicians     Collections development	30		0	
9. Collections development	150	1930	93.40	700 10
7. Ad hoc committees		1930		763.16
Copyright     General Activities Fund		30		0
8. General Activities Fund 9. Miscellaneous		3000		2370 00
10. Transfer to savings/investments		2000		74.00 6400.10
tal expenditures		24600		26475.11
eficit)/Surplus				
		225.93		3036.59
Accumulated surplus (Savings/Inve	estments)	10000.00		19436.69

# HOW YOU CAN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT LITERACY IN YOUR LIBRARY

-by Ruth Mitchell

etty-Ann Lloyd has a varied background in the field of literacy and has been a consultant on clear language for several libraries. As a resident of the Atlantic region, she is aware that, while most libraries in the area would like to offer the variety of literacy-related programs found elsewhere, very often the necessary funding and staff are not available.

Nevertheless, there is much that can be done. We can begin by learning more about literacy and by realizing that essentially we need to look at individuals rather than statistics. Many students in literacy programs do not fit the image we often have of them. They are, usually, people who function well in their communities but who have a new need which their present skills do not allow them to meet. Thus they prefer the term "upgrading program," which assumes some level of skill, to "literacy program," which focuses on a lack of skill. It is also a mistake to blame all economic and social difficulties on the literacy situation. Having everyone in the Atlantic able to read will not improve the fishing industry!

Ms. Lloyd's presentation provided a review of attitudes and approaches to literacy and brought into clearer focus the reality of students in programs. As well, she indicated some of the ways libraries can begin to be involved. These include:

- Reviewing signage and printed material. Clear language increases accessibility
- 2. Providing and offering information at a variety of reading levels, particularly in subject areas of vital concern to everyone, such as family health.
- Starting with what is possible now, rather than building false expectations. Resources needed to do more can be built gradually.
- Using the international literacy symbol to identify collections of appropriate material.

A variety of levels of involvement for libraries are possible, from information and referral to full scale literacy programs.

Ruth Mitchell is Assistant Regional Librarian at Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library, Moncton, NB.

### SESSION ON REFERENCE SERVICE TO CHILDREN

reak all the rules you learned about conducting the reference interview.

This was the advice of Mary Duffy and Tracy Lee Jones who spoke on reference services to children at the APLA Conference. Duffy, a children's and Young Adult Librarian with the Halifax City Regional Library explained that children are often unspecific about what they want, and librarians may need to use very direct questions. She illustrated her point with the example of a child who visited the library looking for books on Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. After an exhaustive, but unsatisfying search it was discovered that the precise topic was whether parents should lie to their children. A direct question such as "why do you need this information?" could have led quickly to more pertinent materials.

While the reference techniques librarians employ when assisting children and teens may differ from those used with adults, young people must never be treated as second class users. They should have open access to all areas of the library. We should also think about the barriers to service with which they are confronted, such as the need for a parent's signature on a library card.

Tracy Jones, branch head at Halifax's North Branch, stressed that those working with youngsters must feel comfortable serving them. Library staff are often intimidated by teens, especially when they arrive in groups. According to Jones, chatting informally with teenagers is a good way to encourage communication and to discover their information needs.

Both Duffy and Jones emphasized that reference service can be enhanced by cooperation between the public library and the school library. In Halifax an annual meeting is held for school and public librarians to share information and learn about new areas of the curriculum. The public library also works closely with the schools on library instruction. Every grade 4 class in the city visits the library for a tour and basic library training. Visits are repeated in grade 7, and at this time students learn to use various indexes.

The session ended with a slide show which featured a teddy bear visiting the library. This is used in Halifax to introduce young children to library services. It was an entertaining conclusion to an interesting and informative program.

Nancy Cohen Children's and Young Adult Librarian, Moncton Public Library



Mary Duffy (left) and Tracy Lee Jones speak on reference service to children.

#### "TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US"

-Gwendolyn Creelman

aturday afternoon's session on the image of the librarian and the library was chaired by Susan Libby, Hospital Librarian, Moncton Hospital. All the speakers were nonlibrarians, providing those present with an outsider's perspective of our profession.

Pauline Bissett, President and Director of Public Relations, Promotional Resources Ltd., confirmed that our image with the everyday public is still that of a predominantly female profession, with the typical librarian being tall, thin, with hair worn in a bun and wearing glasses. She believes our role has expanded dramatically but that we need to work towards a change of image by expending a great deal of effort on portraying what our profession is all about. We need to increase our visibility as a profession and as individuals in our communities.

