

DOWN ON THE LABRADOR:

Distance Librarianship in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland

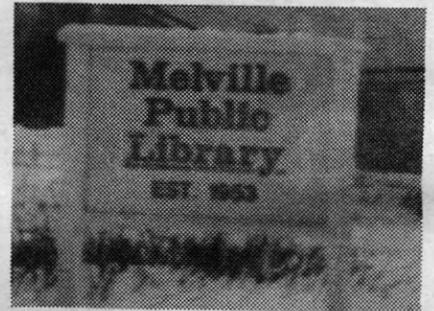
by John White

The Labrador and Northern Region of the Newfoundland Public Library Services was formed in September 1985. The region covers all of Labrador and much of Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula. Nine communities in this vast area had public libraries when I flew to Labrador City to become its first regional librarian.

"Vast" is an appropriate description of the region. Labrador is larger than the three Maritime provinces' combined land area. The proposed NATO flight training area around Goose Bay itself is larger than Belgium. In this land live only some 30,000 people divided among the small coastal communities and the larger centres of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Labrador City/Wabush. The latter have populations of about 10,000 each.

The Great Northern Peninsula is home to another 10,000; St. Anthony is the largest community with 3,500 inhabitants.

If the region was new, some of its libraries certainly were not. St. Anthony's library was started in 1946 and the original Goose Bay library dates from 1953. Those in Wabush, Labrador City and Churchill Falls were all formed in the sixties when the towns were built. Administered directly from



Melville Library (Happy Valley)

St. John's for so many years, all the boards and librarians were used to a large degree of independence. Consequently, some wondered what could be done from a Labrador

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University Libraries—A Resource for the Community

by Judith Reade

In the past university libraries were considered to be solely a resource for professors and students. Now, increasingly, they are viewed as a resource for the community—containing collections and material which can prove useful to the general public and special interest groups.

This is the first in a series of articles surveying the services available at Atlantic region university libraries to those outside the university community. This article examines the university libraries of the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

Novanet Card

Five universities in Halifax-Dartmouth are now part of the Novanet system, and have listed their library's catalogue on computer (see chart). The Novanet catalogue gives on-line access at each library to the collections of these five institutions, although not all libraries have their entire collections listed. For these universities the usual off-campus borrower's card has been replaced by the Novanet card. This card can then be used at any Novanet library.

Residents of Halifax-Dartmouth, 18 years of age or over, or those who work in the area may apply for a Novanet card. Two pieces of identification must be shown. The cost is \$5.00 and the card is good for one year with no charge for renewal.

Those who do not qualify for the Novanet card may be given off-campus borrower status by individual libraries.

Judith Reade is Librarian in the School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University.

NovaNet Table	Fee for Off Campus Borrower's Card	Services Available For Off-Campus Borrowers	Usual Off-Campus Clientele	Specialty or Special Collections
Atlantic School of Theology	No Fee	Collections available for one month loan. A.V. collection available for on-site use. Some A.V. software avail. for 1 wk. loan.	Clergy, University teachers, Alumni, Sunday School teachers.	Religion, Church History, Related topics.
Dalhousie University Killam Library	\$5.00 Novanet Fee	Public may borrow all circulating material. Database searches (patrons pay cost plus \$10 service fee). Orientation Tours.	General Public, High school students, Federal and Provincial Government Employees.	Music, Early English Printed Books, Maps.
Dalhousie University Law Library	\$5.00 Novanet Fee	Circulating materials may be borrowed but over half of the collection does not circulate.	Legal Professionals.	Law.
Mount Saint Vincent University	\$5.00 Novanet Fee	All circulating materials except material on reserve for course work. Interlibrary Loan.	General Public, High school Students (letter of reference signed by parent or teacher must be supplied).	Women's history, Education, Nutrition, Religious Studies, Public Relations, Tourism & Hospitality, Office Management.
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	\$5.00 Novanet Fee	Circulating Collection. Reference. Tours and Orientation. Slide Library.	Artists and Craftpersons, University Teachers, Art Teachers, High School Students.	Visual and Fine Arts.
Saint Mary's University	\$5.00 Novanet Fee	Circulating Collection. Reference. Database Searches (Patron pays cost).	General Public, High School Students.	ERIC Database on CD Rom, Complete microfiche subscription to ERIC documents.
Technical University of Nova Scotia	\$5.00 Novanet Fee	Circulating Collection. Reference. Database Searches (Patron pays cost).	Professional Engineers, Architects, Teachers of Technical Classes, Alumni, Students in other Technical Institutions.	Engineering, Architecture, Computer Science, Energy, Environmental Studies, Fisheries.
University of Kings College	none		Clergy, Alumni, Students from other metro Universities	History of the Anglican Philosophy, Classics, English Literature, English and European History, Journalism

Conference Update

The librarians of the Moncton area invite you to join them for APLA 1990, May 10-13, in the Hub City of the Maritimes. Moncton is celebrating its 100th birthday this year, so there will be lots of activities going on, outside the conference venue as well as inside!

There are many exciting new developments in the Moncton area for those interested in libraries. Visitors will be able to tour the newly expanded Bibliothèque Champlain at the University of Moncton, and also some of the University's other special resource centres. The conference itself will be held in Moncton's lively downtown area at the Hotel Beauséjour, located next door to the brand-new Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library/Moncton Public Library, which will also be one of the libraries on the visiting list.

Activities begin early in the week, with the National Library offering a DOBIS training session in French on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, followed on Thursday, May 10 by a CLA English-language pre-conference semi-

nar on authority control. On Thursday evening, delegates will begin to register for the conference sessions.

