NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Beginning in April, Elaine Toms of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography Library will be on a five month assignment in Ottawa assisting with the WAVES Database.

The first draft of the descriptive standards at the FONDS level has been prepared by the Planning Committee of the National Committee established to set archival standards equivalent to AACR2. Wendy Duff is a member of this Committee. Margaret Campbell is a member of the working group to establish standards for graphic materials.

At Nova Scotia Provincial Library, Bertha Higgins will continue to act as Provincial Librarian until the fall.

Shirley Coulter, Coordinator of School Libraries, is retiring in June, 1989. She has been with the Provincial Library for twenty nine years. She will be attending the International Association of School Librarians Annual Conference in Kuala Lumpurat the end of July. After the conference, Ms. Coulter will travel to Australia and New Zealand.

The Halifax Library Association sponsored a NOVANET update session in April. The future of HLA will be discussed at its Annual General Meeting in May.

The Dalhousie University Law Library is beginning its move to the new Library in April. The Library is expecting to have staff and collections available to the public in May. The new Library was designed by the prominent Canadian architect Arthur Erikson.

A unique volunteer library visitors service officially began February 27 at South Shore Regional Library with a training workshop for volunteers. The service will enable people to use branches or bookmobiles who have until now been unable to access these facilities. The Library matches the volunteer with a home reader needing service. The training session was made possible in part from a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.

Since its release, the document School Libraries in Nova Scotia—Standards and Practices has had wide distribution among librarians, school principals, district administrators, regional inspectors of schools, Department of Education personnel and parents. It was produced by the Nova Scotia School

Library Association with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. Free copies may be obtained from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, PO Box 1060, Armdale, NS, B3L 4L7.

Nova Scotia Education Week was proclaimed for April 16—22. The theme is Libraries: A Lifetime of Learning. An information package was prepared and distributed to news media across the province. Activities honoring this week included contests, open houses, visiting authors, and displays in shopping malls. Librarians across the province were very pleased with the Education Week theme and took advantage of this excellent opportunity for public relations activities.

Novanet a boon to users

Novanet, launched at the beginning of 1988, links via a computer, the library catalogues of Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent universities, the Technical University of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

The first of its kind in Canadian universities, Novanet was established by the five universities, which among them provided funding. Additional funding was provided by a private foundation and the Nova Scotia government.

Ron Lewis, University Librarian at Saint Mary's University and chairman of the Novanet coordinating committee, says the success of the centralized system has prompted other university and public libraries to express an interest in joining it.

Lewis says the Provincial Library has also expressed interest in the system, and talks are planned with the National Library to consider expansion of the network to serve all of Nova Scotia.

"The Novanet system, to my knowledge, is the only one of its kind in Canada. Other libraries have individual computerized systems, but to have five universities in such a joint venture as this is unique," Lewis says.

Nova Scotia Provincial Library

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library Council is undertaking a review of the funding formula for regional public libraries. A report will be prepared for the Minister of Education on the effect of the new formula on library services and recommendations will be made for the next phase.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library, supported by the Library Council, is conducting a review of the Libraries Act. Proposed changes, resulting from the review will be presented to the Legislature during the 1990 Session of the House.

NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

The Information Transfer Programme in the Science Library funded under the Canada/N.B. Industrial Innovation and Technology Development Subsidiary Agreement has been a tremendous success and is certainly providing a good basis on which to build a provincial network if funds ever become available.

Librarians new to UNB this year are Stephen Sloan in Engineering who came to UNB from Fort MacMurray and John Neilson who has returned to the Atlantic Provinces after some years at Lakehead University.

Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library The fourth "Salon du livre" took place in Edmundston in April and 6,000 people attended. The Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library had a stand where every public library was represented in turn during the Salon by trustees and staff. Every visitor who presented his membership card to our stand had a chance to participate in a draw with first prize as Robert I and Robert II dictionaries.

The Library received a grant of \$1200 from the Canada Council for the visit of Jean Bernier, a juvenile literature author. He has co-authored two historic novels: Marcus, fils de la Louve and Senab, architecte du Dieu vivant.

