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THE WESTERN HEALTH INFORMATION PROJECT CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION FOR RURAL NOVA SCOTIA

Introduction

In the '90's, consumers have begun to take an ever-increasing role in the management of their own health. The increase, placing greater demand on libraries to provide appropriate health information, comes at the same time as the financial resources of libraries have been shrinking. The challenge to libraries is particularly acute in rural areas where resources have traditionally been fewer and where health care consumers live at greater geographical distances from libraries and health centres.

The Western Health Information Project (WHIP) is a consumer health information service designed to meet these needs. It developed as a partnership between the Yarmouth Regional Health Sciences Library and the Western Counties Regional Library, with cooperation from the Yarmouth School of Nursing and the Yarmouth Community Net.

Background

The total population of Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties, the three counties which make up southwestern Nova Scotia, is 65,000. The area is served by Western Counties Regional Library, a regional public library system funded by municipal governments and the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture. There are three hospitals, including one regional hospital, the Western Regional Health Centre in Yarmouth. Yarmouth, the largest town in the area with a population of 7,500 is a 3.5 hour drive from Halifax.

About 30% of the adult population has less than a grade 12 education, with 15% completing less than Grade 9. The French speaking population is 7.5% of the total. Industry in the region is resource based, primarily fisheries and forestry. There are higher than average rates of unemployment.

Western Counties Regional Library provides services through ten branches, the largest in the towns of Yarmouth, Digby and Shelburne. All branches are linked to the Internet via Ednet, the Nova Scotia Department of Education's WAN. Holdings are listed in a MultiLIS database and the library is fully automated.

Yarmouth Regional Health Sciences Library, formed in 1995 by merging the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Medical Library and the Yarmouth School of Nursing Library, provides

library and information services to all health care providers and students associated with Western Regional Health Centre and the Yarmouth School of Nursing/Dalhousie University Collaborative BScN Project. The Library also provides outreach library and information services and centralized publications ordering and cataloguing to other health care centres in western Nova Scotia.

Initial planning and staffing for the health centre library had not included services to health care consumers. In early 1996, the increasing number of requests from health consumers received at Yarmouth Regional Health Sciences Library was brought to the attention of the Health Centre's Library Advisory Committee. The Committee decided that the Library must take an active role in providing consumer health information.

At the same time, about 10% of all information requests received by Western Counties Regional Library staff, 3,000 requests per year, related to health. Although staff recognized the importance of providing services to health care consumers, it was difficult for them to obtain authoritative and up-to-date information in a timely manner, particularly when extensive information was required.

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From the President's Desk

Thank you to all members, it has been an honour to serve as APLA's president and represent the Association during the past year. The year has been relatively quiet on the legislative front, however, other changes have made the position a challenge. My thanks to all members of the Executive who through their comments and advice, made this year a positive and memorable experience.

In September 1997, Janet Arsenault, Vice President Prince Edward Island, had the opportunity to take up a position at Acadia University. This resulted in a very active email exchange among the Executive and the unanimous result was the appointment of Norine Hanus as the Vice

President PEI for the remainder of the 1997/98 year. Norine had recently completed a term as Vice President, and it was our good fortune that she was willing to accept the position of Vice President PEI, for an additional one year term.

Dan Savage our Vice President/President Elect was offered a position in Cornwall Ontario, and their gain is our loss! Best wishes and congratulations to Dan; however, this does leave a significant vacancy. I sought advice from all quarters and after due deliberation, contacted Francesco Lai, a former candidate for this position. Francesco, who also changed jobs this year, wondered

whether he could serve the association well with his current knowledge of APLA. The fact is Francesco has served in various activities of the Association and will bring wide expertise to the Presidency. The Executive is unanimous in support of Mr Lai, and an Executive motion will be presented for confirmation at the OGM in Wolfville.

A very full programme has been announced for the 1998 Conference in Wolfville, and I look forward to seeing you there. I expect that there will be some additions to the reports that you read here. Please bring your questions and comments to the OGM. □

- John Teskey

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When we met in early 1996, we realized that while we had a common desire to fill the needs for consumer health information, individually we lacked the resources to fulfill those needs. We soon decided to pool our strengths and resources to develop a cooperative service.

Out Solution - A Partnership Model

Once we decided to work together, there seemed to be four possible models we could adopt: we had already decided that it was not feasible for either the public library or the health centre library individually to provide a consumer information service. The third model, that of a new consumer health resource centre, was not economically possible in the climate of government cutbacks in Nova Scotia. We also felt that this type of centre did not make sufficient use of our strengths. We decided to adopt the fourth model, a partnership between the two institutions.

We had an active community network already in place, the Yarmouth Community Net (YCN). With a server, Internet access and dial-up lines funded by Industry Canada's Community Access Project, YCN became our third partner. Faculty at the Yarmouth School of Nursing, part of the Dalhousie-Yarmouth Collaborative BScN Program, agreed to evaluate the project.

Together, we developed a WWW site containing a mixture of local and general information, some commercial databases as well as links to free sites. Our partnership functions as follows: The public library delivers the health information

to the public - performing a role for which they are already funded. The health centre library maintains the website, provides quality control, additional specialized resources and is a backup for information requests beyond the capability of the public library. The Yarmouth Community Net provides server space, technical support and gives community input into the content, while the School of Nursing handles project evaluation.

We hoped to meet at least 90% of requests with resources accessed through our WWW page directly by a health care consumer using at home computer, in a public library branch, or facilitated by a public library staff member. Preliminary results indicate that we are meeting that goal. The remaining 10% would be referred to the public library's reference librarians who would consult with the health centre librarian when necessary. We realized that more complicated and unusual questions would require different handling. Rather than stock our library shelves with books and videos on specific subjects purchased "just in case", we decided to take a "just in time" approach.

Project Description

Deciding that our project should be Internet based was easy. We wanted our information to be accessible 24 hours a day. Internet also allows the consumer privacy not previously available, whether accessed from home or from a computer at a public library. Access to YCN through "guest" dial-up accounts is particularly useful to persons with disabilities and teens in isolated areas with no transportation to the public library.

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We were particularly concerned about people, primarily low income and/or low literacy families in our region who did not own a computer with an Internet connection or did not know how to use one. To address this issue, we have provided opportunities for the public to book time with Internet trainers for one-on-one sessions at the public library Internet terminals. We have also concentrated on training public library staff and health care providers to quickly find information for these people. We hope to continue and expand this training in the future.

In the initial planning of our project, we identified five health information packages that we could offer. We expected that together, these would meet the needs of most consumers.

Four of these information packages are our own products.

1. A Wellness Directory listing local health and social services agencies and organizations that contribute to people's health and well being. Some entries include links to organizations. This directory is used for referrals to more comprehensive information or assistance.

When we started work on our directory, we identified at least a half dozen print directories, most of them outdated, that listed many of these same organizations. We continued to discover other electronic directories that overlap with ours

and with each other. We have merged several other directories with ours, added Health Board information, and see working with other organizations to produce one comprehensive directory to sustain this part of the project and keep the directory current.

By next summer, we hope to have added home pages links for many more of these organizations. By then, we hope to have developed a way to feature notices of local health education programs in our community net calendar.

2. A full-text databank of health information prepared by local health care providers. This package includes a set of patient education fact sheets on our health centre's most common reasons for emergency room visits. Patient guides to diagnostic imaging procedures and a step-by-step guide through the process of placing someone in a nursing home are other examples of this collection.

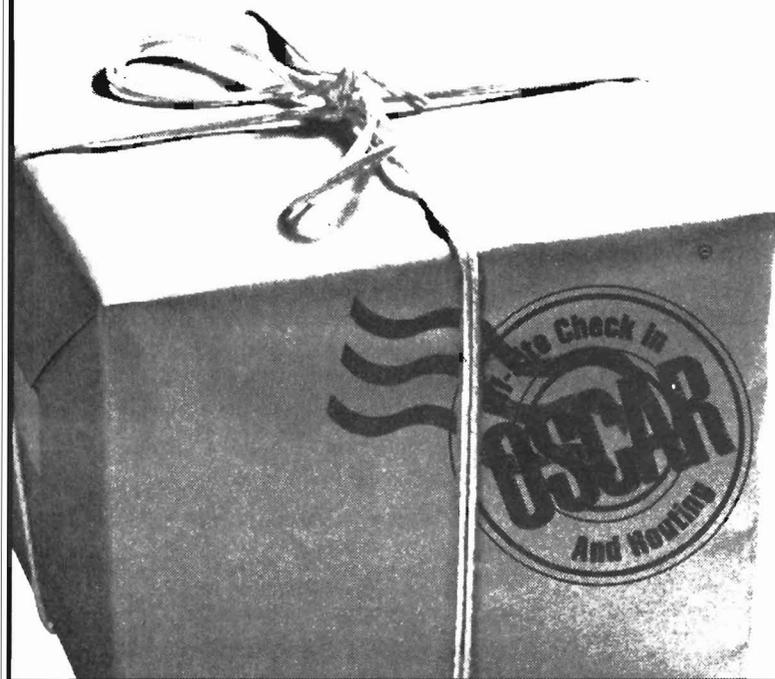
A readability scan we completed on these last summer placed each at between Grade level 5 and 6.

This year, third year Bachelor of Science in Nursing students in Yarmouth are preparing more content for us as the term assignment in their patient education course. These will, of course, be edited by their instructors before being made publicly available.

3. A link from our project to the public library and to the health centre library catalogues. Currently, these must be

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Book Rate Discussions

Introduced in 1939, the Library Rate (commonly called library book rate) was intended to assist in extending library services to rural areas. The programme consists of a subsidy paid to Canada Post by the government of Canada as compensation for the revenue lost by offering lower rates for mailing library books. The current contract with Canada Post expires March 1999 and negotiations are beginning for the continuation of the programme after that date.

In preparation for the negotiations Canadian Heritage has asked the Association pour l' avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation, the Canadian Library Association and the National Library of Canada to acquire information from the library community about their satisfaction with the current library rate programme. Data needs to be gathered from libraries which currently use the programme as well as those which do not.

Questionnaires are being mailed to approximately 700 libraries which are known library rate users. Questionnaires will also be included in registration kits for the following conferences: MLA, LAA, APLA, CORPO, CLA, CHLA, CALL, and the All Prairie Conference. Please take a few minutes to complete these questionnaires as it is very important that we receive input from all types of libraries. □

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CANADIAN COPYRIGHT LAW FOR LIBRARIANS, ARCHIVISTS, AND INFORMATION SPECIALISTS

In November, APLA and CLA co-sponsored several workshops on Canada's new copyright legislation. Entitled "Copyright De-Mystified", the sessions were held in Moncton, Charlottetown, Halifax and St. John's. The report that follows is from the Moncton session.

