

## Countdown to the Millennium

What is there to be said about Y2K that hasn't been said already?? Not much. But for me, the best thing about January 1, 2000 will be that people will have to stop talking about what they are planning to do about Y2K problems and actually start to deal with the problems.

What are those problems going to be? I don't think anyone really knows. How should you prepare in your library? I don't think there is a best way or even a better way. But there are some simple things you can do in the remaining days to help deal with difficulties that may occur on January 1st or 2nd or 3rd (since the 1st and 2nd occur over the week-end, problems may not manifest themselves until Monday).

1. Set up an emergency telephone number(s) where staff can call in case the usual library number is kept busy by calls from patrons.

2. Backup critical data files and test the backup procedure to ensure that the data can be recovered.

3. If your circulation system is automated, be prepared to handle paper circulation.

4. To reduce anxiety (if there is any) among staff, set up a buddy system where two or three staff members agree to support each other at home.

5. Make sure staff directories are up to date with current phone numbers and street addresses.

6. Key staff should have battery operated radios at home.

7. Acquire extra supplies of consumables for your building: toilet paper, photocopy paper, etc.

8. Check with local radio stations to seek their cooperation in making public service announcements about your library if that is necessary. Get the name and number of a contact person to call, and maybe consider establishing a code word to use so they can be sure that the announcement is genuine.

9. Encourage individual staff members to make back ups of their office files. Again, test the back-ups to see if the data can be recovered.

10. Above all remember that frozen candles burn longer, so store them in your garage.



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# From the President's Desk

**A**t the start of a new year, new century, new millennium. How little has changed, and how much. We can only begin to fathom the directions we might go next.

Now is a perfect time to stop and give ourselves a major pat on the back, and hearty congratulations, for your day to day hard work, and focus on your users needs, which are often not recognized as they should be. Every day I hear about new and innovative ideas and projects coming from APLA members, institutions and library people in Atlantic Canada. I, for one, am impressed and sometimes a little amazed by what people are accomplishing with ever more limited funding and, not infrequently, on their own time.

For example, consider the following:

- Gates Foundation projects in several provinces will soon bring high tech information services, resources and training to a number of

Public Library centers across the region.

- The Hackmatack Children's Choice book award has over 270 groups of kids from across the region reading shortlists of Canadian children's fiction and non-fiction. They will select their favourites, and awards will be presented in May of 2000.
- The CFI National Science Materials Licence Project is underway to make important science databases more accessible and affordable to university libraries, and will give our users ready access to a wealth of new science materials.
- Roch Carrier, Canada's new National Librarian will visit Halifax, Moncton,

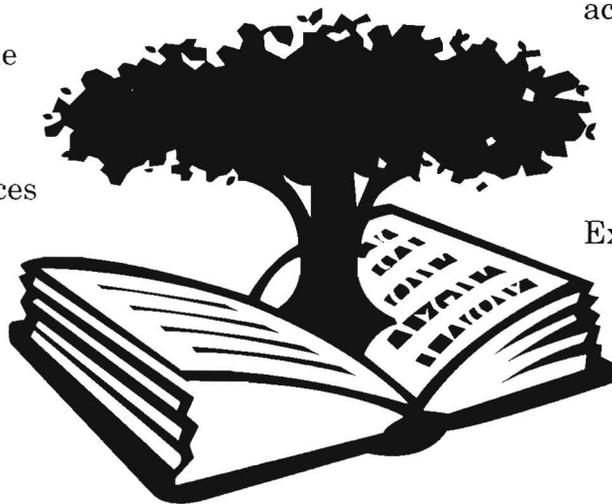
Saint John's and Charlottetown in early December. A number of people have worked very hard to arrange this trip. I look forward to being a small part of the effort to give him a sense of the important work that we are doing and what the key issues are that we struggle with.

- APLA hosted well attended Book repair workshops in Charlottetown, Moncton and Halifax, kindly sponsored by Wallaceburg Bookbinding. The CASLIS Atlantic chapter of CLA recently organized a successful teleconference on Negotiating Electronic materials license agreements.

These are examples of the active and ongoing continuing education efforts of several groups, with more to come in the New Year.

Lots going on. Lots to do. Exciting times.

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- #62 *Understanding Telecommunications and Public Policy: A Guide for Libraries.* Edited by Karen Adams and William F. Birdsall, 1999.

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Two issues of *YA Hotline* were published in 1998/1999.

- #59 *YAs and Cars*
- #60 *YAs and Diversity*

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## From the Editor's Desk

This is the last APLA Bulletin of the millennium (we promise this will not be mentioned again) and in recognition of this fact, the cover piece for this issue "Countdown to the Millennium" provides a number of useful tips on how your library can bunker down and prepare for the forthcoming Y2K.