The theme for this year's conference is "AU CARREFOUR DES CONNAISSANCES/AT THE CROSSROADS OF KNOWLEDGE," and our theme speaker will

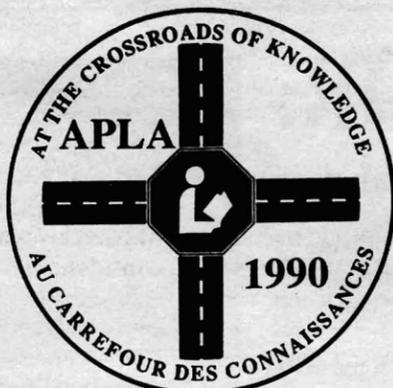
be Alan Borovoy of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Under this theme, the conference will offer updates on OSI and on the national information network, and sessions on such topics as services to the visually handicapped, the

Centre d'études acadiennes at the Université de Moncton, what really happens when libraries automate, libraries and literacy, permanent paper, and collections development. Two sessions in French will deal with subject analysis in public catalogues, and effective use of information resources.

Come join us!

Berthe Boudreau, Convenor
Local Arrangements Committee

Susan Libby, Convenor
Program Committee



Health Sciences Librarian

W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Dalhousie University

The W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, located in the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building of the Dalhousie University campus, supports the teaching and research programs of the Faculties of Dentistry, Health Professions, and Medicine, as well as the University's general needs for health sciences library resources. The Library is a primary resource for the health professions in the Maritime provinces. It has an annual budget of \$1,400,000, a staff of 30.5 FTE, and 150,000 volumes. The Health Sciences Librarian, a senior administrative position excluded from the bargaining unit, reports to the University Librarian. Responsibilities: formulating policies and program priorities for the Kellogg Health Sciences Library, managing of the Library budget and operations, working closely with Health Sciences departments in the development of programs and services, participating in the administration of the University Libraries as member of the Library Management Group, representing the University Libraries in Health Sciences matters at the local, regional, and national level.

Qualifications: Degree from an accredited Library School; an undergraduate degree in the sciences preferred; minimum of seven years of professional library experience with progressively increasing administrative responsibility, preferably in an academic health sciences environment; knowledge of health sciences academic library organization; an understanding of health sciences library trends, issues, and problems; strong oral and written communication, analytical and interpersonal skills; demonstrated ability to coordinate work of staff and to implement change; demonstrated ability to work effectively with faculty, students, academic administrators, library colleagues, and representatives of the health sciences community; substantial professional activities and accomplishments.

The initial appointment as Health Services Librarian will be on a five-year term renewable basis.

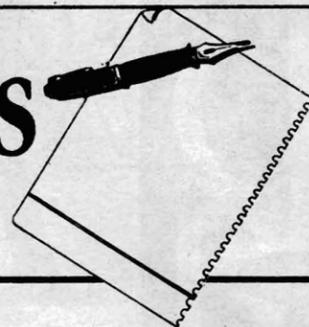
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University Librarian
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



January and February were busy months for the Executive. At the request of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, over one hundred letters were sent to Atlantic Bookstores in January encouraging participation in Freedom to Read Week. Andrea John travelled to Saskatchewan in my place to attend the new Provincial and Territorial Associations meeting held in conjunction with the CLA mid-winter meeting in Saskatoon. The meeting provided an opportunity to share ideas with other association presidents as well as to get updates on national issues such as copyright and the GST.

The Executive held its winter meeting February 24-25. The Association finances were again a major topic of discussion. A deficit is forecast for the 1991-92 budget year. As

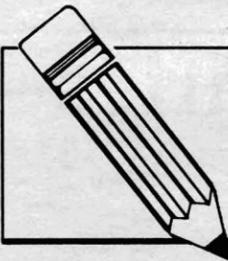
a result the Executive will present a motion to the AGM in Moncton to increase membership fees by \$10 to begin September 1990. We hope to provide more information on this in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Ways of increasing APLA's visibility both among librarians and the community at large were also discussed. The Executive decided to focus on increasing access to professional development over the next year. This will include encouraging workshops throughout the region and promoting the use of the General Activities fund in this regard. Interest in professional development has been strong and it is felt this is a means of providing tangible benefits to the membership.

Should you have any questions on these or other issues, please feel free to contact me.

Susan McLean

From the EDITOR'S DESK



This is the last issue to be mailed out before the May Conference. In order to have the conference issue available at the conference, the deadline has been moved up to April 3. All editorial

material should be in by that date, and in particular I urge those of you who must submit annual reports to get them in early.

See you in Moncton.