Recently, several librarians and staff from the Ward Chipman Library attended a seminar on Canadian Copyright Law for Librarians, Archivists, and Information Specialists in Moncton. Held on the Université de Moncton campus, the day proved a good opportunity to view the outstanding collection of Inuit sculpture which is on display in the Library and more importantly, a useful venture into the tangle of copyright law.

Speaker Lesley Ellen Harris, a barrister and solicitor, specializing in copyright law, clearly recognized the complexity of her topic for the uninitiated. Each participant received a workbook to use during the seminar. The usefulness of this tool quickly became obvious.

The seminar was designed to cover basic copyright issues for librarians as they arise from Bill C-32 amendments and proposed amendments. Internet copyright issues were also looked at. The agenda for the day was quite full, as we only had 5 hours with an hour for lunch. The seminar was planned to deal with two major areas: 1) the application of international copyright law when dealing with the use of non-Canadian materials in Canadian libraries and 2) the effect of Bill C-32, the recently passed Canadian copyright law. International copyright law was briefly touched upon as was the history of copyright revision in Canada. After the history section, the session moved on to Bill C-32 and how it affected libraries, archives and museums.

A very useful primer on copyright law provided answers to such basic questions as "What is copyright?", "What are electronic rights?", "How does one obtain copyright?", "How long does it last?", "Who owns a copyrighted work?", "Obtaining rights to copyrighted works: moral rights", and, probably most important to the librarians there, "What can be copied?".

The language in Bill C-32 was much less straightforward. It seemed that the section on Management and Maintenance of Collections was fairly reasonable but looking further, one sees words and phrases which are poorly defined, and if defined at all, that could pose problems. Some examples are "available .. within a reasonable time and for a reasonable price ... located

with reasonable effort". What fun lawyers could have with that.

It was very noticeable that Bill C-32 did not deal specifically with the problems of copying, storing, and retrieving from new media such as CD-ROM, the Internet, and other digital media. However, there are technology-neutral portions of the Bill which apply both to traditional and new media.

It is thought that Phase III of Copyright Reform may deal with digital issues as well as authorship and ownership in audio-visual works, neighbouring rights for performing artists in audio-visual works, and photographers. Until then, caution is the watchword in these areas.

Ms. Harris suggested that each institution should have someone who dealt with copyright as a minor speciality, outlining their responsibilities in a series of tasks: acquiring and organizing in-house materials on copyright law including revisions to the Canadian copyright law; recording and preserving licencing agreements; and creating a copyright policy specific to library needs. That policy should include a separate policy for email and internet applications.

Ms. Harris also provided a list of websites dealing with copyright issues. These included the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, CANCOPY Home page, and the World Intellectual Property Organization. Addresses for these, and related pages, can be found by accessing <<http://www.unbsj.ca/library/electron/resource.htm>>.

The seminar was a useful attempt to lead librarians through the minefields in Bill C-32. It was an intense session; fortunately, Ms Harris provided participants with a seminar workbook, as the chase did get bewildering at times. The experience reinforced the comment made by a lawyer at CLA last year to the effect that he expected to be able to put his children through university on the strength of the woolly and debatable language in Bill C-32, and the legal wrangling that it would cause.

CLA and APLA are to be congratulated for providing Atlantic region librarians and library staff the chance to attend a seminar on this topic given by a specialist.□

- Bill Kerr
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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



Public Libraries

A draft strategic plan has been written for the **Halifax Regional Library**. The Library Board will meet in April to finalize the document, which will then be presented to Halifax Regional Council and to the staff and community.

Halifax Regional Library's provincial funding proposal, titled *Spring Garden Road Central Library Project: Investing in Nova Scotia's Future*, was written and submitted to the Honourable Robert Harrison, Minister of Education and Culture on February 20. This proposal requests provincial funding support of \$4 million and donation of land at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street currently valued at \$1.88 million.

Work with the HRL Board's legal counsel to define the bargaining unit is continuing. It has been agreed that all of senior management, and some other managers are excluded. At some undetermined date this spring, application will be made for a labour branch hearing.

Meetings to define service priorities are underway at all branches and departments at HRL. Priorities focus on staffing, collections and information services.

HRL has established a Year 2000 Steering Committee to address potential problems incurred by technological non-compliance with the year 2000. A major initiative must be undertaken that will involve all areas of operations. Every department will be required to participate in the project by identifying and

prioritizing relevant issues and developing contingency plans. The Steering Committee provides coordination and direction.

The **Cape Breton Regional Library** recently updated the server and workstations at the Regional Headquarters and **McConnell Library**, Sydney. The barcoding project is continuing, with three branches completely barcoded and a fourth near completion. Work on the patron database has been completed at two libraries, and is ongoing at three other branches.

The Cape Breton Regional Library Board recently approved funding for the purchase of a new bookmobile for Victoria County.

Ellison Robertson's latest book, *The Last Gael* (Breton Books), was launched at the McConnell Library, Sydney, on April 3rd. Approximately 100 people attended the opening, which featured readings by the author, fiddle and piano players, and stepdancing. The book launch was broadcast by CBC's Mainstreet program.

The Cape Breton Regional Library recently participated as an exhibitor at a Home Show held in Sydney. Books and videos on subjects such as gardening, decorating and home repair were displayed. Staff took requests, registered new members, and checked out books at the booth. Several hundred people stopped by the booth to view the items on display and to fill out a ballot to win a t-shirt or a book.

The **Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Strategic Plan** is now available on the Provincial Library website <<http://rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca/whatsnew.html>>. The report is entitled *Access for All: A Strategic Plan for Public Libraries in Nova Scotia*.

The **Colchester-East Hants Regional Library** celebrated the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Regional Centennial Memorial Library on February 23. The public were invited to view all departments of the library, including Technical and Automated

services and Headquarters. The Truro Concert Band played in the auditorium amongst tables of memorabilia. **Jim Thomson**, Chairman of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Board, announced the creation of the Library Building Fund, which will give the Library Board the means to find a solution to the space crisis currently faced by the Library.

NcompasS will soon be available as the first module of DRA's new web-based TAOS software. This was recently presented to the Automation Working Group and the Provincial Library Staff. Testing is underway and training of key library staff has taken place during March in most regions. Commencing in Spring, 1998, the public will be able to access the NcompasS catalogue from the Internet using a Web browser. This leap forward in capability will allow patrons to search several library catalogues from any location. In Nova Scotia alone, NcompasS, Novanet, Acadia University and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College may all be searched simultaneously. At long last, the Provincial Library vision of establishing a single window view of Nova Scotia library resources is beginning to become a reality.

A **Library Public Awareness Working Group** has been established to try to bring together a consensus of ideas for promoting libraries in Nova Scotia. A listserv, LPA-L has been set up to provide a mean of discussion among the group members. At the head of the list for province-wide media promotion is the Summer Reading Program.

Public libraries throughout Nova Scotia have received copies of the *Nova Scotia Internet Handbook*. The Handbook is comprised of two modules, the first of which examines policy and history of the Internet, and the second presents tools for teaching the Internet and other training resources including generic scripts for conducting training sessions.

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Special Libraries

Sue Dirani (formerly at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library) is now working at the **Revenue Canada Library** in Halifax. The library was established in July 1997 under the direction of Librarian **Paul Sawa**, who had worked for Revenue Canada for a number of years in Toronto. The Revenue Canada Library's subject focus is taxation, excise, customs and tax law. The three staff members at the Library assist auditors and others in the department with company and historical stock information, industrial profiles, statistics, legal precedents, average occupational incomes, etc.

University Libraries

Librarians at Dalhousie University were recently on strike. Dalhousie Faculty Association members began the strike on March 25th at 8:30 am. Librarians at Dal have been very active on the DFA Executive and strike organizing committees.

Other

Dr. Norman Horrocks, Adjunct Professor at the School of Library and Information Studies, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Library Association of the United Kingdom. The Honorary Fellowship will be conferred on Dr. Horrocks in October 1998 in London, England, and is "in recognition of an outstanding contribution to relations between the profession in North America and the United Kingdom."

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library was a host site for the 1998 **Fundamentals of Acquisitions Teleconference** on March 13th. Staff members from the Provincial Library, the Halifax Regional Library, and Mount Allison University's R.P. Bell Library were in attendance. The session included a broad overview of acquisitions processes including order claiming, fiscal management and the selection and monitoring of vendors. Current trends in acquisitions such as sourcing out and the impact of electronic publishing were also discussed.

The **Cobequid Community Network** was officially launched on March 2nd. An open house was held for the public. □

- *Faye Hopkins*
Vice President (NS)

*Public*

At its last meeting, the **Albert-Westmorland-Kent (AWK) Regional Forum** received a presentation on the region's book selection policy and the financial realities within which this policy must operate. The Forum expressed its deep concern for the deteriorating state of library collections and conveyed this concern to the Provincial Library Board.

The pilot online circulation project at the **Moncton Public Library** was officially over as of March 31. The project has been very successful with the pilot period allowing for some fine tuning. Online circulation will now move on to the **Saint John Public Library**. Training for the Saint John staff took place in March with assistance from AWK and the New Brunswick Library Service.

The **Petitcodiac Public Library** recently completed a unique, and very successful fundraising project. **Janet Coates-Mason**, in charge of the library, took the lead role in a play "Miss Balmoral at the Bayview", with local board chairman, **Gerry Gogan** also taking part. The comedy about a former teacher trying to revive an old hotel had a two-night run with a packed house the first night and a very good turnout the second night.

Bibliothèque regionale Saint John Regional Library - The Market Square Library has moved to computerized circulation. Staff at the Main Branch of the **Saint John Free Public Library** will be checking out materials with computers, using new plastic library cards, starting Tuesday, April 7. Saint John is the second site (Moncton Public Library being the pilot) to automate the circulation process in a provincial wide project. Other public libraries in the Region and throughout the province will follow Saint John and Moncton over the new year or so.

York Regional Library - It's official! The **Perth-Andover Public Library** will be going ahead with a much-needed addition now that they received \$166,049 under the Canada/New Brunswick Infrastructure Program. The Board hopes to begin construction this summer.

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner, sponsored by the **Chipman Library Foundation**, has become a big community event. Each year the waiting list for tickets gets longer and longer. This year the March 13th tribute to the Irish raised \$2000 in support of the public library. The Foundation plans to upgrade the work area behind the circulation desk with a new, built-in workstation.

The grand opening of the expanded **Andrew and Laura McCain Public Library** in Florenceville will take place May 30 between 2 and 4 p.m. While the entire library has been refurbished and reorganized resulting in a new adult reading room, the new children's room in the 90 square meter addition takes pride of place. Peter and Luke McCain will cut the ribbon opening the new addition at approximately 2:30 p.m.; they'll be helped by their grandfather, Harrison.