While it is not all doom and gloom – we also offer something to look forward to in the New Year. We have an exciting lineup of features and articles planned for the APLA Bulletin, these include:

- Up close and personal with Bill Gates – Atlantic region librarians travel to Seattle.
- Visit of the National Librarian to the Atlantic provinces.
- "Gone down the road" profiles and interviews with librarians now living and working in the United States.
- Back by popular demand – APLA member of the month – profiles and interviews with a randomly selected APLA member.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a safe and happy New Year.

Regards,

*Ruthmary, Emma and Brian*



## MARGARET WILLIAMS TRUST FUND AWARD

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust are pleased to announce that the Trust has made its 1999 award to Ms. Lori A. Giles in the amount of \$2000.

Ms. Giles, a native of Norman's Cove, holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in History with a minor in Political Science (1997) from Memorial University of Newfoundland. She is currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta.

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



### PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

Library Week was held during the last week of September this year. The theme was "Unraveling the mystery". Various events were held in the 24 public libraries across the Island.

Children's author Alison Lohans is visiting the Island for Children's book week, November 13-20. Ms. Lohans is from Regina, Manitoba and will be giving readings at several public libraries as well as schools.

Nichola Cleaveland, Government Services Librarian, is overseeing the process of adding cataloguing records for the federal government document collection in the Government Services Library. Although the GSL is a full depository and documents are shelved according to DSS classification, federal documents have been retrievable only through the print and online catalogues provided by the Depository Services Program. John White from the Provincial Library Services Technical Services Unit is working on the project to add full MARC records with subject headings for the collection. Eventually, the full collection will be searchable through AbbyCat, the PLS's Web cata-

logue ([www.library.pe.ca](http://www.library.pe.ca)).

Five staff members from Provincial Library Service and the Technology Centre of the Department of Education attended a week of orientation and training at the Gates Centre for Technology Access in Seattle, Washington. The visit was a part of the process for an application that the Provincial Library Service has made to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to receive funding for public access Internet computers. The objective of the program is to reduce the "digital divide" between the information haves and have-nots in society by providing free access for the public to computing resources. It is expected that an announcement of the grants awarded by the Foundation will be made shortly.

The Media Centre, a section of the Provincial Library Service, is changing its name to the Video Library. The Media Centre has traditionally provided curriculum-based audiovisual material to the Island's schools. However, a few years ago, it was absorbed by the Provincial Library Service and its catalogue of video titles was merged into AbbyCat. Sandra Richardson is the Manager of the Video Library.

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES:

The Department of Education's School Library Standing Committee has been preparing a handbook for the Island's teacher-librarians. This handbook contains the philosophical and legislative basis for



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the school library program on PEI as well as many practical sections about running and managing a resource centre within a school. The paper document will be accompanied by the unveiling of a new web site - Building Information Literacy : Strategies for Developing Informed Decision-makers and Independent Lifelong Learners (BIL) (<http://www.edu.pe.ca/bil/>). This web site grew out of a research report called Reflection and renewal in P.E.I. school libraries by Judy Davies and Ray Doiron (1996). The site is intended to help teachers and school librarians integrate new technologies into the school curriculum and includes actual practical examples of author studies and WebQuests which have been used in P.E.I. schools.

Moira Davidson  
Vice-President (PEI)



## ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

St. Mary's Appoints New Chief Librarian

St. Mary's University has appointed Madeleine Lefebvre as University Librarian. Prior to moving to Nova Scotia, Ms. Lefebvre was with Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta.

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

News from the Halifax Regional Library

Branch Profiles for 1998/99 as well as Executive Summaries have been completed. A full analysis of demographics was added this year and the report was divided into 2 volumes. Volume I contains information that is reasonably static for a 4-year period and Volume II contains input and output measures and trend analysis that changes annually.

Spring Garden Road Reference Staff were invited to a special Pier 21 "thank you" recognizing the department's ongoing assistance to Pier 21 researchers.

Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library was closed September 6-28 to carry out welding of faulty joists in the addition stack area, new electrical panels, and new carpeting and tile. Staff were reassigned to other locations or completed special projects.

As part of the planning process for the new Keshen Goodman Public Library, the Library Board held its first public meeting on September 15. These public meetings keep the community informed and help define the new library.

## News from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library is celebrating 50 years of library service in 1999. Special anniversary parties and open houses, a magic show, a literary trivia quiz and author readings are being held in branch libraries throughout our region. A float, constructed by volunteers, was entered in

each of the Valley community parades. We now sport a "hall of fame", having won several awards in varying categories!

We are pleased to report that over 1400 people took part in the many summer programs across our region. These included: computer day camps; Drama Club; reading tutorials; Science Club; and story and craft sessions.