Dr. David Cairns, Research Scientist, Gulf Region, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, represented the point of view of a scientist who uses libraries. He stated that the image of librarians for scientists depends on our efficiency in providing the knowledge scientists require. Our image depends on how well librarians use the search and retrieval methods of the future.

William Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Moncton Hospital, spoke about his image of hospital librarians and libraries. The librarian should report directly to administration, have clear written aims and objectives, and establish good communications within the hospital organization in order to be included in any decisions regarding the future of the library.

Thomas LeBlanc, Professor, Faculté des sciences de l'education, Université de Moncton, stated that a good image for the library and librarians is very important. We need to have a clear vision of our role and what tools we need to accomplish that role. Libraries must become an important tool in society and governments must be sold on this.

Joan Sichel, Community Liaison Representative, University of New Brunswick, was the final speaker, giving a very moving and positive account of her own personal image of librarians and libraries. She spoke as a long-time and very appreciative user. She has always considered the public library as her very own private club from which she has taken so much that it is now time for her to give something back.

The image of librarians should be of concern to all of us. The session made me very aware that our profession really does need to effectively portray a more accurate image of itself, if we wish to become recognized as playing an important role in society.

Gwendolyn Creelman is Head of Cataloguing at the R. P. Bell Library, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B.

#### **NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

—Caren Moffard and Joan Roberts

early half of the graduating class of Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies came to the APLA conference in Moncton. As new graduates, we found ourselves not only "At the Crossroads of Knowledge", but at the crossroads of our professional careers. APLA '90 was a good chance to network and we discovered what we knew already-that librarians are highly committed professionals who are also fun to be with. It was a relief that Pauline Bissett's description of the stereotypic librarian (tall, grey hair in a bun, glasses, and always speaking in whispers) did not match any of our classmates nor anyone else at the conference. No fuddy-duddy librarians here thank you very much.

It was obvious from the presentations that there are major challenges facing the profession in the near future. National and international networks capable of interactive access will change the face of information gathering. More immediately the GST and the copyright legislation loom large on the horizon.

Sheila Intner came up from Simmons College (Boston) to give a workshop on preparing BI materials. Some brave souls had forwarded samples of their BI materials to her, and she provided a written assessment as promised. Her exercises on creating library guides were real eye-openers. The suggestion that all library materials be scannable can not be emphasized enough. We were also reminded that every document distributed by the library contributes to its image. So these documents should be used to create the image we want.

For those of us aiming to be collections librarians, Holly Melanson's presentation was full of useful tips on gathering information about users and their needs. Monitoring campus

newspapers, enrolment figures and lists of research grants are avenues not to be overlooked. Perhaps even more important is staff accessibility (location, location, location).

The session on "Permanent Paper, Where We're At" had some surprises. For example, alkaline and permanent papers are often less expensive to produce than acid paper. The real obstacle to eliminating acid paper is the cost to the paper industry of converting the technology. We were also told a secret about Hansard which we promised not to reveal!

Big hits at the display tables were the cat posters and the free advance uncorrected proofs of forthcoming novels. On a more serious note the displays on automation provided us with an opportunity to compare several different systems, such as Spires (Memorial), Dynix (Dartmouth), and Inlex (New Brunswick Library Service).

Each reception was an opportunity to expand our circle of colleagues and at the same time our waistlines. It was a pleasant surprise to discover that food was provided at coffee and lunch breaks, and the desserts at the banquet were suitably sinful.

Thanks to the organizers of APLA '90, the new kids on the block had a good time. We hope to live up to the image of the librarian as a competent lobbyist and information provider. We are already looking forward to next year's conference in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

Caren Mofford, from Dartmouth, N.S., and Joan Roberts, from St. John's, Nfld., are both new graduates from Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies.





# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

#### **NEWS FROM** NEWFOUNDLAND

#### **Community Colleges**

Representatives from the community colleges are meeting with Richard Ellis, University Librarian, to begin discussion of the possible inclusion of their records in Memorial University's automated catalogue. Latest appointments are not available at present but will be included in my next report.

#### **Public Libraries**

Faced with a budget shortfall of approximately \$140,000, the Provincial Public Libraries Board has closed its Provincial Books-by-Mail office in Grand Falls and eliminated the three positions involved. The Central Region will continue to operate a Books-by-Mail service to its own residents, but service to Labrador and the Northern Peninsula has been suspended. Future development of Books-by-Mail will take place on a regional basis, if, and when, funding becomes available. Additional cuts included freezing three vacant positions and eliminating casual pay for replacing staff on annual leave.