You never know who you'll meet at your local library! Queen of Christian fiction Janette Oke, and rising star in the same field T. Davis Bunn dropped into Fredericton Public Library Saturday, April 4, to do some genealogical research.

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Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean - Pour informer davantage la population des différents services offerts par le centre d'accès communautaire de St-François, une journée portes ouvertes a eu lieu le mardi 10 février 1998, de 10h à 20h30. Les visiteurs ont pu naviguer gratuitement sur Internet. Cette activité souligne le premier anniversaire du centre d'accès communautaire de St-François qui fonctionne en partenariat avec l'École Ernest Lang. Durant l'année, près de 450 personnes (4 500 heures) ont utilisé les services du centre, ce qui représentent 50% de la population du village de St-François. Une vingtaine de personnes de l'Âge d'Or ont reçu une formation sur l'utilisation de l'ordinateur et Internet dans le cadre d'un projet national, Vision 20/20.

La première réunion du groupe "Les Amis du bibliobus" avait lieu le 17 mars dernier, à la Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean. Le groupe est une association sans but lucratif, dont le rôle est de soutenir l'action et le rayonnement du Bibliobus dans la collectivité et de favoriser, par divers moyens, un service de qualité et gratuit d'accès à la lecture. Divers intervenants de la région sont les

instigateurs de cette nouvelle association.

Le 11 février dernier, dans le cadre de la Semaine du Patrimoine, a eu lieu à la **Bibliothèque publique Mgr. W.J. Conway d'Edmundston** une session d'information portant sur la généalogie. Les conférenciers, messieurs Daniel Lacombe, Joseph Mahoney et Réginald Roy ont répondu à de nombreuses questions du public présent.

New Brunswick Library Service is proud to announce the launch of its new web site. The site provides access to the provincial union catalogue, descriptions of programs, services and publications, as well as contact information for staff. It can be viewed at <<http://www.gov.nb.ca/mch/library/index.htm>>.

Academic

Université de Moncton - Bien que le Salon du livre d'Edmundston soit chose du passé, puisqu'il s'est déroulé du 2 au 6 avril dernier, vous pouvez y faire une visite virtuelle en consultant son site web, grâce à l'Université de Moncton, **Campus d'Edmundston**, à l'adresse suivante <<http://www.cuslm.ca/livre/salon.htm>>. Le Salon a connu

beaucoup de succès: environ 5,000 visiteurs, des ventes très satisfaisantes pour les exposants, de l'animation réussie et une quarantaine d'auteur(e)s qui s'en sont retourné(e)s enrichi(e)s du contact avec leurs lecteurs. Pour ceux qui l'auraient manqué, nous vous invitons l'an prochain, du 8 au 11 avril 1999 pour la quatorzième édition du Salon du livre d'Edmundston.

En mars dernier, **Pierre Lafrance**, Bibliothécaire en chef de la **Bibliothèque Champlain**, a passé une semaine en Tunisie, dans le cadre d'un projet de coopération avec l'École nationale d'administration.

Nathalie Richard, étudiante en bibliothéconomie à Dalhousie University, effectuera un stage de 5 semaines à la Bibliothèque Champlain à compter du 20 avril 1998.

Associations

The Library Assistant Program is offering several LEVEL II SPRING WORKSHOPS in May: 1- A Bookmending Workshop will be offered in Fredericton, instructed by **Harold Holland** of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. Course participants will learn the skills of bookmending and

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Ideas will be made available on the APLA Web page and in the *APLA Bulletin*.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES continued...

preservation. The Workshop will be offered twice, numbers permitting: (Friday evening, May 1, to Sunday, May 3) and (Friday evening, May 15, to Sunday, May 17). 2- Internet Workshops will be offered in Fredericton (instructed by **Francesca Holyoke**) and in Saint John (instructed by **Linda Hansen**). These one-day Workshops will focus on developing advanced search strategies and the skills for evaluating information on the Internet. Participants will have the opportunity to learn by doing, in a hands-on environment. The Internet Workshops will be offered in Fredericton on May 9 and May 19 and in Saint John on May 30. For further information please contact: **Lesley Beckett Balcom** Coordinator, Library Assistant Program, Department of Extension and Summer Session, UNB, PO Box 4400, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A5 Phone: (506) 453-4646 (leave message), FAX (506) 453-3572 Email: LBALCOM@unb.ca

The **Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick/ Association des bibliothécaires professionnels du Nouveau-Brunswick (APLNB/ABPNB)** organized the observance of Information Rights Week (March 30-April 5) in the province this year. With the support of the University of New Brunswick Library, and New Brunswick Library Service, kits were mailed out to libraries in the province. Premier Ray Frenette was notified, and signed a proclamation of the week.

The APLNB/ABPNB's Spring Event was held in Bathurst, N.B. on April 25th. It featured Stéphane Leclair, a speaker from NB Connect, part of the Community Access Centres project of Industry Canada. The theme of the event was "Access to Information in Rural Areas" -- often associated with public libraries. A related question was whether or not to filter Internet access.

The APLNB/ABPNB Conference will be held this year in Fredericton, at the Wu Centre, UNB, October 3rd. The Annual General Meeting, followed by a reception, will be held October 2nd, at the nearby Centre communautaire

Sainte-Anne, Fredericton. The proposed theme of the conference will be "Library Links: the human element as a constant in access to and provision of information, past, present and future." Information on the Fall Conference, and a registration form will be mounted on our home page <<http://www.umoncton.ca/abpnb-aplnb>> Cybrarian Voyager -- Web Site <http://fan.nb.ca/cfn/info/ip_info/voyager/index.html>. □

- *Charlotte Dionne*
Vice President (NB)



Academic

The Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation presented retired PEI Collection Librarian, **Frank Pigot**, with its 1998 Heritage Day Award for Meritorious Achievement. The PEI Collection has been the special passion of Mr. Pigot for over 25 years. Beginning with a half dozen volumes in the early 1970's, the collection has become what is described as the largest and most important reference tool for PEI historians. It has grown to include approximately 12,000 books by or about PEI and its inhabitants as well as numerous vertical files, newspapers and journals. The collection has been the beneficiary of many grants over the years beginning with a "start-up" grant from the Board of St. Dunstan's University. Books have also come from publishers, associations and individual donors. The collection is accessible to anyone but is library use only. It is heavily used not only by students and researchers from the University but also by genealogists researching Island families and by students of the work of

Lucy Maud Montgomery. Mr. Pigot, who retired in June 1997, has contributed thousands of hours to developing and indexing the collection over the years. He continues to volunteer two afternoons a week in Robertson Library.

School Libraries

\$100,000 was jointly allocated by the PEI Department of Education and the two district school boards towards the development of school libraries. The department provided approximately \$4.00 per student in schools which had an existing centralized library and was willing to match the funds. The impetus for this program came from a recommendation in the report *Reflection and Renewal in PEI School Libraries* written by Judy Davies and Dr. Ray Doiron and released last October. Funding was directed to the purchase of nonfiction and reference resources. Consultants and teacher-librarians from across the province developed a list of recommended books which would support the curriculum in the schools. Selections were made from this list and ordered through the Provincial Library Service to coincide with the school fiscal year.

Associations

The Library Week Committee of the **PEI Professional Librarians' Association** has published a second edition of "Islanders Choose Their 'Influential' Titles: A Selective Bibliography". Approximately forty Islanders wrote about books that had played an influential or inspirational role in their lives. Titles varied widely including The Bible, Grimm's Fairy Tales, The World According to Garp, Harriet the Spy and the novels of Zane Gray. The book was launched on May 25 to coincide with the beginning of Library Week on Prince Edward Island with a limited number of copies available from libraries across PEI. The first edition of this booklet was published in 1993. □

- *Norine Hanus*
Vice President (PEI)

University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus

The University of New Brunswick invites applications for the position of **Reference/Instruction Librarian** in the Ward Chipman Library on the Saint John Campus.

Responsibilities: The primary responsibility of this position is to provide a full range of reference and instructional services. Responsibilities include: providing general reference and information services during evening hours and weekends; library orientation and bibliographic instruction sessions, assisting users with print and electronic resources; participation and assistance in continuing development of library web site; participation in collection development; supervision of student assistants. In conjunction with other departments in Information Services & Systems, responsibilities also include coordination and delivery of training programs and preparation of documentation, during the period from May to September.

Qualifications: Masters degree in library or information science from an ALA accredited institution is required. The successful candidate must have: excellent working knowledge of electronic information resources; strong service orientation, interpersonal skills and the ability to relate well to various constituencies, including students, faculty, general public and coworkers. Excellent instructional, analytical and communication skills are required. The position also requires exposure to a wide range of applications software and a familiarity with computers in a networked environment, as well as the demonstrated ability to adapt successfully to a rapidly changing environment. Must be able to work evenings and weekends.

Salary and Rank: This position will be filled at the rank of Librarian I. The salary range is \$31,220- \$38,656.

The Saint John campus of the University of New Brunswick, located in Tucker Park overlooking the beautiful Kennebecasis River Valley, is a growing campus which serves a population of 2,000 full- time students and a large number of part-time students. The Library, with a staff of 5 professional librarians and 12 support staff, is part of a combined unit, Information Services & Systems, which also consists of Computing and Audiovisual Services. Visit the library's home page at: [http:// www.unbsj.ca/library/home1.htm](http://www.unbsj.ca/library/home1.htm).

The position is available August 1998. Applicants should send a letter of application, resume and names of three references by **June 8, 1998** to:

Susan H. Collins
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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES continued...

*Public*

From January to March, 1998, the St. John's Public Libraries sponsored a series of financial talks by local investment professionals at the **A.C. Hunter Library**. The topics included "The ABCs of RRSPs" and two presentations of the "Top Ten Tax Tips". A final presentation in April will be on the topic "The Secrets of Mutual Fund Investing". Brochures featuring books in the Library's collection and web sites on these topics were distributed to all attendees.

To kick off Freedom to Read Week, the A.C. Hunter Library hosted a presentation entitled "When Censorship Strikes" by Quebec writer Charles Montpetit on February 19th. Charles Montpetit is a writer, cartoonist and Governor General's Award-winner in Children's literature. As a spokesperson for Freedom to Read Week, the author described, through a fascinating audio-visual presentation, a number of situations where Canada's censorship laws have been applied. During his visit to Newfoundland, Charles Montpetit also gave a presentation at the **Gander Public Library** on the topic "Making Comics". Children eagerly participated in this presentation, suggesting ideas for a comic strip which was drawn up with their input.

The St. John's Library Board has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$10,000 from the City of St. John's under the City's 1998 Grants and Subsidies Programme. As they did last year, Board

members undertook an organized lobbying effort which resulted in all members of Council being contacted by Board members. The grant will cover the start-up cost for an adult educational/recreational video collection for the St. John's Public Libraries' two branches, the **Michael Donovan Library** and the **Marjorie Mews Library**.