A highlight of the summer programming took place on August 19th when Canadian astronaut Steven MacLean visited our Wolfville branch. This was part of a province-wide tour in support of the Nova Scotia Libraries Summer Reading Program *Launch Yourself into a Good Book*. He appeared in his official space suit and captivated a capacity crowd (75+) with his down-to-earth discussion of his personal experiences and an accompanying slide show. Adults and children alike were enthralled with this excellent program.

During the weekend of October 1-3, our region hosted the Nova Scotia Library Association Conference at Old Orchard Inn, near Wolfville, N.S. Approximately 145 public, school, and special library workers from across the province were registered to take part in the fifteen workshops offered. A progressive reception on the Friday evening featured a tour of Horton High School Library, Acadia University Library, and concluded with a wine & cheese welcome at the Wolfville Memorial Library and CAP site.

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

### News from the Cape Breton Regional Library

In conjunction with the Celtic Colours International Festival the Cape Breton Regional Library will be offering a series of lunch hour lectures from October 12 - 15. Topics will include *What is Celtic Music, Genealogy and Family Stories, Contemporary Celtic Music and the Scottish Harp, and Living Conditions of Early Scottish Settlers to Cape Breton*. Last year's lunch hour program was very popular and it is expected that participation will be high again this year.

CBRL welcomes Librarians Lesley Brann and Cory Williams to staff. Lesley will split her time working between McConnell Library, Sydney and supervising CBRL's video service. Cory will be responsible for supervising library service to Victoria County, and he will also work several days per week at McConnell Library, Sydney.

After 39 years of service, Branch Librarian Donna MacDonald retired on September 30. A reception was held in Donna's honour at

McConnell Library on September 26th. Clare MacKillop has assumed the position of Branch Librarian.

Theresa MacDonald is the new Director of Programming and Public Relations at CBRL, effective October 1. She is replacing Faye (Hopkins) MacDougall, who is now working full time with the library's automation project.

The Summer Reading Programme was a great success again this year. A total of 735 of the 1207 children registered completed the reading of 8 or more books. The total number of books read in conjunction with the program was 14,914. Closing ceremonies were held at all Library Branches.

### News from the Cumberland Regional Library

The Summer Reading programme with its space theme *Launch Yourself Into a Good Book* was a great seasonal attraction for young people in this area. Leading up to the appearance of Canadian astronaut Steve MacLean, were special Thursday morning activities centered around science and space exploration. Mr.

MacLean's visit was a huge success; he was very generous in giving his time to the youngsters... and adults! The regular pre-school storytimes and a four week programme of multi-cultural stories for youngsters kept Staff very busy during the summer as well.

The Town of Springhill held its first Irish Festival and a Music Festival during the summer. Beverly True was present to tell Irish stories. The Springhill Branch had a beautiful display of hooked rugs as well as a display of the history of local music and talent in the Town. The Branch stayed open extra hours to accommodate those visitors who were in the Town for both Festivals.

Local author Debbie van de Weill gave a reading of her first published book for children - *A Lovely Bubbly Day* - at the Amherst Branch on September 9th. Another reading is scheduled for River Hebert in October. It is planned that Ms Van de Weill will visit all the Branches before the end of March.

Systems Coordinator Vanessa Sawatzky has been installing reference express terminals in all the Branches. The River Hebert Branch CAP site application has been approved. The site is located in the conference room adjoining the Branch. We are still awaiting final word on the applications submitted by the Springhill Community College and the Advocate and Area District Development Commission. Cumberland will also be receiving \$32,000 from the Gates Foundation for computers and workstations to be placed in all branches.



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## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Beverly True will be retiring as Chief Librarian in November, after 30 years of service. Best wishes are extended to Beverly from the APLA community!

### News from the Western Counties Regional Library

Western Counties Regional Library's Library Card Month was very successful with 741 new members joining the library. The campaign slogan, *Each One - Reach One*, speaks directly to those who have already discovered the enjoyment and value of their library. Western Counties encourages its borrowers to help their library during September. When a new member is registered by a current borrower, both become eligible to win a one year subscription to their county newspaper.

The theme of this year's summer reading program was space and children embraced the slogan *Launch Yourself into a Good Book*. Hundreds participated in programs such as exploring space on the Internet, Star Gazing, Alien Days, and creating space crafts. The highlight of the program was a visit from astronaut Steve MacLean. Just over 100 showed up to hear about what earth looks like while blasting off at hundreds of miles per hour.