Saint John Regional Library
Highlights for this year included
the integration of the materials
transferred from the New Brunswick Museum Library, and the
signing of a contract with the National Film Board and the SJRL
Board to provide "on-line" booking
service of the NFB collections.

Some staff changes include the departures of Christine Corston and Barbara Kissick; the appointment of Lisa Pomeroy as Branch Manager of the Ross Memorial Library; and the re-election of Kenneth Smith as Chairman of the Saint John Regional Library.

The Board is presently developing a new plan for the orientation of new Trustees and has completed the revision of the Board's By-Laws.

PRESIDENT'S DESK

n my last President's column, I would like to report on the CLA Council meeting of March 31, 1989 in Ottawa. As usual the agenda was lengthy as was the

discussion of most items. Of interest to APLA members is the motion to have available upon request, an official translation of CLA's Intellectual Freedom statement. Another item on the agenda included CLA Headquarter's response to Task Force on Publishing Report which recommended, among other things, keeping both CLJ and Feliciter as two separate publications. This report was accepted.

A further task force report on Conference sites was received containing ten recommendations for future CLA conference sites. The majority of this report was accepted

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with the exception of the recommendation to choose a permanent eastern and a permanent western site. This motion was defeated and CLA's annual conference will continue to be held across the country but only in those cities with appropriate facilities which meet the requirements for exhibit space. Goals and objectives were set for CLA for 1989 which include continuing to lobby on Phase 2 of copyright legislation and all matters related to intellectual freedom and continuing to develop plans for a National Summit Conference of Libraries and Information Services.

One final agenda item that I'd like to mention is the report made by Beth Barlow, incoming CLA President, on CLAPCO. It was stated that all of the CLAPCO recommendations have been dealt with except for the structural items. It was announced that the federation concept was being dropped because there is no interest expressed for this concept by the Provincial Associations. Motions to reconstruct CLA along "meaner and leaner" lines will be brought forward to the CLA membership probably in June in Edmonton. It is

quite possible that the regional representation provided by having the Provincial Library Associations represented on Council will be removed since it is proposed that they no longer be members of CLA Council. If so, I hope a close liaison will be maintained in other ways.

Closer to home I would like to report that our letters to the Editor of the Atlantic Provinces newspapers and the Globe and Mail concerning the Rushdie affair were published. As well, a one-page ad which APLA signed was placed in the Globe and Mail on Saturday, March 4, 1989.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as President and in particular, the executive members and conveners for their contribution to APLA this past year. A special thank you and goodbye to Joy Tillotson, Gerard Lavoie, Bill Masselink, Elaine Toms and Moira Davidson who retire from the Executive on May 28th. It has been a rewarding and busy year for all of us and I look forward to serving as Past President.

Hope to see all of you in Charlottetown, May 25-28, 1989. Gwendolyn Creelman



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Qualifications: degree from accredited library school

- ability to work in both official Canadian languages will be an asset
- demonstrated interest in a musical field and some experience with audio-visual equipment use will be assets.

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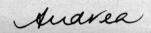
Apply with full resume to: Dr. Mary Eileen Travis, Regional Librarian, Saint John Regional Library, One Market Square, Saint John, N.B., E2L 4Z6, on or before June 30, 1989.



his is the last issue of the Bulletin that I will be putting together. I will miss the creative fun of planning issues, the editorial board meetings, and the contact with librarians doing exciting work all over the Atlantic provinces.

Despite what some people think, the editor is not the life blood of the paper. The editor is coordinator of all the invisible work of authors, advertising editor, news editor, assistant and managing editors, interest groups, and our publisher, PageCraft. Without these people, I would have nothing to say, nothing to print, and no way of publishing it. While I am honored that Albert Bowron had very nice things to say about the Bulletin in his recent CLJ column, the plaudits belong as much to these people as to me.

I wish the new editorial team, headed by Bradd Burningham at Mount Allison, the best of luck.