Academic

Angela Lonardo, Information Services, Queen Elizabeth II Library, is the new Vice-President of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association. Her term of office will begin with the start of the next academic year in the Fall.

The contract position for the Public Services Librarian in the Health Science Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland has been filled by **Dianne Cmor**. Dianne starts at the end of April.

The **Curriculum Materials Centre**, with MUN's Faculty of Education, celebrated its 30th anniversary March 30th. Guests to the open house included notables from the Department of Education, the school boards and the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association as well as those from inside the University.

The Audio-Visual section of the Centre for Instructional Services (which was known as the CAVE - Centre for Audio Visual Education) is now part of the School of Continuing Education, which also looks after AV services for the rest of the campus.

The Libraries-Learning Resource Centres of the **College of the North Atlantic** are progressing with standardizing their operations. Various committees were struck to handle different issues. The Technology Focus Group is developing a Request for Proposal for a new College-wide computer system; expertise inside and outside the College has been solicited in this endeavour. The Policies and Procedures Committee has finalized circulation policies; these now pending approval. A Collection Development Committee has commenced developing a uniform policy statement.

Anyone wishing to contact College Library-Learning Resource Centre personnel as a group can do so at <lrstaff@northatlantic.nf.ca>.

Other

The Newfoundland and Labrador Library Week, organized by the **Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association**, will be held April 19th-25th with the theme "Books and Bytes". A package of promotional materials, including a poster and bookmarks, has been sent to libraries around the Province. Numerous and varied activities have been devised to peak the interest of all. There are suggested activities for libraries, activities on the Internet and trivia contests. "Kid's Favorite Website" invite children to tell their favourite and it is added to the list. Promotional material include a T-shirt and fridge magnet. A webpage has been set up, detailing activities, promotions trivia, sponsor, and is available at <<http://www.publib.nf.ca/Library Week/>>.

Last year for the first time, the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador awarded book prizes to provincial authors. The book prizes are to be given out on an alternating schedule; poetry and non-fiction will be honoured one year and children's/youth and fiction the next. The prize winning authors receive \$500 and their books have the awards' gold seal affixed to their covers.

This year Joan Clark won the 1997 Hibernia Children's/Youth Book award for her novel "The Dream Carvers". Patrick Kavanagh's novel the "Gaff Topsails" won the 1997 NewTel Fiction Provincial Book Award. These awards are under the patronage of the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Maxwell House, and sponsors are Hibernia and Newtel Communications. The awards ceremony and reception were held at Government House and attended by the winners, shortlisted authors, WANL Committee members, judges, sponsor representatives and local media. □

- Beverley Neable
Vice President (NF)

CANADIAN INITIATIVE ON DIGITAL LIBRARIES: AN UPDATE APRIL 1, 1998

The Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries (CIDL) was formed in 1997 to support communication and collaboration among Canadian libraries to meet the new challenges of the digital information age.

As more and more Canadian libraries embark on digital library projects, they are confronting certain common issues. These include how to plan and select digital library projects, unfamiliarity with technical standards and formats, prohibitive costs, lack of staff expertise, copyright considerations, long-term access challenges owing to rapid technological obsolescence, and uncertain user needs.

The premise behind CIDL is that a collective effort to address these issues in the Canadian context can strengthen individual libraries' digital library efforts. CIDL is intended to furnish a communication vehicle to encourage its members to adopt approaches that have proven viability or are gaining momentum and support.

Details as to the purpose and early work of CIDL can be found by exploring its Web site (<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/cidl/cidle.htm>). This site is intended both to describe CIDL and to provide an information resource of useful materials pertaining to digital library topics in a Canadian context.

CIDL members have elected a well-positioned steering committee, consisting of Ernie Ingles of the University of Alberta library, Carole Moore of the University of Toronto library, Claude Bonnelly of the Université Laval library, John Teskey of the University of New Brunswick library, Marianne Scott of the National Library of Canada, Pam Bjornson of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproduction (CIHM), and Aldyth Holmes of the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI). This board is responsible for directing the work of CIDL, ensuring that it makes a useful contribution toward fostering the growth

of digital library activity in Canada. In addition, three working groups have been established to examine:

- creation and production issues, including identifying current standards and best practices in digitization to optimize longevity and interoperability;
- organizational and access issues, with a focus on metadata, user authentication and rights management; and,
- awareness, advocacy and funding opportunities.

At this early point in its work, some concrete initiatives are taking shape. A project is underway to develop an information kit for Canadian libraries that will focus on awareness of the issues, advocacy needs, and potential funding sources for digital library activities. This will be followed by a second toolkit package focussed on standards and best practices for digitization activities.

CIDL hopes to develop a project and funding framework to nurture the

development of a "national digital collection": that is, the sum of diverse projects to create Canadian content and exploit the wealth of resources available in Canadian libraries and related cultural institutions. Using the approaching millennium as an incentive to effort, it is hoped that institutions will be encouraged to digitize local history resources that document their communities' cultural, economic, natural and/or social history.

CIDL has also been establishing links with appropriate complementary organizations within Canada and internationally. For example, the CIDL steering committee recently met with Nora Hockin of Industry Canada's Digital Collections Program, and with CANARIE, Inc. representatives Andrew Bjerring (President and CEO) and Liz Hoffman (Board member and chair of the Committee on Content), in order to identify areas of common interest and potential avenues of collaborative effort and funding.

CIDL now has a membership of more than 50 Canadian libraries, including large and small institutions from the

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academic, public and special sectors. In the short term, the organization is concentrating on activities that will benefit both its members and the library community as a whole. By fostering a cost-efficient growth in digital library activity in Canadian libraries, CIDL will ensure that the end-users of Canadian information are ultimately better served.

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- promote continuing education activities in academic librarianship across the country;
- to provide funding support and encouragement for workshops and seminars at the local, regional and provincial levels;
- to provide financial assistance for local workshops.

In order to meet these objectives, a total of eight grants of up to \$400 each are to be awarded in 1998.

*Deadline for next consideration of applications is **May 31, 1998***

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So what is this thing called accreditation?

IT'S A GIANT BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! No, it's the ALA accreditation panel¹ flashing through its on-site review of Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS). The comparison of this group to Canada's favourite caped creation is quite appropriate as, during a 52 hour period, the members of the panel met with a wide selection of Dalhousie personnel from SLIS students to the president, sat in on classes, analysed a mass of documentation, dined (or at least watched others dine) at a gathering of alumni and employers, debated everything from the physical location of the school to the curriculum, and wrote and rewrote the draft of its assessment. But what is the purpose of this whirlwind of activity? Accreditation.

While there are those who would debate the effectiveness, even the fundamental rationale, of accreditation, often preferring licensing of individuals to accreditation of institutions, the fact remains that accreditation is the presently accepted evaluation process for the library profession. As such one should understand what happens during an accreditation review. The process, a voluntary endeavour, is not started by the American Library Association (ALA). Rather, the institution seeking accreditation must invite ALA to initiate the process.

In September 1996, Dr. Tom Traves, President of Dalhousie, requested that such a review begin. SLIS then began its preparation of the Program Presentation. The Program Presentation furnishes the External Review Panel (Panel) with background information concerning the school. As well, the document, or more importantly the process of preparing the document, provides the school with an opportunity to become better known within the supporting university and outside it as various groups are consulted for their input. Preparation of the document is usually part of the school's continuing process of evaluation.

The Program Presentation contains background information about the school, and provides evidence that supports the school's assessment of its compliance with the 1992 *Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies*². Briefly stated, these standards address:

- Mission, goals, and objectives - what the school is all about, according to the school. The program is judged on the degree to which it attains its objectives.
- Curriculum - the actual means of providing for the study of the theory, principles, practice and values of librarianship.
- Faculty - an analysis of those who are responsible for teaching, conducting research, and participating in service activities.
- Students - it isn't enough to have them, but rather how are they recruited and just what constitutes the composition of the student body.
- Administration and financial support - a look at how the

school fits into the institutional structure both status-wise and budget-wise.

- Physical resources and facilities - just that, an assessment of whether or not these are adequate to support the various activities of the school.

While the Program Presentation presents the school's point of view, it is the responsibility of the Panel to analyze the presentation. This review must be inclusive (cover all the standards), evaluative (not just descriptive), and constructive. The latter directive, that the review be constructive, is interesting. Directives to the Panel note that criticism, when necessary, should be constructive and written in such a way as to have a positive impact on the executive officers of the parent institution. In general, the review should serve to provide data and rationale for improving the program's quality and effectiveness. In many instances this review will be used as the basis for an internal review of the school when the institution reviews its other graduate programs.

The Panel members are selected to represent both practitioners and specialists within library and information studies. When a Canadian library school is being reviewed, the Canadian Library Association (CLA) is invited to send, at its expense, an observer.

In theory, this member is to observe only;

however, in practice, this person is usually an active member of the committee. Although not officially stated, the observer is also seen as a translator of "the Canadian scene." In the case of the SLIS review, the Canadian point of view was well represented with two of the Panel, and the CLA observer, from Canadian institutions. As well, the Panel received a copy of an article in which Karen Adams (then executive director of CLA) provided insight into education within the Canadian context³ - including information about sources of funding and the *Bill of Rights*. Interpreting the term broadly, practitioners may be library administrators, front-line librarians, or library school faculty. The specialists are selected in light of the school's own mission and stated purpose. For instance, if the school emphasizes the preparation of school librarians, the specialist will be someone who can evaluate if they are fulfilling that mission.

The Panel is only one part of the accreditation officialdom for it ultimately makes its recommendations to ALA's Committee on Accreditation (COA), a twelve member committee appointed by the ALA Executive Board. Two of the members of COA are from the public at large and represent the public interest. The other members are from a broad spectrum of individuals who are in either library and information studies education or are practitioners. It is COA

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who maintains the *Standards* and makes the final decision to accredit, reaccredit, conditionally accredit, or withdraw accreditation. There are a number of stages between the writing of the report and the accreditation decision. Suffice it to say, everyone, members of the Panel and the school, have an opportunity to respond, question, and generally to discuss the findings. Schools that do not meet the *Standards* have 18 months to represent their case. The actual decision will be known by the Monday after the ALA annual conference - July 5.