The launch of the Heritage Web Site took place on September 29th. Recent Library Net funding brought the project through to completion with a redesigned web page and the inclusion of properties with heritage status within the Town of Yarmouth. Guest speaker, Wayne Brown, Head Heritage

Unit, Nova Scotia Dept. of Housing & Municipal Affairs spoke of Yarmouth's continued support of its heritage program: "For the decade in which I've worked for the Province and witnessed interest in heritage ebb and flow in many communities, Yarmouth has had one of the most consistent municipal heritage programs in Nova Scotia. Combined with this consistency, however, have been several special initiatives such as the joint Town/Municipality Heritage Advisory Committee, a model which other municipalities in the province may want to consider. Development of the Heritage Web Pages maintains this tradition of innovation and also demonstrates that we must do more than just preserve our built heritage; we must also celebrate it."

Tusket Sales & Service Ltd. has renewed its sponsorship of the weekly *Library Report* which airs each Tuesday on CJLS Radio. This weekly report provides an opportunity to promote library services, provide updates on library campaigns, and discuss upcoming library events.

The 30th anniversary of Western Counties Regional Library will be celebrated with an open house at Regional Headquarters on Thursday, October 28th from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Displays, library tours, and refreshments will be part of the festivities.

Patricia (Pat) Lee joined the staff of WCRL on September 7th. Pat earned a Master of Art History at the University of Toronto and a MLIS at Dalhousie University. Pat was a reference librarian at the Halifax Regional

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## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Library for two years before moving to Yarmouth.

Western Counties Regional Library mourns the loss of Yarmouth branch staff member David Glover. David passed away on Thursday, August 19th while preparing for his regular senior service visit. He'd been employed by WCRL for 18 years in several capacities including caretaker, bookmobile driver, and branch clerk. He was president of CUPE Local 2530 which represents our library clerks and was an active unionist on the provincial level. He was a devoted member of the Ground Search & Rescue Team and involved in many other charitable community activities. He is sadly missed by his family, many friends, and co-workers.

### More News!

Ms. Colleen MacKinnon, a 1999 graduate of Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Science was the recipient of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Award. This award is given to the graduating student who, in the opinion of faculty, shows the most professional promise. Colleen, congratulations!

Cathy Chisholm  
Vice-President (Nova Scotia)



## COLLEGE LIBRARIES

Michael Bannister, a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario, was appointed the librarian for the Bay St. George campus of the College of the North Atlantic.

In other news, librarian Gary Peschell moved from CONA's Baie Verte Campus to the Labrador West Campus. Library technician Lenora Furey is the staff member in charge of the Baie Verte Campus.

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Two libraries in the Central Division have found new homes. The Hare Bay/Dover Public Library has re-located to the Jane Collins Regional High School, and the Buchans Public Library has also moved to a brand new public school in Buchans. Both libraries hope to offer a "new and improved" level of library service to their respective communities. Community Access is available at both new locations.

Gander Public Library was the center of activity earlier in September when Jean Dohaney, author of "The Corrigan Women" and "To Scatter Stones", gave a special reading to 25 adults. Ms. Dohaney read

from her new novel, "A Fit Month for Dying", and it was well received by all who attended. She also conducted a similar reading at the A.C. Hunter Adult Library in St. John's. Ms. Dohaney is a native of Point Verde, Nfld.

The A.C. Hunter Library in St. John's hosted a joint reading by West Coast (Newfoundland) authors Nellie Strowbridge and D. Jean Young, on Tuesday, October 5, 1999. Nellie Strowbridge is the author of the novel, "Widdershins: stories of a fisherman's daughter" and "Shadows of the Heart", a book of poetry. Her work has also been included in several anthologies. Jean Young's novel, "Quicksilver Summer", was published in 1998. Both authors have had several short stories and articles published in periodicals. The reading was sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts and The Writers Union of Canada.

In other news from the St. John's area, the popular "Writer in the Library" programme of creative writing workshops for young people aged 12 to 18, returned to the A.C. Hunter Children's Library for an eight week series on Saturday afternoons from October 9 to November 27. The instructor, Beth Ryan, is a St. John's writer, editor and journalist. The "Writer in the Library" series is jointly sponsored by the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board and the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador.

In news not reported in an earlier issue, author Peter D. Clark gave a presentation entitled "True Tales from New Brunswick" on August 19, 1999

at the A. C. Hunter Adult Library in St. John's. Mr. Clark is a literacy advocate, writer and publisher of New Brunswick folklore and true stories.

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Queen Elizabeth II's Map Library has made public its Newfoundland Map Bibliography. This bibliography "lists and describes printed and manuscript maps of Newfoundland and Labrador in libraries and archives in Newfoundland, other parts of Canada, the United States, and England." It can be found on the Web at <http://www.mun.ca/library/maps/mapbib.html>.

Here are some of the recent activities undertaken by librarians at Memorial University:

Barbara McDonald of the Queen Elizabeth II Library at Memorial University is presently on study leave. She is looking into Interlibrary Loan issues.

Colleen Field of Memorial's Centre for Newfoundland Studies is on study leave working on CNS web pages.