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PRESIDENT

s is usual for the President the majority of my time was spent writing letters and preparing reports for CLA Council, the APLA Bulletin and Executive meetings. APLA has raised its voice to Federal and Provincial governments on various matters through the year including human rights reform, intellectual freedom (Rushdie affair), support for funding the Atlantic Provinces Book Review and expressing concern that Nova Scotia has for two years left vacant a key library position—the Provincial Librarian.

Internal matters have included discussions about a permanent secretariat for APLA, a bilingual name for the Association, recruiting new members, developing a database management system and changing our publications. The matter of APLA's Constitution has also occupied a great amount of time and effort, and I believe that, with the Special Resolution confirmed at the Special Meeting of July 6 and the amendments suggested during the course of this year, we are back on track and back within the Law.

I have tried throughout the year to keep the membership informed and upto-date about Executive decisions and actions through the Bulletin. If anyone would like further information about our activities, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Executive. I feel that, in the aftermath of CLA and our Constitutional woes, this has been a sort of rebuilding year for APLA and I am pleased to see that our level of activity is increasing as evidenced by the workshops and projects sponsored by our General Activities Fund and, especially, by the dynamic and exciting program of the Charlottetown Conference. I would like to conclude by offering my thanks to all the Executive, conveners and Conference organizers for their commitment and hard work this year and extending my best wishes to Susan McLean as she begins her year as Presi-

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Creelman, President

VICE PRESIDENT, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

he most important event this year will be the hosting of the 1989 APLA Annual Conference in Charlottetown. Both the program and the local arrangements are being organized on PEI under the joint leadership of Priscilla Ykelenstam and Joyce Gaudet.

A number of significant developments took place in the school library field. A three day workshop on the theme "Development of a Library Learning Skills Continuum" was sponsored by the PEI Department of Education and attended by a large number of Teacher-Librarians and school principals. A School Library Policy and School Library Standards have been developed and are now in the draft stage. The University of Prince Edward Island has been approached with a proposal to grant a Diploma in School Librarianship on the completion of a number of courses to be given by the University. In 1988 this university gave a summer course on "Cooperative Pro-

gram Planning and Teaching." This year, the university will give another summer course entitled "Young Adult Literature." Finally, the Department of Education increased the number of Teacher-Librarian positions on PEI by five.

The PEI Provincial Library developed and implemented a formal Performance Evaluation program which involved the setting of mission statements, objectives, and goals for the Provincial Library as a whole and for each of its subdivisions. In the beginning of 1989, the Provincial Library was also audited by the Provincial Auditor General's Office. The results of this audit are not yet known. Finally, in 1988, the PEI Public Archives were moved from the Department of Education (and the Provincial Library organizationally) to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Masselink VP, PEI

VICE PRESIDENT, NOVA SCOTIA

988/89 has been another active year for libraries and library associations throughout Nova Scotia. Several new libraries have been approved for various areas of the province. Branch libraries in Pugwash and River Hebert are planned to open this fall; a new branch in Cole Harbour is to open in April; and another new branch in Elmsdale is scheduled to open later in 1989. Building of the new Dartmouth Regional Library on the harbour site has begun and it is schedules to be open in early 1990. The Halifax City Regional Library will be opening its third branch library in Mainland North in the spring of 1989. A new library at King's University has been approved for construction and the Dalhousie Law Library is moving into its new building at the end of April.

The use of automation in the libraries is continuing to grow. The acquisition module will soon be added to the Novanet system. CD ROM products are being used in various information service departments and the regional library electronic mail network is now complete. The Legislative Library of Nova Scotia and the Halifax City Regional Library are also investigating the possibilities of of integrated online systems.

The Nova Scotia Library Association at their annual general meeting passed a motion which allows "delegates from a maximum of three other library associations" to be members of the association's Board of Directors. APLA's Vice President for Nova Scotia is one of these delegates. This arrangement provides a direct link for communication between the associations. Concern has been growing that the position of Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian has yet to be filled on a permanent basis. A letter from the President of APLA was sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Education expressing this concern.

At the end of my first year as VP for Nova Scotia, I would like to thank you for keeping me informed of your library and library associations' news and developments. I look forward to working with you in the forthcoming year.