Regional Librarian positions in the Labrador and Northern Region and the Burin-Bonavista Region are vacant, although it is hoped that postings at annual conferences will attract some candidates. Recent appointments: Anne Martin, Provincial Reference and Resource Library; Victoria Murphy and Dierdre Tiffany, St. John's City Libraries. Harriet Mercer has resigned from St. John's City Libraries after 20 years in a variety of full and part-time positions.

#### **School Libraries**

Reactions to Learning to Learn, the Department of Education's draft policy statement on resource-based learning, have been received and Calvin Belbin, School Libraries Consultant for the province, reports that his office is preparing a plan of action in response to the policy statement and the reactions.

#### **University Libraries**

Barbara MacDonald has accepted an eight month contract as a General Reference Librarian at the QEII Library, MUN. Dianne TaylorHarding has accepted appointment in the Collections Development Dept., specializing in Social Sciences. Pamela Morgan has accepted a three year appointment as Head of Technical Services in the Health Sciences Library. Heather Myers has been appointed part time in the Curriculum Materials Section, Education Library.

-Elinor Benjamin

#### **NEWS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

U.P.E.I. Library has decided to purchase an automated system from Data Research Associates (DRA). They will implement their system in tandem with Mount Allison University Library, who is purchasing a similar system. Ed Hanus will be in charge of implementation.

Don Carter, teacher-librarian at Colonel Grey Senior High School, has accepted a position as school library consultant for one year to replace Sandra Richardson, who goes on leave of absence.

—Don Carter

#### **NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA**

Novà Scotia Library Association NSLA's Annual Conference is being held in Sydney from September 26-30. This year's theme is: INTO THE 90'S: LIBRARIES BROADENING THEIR FOCUS. Dr. Marianne Scott, National Librarian, will be the guest speaker. There will also be a CLA pre-conference session. For further information, contact Faye Hopkins, Cape Breton Regional Library, 50 Falmouth St., Sydney, NS, B1P 6X9, 902-562-3279 or Cindy Kowalczyk, Glace Bay Public Library, 36 Union St., Glace Bay, NS, B1A 2P5, 902-849-

#### Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council

The NSGLC acts as a forum for information exchange and discussion of library issues that pertain to government libraries. The Chair is Kathryn Arbuckle, N.S. Dept. of Advanced Education and Job Training.

The NSGLC has recently participated in a departmental-

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wide Library Resources Survey. It is an inventory of resources that include automation, as well as other topics and statistics. The NSGLC members will meet to discuss the results of this survey as it becomes available.

**Dartmouth Regional Library** 

The official opening of the Library and the entire Alderney Gate Complex was held on Thursday June 14. The Staff members are settling in to their new quarters. Automation is being extremely well received by the public.

## Nova Scotia Department of Tourism and Culture

Gillian Webster is the new librarian in the Cultural Affairs Library. She had previously worked in both reference and technical services at Provincial Library.

#### Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

The New Glasgow branch is now located in expanded facilities. The Regional Headquarters is also housed in this new complex. After having moved 3 times during the past year, the staff members are happily settling into their permanent home.

The PARL Library Board has been notified that the Municipality of the County of Antigonish is going to withdraw from the Pictou-Antigonish Library System in December 1991. More news to follow.

## NOVANET Coordinating Committee

Ron Lewis, Outgoing Chair, reports that the University College of Cape Breton is the newest member of NOVANET. The union took place in early March. Six universities are now represented on the Novanet

System. Other members-to-be are King's College and the Atlantic School of Theology, pending their respective moves. Discussions are currently taking place with other libraries who have expressed interest in becoming part of NOVANET. Phase IV (the final phase) of implementation is nearing completion. The equipment needed for expansion is now on order. A contract is currently being signed.

The word on NOVANET has spread far and wide across the country. This was apparent at the recent CLA conference, as many had questions to ask and comments to make about this system.

Lucien Bianchini is the new Chair of this committee as of July 1.

#### **Provincial Library**

Marion Pape is the new Provincial Librarian. She will take up her duties on September 4. She is currently Director of the Northwest Territories Library Services in Hay River. (She attended the recent APLA conference in Moncton.)

The DOBIS contract was renewed. It has been extended and will include serials. The training in serials is now complete. A retrospective conversion of the Union Catalog's serial holding will begin shortly

There were no new capital grants this year.

## Bedford Institute of Oceanography

Claire MacDonald is the new Information Services Librarian. She began on April 1.