Dorothy Milne, the Head of the Queen Elizabeth II Library's Collections Division, is spending some of her time teaching Irish language courses.

Michael Lonardo has taken on the Acting Headship of the Division in the interim.

Su Cleyle of the Q.E. II Systems Office is on a 4-month sabbatical, where she is working on developing a second web-based Computers in Libraries course for the Library Studies Certificate programme at Memorial

Bill Tiffany of the Q.E. II's Cataloguing Division recently completed a bibliography of rele-

vant web sites for use in his Technical Processing Library Studies course. In a similar vein, Steve Field undertook a study leave project to make significant revisions to course materials for his Library Studies Certificate programme course in Reference.

Suzanne Sexty, Karen Lippold, and Angela Lonardo are working on a directory of Canadian literary and journalistic awards for publication in the new year.

Steve Field  
Vice-President (Newfoundland)



## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### New Brunswick Library Service:

Provincial Librarian Appointed: Jocelyne Thompson has been appointed Provincial Librarian effective September 14, 1999. She has been Acting Provincial Librarian since July 1998. NBL will host the first ever meeting of all the professional librarians in the public library system in Fredericton in November. This will provide an opportunity for team building and strategic planning.

A team made up of staff from NBL and the regions travelled to Seattle in October to receive training from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The

team will take the lead on managing the implementation of Gates public access computing funding awarded to public libraries across Canada.

Four of the five regions have completed automated circulation and the remaining region will be operational shortly. All of the branches in the system now have access to email.

### York Library Region:

Head Librarian Appointed: Veronique Deniger, (MLIS, Dalhousie, 1998), has been appointed to the position of head librarian at Mediatheque Pere-Louis-Lamontagne.

Literacy Awards Presented: Lieutenant Governor Marilyn Trenholme Counsell presented her prestigious Early Childhood Literacy Award to two of York's branches in September. The Oromocto Public Library and the Andrew and Laura McCain Public Library in Florenceville were presented with the award in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the establishment of literacy programs designed specifically for children from pre-schoolers to teens.

Back from Conference in Bangkok: York's Regional Librarian Laurette Mackey returned September 21 from Bangkok where she attended the 65th Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The conference theme was *On the Threshold of the 21st Century: Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World*, and sessions focussed on library service in the next century and on the library world's haves and have-nots. The session on library service in

remote areas was "particularly thought-provoking", Miss Mackey said. "It had you questioning just how important the Internet really is where librarians do not have phone service and patrons have their books delivered by camel. I also enjoyed the session on Designing Libraries to Meet Future Needs where David Warren of the Richmond County Public Library in Columbia, South Carolina, Cheng Xiaolan of the Zhejiang Provincial Library in Hangzhou, China, and Wim Renes of the City Library in The Hague, Netherlands, brought to the table their different points of view on what makes a library successful for its public, only to discover in the end that in all essentials they were the same".

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

Fonds de la Fondation des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick et de fiducie de l'environnement: La région du Haut-Saint-Jean a reçu un montant de 10,000 \$ de La Fondation des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick pour l'achat de livres pour enfants. La région a reçu également un montant de 10,000 \$ du fonds de fiducie de l'environnement pour l'achat de documents dans ce domaine.

#### **Fête de clôture du Club de lecture d'été 1999:**

Le Club de lecture d'été 1999 avec pour thème "Voyage à travers le temps", s'est terminé le 20 août dernier dans toutes les bibliothèques publiques et bibliobus de la région. Cette année encore, le Club de lecture d'été a connu un franc succès dans la

région: Inscription: 1,895; Livres lus: 60,212; Contrats terminés: 1,293. La fête de clôture organisée dans toutes les bibliothèques a été animée par le marionnettiste québécois Louis Bergeron.

#### **Embauche d'une analyste de soutien technique en informatique.**

Dans le cadre du Projet Industrie Canada, Madame Cathy Dubé, Technicienne en informatique, diplômée du Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick d'Edmundston, a été embauchée au mois de juin dernier pour une période d'une année.

#### **Saint John Library Region**

Literacy became centre stage on September with the international Literacy Day's festivities being held at the Saint John Free Public Library. Staff from the Region and the Main Library joined the Saint John Literacy Advisory Committee (SJLAC) in offering a special noon program. It received much media attention, thereby promoting the importance of literacy, and the involvement of public libraries in the literacy initiative. The Main Library and the Region also participated in the SJLAC's Children's Literacy Festival, where municipal, provincial and federal representatives were present. Library staff were also thrilled to attend the Lieutenant Governor's Early Childhood Literacy Awards where West Branch volunteer Barbara Gilliland received an award for her 20 years of volunteer service in the weekly provision of pre-school craft and storytimes at the West Branch.