Respectfully submitted, Gwyn Pace VP, Nova Scotia

VICE PRESIDENT, NEW BRUNSWICK

ew Brunswick Library Service
The major issue regarding the
Regional Libraries have been
dealt in the APLA Bulletin news. On of
the major achievements is the opening
of the new Moncton Public Library and
Regional Headquarters. The NBLS is
still examining the possibility of implementing an automated system which
would suit its five regions.

UNB (Fredericton) Libraries

The past year has been a very busy one for everyone at UNB Fredericton. Finally they are nearing the end of the renovations and rearrangements of the Harriet Irving Library. Over the past summer, major moves took place which have created a new periodicals reading room on the main floor and a complete rearrangement of the stack collections into an A-Z order for the LC classification with related Dewey sections moved as close to their LC equivalents as possible. The Technical Services Departments moved to new quarters in the basement and a new conference/ instruction room has been created on the main floor allowing for convenient access from the front door and from the Reference Desk. For the work and creativity put into the rejuvenation of the building, the staff has been awarded the University's Productivity Award for 1988. From part of the cash award, a fund has been started to provide prizes in a new competition for library staff members. "Coin your ideas" will recognize good ideas which will result in improved service, more efficient work procedures or cost saving.

L'Université de Moncton ouvrait en octobre dernier l'agrandissement de la Bibliothèque Champlain. L'implantation du système GEAC se fait graduellement et la possibilité d'établir un réseau avec ce système est actuellement a l'étude.

New Brunswick Community Colleges The New Brunswick Community Colleges have formed a committee to examine their needs in automated systems.

Library Assistant Course = Cours d'aide bibliothècaire

The Library Assistant course was given at University of New Brunswick using teleconference. Le cours d'aide-bibliothècaire s'est donné en français à l'Université de Moncton aux campus de Moncton et d'Edmundston.

On prevoit donner ce cours à Bathurst en septembre 1989 et le répéter à Moncton et Edmundston également.

Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick

The major issues discussed at the last annual meeting were the New Brunswick Newspaper directory, resource sharing and information access in New Brunswick.

En tant que vice-president pour le

Nouveau-Brunswick, il m'a fait plaisir de pouvoir contribuer au caractère bilingue que veut se donner l'Association et je souhaite que le nouvel executif pourra poursuivre cette tendance.

Je tiens a remercier tous ceux et toutes celles qui ont rendu ma fonction de vice-president intéressante.

Gerard Lavoie VP, N.-B.

VICE PRESIDENT, NEWFOUNDLAND

emorial University
Memorial libraries switched to LASERQUEST for major copy which, coupled with the repatriation of the database on SPIRES, reduced their reliance on UTLAS. The libraries chose IMPACT as their CD-ROM based OPAC, which should be operational by summer. On March 16th, MUN faculty and librarians signed their first contract which included a substantial salary increase.

In Corner Brook, the new School of Fine Arts opened last fall. This necessitated new collections in theatre and visual arts at the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College library.

School Libraries

The school library policy committee is in the final stages of its report to government. Its recommendations regarding resource-based learning should be implemented by 1990. The Task Force on Educational Finance will recommend alternatives to funding school library facilities and services in its forthcoming report. Carol Ann Haycock made two trips to Newfoundland during the year to conduct sessions on cooperative program planning for school boards and for the annual conference of school librarians.

Public Libraries

In the fall of 1988, the Public Libraries Board ran its first public library symposium and also a professional development seminar for regional librarians. This spring the first class of the distance education library certificate program will graduate. The fund for a new library building in Stephenville has topped \$100,000 to date.

Community Colleges

In the past year, a new library was established at the St. Anthony community college; a librarian was appointed at the Happy Valley community college; and the Fisher Institute library in Corner Brook began collecting support materials for the new technology and early childhood education programs.

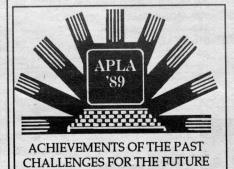
Archives

A conservation technician was hired for the Newfoundland Cooperative Preservation Project, a joint venture of three St. John's libraries.