Do persons outside of the profession understand that library schools are accredited? Although everyone at Dalhousie, administrative officers, faculty and students, had been well prepped by SLIS, there was evidence that some administrative officers didn't fully believe what they were hearing. One wanted

assurance that SLIS would not be evaluated by the same criteria as that used for an undergraduate program. For another it was a revelation that this process was similar to that used with medical schools. If those within the education profession are themselves being educated, then one wonders if anyone outside the profession, for example, those "non traditional" employers, has any knowledge of accreditation. Would licensing be more obvious, and, therefore, more effective? But this brings us back to the beginning of the article and something to consider in professional discussions at CLA and APLA. □

- Suzanne Sexty
Memorial University of Newfoundland

¹In this instance: Clara Chu, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of California at Los Angeles; Frances Groen, Director of Libraries, McGill University; Alvin Schrader, Director, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta; Suzanne Sexty (CLA Observer), Library Instruction Coordinator, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Herman Totten (Panel Chair), Associate Dean, School of Library and Information Science, University of North Texas; Delmus E. Williams, Dean of Libraries, University of Akron (Off-site member who did not visit SLIS).

²For complete documentation about the accreditation process, including an explanation of the *Standards* visit ALA's Web site <<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oa/stanindx.html>>.

³Adams, Karen. "LIS accreditation in Canada." *Prism*, 5 (3), pp. 4-6.

From St. Jerome's Den

It's that time of the year again. Time to head off to the APLA conference. And, as this is the issue that you will bring with you, here is something to keep you occupied on the trip to Wolfville. All the quotations are the first sentences of fictional works. Look for the answers at the conference - or wait until the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

- St. Jerome

The murder is seldom discussed without someone recalling that warm autumn night years before when Martha Horgan was only seventeen and Bob Hobart, a classmate, offered her a ride home from the library.

The book was thick and black and covered with dust. Bernard Clare looked around vaguely in the large reading room of the New York Public Library.

A public library, like a railway station, gets all kinds.

At the open window of the great library of Blandings Castle, drooping like a wet sock, as was his habit when he had nothing to prop his spine against, the Earl of Emsworth, that amiable and boneheaded peer, stood gazing out over his domain.

*Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy, and it has been told in another book called *The lion, the witch and the wardrobe* how they had a remarkable adventure.*

Katherine dreamed that she was walking through the dark tunnel of the library into the cold sea, naked.

ANNUAL REPORTS - EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

On the legislative front 1997/98 has been relatively quiet. Bill C32 came into force and we are still adjusting to the changes. The fact that copyright collectives now have wider responsibilities means negotiations are underway in several sectors including public libraries.

The executive met at the Université de Moncton over the November 8, 1997, weekend. Thanks to Charlotte Dionne for hosting and making all the arrangements. The agenda covered some familiar ground, membership continues to be a significant concern. This resulted in two initiatives, a letter to be sent to all libraries identified by the provincial Vice Presidents as potential institutional members, and a personalised renewal process for 1998/99. I can report that several libraries responded positively regarding institutional membership. I hope that individual renewals are positive.

The partnership with CLA in the presentation of the Copyright Workshops is an example of how APLA can leverage access to effective and timely continuing education. Participant feedback from each of the four sessions was positive. I have noted from other "lists" and Feliciter that Leslie Ellen Harris's workshop is being offered in other areas of Canada. Sometimes it is nice to be first. I hope that the partnership with CLA will lead to future educational opportunities.

The changes within the executive due to job changes have been a challenge, but the depth of commitment of the membership has resulted in positive adjustments. My personal thanks to Norine Hanus and Francesco Lai for accepting executive roles or nominations with very little notice. Any change is an opportunity and I am pleased that our colleagues share a positive perspective.

There will be several changes in

the executive as Sara Lochhead finishes her term as Past President and Elizabeth Browne completes her term as Vice President Membership. Normally two provincial vice presidents complete their terms every year. This year Beverley Neable (Newfoundland) and Faye Hopkins (Nova Scotia) complete their terms. However, Norine Hanus (Prince Edward Island) also completes a special term. My thanks to each of these individuals for their hard work and dedication.

The advice I received prior to the start of my term as president was, find a great secretary. I took the advice to heart, my special thanks and appreciation go to Jocelyne Thompson, whose organization and humour kept us on track during the past year!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve APLA in the past year. □

- Respectfully submitted,
John Teskey

PAST PRESIDENT

At the time of this writing, no nominations have been received for the APLA Merit Award. This is unfortunate given the many fine Librarians in this region who give their time, energy and creativity to Libraries everyday. I hope that APLA will receive nominations next year.

The Nominations and Elections Committee have found a candidate for all of the executive positions that were vacant. We do not know at this time if an election will be called for any of the positions or if the positions will be filled by acclamation. The new executive will be announced at the OGM in Wolfville.

I would recommend that APLA look very seriously at the possibility of hiring an Executive Director to support the Association's activities and the work of the Executive. As we all "do more with less" in our workplaces and as our employers continue to withdraw support for professional activities, I believe that an Executive Director to perform the on-going activities that must be done is essential to the on-going survival of APLA.

I would like to thank the membership and the executive of APLA for the opportunity to serve the Association. □

- Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lochhead

SLIS ALUMNI

The executive of the Associated Alumni of the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies invites its members to attend the Annual General Meeting, to be held during the APLA Conference:

Saturday, May 23, 1998,
5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Room 229, Seminary House,
Acadia University,
Wolfville, NS.

Note: A Wine and Cheese reception will be held concurrently to welcome the new executive.

For further details, visit the alumni web page:
<<http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/alum.html>>
or contact Christina Corkett, tel (902) 424-3651;
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VICE PRESIDENT - NEW BRUNSWICK/ VICE-PRÉSIDENTE - NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Despite continued budget restraints, New Brunswick libraries were again this year burgeoning with activity.

The new Public Libraries Board, replacing the 5 regional library boards, held its inaugural meeting September 18. The mandate of the new Board is to advise the Minister (Municipalities, Culture and Housing) on policy, service levels and provincial standards for public libraries and library services. The Board has identified library collections as its priority.

The AWK, Saint John and York Regional Forums also met for the first time in the Fall. The purpose of the regional forums is to encourage information exchange between the library trustees of each region and to promote both a regional spirit and a provincial vision, as did the old regional library boards.

Fundraising was a common theme this year amongst New Brunswick libraries, with activities ranging from book sales to the staging of a play, and including community dinners, publication of library greeting cards, and "rallye-recherche". Many of those fundraising activities also served as good promotional tools.

The recon project undertaken by NBLs in 1994 was

finally completed in September 1997. Over 1.4 million items are now contained in the provincial union catalogue, accessible through the new NBLs web page. Many more public libraries have installed Internet access this year, and everywhere it has turned out to be a very popular feature.

La Bibliothèque publique de Moncton et la Saint John Free Public Library ont implanté avec succès cet hiver le prêt automatisé. Les autres bibliothèques suivront d'ici un an ou deux. Aussi, plusieurs bibliothèques de la région de York (Woodstock, Florenceville, Perth Andover) ont réussi à mettre en branle d'importants projets d'agrandissement ou de rénovation.

Enfin, l'Association des bibliothécaires professionnelles du N.-B./Association of Professional Librarians of NB a célébré l'automne dernier son 5e anniversaire et continue d'être un instrument de rencontre et de partage pour les bibliothécaires de la province.

Un MERCI spécial à tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué si généreusement à la chronique des Nouvelles du *Bulletin*. A special THANKS to the generous contributors of News for the Bulletin. C'est toujours un plaisir de vous lire...□

- Respectueusement,
Charlotte Dionne

VICE PRESIDENT - NOVA SCOTIA

Libraries throughout the province have experienced many changes during the past year. Automation remains a key issue for many libraries, whether it is in introducing a new automated system or updating and expanding systems previously in place. Public, academic and special libraries reported on both the achievements and difficulties which they were faced with in implementing new technologies. The official launch of a province wide library card for Nova Scotia and the recent introduction of DRA's web based TAOS software were among some exciting developments for public libraries throughout the province. The latter will allow patrons to search several library catalogues from any location. In Nova Scotia alone, NcompasS, Novanet, Acadia University and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College may all be searched simultaneously.

Many libraries have improved and increased access to information this year. The Eastern Counties Regional Library opened new and expanded quarters at the Petit de Grat library branch last May. In July, the River John and Area Community Internet Access Centre was officially opened. The Cobequid Community Network was officially launched in March.

The Word on the Street annual book fair in Halifax was a great success, with more than 20,000 people coming together to celebrate books and reading. The fair featured author readings, exhibits and street performers.

The Nova Scotia Library Association held its' annual conference in October. The conference was held in Dartmouth and was hosted by the Halifax Regional Library.

As APLA Vice President for Nova Scotia, I attended the Fall Executive meeting in Moncton where I reported on library activities in Nova Scotia,

wrote the Nova Scotia News columns for the *APLA Bulletin*, and kept in contact with provincial associations and colleagues throughout the province. Reports were also sent to the convener of the Nova Scotia Library Association's meetings.

In an effort to increase and to renew memberships in APLA I contacted many individuals throughout the province to encourage them to become involved in the Association. Approximately 70 letters were sent as part of this campaign.

I extend a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed information and news to the NS News column during the past two years. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Vice President, it has been a rewarding and an enjoyable experience.□

- Respectfully submitted,
Faye Hopkins

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VICE PRESIDENT - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The past year in Prince Edward Island has seen new developments and changes. The branch libraries in the Provincial Library system have been brought together under a new department head. Great technological change has also been experienced, including the completion of the automation of the public catalogue and circulation system as well as the availability of the Internet in all branch libraries. The public catalogue, or AbbyCat, may also be accessed through the World Wide Web. Robertson Library at UPEI experienced a turn around in its Periodical Department. Due to financial difficulties much of the year was spent implementing a 30 per cent cut in periodical subscriptions. At the same time the Library introduced changes. With the help of an administrative grant it was able to introduce two full text databases and pilot a document delivery service. Research and a sound presentation to University management provided the Library with an increase in their budget and averted further cancellations. Progress has been made towards a plan that will build in an automatic increase to stabilize the periodical collection.

Holland College added a new librarian to its staff. Reorganization has seen the consolidation of collections and the development of a plan to incorporate electronic resources and develop information competencies for each program in the college. Teacher-Librarians spent the year on two major projects. In cooperation with the Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada they organized a national conference for school libraries in May 1998. In the area of collections teacher-librarians worked together obtaining funding and developing up-to-date nonfiction collections for school libraries across the province. The move of Janet Arsenaault to Acadia through a library exchange has meant my return to the position of APLA Vice President for Prince Edward Island for another year. Over the year I have attended the Fall Executive meetings in Moncton and written news columns for the *APLA Bulletin*. Contact was made with all librarians in the province who were not members of APLA to encourage membership. I extend a sincere thank you to all who provided information for the "News from PEI" column during the past year. □

- Respectfully submitted,
Norine Hanus

VICE PRESIDENT - NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's hosted the 1997 APLA conference and by all accounts it was a very successful conference. Attendance, at 148, happily exceeded expectations. Participants had a wide range of topics of sessions from which to choose and could visit booths of the varied exhibitors.