The official opening of the St. Croix Public Library in its new location took place in July with staff, Board and Forum members attending from the Region. This library was previously situated in the town's old train station. The Department of Tourism requested this building with the agreement that another provincial building, directly across the street from its old location, be refurbished as a library. This new location offers the library more space for programs and meetings.

#### **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region:**

The Honourable Joan MacAlpine, Minister of Municipalities, visited the Moncton Public Library in early September. As well as touring the library, she was briefed by the Board on the need for additional staff, the importance of a more up-to-date collection, the challenges brought about by new technologies and the support for Sunday openings only if supplementary human resources are provided.

The Port Elgin Public Library was broken into in early September and three computers were stolen as well as some personal belongings of the employee. Even though insurance will replace the stolen items, such a theft hits particularly hard in a small community.

#### **UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

##### **Université de Moncton - Campus de Shippagan**

Nathalie Richard, (MLIS, Dalhousie, 1999), a été embauchée comme responsable des services de référence et du prêt entre bibliothèques, à la

bibliothèque du campus de Shippagan de l'Université de Moncton. Elle est entrée en fonction le 23 août 1999.

### **Université de Moncton - Campus d'Edmundston**

La Bibliothèque de l'UMCE; hôte d'une exposition sur les NTIC (Nouvelles technologies de l'information et des communications): La Bibliothèque du Campus d'Edmundston de l'université de Moncton a été l'hôte, du 27 au 29 août 1999, d'une exposition touchant les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de communication. Cette exposition s'inscrivait dans le cadre du colloque Initiatives 99 lui-même intégré au huitième Sommet de la francophonie. Elle était organisée par l'Agence universitaire de la francophonie (AUF) en collaboration avec l'Université de Moncton, Campus d'Edmundston (UMCE) et le Centre International pour le développement de l'inforoute en français (CIDIF). Que ce soit dans le domaine de l'enseignement à distance, des communications ou de l'accès électronique à l'information; les exposants y présentaient leur plus récents produits à la fine pointe de la haute technologie. Parmi la liste d'exposants, mentionnons: NBTel, l'APECA, CEDROM-SNI, Connect NB Branché, Technologies CIFTA et l'Université virtuelle francophone.

### **SPECIAL LIBRARIES:**

M'hamed Belkhodha est le nouveau responsable de la Bibliothèque des sciences de la santé de la corporation hospitalière Beauséjour. Il a été bibliothécaire à l'Université de

Moncton, campus de Shippagan de 1994 à 1999. Il succède à Madame Marthe Brideau qui est maintenant responsable de la Bibliothèque des sciences de la santé de l'Université de Sherbrooke. Madame Anne Boudreau, qui était aide-bibliothécaire depuis 10 ans à la corporation hospitalière Beauséjour, a accepté un poste dans le réseau scolaire. Michel Melanson la remplacera.

La Bibliothèque a fait l'acquisition du logiciel Inmagic DBTextWorks afin d'informatiser sa collection. Ce logiciel est utilisé dans plusieurs bibliothèques de la santé au Nouveau-Brunswick.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARIES:**

During the 1998-99 school year the Department of Education started a new initiative for school libraries called "School Libraries Renaissance". The first phase of this initiative was the provision of Y2K compliant library automation software. Because the majority of schools already had the Follett Circulation Plus system, it was decided that the Windows version would be the software standard provided to schools.

In order to provide the Library Assistants with the training they needed to automate their schools, several summer institutes were offered - one focused totally on the library automation software and a second one examined the role of the library assistant on the school's literacy team.

Members of the school library community were pleased to be part of the APLNB/ABPNB April meeting held at James M. Hill Memorial High School in the

Miramichi. Having the focus of the workshop on school libraries was a learning experience for all library members.

Lack of communication continues to be one of the major problems with our school libraries. When the Library Council was swallowed up by the formation of the three large councils - elementary, middle and high school - the remaining teacher librarians no longer had a voice. Teacher Librarians were pleased to have representation on the larger councils, especially the high school council where a focus on information literacy has been planned.

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGES:**

#### **Edmundston**

Since the beginning of September the library has been circulating material using Follett Software. At the moment, only monographs are being circulated by this method. By January 2000 periodicals will be placed in the system and by June 2000 the video collection will be complete.

#### **Moncton**

Ten additional computers were purchased for the library this past summer. Six of which are being used for public access to the Internet and to products which the library is making available online. So far the college has added the Electric Library and the McGraw-Hill Multimedia Encyclopedia of Science and Technology.