#### **Acadia University**

The staff is ready to do a pilot test for a new integrated library system, written under an RDBMS called ORACLE. More news to follow in the next issue. Public Archives of Nova Scotia

Anjali Vohra, Newspaper Specialist, will begin a 4 month leave of absence in July. She will be working for the Canadian Council of Archives' Planning Committee on Descriptive Standards.

Georges Dupuis, Library Assistant, has been seconded to the Public Records Division for a 9 month period. Rebecca Arsenault, a part-time Library School student, is replacing him during this time.

## School of Library and Information Studies

Jennifer Brownlow, Administrative Assistant, resigned from her position recently in order to take up a new job. She had been at the Library School for 10 years.

Students Yvonne Brown and Tim Tripp have each received \$14,000 NSERC grants.

The Union List of Nova Scotian Newspapers is in the final stages of completion.

-Gwen Whitford

# NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK/ NOUVELLES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Public libraries/Bibliothèques publiques

The New Brunswick Library Council recently held consultations in the five library regions regarding the revision of the Libraries Act. A new Act is expected in 1991.

Ron Scott of Bathurst, a member of the Bathurst Library Board and the Chaleur Library Board, is the new President of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association.

The new expansion of the Fredericton Public Library was

officially opened on May 24 by Lady Violet Aitken, chancellor of the University of New Brunswick.

The York Regional Library raised more than 10,000 at this year's giant annual book sale. Proceeds will be used to help purchase new books for every branch in the region.

Dès l'automne, la Bibliothèque publique de Saint-François mettra à la disposition de sa clientèle, pour consultation sur place, plus de 1300 logiciels du domaine public. Ce projet pilote est parraine par la Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean en collaboration avec le Service des bibliothèques du N.-B. L'importante collection de logiciels est un don du ministère de l'Education du N.-B.

La population de Bouctouche a été heureuse d'apprendre que sa bibliothèque faisait maintenant officiellement partie du réseau de bibliothèques publiques de la province.

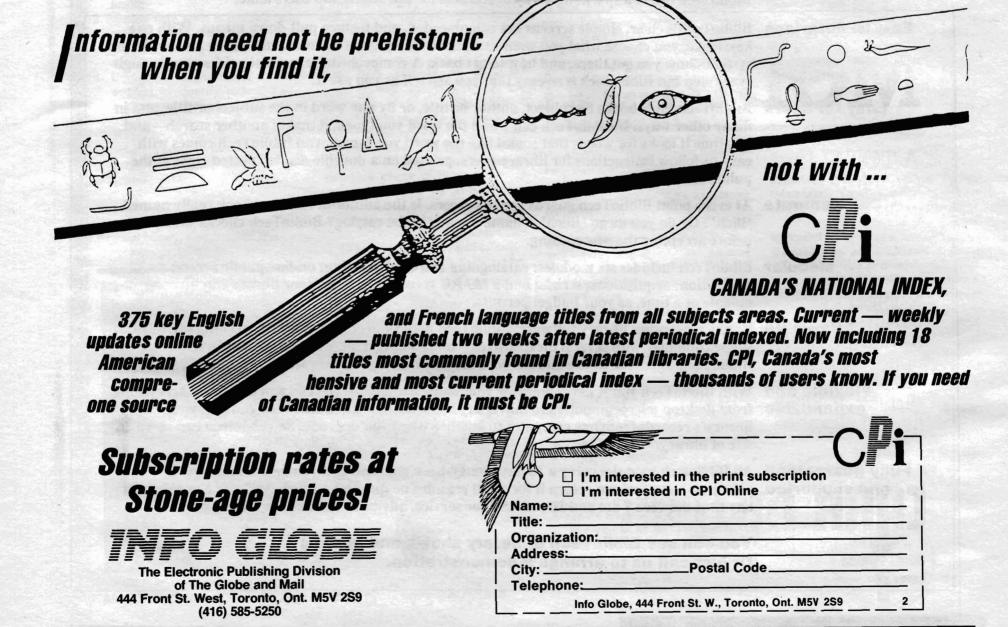
With the slogan, Peer Amid Books/ Fouiller dans les livres, the provincial Summer Reading Club 1990 will feature ancient Egypt as its theme.

#### University libraries/

Bibliothèques universitaires

The new computer lab in the UNB law library expanded its research capabilities by providing access to on-line legal databases. The facility is a self-contained local area network that links the IBM PC work-stations to a high capacity file server and three printers, allowing 10 students simultaneous access to a variety of specialized software and databases. The lab was established with the aid of a \$50,000 gift from the New Brunswick Law Foundation.