Bradd Burningham

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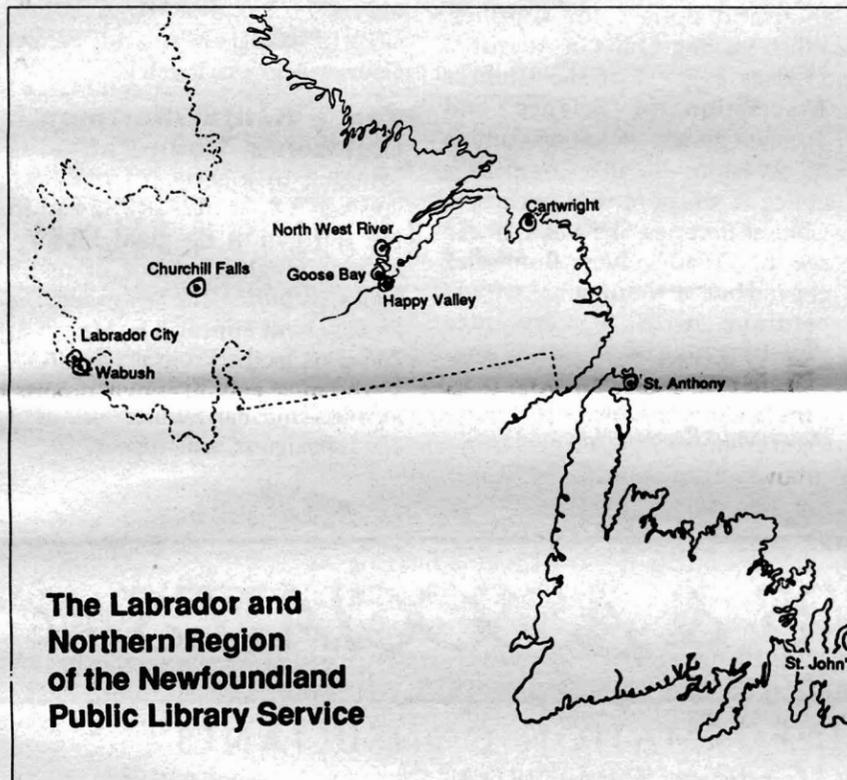
regional office that couldn't be obtained from St. John's.

The regional office I set up in Labrador City is located in an industrial plaza between the Canada Manpower office and a plumbing supplies firm. I had previously worked at two universities as a reference librarian. Now as a regional librarian I became a jack-of-all-trades, responsible for book and periodical selection,



My first trip was one of the most memorable. The plan was to visit Goose Bay, Cartwright and St. Anthony, returning home by Goose Bay. It was to be a six day trip. The weather along the Labrador coast was poor and it went "down" the day I flew into Cartwright. For five days it was watch and wait—and wonder what I had gotten myself into! The weather eventually improved enough for a plane to fly in from Goose Bay. I got home nine days after leaving without seeing St. Anthony.

In early December 1985 I made plans to visit Churchill Falls, which is a 30 minute flight from Labrador City. Poor weather intervened again and it was only on the fourth attempt two days later that I made it into Churchill Falls. Both nights were spent in Goose Bay at the airline's expense. Travel never seemed quite so bad afterwards but the weather was always a factor. Returning from meetings in St. John's last September I once again



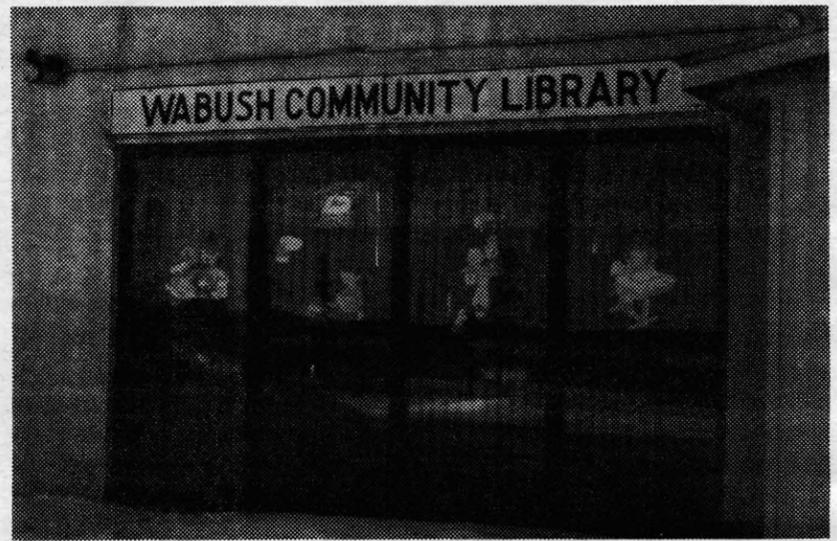
government publications, budget preparations and management, library planning and maintenance, programming, staff training and supervision, and acting as an advisor to nine library boards. The regional office staff consisted of a library technician and a clerk-typist. One came from England, the other from Australia. Both were experienced and highly self-motivated individuals who worked well together. Leaving most of the office procedures for them to set up, I was off flying on my first library visit within a month.

Flying is how people get about in Labrador. There are few roads and distances between communities are measured in hundreds of kilometers. I would plan to visit three or four libraries on each trip out of Labrador City. This would take me out of the office for a full week, flying out on a Sunday or Monday and returning only on the following Sunday. If the weather was bad, however, flying would stop until it improved.

found myself in Goose Bay after the aircraft was diverted from Labrador City because of weather.

I normally visited each library two or three times a year. The local librarians, consequently, were quite independent of the regional office for the day-to-day routine. All were locally hired; all but Labrador City and Churchill Falls worked from 12 to 22 hours per week. Labrador City had two full-time staff and two part-timers while Churchill Falls, the one school-public library in the region, had two public library staff working 32 hours and a teacher-librarian.

These local librarians and their boards worked hard to offer library services to their communities. In my four years as regional librarian, I saw improvements which could only be generated by grassroots support. Three libraries moved into larger, much improved quarters. Even the small libraries initiated story hours, usually with a volunteer to help the librarian. French language story hours have been offered for the past three years



by one library. My role in all of this was to give advice, help sort out problems, offer encouragement and generally provide the backup needed by the boards and librarians.

Contact with the libraries was chiefly maintained through the telephone and the mail. Both were readily used: there was seldom a month without long distance charges of three to four hundred dollars. The one page memo was my most frequently used tool. When attending a local board meeting it wasn't unusual to see three or four items of correspondence from myself on the agenda. The aim of all this activity was to make the regional office open and accessible to all. I believe we were wholly successful in this effort.