L'Association des bibliothécaires professionnelles du Nouveau-Brunswick a tenu sa conférence annuelle les 1 et 2 octobre derniers au bel attrait touristique de la Plage de

l'Aboiteau à Cap-Pelé, N.-B. Plus de 40 des quelques 80 membres s'y sont réunis pour une Assemblée générale annuelle et une pleine journée de conférences. Voici la composition du nouvel exécutif 1999/2000 : Charlotte Dionne, président; Peter Higham, vice-président; Malcolm MacBeath, président sortant; Anita Cannon, secrétaire; Jennifer Leger, trésorière; Marjorie Sinclair et Isabelle Poirier, membres à titre individuel.

Under the theme " Re-connecting with users ", various speakers reflected on the role of books, technology, literacy pro-

grams, marketing research, and design in our efforts to better reach our users. Jean Péronnet, children's author, drew an evocative picture of his life interlaced with his favorite books. Steve Talbott, author of " The future does not compute ", cast a critical look at computer technologies. Pierre Lafrance, chief librarian at the Université de Moncton, reported the results of a user survey done last Spring. Gabrielle Leblanc, in charge of the Bibliothèque publique de Shédiac, described her original children's literacy programs. Finally, Ginette Fougère from NBCC-Dieppe, talked about the

effects of colors and design in our libraries, and Margaret Wicken, owner of Orion Marketing Research, explained the different forms and purposes of marketing research.

Toutes les présentations étaient retransmises par un service de traduction simultanée. La conférence était aussi articulée autour d'un encan de livres, chaudement disputé d'ailleurs, et de splendides dunes de sable propices à la réflexion et à la détente.

Jeanne Maddix  
Vice-President (New Brunswick)

## News Flash!

**R**oweCom Inc., RoweCom Canada's parent company and the leading provider of business-to-business e-commerce solutions for managing the purchase of knowledge resources, today announced the acquisition of NewsEdge Corporation, a leader in global news and current awareness solutions for business. The acquisition will permit RoweCom to provide its clients with timely customized business, technical and political news from hundreds of sources, organized into thousands of topics of interest integrated from NewsEdge into RoweCom's Knowledge Store (kStore) service. Conversely, embedded links within NewsEdge stories would provide immediate access to related kStore offerings including over 200,000 magazines and journals, 5,300 electronic journals, 4,000 market research reports and 12 million article abstracts and citations from RoweCom's vast catalogues and databases; as well as millions of books via RoweCom's partner barnesandnoble.com.

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off-campus accommodation will be at a premium, we encourage you to make your plans to attend and reserve your accommodations as soon as possible.

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adjacent eating area, bright living room with picture window and a laundry room on each floor. Single dorm rooms will also be available. Experience StFX residence life and stay on campus!

Further conference and accommodation information will be posted to the APLA listserv as soon as possible. Keep your eyes open for the conference web page which will be available shortly (<http://libmain.stfx.ca/APLA2000>).

Come ceildh with us in Antigonish, the highland heart of Nova Scotia.

## James Boxall Appointed

James Boxall, the Dalhousie University Libraries Map Curator, has been appointed to the Management Board of GeoConnections by Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Ralph Goodale. GeoConnections is the project name for the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI). It is a five-year \$60 million initiative that will co-ordinate and make Canada's geospatial data bases accessible on the Internet, as well as co-ordinating partnerships to integrate

geographic and cartographic information and services between federal, provincial and territorial governments, the private sector and the academic community.

Boxall is one of two representatives for the Canadian educational and research sector.

Announcement of his appointment was made at the recent International Cartographic Association (ICA) General Assembly and Conference held in August in Ottawa, where Mr. Boxall pre-

sented a paper on the future of geospatial information access.

He was also elected to a second term as President of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives ([www.acmla.org](http://www.acmla.org)), as well as being selected for the Canadian National Committee for the ICA, and he had the honour of accepting, on behalf of the ACMLA, the prestigious ICA Medal given in recognition of his association's support of the ICA and the cartographic community.

## *From St. Jerome's Den*

**I**t has been too long since this column has given due attention to those who work in our cataloguing departments. It has never been easy to be the person responsible for deciding where, in the collection, a book will reside. Nor has it been easy to be the one who has to assign subject headings to these books. After all, cataloguers have to condense hundreds of pages of information to just a few words or phrases. Over the years, the task has been made increasingly difficult by the vagaries of the world political scene (what is the Congo called these days?), the evolution of all things (if you can remember when biochemistry was classified under Biology, you have been around for a goodly while), and the need to acknowledge that times have changed (should pregnancy really be classified with diseases?). Hope is on the way.

A headline in the *National Post* (August 28, 1999, p. A9) announced that, a "team hopes to liberate libraries: feminist overhaul for Dewey." The article went on to explain how a team of University of Alberta researchers is on a "three-year quest to liberate public libraries, one subject classification at a time." They are revamping the Dewey Decimal Classification System to "represent changes in the way society views women's issues." It seems that not only is pregnancy classified under disease, but books on abortion are all over the place - sometimes even between drug trafficking and prostitution. It is hoped that the project, funded in part by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the University of Alberta, will serve as a model for revising the classification of other marginalized topics.