Summer of 1997 Newfoundland hosted visitors from around the world who had come to join in the Cabot 500 celebrations commemorating the 500th year since John Cabot set foot in Newfoundland. The Newfoundland Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (hereafter referred to as NPILRB) offered programs that tied in to the Cabot 500 and seafaring theme.

The NPILRB developed an Internet website entitled "1880's Newfoundland: a Pictorial". The url is <<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/>>. Once you are here, use the alphabetical list of collections to go to the site. Because the site name begins with numbers, it is at the top of the list. The website presents photographs depicting life in late 19th century Newfoundland. The basis of the website is an album of photos taken by Simeon H. Parsons, one of Newfoundland's earliest professional photographers. The original album is now held in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

This project was developed under a contract with

Industry Canada as part of the SchoolNet Digital Collections Program; an innovative Industry Canada program funded under the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy. Canadians aged 15 to 30 get paid experience converting collections into digital form. Teams of young people work with business, institutions and other organizations to make a wealth of largely undiscovered work accessible on the Information Highway.

All persons with NPILRB have new e-mail addresses. Their usernames remain the same but the domain is now <@publib.nf.ca>.

The Margaret Williams Trust Fund Committee, of which the APLA VP for Newfoundland is a member, selected 2 recipients for the Award: Janet Goosney and Zoe Johnstone, in Library programs respectively at the University of Western Ontario and the University of British Columbia. The Award, given in commemoration of a past University Librarian of Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, is based on academic achievement and financial need.

This past November Lesley Harris, a copyright and media lawyer, presented a copyright workshop in St. John's. It was organized jointly by the Canadian Library Association and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. It was relatively well attended, given the small pool of local participants, with 24 persons registered. Content reviews were very favourable.

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Various Newfoundland authors were recognized with awards this past year. Novelist and playwright, Kevin Major, was the recipient of this past year's Memorial University of Newfoundland's Alumnus of the Year Award. Mr. Major's career began writing literature for adolescents and depicted growing up in rural Newfoundland. Many of his books are on high school curricula across Canada.

Janet McNaughton won 3 national awards for her second children's book. The awards are: the Ann Connor Brimer Award, the Geoffrey Bilson Historical Fiction Award and the Violet Downey IODE Award.

The Writer's Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador presented awards under the patronage of the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Maxwell House. Joan Clark was awarded the prize in the children's/youth category and Patrick Kavanagh for fiction. Next year's awards will be for poetry and non-fiction.

Funding for various projects has been sought and received. Memorial University of Newfoundland's Centre for Newfoundland Studies Archives Library received a \$4,000 grant from the Canadian Property Export Review Board. The grant will assist the Archives to purchase a handwritten manuscript on the 1795 "Wreck of the Transport Phillis on the Coast of Newfoundland" from an American rare book and manuscript dealer. The manuscript was written by one of the survivors of the wreck.

The Gander Public Library Board received a small provincial grant under the Job Creation Program to hire a

technical student for 8 weeks. The student assists any interested non-profit organization in web page design and creation, as well as provide orientation to the general public in Internet training.

The St. John's Library Board obtained a \$10,000 grant from the City of St. John's under the City's 1998 Grants and Subsidies Programme. The grant will cover the start-up cost for an adult educational/recreational video collection for 2 branches of St. John's Public Library.

The Libraries-Learning Resource Centres of the College of the North Atlantic are progressing with standardizing their operations. Various committees were struck to handle different issues. The Technology Focus Group is developing a Request for Proposal for a new College-wide computer system; expertise inside and outside the College has been solicited in this endeavour.

The Policies and Procedures Committee has finalized circulation policies; these are now pending approval. A Collection Development committee has commenced developing a uniform policy statement. A Professional Development Committee has been formed and the Learning Resource Specialist/Librarians have struck a committee to standardize direction of the Learning Resource Centres/Libraries. □

*- Respectfully submitted,
Beverley Neable*

VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP

The membership form for 1997/98 was inserted in the APLA May/June and subsequent Bulletins. Since this was the second year of inclusion, it was assumed members would be familiar with the process and respond accordingly. This has not been entirely successful. In any case, at the Membership Meeting May 1997, it was decided that this was not an effective method to rely on for membership renewals, if only because it required people to mutilate the Bulletin in order to remove the form. While the membership form will still be inserted in the Bulletin, 1998/99 saw the return to a separate mailing of notices to renew. Notices were sent to the 1997/98 personal members and lapsed members from 1996/97, a total of 260 people. Notice of the new membership year was also placed on the APLA listserv.

Every effort was made to have a highly visible presence at the APLA '97 Conference. Membership

forms were available at the registration desk and at the General Meeting. While the response was not overwhelming, similar plans have been made for APLA '98.

Once again this year, efforts were made to increase institutional memberships. A letter from the President of APLA was sent to various institutions, identified by the provincial Vice Presidents. Results are not known at this time.

As usual membership forms were sent to the various Library Technician/Assistant schools and the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies. Indeed there was a special attempt to contact the Dalhousie students. Information about the history, objectives and awards of the Association

were sent to the School to be distributed during an Association promotion at the beginning of October.

APLA attracted 14 new members. Overall membership was

PROVINCE	NB	NFLD	NS	PEI	Other	Total
Personal	74	35	57	20	9	196
Institution	4	2	12	1	-	19
Subscriber	3	1	3	-	22	29

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fairly constant this year when compared to last year's figures. In 1997/98 membership stood at 247. This year it is 244. A breakdown is presented in the table above.

Nevertheless efforts to boost membership continue to be a priority.

The life and honorary life members were contacted in order to update their entries in the membership database and to provide an opportunity to express interest in the Interest Groups or Committees. Many took advantage of this opportunity.

APLA BULLETIN

With six issues of the *APLA Bulletin* behind us, we have to admit there were times when we did not know what we were doing. However, over the past 12 months, we have survived and thrived to point where each new issue is a pleasure to work on. This is due to the fact that the previous editors prepared well for the Publication's move from Newfoundland to New Brunswick. For this, we most gratefully acknowledge the willingness of Sue Sexty, Joy Tillotson, and Bernie Conran to offer their time and experience to rookie editors. We would also like to thank the redoubtable St. Jerome, plus John Teskey, APLA President for 1997/98, and the Provincial Vice-Presidents for their columns and news. Their contributions made up the very core of every issue. We would also like to recognize the importance of the many other contributors who were generous with their time and work. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the contribution of André Gionet for his regular World Wide Web reviews, and thanks go to *Feliciter* for permission to reprint Alan Burk and Lisa Charlong's SGML article and to Peggy Amirault for her *Eastword* item on Chapters Bookstore. Along the way, we also discovered a network of supporters and contributors whose knowledge and enthusiasm made all the difference in putting together the *Bulletin*. In this regard, we were gratified by the response from the APLA membership who, as the rightful owners of the *Bulletin*, contributed to its success by submitting articles, news, and comments. Finally, thanks once again to our

advertisers for their continued support. .

As in the previous two years, volume 61 of the *APLA Bulletin* was printed in the format introduced by the previous editors at the 1995 OGM. We also followed the Memorial crew's lead and tried our hand at producing a colour insert (see UNB Libraries Greeting Card Project in November / December Volume 61, number 3) and we would like to thank Patricia Belier, Mary Flagg, and John Teskey from the University of New Brunswick Libraries for their work on that issue. Further, and by way of an experiment, the *Bulletin* editors, with the approval of the Bulletin Management Board and André Gionet, started a project with UNB Libraries' E-Text Centre to publish André's web articles in electronic format under the *APLA Bulletin* masthead. We should see the results in the very near future. In other developments, starting with the March/April issue, we inserted a statement of copyright in the 'Publication Information' section: it reads as follows, "Individual authors hold the copyright to articles published in the *APLA Bulletin*. Under copyright laws, those who wish to reprint articles for use must contact the individual author for permission."

On the financial side of things, six issues of the *Bulletin* were produced under budget, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with our printers, Quebecor Inc., and the University of New Brunswick's post office, who managed to secure preferential rates for mail destinations in the Atlantic region. Finally, we must also recognize the formatting and Wordprocessing

The Membership Committee approved the adoption of a new form. It is now bilingual, requires people only to fill out one side and puts the return address near the top immediately under the schedule of fees. Any comments or suggestions for future form design are always welcome.

I wish to thank fellow Executive members for their usual excellent help, advice and timely provision of information throughout the year. □

- Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Browne

skills of Joanne Neilson: The *Bulletin* has benefited enormously from her keyboard expertise. □

- Respectfully submitted
John Neilson, Linda Hansen
Michelle Fiander

SECRETARY

It's difficult to come up with anything scintillating or original to say in a secretary's report. I believe I have, until the time of writing at least, fulfilled all the duties of the position, and what's more, I've enjoyed it! APLA is a great organization in which to be involved. The members are dedicated, hard-working and fun, and the sense of pulling-together is very strong.

The fall executive meeting took place at the Bibliothèque Champlain, Université de Moncton. Thanks to Vice-President - N.B., Charlotte Dionne, for taking care of local arrangements for that meeting. As I write this, the second and final meeting of the 1997-98 executive, to be held in Wolfville, is in the planning stages; and my biggest challenge as secretary is yet to come, i.e. taking minutes at the OGM!

Between preparing for meetings, I have taken care of the correspondence. It has been a relatively quiet year, making this task less onerous than it might have been.

My thanks to John Teskey for inviting me to take this job; and to Anita Cannon, past-secretary, for getting me starting in the right direction.

-Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyne Thompson

ANNUAL REPORTS - EXECUTIVE/ STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

This year, the fourth year of existence for the Standing Committee on Communications, was, once again, low-keyed. The Membership Directory was produced and mailed out in January. I want to thank Betty Sutherland for doing an excellent job and for keeping the production of the directory well under budget. The APLA Listserv, under the capable hands of Suzanne Sexty, continues to be well used and received.

Projects ongoing include postmaster for the Listserv and the compilation of library-related associations in the Atlantic Provinces. Projects to be worked on include the preparation of how-to-guides on lobbying, the development of background/quick-information sheets on critical and topical issues, and finalizing the process to orient new convenors and executives. □

*- Respectfully submitted,
Francesco Lai, Convener*

APLA MEMORIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Committee had two applications for awards this year. No award was given in 1996/97 and, since both proposals this year were very good, the Committee decided to give two awards. The recipients this year were:

Karen Lippold, Angela Lonardo and Suzanne Sexty from Memorial University in Support of the publication of a book with the working title Literary and Journalistic Awards in Canada, 1973-1997.