However, I was not the local librarians' only contact. The regional office staff—especially the library technician—also played a

vital part. Three different people have filled this position and each has quickly won the local librarians' confidence. Many of the routine calls were (and are) handled by this person: questions about ILL, requests for forms or general information. Both she and the clerk-typist are cross-trained; consequently, the work usually flows quickly and easily through the office. The staff certainly saved me from floundering in the filing cabinet in my first year as regional librarian.

John White is former Regional Librarian of the Labrador and Northern Region in Newfoundland. He is currently Regional Librarian of Newfoundland's Avalon Region. In the second part of this two part series, John White will take a closer look at some of the individual libraries in the region and the services provided to them.

Notice of Meeting

Associated Alumni
Dalhousie University
School of Library and Information Studies

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the occasion of the Atlantic Provinces' Library Association Conference.

Date: Friday May 11, 1990
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - meeting
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Conservation at UNB(F)

by Murray Baillie

Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, one of the literary heroes of New Brunswick, willed his personal library to the University of New Brunswick but the books were in the possession of his widow until a few years ago. They had been transported throughout various tropical and semi-tropical climates. The books were treated at the Conservation Co-operative in Fredericton "before they even came in our door," says Sheila Laidlaw, Director of Libraries (Fredericton). Fumigating, cleaning, dusting, and boxing were required. Thus, a collection of value because of its notes and use by Roberts has been preserved for future generations.

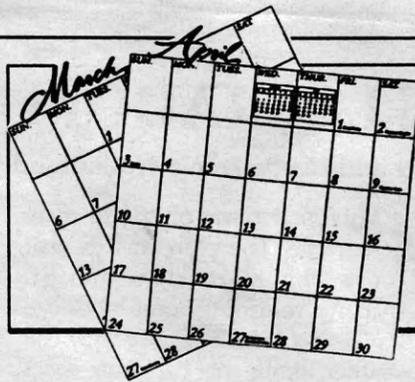
One of the earliest activities in conservation at the University of New Brunswick Libraries was an analysis in terms of preservation needs and cost of the thirty boxes of the Winslow manuscript collection done by Harold Holland, Conservator at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. The study showed that \$100,000 was needed to save that one collection. One result has been to have a line for preservation in every annual budget.

For several years, there has been a Committee on Preservation of the Collection which meets at least every three months. Financing for

environmental controls in the Archives Department came from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. "It is essential because the stuff is rotting on the shelves," was Sheila Laidlaw's basic comment to the Commission. She claims that the strict humidity and temperature controls give this part of the Harriet Irving Library, along with the Saint John Free Public Library, the best climate control in the region. Because of this environment, a major collection was donated to the Library which, otherwise, probably would not have been deposited there.

A sprinkler system was installed in the stack areas of the Harriet Irving Library in 1987. "In common with other libraries over the years, we all used to throw up our hands in horror at the whole idea of water in libraries but the kinds of techniques that have become available over the past twenty years (mean that) rescue after water is more possible than rescue after fire," says Laidlaw. A disaster plan is in place and a revision is in preparation.

The University of New Brunswick Libraries have been a major player in the Conservation Co-op and Sheila Laidlaw is personally a strong supporter. She sees it as one example of how "the resource poor provinces share and the resource rich provinces charge."



UPCOMING EVENTS

The 19th Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use (WILU) will be held at Brock University May 16—May 18, 1990. The theme will be *The Challenge of the 90's* and the keynote speaker will be Constance Mellon, author of *Bibliographic Instruction: the Second Generation*. For more information contact Dee Dickman, Helgi Kernaghan, or Carol Gaspari, Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario, L2T 3R6, (416)688-5550, ext. 3809.

A two day management seminar on library technology will be held at Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies, April 26-27. Jane Beaumont will

U.N.B. has put over \$10,000 into the Co-op for work and several thousand dollars for supplies. When visiting China in August of 1988 as a guest of the Chinese Association of Science and Technology, she spoke on a number of occasions on the Co-op as a concept of potential value to Chinese libraries. She would like to see the Co-op in New Brunswick expand but "at the moment, we will continue with a very nice shoestring."

Murray Baillie is Atlantic Institution Librarian in Renous, N.B.

conduct the Seminar. For more information, contact the school.

A full day Subject Indexing Update will be held at Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies, May 18. Toni Peterson (an authority on the Art and Architecture Thesaurus) will conduct two sessions on the practicalities of indexing system design. For more information, contact the school.

The North American Serials Interest Group is holding its first conference in a Canadian location this year at Brock University in St. Catherines, June 2-5. For more information contact, Roger Preseley, President, NASIG, 1040 Lenox Valley, Atlanta, GA 30324. Telephone: (404)651-2176; FAX No: (404)651-2508; EMAIL Address: LIBRLP@GSUVM1; and Faxon Courier Address: Presley.

The Halifax/Dartmouth Children's Roundtable is bringing in a series of readers/speakers. On April 24, at 7:15 p.m. in the Dartmouth Regional Library, Monica Hughes, author of many books, including *The Refuge* and *The Promise*, will appear. On May 3, at 7:15 p.m. in the Program Room of the Halifax City Regional Library, Bernice Thurman Hunter, author of *The Lamplighter*, will appear.



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NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK/ NOUVELLES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

The first of two workshops on AACR2 will be held at the Fredericton Public Library, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ralph Manning, Senior Coordinator for Standards at the National Library and Chairperson of the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) will present an overview of the CCC and the process of revision and updating of the cataloguing rules followed by a more detailed talk on specific AACR2 rules. The workshop will end with a panel of five area librarians and a discussion on HOW THEY WORK WITH THE RULES. For more details please contact: Claire Dionne, Translation Bureau, Library, P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, M.B. E3B 5H1, Tel: (506) 453-2920, FAX: (506) 459-7911.