Roderick Banks, Associate Director of Libraries (UNB Fredericton), has agreed to assume the position of Director of Libraries



(Fredericton) for a one year period from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991 while a search is being carried out.

At Mount Allison University Library, Head of Technical Services, Himansu Mitra, has taken an early retirement. Bradd Burningham leaves July 1 for a half year Sabbatical and Gwen Creelman will return from her full-year Sabbatical in August to resume her duties as Head of Cataloguing. The library has signed a contract with Data Research Associates for the cataloguing and OPAC modules of their Atlas system. The library plans to have these two modules in operation by September. Moira Davidson will be Systems Librarian for the project.

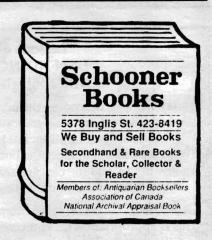
#### Other/Autres

Susan Lovenburg has been appointed new coordinator of the UNB Library Assistant Program, replacing Francesca Holyoke.

As part of the pay equity process

in Part I of the NB Public Service, Librarian I, II, IV, and V classifications as well as Administrative Officer classifications (for clerks and library assistants) will be evaluated and if necessary, wage adjustments are expected to be made by the end of 1991. For more information on the process, please contact the Pay Equity Bureau, P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5H1 (506-453-3036).

-Claire Dionne



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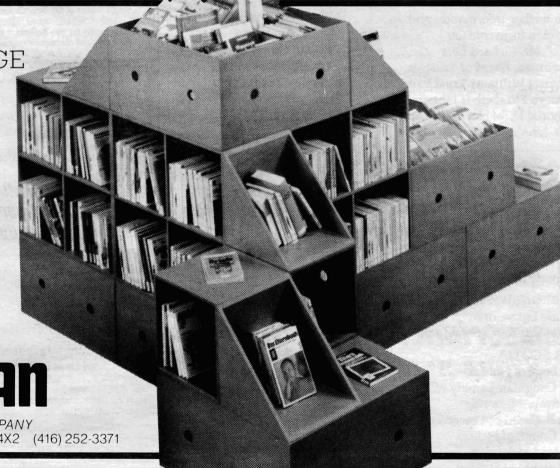
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#### **Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award**

pplications are now invited for the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award which has been established to promote the development of librarianship in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants seeking funding for library related projects or assistance in pursuing graduate studies in Library Science.

This year's award will be up to \$1,000.00.

Deadline for applications is July 13, 1990.

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## **Dal Students Garner Awards** and Honours

alhousie students received a number of awards this year.

Alberta Letts Travel Awards

Ruby Weinshenker, a first year student, is the recipient of the Dalhousie University Alberta Letts Travel Award to attend the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association. This award is made by the university each year to mark the many contributions of the late Alberta Letts, former Provincial Librarian of Nova Scotia and Past President of the Canadian Library Association.

#### APLA Award

Shelley Hawrychuk-Dwyer of Toronto, Ontario, is this year's recipient of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Award of \$100. This award is given annually to the student in the graduating class of the Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies who, in the opinion of faculty, shows the most professional promise.

Lorna Inness Prize

Eliza Poon of Halifax is the winner this year of the Lorna Inness Prize at the Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies. This prize is given annually by Lorna Inness, journalist and editor, to the student receiving the highest grade in the school's Collections Management course.

Louis Vargianos Medal Donna Bourne-Tyson of Dartmouth, N.S. is the school's first recipient of the Louis Vagianos Medal. This medal will be awarded each year to a graduating student, who in Dr. Vagianos' own words, ... combines the capacity for blending originality with practical thinking and the courage to seek solutions to professional problems outside the mainstream."

Special Library Association (Eastern Canada Chapter) Award Bridget A. F. Kelly of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is this year's recipient of the Special Libraries Association (Eastern Canada Chapter) Award

for work in special librarianship in the Master of Library and Information Studies programme at the Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies.

Student to CLA Conference

Jennifer Kimberly Johnson, a first year student from Greenwood, Nova Scotia, has been chosen by the school's Student Association to attend the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association in

NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships in Science Librarianship and Documentation

Yvonne Brown of Halifax and Timothy Tripp of Guelph, Ontario have each received a postgraduate scholarship in Science Librarianship and Documentation from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

#### Publication Intormation

The APLA Bulletin is the official organ of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. The Association seeks to promote library service in the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to serve the professional interests of librarians in the region, to serve as a focal point for all those in library services in the Atlantic Provinces, and to cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual concern.

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