Patricia Belier from the University of New Brunswick to help with expenses for a course she is taking

this summer at the Rare Book School of the University of Virginia. She is completing courses there as additional training for her new work assignment with the Archives and Special Collections Department at the University of New Brunswick Library.

In addition to having two fine proposals this year, there was also good news on the financial front. Recent APLA Annual Conferences have been financially successful, so the Fund will be receiving approximately \$3,000 (estimated as of the writing of this report) to add to the principal in the Fund. Let's hope for an equally successful year in 1998/99.

The members of the Committee were:

Sheila Pearl (Chair)
Librarian
NSCC - Truro Campus
Truro, NS

Betty Jeffrey
Reference Library
UPEI Library
Charlottetown, PEI

Nirmal Jain
Collections Development Librarian
Acadia University Library
Wolfville, NS
*- Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Pearl, Convener*

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Barry Cull (UNB Fredericton), Sharon Munro (University of Windsor), and Heather Myers (Newfoundland Public Libraries), this committee has convened for the first time. Two projects are presently under way: in this

issue of the *Bulletin*, and in the last issue, you will note a call for samples of promotional materials, public relations ideas, press releases to be sent to the committee so that they can be shared with the membership; the second idea involves the creation of an APLA award for a public relations project. □

*- Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Sexty, Convener*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the recommendation of last years Finance Committee, additional effort was directed to recruit institutional members. Several libraries have renewed their membership in APLA, but the total significance will not be seen till the 1998/99 renewals are complete. It was discovered that many institutional members had inadvertently dropped their membership and were anxious to renew.

There were two expenditures from the General Activities Fund supporting five workshops. The Copyright Workshop was supported through a \$2,000.00 GAF grant representing \$500.00 per workshop location. In addition a GAF grant was awarded to the Kennebecasis Public Library in support of a regional library training day.

There is continuing concern with membership levels. It was recommended that all members be sent personal renewal forms this year. This was accepted by the executive. □

*- Respectively submitted
John Teskey, Convener*

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

No convener. □

Memorial University of Newfoundland invites applications for two permanent, tenure-track positions in the University Library System.

**Head, Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Queen Elizabeth II Library
Public Services Librarian, Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Queen Elizabeth II Library**

HEAD, CENTRE FOR NEWFOUNDLAND STUDIES

Description: Reporting to the Associate University Librarian, the Head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies provides leadership in planning, organizing, and directing the goals and activities of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies. Along with other division heads, he/she also participates in library-wide planning and budgeting processes.

Working cooperatively with the division's staff and others as appropriate, the head is responsible for setting goals, supervising staff, establishing priorities and work flow, leading reviews of the division's policies and procedures, and overseeing the daily operation of the Centre.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will hold a degree in Library Science at the graduate level. An academic degree or equivalent work experience in an area relevant to the work of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies would be desirable. Considerable experience in administration, special collections, and/or archives would be appropriate qualifications for this position.

Benefits: It is anticipated that this position will be filled at the Librarian III or Librarian IV level. Floor salaries for Librarian III and Librarian IV are \$37,736 and \$45,368 respectively. Salary increments for experience are negotiable. This position carries an administrative stipend, a moving allowance, and support for professional development.

PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Description: The successful applicant will provide reference and bibliographic aid to patrons at the Centre, develop the collection in appropriate areas, contribute to the bibliographic work of the Centre, consult with faculty offering courses in Newfoundland Studies, and on occasion act as delegate for the Head of the Centre. May engage in specialized cataloguing in co-operation with the Cataloguing Division.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will hold a degree in Library Science, or equivalent, at the graduate level. An academic degree or scholarly research in an area relevant to the work in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies would be a definite asset. Experience in information services, collections development, bibliography and cataloguing would be appropriate qualification for this position.

Benefits: It is anticipated that this position will be filled at the Librarian I or Librarian II level. Floor salaries for Librarian I and Librarian II are \$27,560 and \$32,548 respectively. Salary increments for experience are negotiable. This position carries a moving allowance and support for professional development.

CENTRE FOR NEWFOUNDLAND STUDIES & QUEEN ELIZABETH II LIBRARY

Description: The Centre, located in the Queen Elizabeth II Library, is a regional special collection with a mandate to collect comprehensively in all areas relating to Newfoundland and Labrador. It includes a closed stack collection of approximately 70,000 monographs, microforms, government documents, serials, and maps and 1,000 linear feet of archives. It provides reference services to the faculty and students of Memorial University, to visiting scholars and to the public and has a special responsibility for the bibliography of Newfoundland and Labrador. Its current staff complement is 3 librarians, 9 library assistants, 1 archivist, and 2 archival assistants.

The Queen Elizabeth II Library is the main library of a highly centralized library system serving the 900 faculty and 16,000 students of Memorial University.

Procedure:

The Head position is available immediately. Deadline for applications is **June 5, 1998**.

The Public Services position is available August 1, 1998, subject to funding. Deadline for applications is **July 3, 1998**.

Processing of applications will begin upon receipt. Interested qualified individuals should send a resume and names of three references to:

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ANNUAL REPORTS - INTEREST GROUPS

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT INTEREST GROUP

There was very little activity this year within the interest group. Postings to the listserv generated very little discussion although members of the listserv did come through with ideas for the program at the May conference. Thanks to Anita Cannon, Michael Colborne and Farida Shaikh for their work on putting the program together. □

- *Respectfully submitted*
Laura Jantek

COMPUTER AND CONNECTIVITY INTEREST GROUP

No report received. □

CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS INTEREST GROUP

No report received. □

CONTINUING EDUCATION INTEREST GROUP

My term as a convener has been a short one, that is, I started in late November, therefore I did not have enough time to organize any sessions for the upcoming APLA conference. I did contact all members who expressed interest in the interest group by e-mail but only received a few responses. I do want to thank the ones that did respond and provided some ideas for future workshops. In addition to working on possible ideas/topics for future workshops (possibly one in the fall if all goes well), I have been forwarding e-mail messages to the APLA listserv. I have received positive feedback on this particular mode of delivering on continuing education issues, etc. I also suggested a few articles to be reprinted in the *APLA Bulletin* that I hope would be of interest to the membership.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the upcoming APLA conference as I am currently 7 months pregnant and would not be up to the traveling. If anyone has any ideas or comments for the interest group, please contact me at "darlenet@unb.ca". Thank you. □

- *Respectfully submitted*,
Darlene Tan, Convener

FRANCOPHONE INTEREST GROUP

The French Interest Group meets every year at the annual APLA meeting. Last year very few made it to Newfoundland so discussions and planning for the next APLA conference was limited. We did manage through E-mail to prepare 2 excellent sessions for the Wolfville conference. The first one is a pre-conference session on the Internet with Diane Lanteigne of the Library and Information Sciences program of l'Université de Montréal. She will be showing us the French side of the Internet! For our second session we have the pleasure of having a representative of l'ASTED talking about their Association in Quebec and possible partnerships with APLA.

Bon congrès! □

- *Respectfully submitted*,
Johanne Jacob, Convener

GROUPE D'INTÉRÊT FRANCOPHONE

Le groupe d'intérêt francophone se rencontre habituellement lors de la conférence annuelle de l'APLA. L'année dernière à Terre Neuve, le groupe était plutôt restreint. Nous avons pu malgré tout préparer des sessions intéressantes pour la conférence de Wolfville. Une session préconférence sera donnée par Diane Lanteigne du programme de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information de l'Université de Montréal. Cette journée visera à développer les habilités de recherche sur l'internet. De plus nous aurons un représentant de l'ASTED qui viendra nous parler de cette association québécoise et les possibilités de partenariat avec l'APLA.

Bon congrès! □

- *Respectueusement vôtre*,
Johanne Jacob, présidente

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION INTEREST GROUP

The Library Instruction Interest Group is planning to meet at this year's APLA Conference to choose new convenors. The out-going convenors have helped to organize a session for the conference, entitled "Creating Library Learning Environments", to be held Sat. May 23rd at 9:00 am. We invite all participants to attend the interest group meeting, and to consider taking over leadership of the group. These duties are not onerous! Please contact Barb Phillips or Trina O'Brien Leggott at St. FX for further info. □

- *Respectfully submitted*,
Barb Phillips, Trina O'Brien Leggott

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LIBRARY TECHNICIANS INTEREST GROUP

No report received. ☐

NEWSPAPERS INTEREST GROUP

There was no meeting held during the year for this Interest Group. Contact among some members was based on an information as needed basis concerning collation questions about a particular newspaper.

No new expressions of interest in this group were received during the year from APLA members. I have requested a Business Meeting time at the Wolfville Conference to share project news and to discuss the continued usefulness of this Interest Group. ☐

*- Respectfully submitted,
Ian A. Wilson, Convener*

TRUSTEES INTEREST GROUP

No report received. ☐

Committee on Copyright

No report received. ☐

ATLANTIC PROVINCES BOOK REVIEW SOCIETY

APBRS successfully published four issues of Atlantic Books Today in 1997. The year showed steady growth and advertising revenue for the year was the highest it had ever been. The managing editors office continues to collect and disseminate information about writers and publishers in the Atlantic region.

The Society received additional funding from Canada Council and the request for funds was commended for its quality and focus.

APBRS cooperated with the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association to produce the Christmas 1997 flyer and are working with them on an educational catalogue due out in early 1998.

Work continues on the web page and it is hoped to be a more prominent public relations tool.

A small working committee has been struck to examine the potential for offering an ABT Book Award. ☐

*- Respectfully submitted,
Laura Jantek*



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ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
58th Ordinary General Meeting
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Friday, May 23, 7:10 - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 25, 9:45 - 10:07 a.m.
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Establish quorum

Quorum was established.

3. Additions and changes to the Agenda

No changes or additions.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be adopted as is. (A. Guay/J. Neilson) **CARRIED.**

5. Minutes of the 57th Ordinary General Meeting

5.1 Corrections: None.

5.2 Adoption:

MOTION: That the Minutes of the 57th OGM be adopted as printed in the APLA Bulletin. (L. Melanson/Ian Wilson) **CARRIED.**

L. Melanson pointed out that section 8.1 is incomplete; standing orders should be presented in their entirety.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. President's Report

J. Teskey took the Chair. S. Lochhead had nothing to add to the report as published in the Bulletin. S. Lochhead resumed the Chair.

8. Past President's Report

Report published in APLA Bulletin.

8.1 *Procedures:* S. Libby added that work on the Procedures Manual has been postponed until after the work on the Standing Orders is completed.

8.2 *Standing Orders:* S. Libby submitted a proposal to rearrange the Standing Orders to the Executive. The proposal, which includes a new Standing Order and changes to S.O. #5, will be considered by the Executive and brought forward at the next OGM.

9. Vice-Presidents' Reports

9.1 *New Brunswick:* Published in APLA Bulletin.