The New Brunswick Newspaper Directory 1783-1988, a project of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick / Conseil des Directeurs de Bibliothèque du Nouveau-Brunswick, is now available. The Directory lists approximately 650 titles, their dates of publication, location of holdings, microfilmed titles, as well as other useful information. Copies may be obtained from the Saint John Free Public Library, Market Square, Saint John, N.B. E2L 4Z6 (\$30.00 per copy, plus \$2.75 postage and handling.)

The National Library will hold a two day DOBIS Search Service training session at the University of New Brunswick on April 18-19, in the Harriet Irving Library's Conference Room—room 112. The training format will consist of a lecture and, primarily, hands-on experience. The sessions will run from approximately 9 am to 4 pm. The total fee is \$280.00. For additional information or to register please contact:

DOBIS Search Service Coordinator,
Information and Technical Services,
National Library of Canada,
395 Wellington St.,
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0N4,
Tel: (819) 997-7000 or
ENVOY: DOBISSEARCH.C

SCHOOL LIBRARIES / BIBLIOTHEQUES SCOLAIRES

Du 3 au 6 avril prochain, à Edmundston, divers ateliers seront offerts aux responsables des bibliothèques scolaires des districts francophones et aux directrices/trices des bibliothèques des écoles secondaires. Pour de plus amples informations, veuillez vous adresser à Agnez Hall, Ministère de l'Éducation, C.P. 6000, Fredericton, N.-B. E3B 5H1.

La bibliothèque de l'École Domaine des Copains de Balmoral a entrepris un projet pilote d'automatisation du prêt et du catalogage avec le logiciel québécois REGARD et le CD-ROM de Choix.

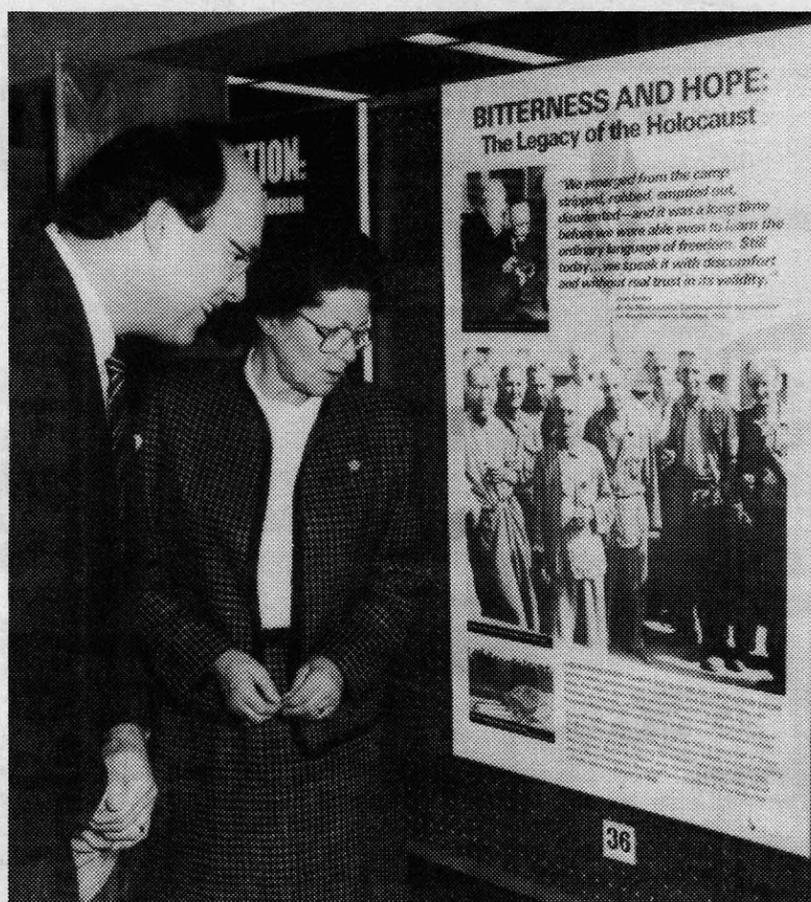
PUBLIC LIBRARIES/ BIBLIOTHEQUES PUBLIQUES

La cinquième Foire du livre d'Edmundston aura lieu du 5 au 8 avril prochain. La bibliothèque régionale du Haut Saint-Jean tiendra un kiosque pendant toute la durée de la foire. Cette exposition attire chaque année plusieurs maisons d'édition, des écrivains de renom et un public nombreux et enthousiaste.

SAINT JOHN REGIONAL LIBRARY

1990 started with a very prestigious display at the Central library. Entitled "The Courage to Remember: the Holocaust, 1933-1945", the exhibit, consisting of over 200 photographs, was officially opened by Neil Franklin, son of Mr. Mitchell Franklin, who purchased the collection from the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

To mark the International Literacy Year, adults learning to read will have a wider selection of materials to choose from at the Saint John Free Public Library. The New Brunswick Community College in Saint John has decided its grant from the National Literacy Secretariat will be better utilized if the general public has access to the literacy materials at their public library. Selection and ordering for the new collection is now underway.



Saint John Free Public Library recently mounted an exhibition focusing on photographs of the Holocaust. Shown are Eileen Travis, Regional Librarian, and Neil Franklin, whose father purchased the collection.