It is no secret that many things have changed in cataloguing since the 1970's, AACR, MARC, automation, to name but a few. However, one thing remains constant - cataloguers still use pencils. OK, many of them have turned in their pencil sharpeners as they now use mechanical pencils, but pencils they are. Thanks to the *Globe and Mail* (August 17, 1999, p.22) we have some pencil trivia:

- pencils have been around for over four centuries;
  - the average pencil can be used to produce a line 55 kilometres long;
  - Henry David Thoreau derived his income from the family pencil-making business;
  - pencils were unpainted until the late 19th century when high-quality Siberian graphite became available and manufacturers introduced premium brands, such as Mikado and Mongol, painted yellow to signify the Far East.
- Should you still want to know more about pencils, check out [www.pencils.com](http://www.pencils.com).

# An Atlantic Children Choice Book Award

## The Hackmatack Shortlist 1999-2000

### FICTION

#### *Marina's Star*

by Linda Brousseau  
James Lorimer & Co., 1997  
1-55028-576-9 paper \$8.95  
1-55028-577-7 cloth \$16.95

#### *Duff the Giant Killer*

by Budge Wilson  
Formac, 1997  
0-88780-382-2 paper \$5.95  
0-88780-383-0 cloth \$14.95

#### *The Secret Under the Whirlpool*

by Elaine Breault Hammond  
Ragweed Press, 1996  
0-921556-61-6 paper \$7.95

#### *Hope Springs a Leak*

by Ted Staunton  
Red Deer College Press, 1998  
0-88995-174-8 paper \$9.95

#### *Silverwing*

by Kenneth Oppel  
Harper Collins, 1997  
0-00-648179-5 paper \$5.99  
0-00-6841442 paper \$12.95

#### *Carrie's Crowd*

by Lesley Choyce  
Formac, 1998  
0-88780-464-0 paper \$5.95  
0-88780-465-9 cloth \$14.95

#### *The Token Gift*

by Hugh William McKibbin  
Annick, 1996  
1-55037-498-2 paper \$6.95  
1-55037-499-0 cloth \$16.95

#### *The House of Wooden Santas*

by Kevin Major  
Red Deer College Press, 1997  
0-88995-166-7 cloth \$29.95

#### *Ghost Train*

Paul Yee  
Groundwood Books, 1996  
0-88899-257-2 cloth \$15.95

#### *Wings to Fly*

by Celia Barker Lottridge  
Groundwood Books, 1997  
0-88899-280-7 paper \$9.95  
0-88899-293-9 cloth \$15.95

### NON-FICTION

#### *If You Could Wear My Sneakers*

by Sheree Fitch  
Doubleday, 1997  
0-385-25597-7 cloth \$16.95  
0-385-25677-9 paper \$8.95

#### *The Last Safe House: A Story of the Underground Railway*

by Barbara Greenwood  
Kids Can Press  
1-55074-509-3 paper \$14.95

#### *Forts of Canada*

by Ann-Maureen Owens and Jane Yealland  
Kids Can Press, 1996  
1-55074-271-X paper \$14.99  
1-55074-316-3 cloth \$19.99

#### *In Flanders Fields: The Story of the Poem by John McCrae*

by Linda Granfield  
Stoddart Kids, 1995  
0-7737-2991-7 cloth \$21.95  
0-7737-5925-5 paper \$12.50

#### *Acts of Courage*

by John Melady  
Scholastic, 1998  
0-590-12449-8 paper \$4.99

#### *The Monster from the Swamp*

by C.J. Taylor  
Tundra Books, 1995  
0-88776-361-8 cloth \$17.95

#### *At the Seashore*

by Pam Hickman  
Formac, 1996  
0-88780-356-3 paper \$12.95

#### *On Board the Titanic*

by Shelley Tanaka  
Scholastic, 1996  
0-590-24894-4 cloth \$19.99  
0-590-24895-2 paper \$7.99

#### *Stamp Collecting: for Canadian Kids*

by Elizabeth MacLeod  
Kids Can Press, 1996  
1-55074-313-9 paper \$6.95  
1-55074-279-5 cloth

#### *Animal Smarts*

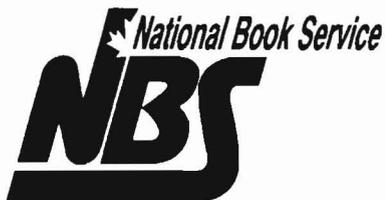
by Sylvia Funston  
Owl, 1997  
1-895688-67-1 paper \$9.95  
1-895688-663 cloth



# 1999 APLA Merit Award

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