9.2 *Newfoundland:* Published in APLA Bulletin. B. Neable added that the five regional colleges in Newfoundland were amalgamated and are now called the College of the North Atlantic.

9.3 *Nova Scotia:* Published in APLA Bulletin.

9.4 *Prince Edward Island:* Published in APLA Bulletin.

9.5 *Membership:* Published in APLA Bulletin. E. Browne added a reminder that it is now time to renew membership.

10. Secretary's Report

Published in APLA Bulletin.

11. Financial Examiner's Report

The report was distributed at the meeting.

MOTION: That the Financial Examiner's report be accepted as presented. (R. MacArthur/F. Hopkins) **CARRIED.**

12. Treasurer's Report

The report was distributed at the meeting. R. Tayyeb highlighted the salient points: Despite the rise in fees, revenues did not decline substantially as the number of subscriptions to the APLA Bulletin rose significantly (projected revenue: \$20,793.63, actual: \$19,351.25). Item III: 1996/1997 Accumulated Savings: \$20,000 were transferred from the chequing/savings account to a money market fund for better interest rates. See #3 Investments. Proposed interest is expected to increase from \$387.37 in '96/97 to \$3,000 in '97/98. Overexpenditure for postage/shipping due to extra effort made to solicit new members. APLA '96/CLA '96 conference bill was higher than anticipated. All Committees are allowed \$25.00 each but no Committee requested this money last year. Carin Alma Somers scholarship fund was thought to have \$36,000 in it. R. Tayyeb was informed that the total is actually \$60,000.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. (R. MacArthur/M. Charters) **CARRIED.**

13. **APLA Bulletin Editor's Report**

Report published in the APLA Bulletin. S. Sexty added that the Executive has accepted the new editorial team as recommended: John Neilson and Linda Hanson. A third person will be recruited to handle advertising. S. Lochhead thanked the outgoing Bulletin Editor for an outstanding job.

14. **Executive/Standing Committee Reports**

14.1 *Aims and Objectives*: Report in the APLA Bulletin.

14.2 *Committee on Committees and Interest Groups*: Report in the APLA Bulletin. J. Teskey added that there are still vacancies for the positions of Convener of the Public Relations and Intellectual Freedom committees. The new Trustees Interest Group Conveners are Judy Heron and Martha Edwards, sharing the position.

14.3 *Finance*: J. Teskey took the Chair. S. Lochhead reported that the Finance Committee met to establish the 97/98 budget. S. Lochhead resumed the Chair.

- a) 1997/98 Budget: R. Tayyeb presented the 97/98 budget (copies distributed at the meeting). Highlights: APLA paid out \$500.00 each for two workshops. The amount has been raised to \$3,000.00 to encourage more workshops. Revenue is expected to be approximately \$3,000.00 more next year due to the shift of \$20,000 to a money market fund from a chequing/savings account. The Executive decided to push for new memberships, and are expecting to make \$2,000 more than last year. Members will be dropped from the mailing list for the Bulletin if they do not renew membership. A notice to this effect will go out to Provincial VPs to mail to members. Concern was expressed over the low amount available for Executive travel and the move towards tele-conferenced meetings. J. Teskey said that a private web site for APLA Executive was being planned and that it would assist in communication and information transfer. The suggestion was made to increase the APLA Prize.

MOTION: That Standing Order #8.17 concerning the APLA Prize be amended to change the amount awarded from \$300.00 to \$500.00. (P. Glenister/I. Wilson) **CARRIED**.

It was suggested that the amount paid to the student assistant be increased.

MOTION: That the budget be amended to increase the amount paid to the student assistant from \$250.00 to \$300.00 and that the Executive look at the rate of pay further to consider if this is a fair wage. (P. Glenister/J. Carter) **CARRIED**.

MOTION: That the budget be approved as amended. (R. MacArthur/F. Hopkins) **CARRIED**.

b) *Appointment of Financial Examiner*: Report distributed at meeting.

MOTION: That Peter Glenister be reappointed as APLA's Financial Examiner. (R. MacArthur/E. Browne) **CARRIED**.

c) *APLA First Timer's Award*: J. Teskey took the Chair. S. Lochhead announced that Michelle Fiander was the recipient of the First Timer's Award. S. Lochhead resumed the Chair.

d) *Treasurer's Position*: S. Lochhead announced with regret that Rashid Tayyeb has tendered his resignation as Treasurer due to unavoidable circumstances, and thanked him for his contributions.

14.4 *Bulletin Management Board*: Report published in the Bulletin.

14.5 *Nominations and Elections*: The results of the 1997 elections were announced: VP, President-Elect: Dan Savage, University of P.E.I.; VP, New Brunswick: Charlotte Dionne, Université de Moncton; VP, P.E.I.: Janet Arsenault, University of P.E.I.

MOTION: That the 1997 election ballots be destroyed. (S. Libby/S. Collins) **CARRIED**.

MOTION: That the decision of the Executive to appoint Elaine MacLean the new Treasurer to complete the two years remaining in the current term be ratified. (P. Glenister/R. Campbell) **CARRIED**.

MOTION: That the decision of the Executive to appoint Elaine MacLean as Financial Agent for APLA in accordance with the Nova Scotia Corporations Act be ratified. (S. Libby/R. MacArthur) **CARRIED**.

14.6 *APLA Memorial Awards*: Report published in Bulletin. Since no applications were received

this year the question was asked if two awards could be made next year. Answer: the Executive decided to add the unused amount to the principal to increase the award amount.

14.7 *Communications*: Report published in the Bulletin.

14.8 *Intellectual Freedom*: No report. Convener needed.

14.9 *Public Relations*: No report. Convener needed.

14.10 *APLA Student Award Winner*: S. Lochhead announced the winner: Wayne Paquet.

14.11 *Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund*: J. Teskey announced this is the first year this award will be made. The income from the fund is \$5,489.06. The scholarship was advertised on the APLA list and at the library school. The committee agreed on two candidates. The Executive recommended that an award of approximately \$3,000.00 be made annually, and to split the available funds this year equally between the two recommended candidates: Elizabeth Lee Clinton, Charlottetown and Randy Rice, Newfoundland. It was suggested that the awarding of this scholarship be an event that the Public Relations committee cover with a photograph and article for local newspapers, etc.

15. Interest Group Reports

15.1 *Collections Development*: Report published in Bulletin.

15.2 *Computers and Connectivity*: Report published in Bulletin.

15.3 *Conservation of Library Materials*: Report published in Bulletin.

15.4 *Continuing Education*: No report.

15.5 *Francophone*: Report published in Bulletin.

15.6 *Library Instruction*: Report published in Bulletin.

15.7 *Library Technicians*: No report.

15.8 *Newspaper*: Report published in Bulletin.

15.9 *Trustees*: No report.

16. Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society

The new Management Board Representative is Laura Jantek, replacing Charby Slein.

17. Annual Conferences

17.1 *St. John's 1997*: S. Sexty reported that 135 people were registered.

17.2 *Wolfville 1998*: The conference organizers played a video of the Wolfville site at Acadia

University and invited everyone to attend May 21-24, 1998.

17.3 *Saint John 1999*: Sue Collins and Ian Wilson are the conference organizers. The conference will be held at the Saint John Trade & Convention Centre May 27-30, 1999.

18. Resolutions Committee Announcements

The deadline for submitting resolutions was announced (forms available at the meeting).

19. Other Business

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m. May 25.

20. Resolutions

Two resolutions were received, and were passed as printed.

MOTION: Whereas the introduction of the HST and associated regulations are imposing a severe administrative burden on libraries, and whereas library budgets are severely restricted in today's fiscal environment, resolved that APLA express to the federal government and the appropriate provincial governments its concern over the impact of the new tax legislation on all types of libraries. (S. Libby/A. Cannon) **CARRIED**.

MOTION: That the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to: 1. The organizers and volunteers of the APLA '97; 2. The presenters, panellists, speakers, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of APLA '97; 3. The sponsors and exhibitors who have contributed to the success of APLA '97. (J. Teskey/D. Savage) **CARRIED**.

21. Dalhousie Library School - Acknowledgement of Report

Norman Horrocks spoke on behalf of Bertram MacDonald, the Director of the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies, whose report is published in the Bulletin.

22. Inauguration of New President

The gavel was handed over to J. Teskey.

23. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

- Respectfully submitted,
Anita Cannon

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Creating Electronic Texts and Images -- a practical "hands-on" exploration of the research, preservation and pedagogical uses of electronic texts and images in the humanities.

August 16 - 21, 1998

Instructor: David Seaman, University of Virginia

Sponsored by the University of New Brunswick Library's Electronic Text Centre (<http://www.unb.ca/etc/>) and the Department of Archives and Special Collections

Course Description: The course will centre around the creation of a set of electronic texts and digital images. Topics to be covered include: SGML tagging and conversion, Using the Text Encoding Initiative Guidelines, The basics of archival imaging, The form and implications of XML Publishing SGML on the World Wide Web, EAD - Encoded Archival Descriptions

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Course Prerequisites: This year's institute presupposes that participants have some experience with the Web and HTML. It is highly recommended that participants also have had some basic exposure to other SGML applications besides HTML, such as TEI, XML or EAD. For those with little or no previous experience with SGML applications, there will be a one day introductory level session on Saturday, August 15. For those on the West Coast, an introductory session taught by David Seaman will be offered on June 17, 1998 as a pre-conference workshop at the Canadian Library Association Annual Conference & Trade Show in Victoria, British Columbia.

Facilities: The course will be held in the Instructional Technology Learning Centre (ITLC) in the Harriet Irving Library on the campus of the University of New Brunswick. The lab is a state-of-the-art facility with a Windows 95 PC for each participant and a high end digital projection system. The facility is air conditioned.

Registration Fees / Hotel Accommodations: Registration will be limited to 20. The tuition \$750.00 (Canadian dollars) will include all course fees for the Institute, nutritional breaks, lunches and a number of special events. Tuition does not include cost of accommodations. The tuition for the UNB one-day (August 15) introductory workshop on HTML and SGML is not included in the \$750 and is an additional \$75.00. There will be five bursaries offered at \$200.00 each for those who could not otherwise afford to come to the Institute. The Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in downtown Fredericton is offering special room rates at:

\$70.00 + tax (Canadian) Single Room

\$77.00 + tax (Canadian) Double Room

Course participants will be responsible for making their own reservations: Jill Amos - Contact Person - 506-455-3371

Further Information: Additional information and A Web registration form is available at:

<http://ultratext.hil.unb.ca/Texts/Announce/seaman98.htm> (note: upper and lower case)

If in the meantime you would like further information, contact **Karen Maguire** (kmaguire@unb.ca or 506-453-4743).

Information on last year's Institute, including comments from participants is available at:

http://www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/SGML_course/Aug97/index.html