The Regional Board has appointed a committee to study a new Lending Policy and another committee to work on the Official Language Policy. The Boards of the Sussex and Le Cormoran libraries have undertaken a complete review of their operations and are studying methods to be used in "orienting" new board members to their responsibilities.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIES/ BIBLIOTHEQUES DES COLLEGES COMMUNITAIRES

The Standards and Guidelines Committee for community college libraries, chaired by Margaret McAllister of Woodstock, has prepared a report covering budget, staff, facilities, collection, services, and audiovisual. Each college librarian will examine the preliminary document with their college principal before the report is presented to the Department of Advanced Education and Training for approval.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES/ BIBLIOTHEQUES UNIVERSITAIRES

Le catalogue GEAC de la Bibliothèque Champlain de l'Université de Moncton est maintenant accessible en ligne à partir d'un modem. Pour connaître les protocoles d'accès et d'interrogation, veuillez communiquer avec Charlotte Dionne, Bibliothèque Champlain, Université de Moncton, Moncton, N.-B. Tél: (506) 858-4012.

The University of New Brunswick Libraries will implement the charge/discharge module of their automated circulation module over the next few months, beginning with the Education Resource Centre. Barcoding began last summer and will continue. Programming is being done by Brian Lesser, who was involved in the development of the library's on-line catalogue, PHOENIX.

Claire Dionne

NEWS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

The CLA seminar "Copyright Update: Phase II of the Copyright Revision" took place in St. John's on February 13th. The major presentation was given by Jane Cooney, who outlined the provisions that the library community would like to see in Phase II.

The Nfld. Public Libraries Board has received the go-ahead from the Secretary of State to implement Stage I of the literacy project. The Chair of the Board, Sue Sexty, says that the three-month project will consist of evaluating the existing collection, and developing a bibliography for a core collection. Funds will be forthcoming shortly. The Board also has plans underway to offer a follow-up symposium for public library boards in the province. The two-day symposium will emphasize trustees as power brokers, and is planned for September, funding permitting.

Catherine Quinlan, the Health Sciences Librarian at MUN, has been appointed Director of Libraries at the University of Western Ontario. She will assume her new position on August 1st, 1990.

Alison Mews

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Nova Scotia Library Association: NSLA is in the process of planning their 1990 conference, the theme of which is "Into the 90's: Libraries Broadening Their Focus." The conference is tentatively planned for the last weekend in September.

Halifax Library Association: Last year the executive of HLA considered disbanding the Association due to poor membership turnout. In contrast this year has been very positive for the Association. Two meetings have been held, at the new Mount St. Vincent University Library and the Thomas Raddall branch of the Halifax City Regional Library. The next meeting will be

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held at the new Weldon Law Library and the AGM in May is planned for the Dartmouth Regional Library. The organization will be contributing to the Clem Harrison Memorial Fund. The HLA Lotus 1,2,3 Workshop held on February 24, 25 had more applicants than could be accommodated.

Nova Scotia Provincial Library: Five applicants were interviewed in February for the position of Provincial Librarian. A recommendation should be going forward to the government in the near future. They are hoping to have the successful candidate in the position by the summer.

New tenders are being sought for relocation of the Provincial Library.

NSHPL is in the process of renegotiating their DOBIS contract with the National Library. Serials are to be included in this contract. Training for this recon project should begin in April or May.

Neil Bowers is the new co-ordinator of School Libraries.

Nova Scotia Archives: Gwen Whitford became the new Archives librarian on January 2, 1990.

The Archives has begun a pilot project on authority control. The staff are also working on descriptive standards following the recommended standards set by the Bureau of Canadian Archivists.

University of King's College Library: The King's library recently advertised a position for a Librarian I or II whose main responsibilities would include collections development.

Gwyn Pace

NEWS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The biggest news from the Island library scene is the announcement by the Minister of Education given in the Speech from the Throne on February 22 that the Provincial Library would be moved to Morell, P.E.I., 30 miles east of the capital, by 1993 as part of the provincial government's decentralization program. It will presumably be housed in new quarters constructed for the service. Present employees unwilling to commute will be offered alternative employment. No further details are available at this time.

The Minister, Paul Connolly, also announced that \$100,000 will be allocated for upgrading collections in existing school libraries. This sum, approximately \$4.00 per capita, is designed to partially compensate school libraries for the damage inflation has wreaked on their budgets in the last decade.

As well, the Department of Education will assist in the selection of library automation software for those school boards interested in acquiring it. Two schools presently have such programs. Four junior and senior high schools in the Charlottetown area presently being renovated will be the first to benefit under this plan. The Department will sponsor a workshop on the subject to be given by Jane Beaumont on March 14.

Judy Davies has been appointed Head Teacher-Librarian by the Unit Three (Charlottetown & area) School Board. She was formerly teacher-librarian at L.M. Montgomery Elementary School near Charlottetown. She is the first full-time consultant appointed by an Island school board. Norine Hanus has been appointed Board Office Librarian by Unit Three; she previously was librarian at Queen Charlotte Junior High School in Charlottetown.

There is news from two branches of the Provincial Library: the Tignish branch has begun a new program designed for senior citizens involving volunteer delivery of materials for shut-ins and library activities for their benefit. The Souris branch has moved into new quarters in the renovated old town hall giving them more room than they previously had.

Don Carter

New Interlibrary Loan Directory Available

The 5th edition of the *Interlibrary Loan Directory* is a much improved publication compared to the 4th (1986) edition. The cover title on the three-ring binder is *Interlibrary Loan Services: An Information Manual, 5th edition*. This is presumably because the 1989 edition of the *Interlibrary Loan Procedures Manual*, also in loose-leaf format, is to be filed in the same binder.

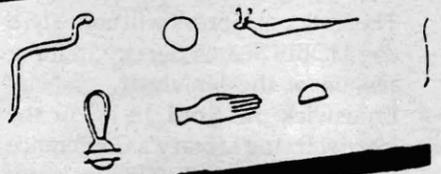
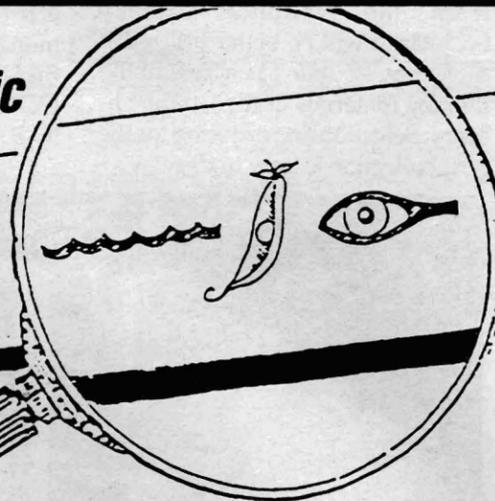
The number of entries in the *Directory* increased from 384 in the 4th edition to over 5,000 in the new edition. As this seemed a very large increase, I checked the entries for New Brunswick. The 4th edition has 15; the 5th edition has over 100. Even though the information is sketchy for some libraries, this is a great improvement.

The format, arranged by the standard ILL codes as listed in *Symbols of Canadian Libraries*, is easier to read than the previous editions. For each library, messaging and delivery services are listed, the latter being new to this edition.

There is an index from the name of the library to its ILL code. The

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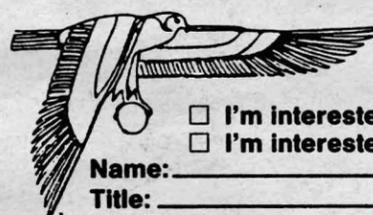
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index is not entirely consistent but the preface explains—"The form of a library's name reflects the conventions used when the National Library assigned the symbols... As resources permit, the National Library is standardizing the name forms." A second index links the UTLAS library codes to the ILL codes. This is a useful feature for

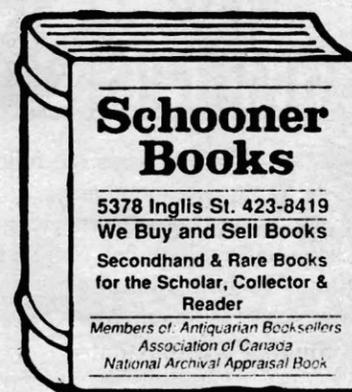
those libraries on the UTLAS system.

The loose-leaf format will be easy to update and the price for this edition includes three information updates until the end of 1990. The price? The price is high. Surely this could have been published for less than \$120.00 (\$95 for CLA members). Other than price, this new edition of the *Interlibrary Loan*

Directory is a worthwhile and useful publication for interlibrary loan personnel.

Interlibrary Loan Services: An Information Manual. 5th ed. Ottawa, Canadian Library Association, 1989. 471 pages. ISBN 0-88802-249-2.

Ruth Miller,
Reference Librarian
Mount Allison University

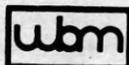


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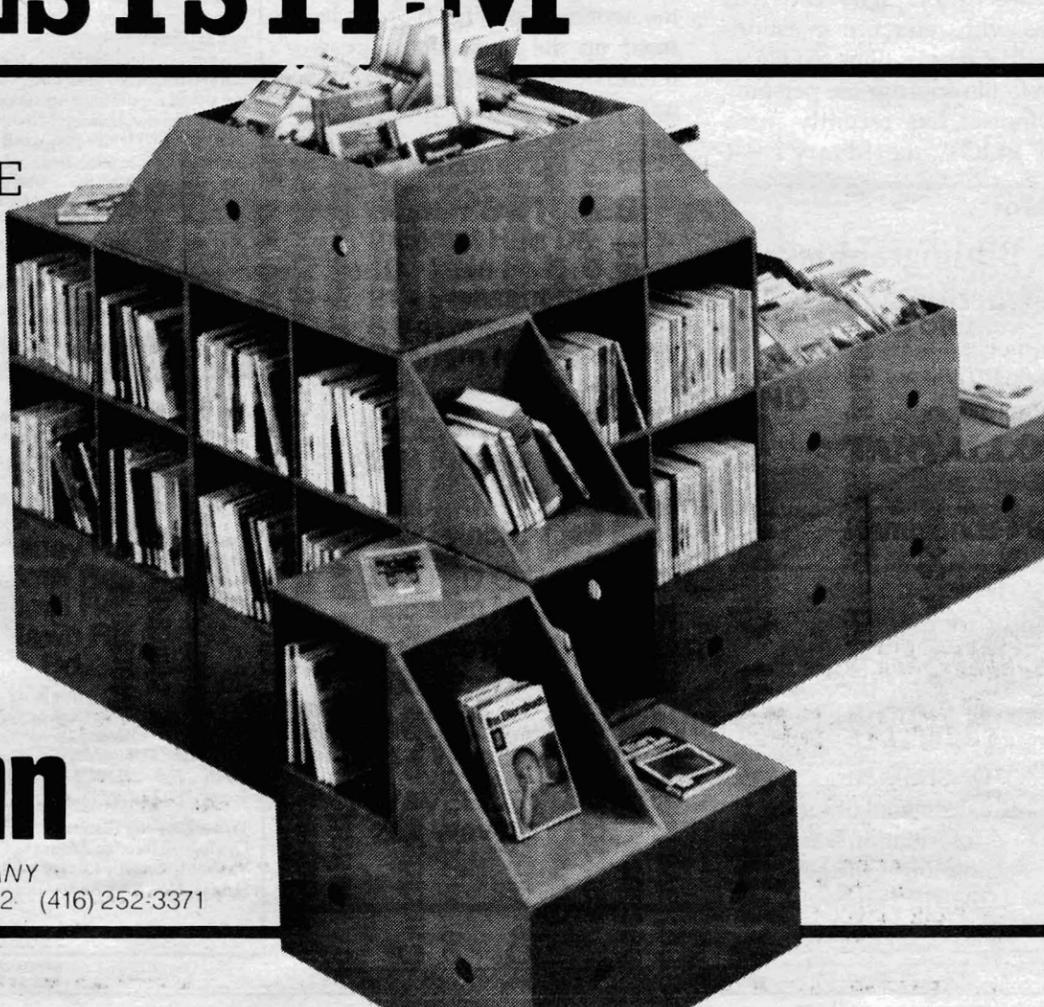
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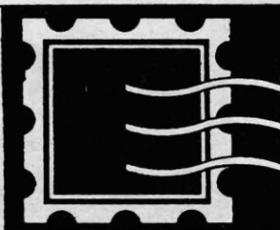


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User Education MAILBOX

Compiled by the APLA Special Interest Group on Library Instruction



Should librarians be the only ones doing BI?

It might be better to question whether or not you can, or want to, keep your staff from offering bibliographic instruction and whether or not you can stop the general public from thinking that all library staff are "librarians." The whole issue indeed raises other questions such as "What is bibliographic instruction?" and "How do the public know when they are talking to a librarian?" Either of these questions sounds like the subject of an article—anyone interested?

Back to the question in hand. Personally, I think that many potential problems can be averted by providing staff with a thorough training program. This program should not only lead staff to a familiarity with their own job, but also to an understanding of how their job fits into the total scheme of the library or institution. The training program should also give staff the confidence *not* to answer questions or give instructions. By this I mean that, by learning that there are others who can help patrons with reference questions, they will be more willing to take the patron to the appropriate person.

Memorial has recently introduced ELIOT, the library's cat-

alogue on CD. We felt there was a need to provide an introduction to the system, but were hard pressed to come up with professional time to allocate to this activity. Instead we chose to set up an Equipment Training Centre, staffed by student assistants, where patrons could learn what ELIOT was and how to use it. The problem was that we did not want these student assistants to help the patrons to formulate their search strategy. Training for student assistants has been fairly extensive and included a tour and an explanation of the technical and public service areas of the library beyond Information Services. It also included instruction in using the card catalogue which contains our holdings prior to 1979, in reading citations, in locating periodicals, and in using bibliographies. The student assistants have also been instructed in tutoring techniques.

Remembering that we did not want the student assistants to go beyond a certain point in instructing, have we been successful? Yes—and no. The student assistants are generally well received by patrons, have introduced a number of patrons to the wonders of ELIOT, and have freed up the librarians to answer reference questions; however, their natural exuberance and inquisitiveness (traits not to be discouraged) have occasionally led them to exceed their role and to try to answer reference questions or help formulate search strategy. We continue to work with them to help define their role and to reinforce the fact that they should refer/take patrons to the Information Desk for further assistance.

Suzanne Sexty
 Bibliographic Instruction
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The questions, and answers, for this column come from you so feel free to submit either or both. Questions and answers should be sent to:

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Call for

Bibliographic Instruction Materials

Dr. Intner, Associate Professor at Simmons College (Boston), will be presenting a workshop on the preparation of bibliographic instruction materials at the May APLA Conference.

As preparation for this conference, Dr. Intner is requesting samples of B.I. materials presently in use. Please send samples by April 10 and indicate they are for the APLA Conference.

Address:

Dr. Sheila Intner
 Graduate School of Library
 And Information Science
 Simmons College
 300 The Fenway
 Boston MA 02115

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

McGill Library School Alumni Association Formed. Following a number of informal meetings held in the spring of 1989, a McGill Library School Alumni Association (MLSAA) has been established. Plans are being made for organizing a gathering at CLA 1990 in Ottawa and further details will be released as the conference draws near. If you are interested in getting together at CLA or if you wish to become involved in MLSAA, please write to the following address for more information:

McGill Library School Alumni
 Association
 c/o Graduate School of Library
 and Information Studies
 Attn: Sherry Koshman
 3459 McTavish Street
 Montreal, Quebec
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Distance Education Round-up. Librarians in the Maritimes working with extension students are asked to send a brief report on their activities during the year to Pat Ruthven for the CLA interest group on library services for Distance Education. Pat may be reached VIA Envoy at ILL. NBFU, or at the Reference Department, Harriet Irving Library, U.N.B., P.O. Box 7500, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5H5.

New Directory Available. The second edition of the *Directory of Librarians in Collections Development* is now available. The directory is based on a survey of Canadian librarians, conducted in December

1988 by the Collections Development and Management Interest Group of the Canadian Library Association. The information was compiled by Donna Signori (University of Victoria) and Dave Binkley (California State University at Chico). The directory can be purchased for \$5.50 from Donna Signori (Collections Division, Library, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 1800, Victoria, BC, V8W 3H5).

"Job Bank" at CLA Conference. The Conference Planning Committee for the 1990 CLA Conference is planning to offer a "Job Bank" for those who are seeking employment and employers who have positions to be filled. Employers will be requested to supply notices of positions available with job descriptions along with the name of a contact person and a conference telephone number. Prospective employees are requested to file a copy of their curriculum vitae. There will be a message board for conference delegates and a location for interviews will also be available. For more information, contact: Marilyn Rennick, 1990 Hospitality Convener, Canadian Library Association, 200 Elgin Street, Suite 602, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1L5. Telephone: (613)232-9625 Envoy 100: CLAHQ.

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