Respectfully submitted, Allison Mews VP, Newfoundland

Note:

CHANGE TO APLA CONFERENCE PROGRAM



The Collections Development Interest Group meeting time has changed from 1:00 - 3:00 pm to

4:30-5:30pm

Day and location remain as published in the conference program.

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PAST-PRESIDENT

he procedures manual was revised to reflect the new form of the constitution and decisions made by the executive and the association since the previous edition. This was accomplished with much assistance from Suzanne Sexty. The association nominated a Newfoundland trustee, Agnes Richard, for the Secretary of State's Citation for Citizenship award. Unfortunately, Mrs. Richard was not one of the 25 winners chosen from among two to three hundred nominees. Nominations were solicited for the following APLA executive positions: Vice President/ President Elect; Treasurer; Vice President (New Brunswick) and Vice-President (Prince Edward Island). Elections were held for all but the last position which was filled by acclama-

A late nomination was received for the APLA Merit Award. An announcement will be made at the conference.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Tillotson Past President

SECRETARY

ince the last Ordinary General Meeting, the Executive of the Atlantic Library Provinces Association has met four times. At the Joint Executive meeting, immediately following the OGM on June 19, 1988, the outgoing members turned the reins of power over to the incoming members. The Executive met on two weekends during the year, and, finally, on Thurs. May 25, 1989, just prior to this year's AGM.

The two weekend meetings were held in Halifax and consisted of committee meetings and a working dinner on Saturday and the Executive meeting on Sunday. The fall Executive meeting was held on the weekend of Sept. 24-25 1988 at the Technical University of Nova Scotia and the topic for the dinner meeting was the prospect of APLA becoming a bilingual association. The winter meeting took place on Feb. 25-26 1989 at the Halliburton House Inn, and, during its working dinner, the Executive went over the Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association, Standing Orders and the Procedures Manual. It was a long evening. Minutes of the Executive meetings were distributed to all committee and interest group conveners as well as to the Executive.

Correspondence this year sent on behalf of the President included such issues as misleading job advertisements for librarians and the handling of Rushdie's **The Satanic Verses** by the Canadian government. A significant amount of time was spent dealing with APLA's Constitution.

Respectfully submitted, Moira Davidson, Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

he Finance Committee approved three of the four applications received for funding from the General Activities Fund. The first successful application was for support of a public information forum on Bill C-54 sponsored by LINK-Library Information Network, Saint John, N.B. on May 4, 1988. The second was for assistance to fund a workshop on resource-sharing organized by MASAL/ BRMS-Moncton and Sackville Area Librarians Group / Le Groupe des Bibliothècaires de la Région de Moncton et de Sackville, in Moncton, N.B. on November 18, 1988. The third was to help sponsor a symposium entitled "Organizing a Research Agenda: Information Studies for the 1900's". This was organized by the School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University and was held in Halifax on March 16-17, 1989.

In addition to administering the General Activities Fund the Committee carried out its usual budgetary commitments. The Committee proposed and the Executive approved at the September meeting that:

"travel costs of the President's and Secretary's attendance at Special General Meetings of the Association be paid using the Presidential Travel Budget".

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Creelman, Convenor

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND INTEREST GROUPS

ll interest groups and committees continued to be active throughout 1988/89. Revised guidelines were approved at the February Executive meeting for the Interest Group on Community College and Technical Libraries. The Executive also reviewed policies on the distribution of committee and interest group newsletters. The following motion was passed at the February meeting: Only official publications of the Association be distributed outside the Association and that newsletters and minutes of committees and interest groups be distributed only among members of the Asso-

I wish to thank the convenors and members of the committees and interest groups for their work throughout the year. This participation in APLA is crucial to the life of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, Susan McLean, Convenor

MEMBERSHIP

he APLA personal membership figures as of the end of this fiscal year are lower by 24 members than at the same time last year. A similar decline was noted at this time for 1987-88. There was rather a late flurry of activity in membership renewals this year, possibly because fewer people renewed at the joint CLA-APLA meeting than would normally be the case at an APLA Annual Conference. In fact, 71 people renewed or became APLA members after September 1988. The number of members who had not renewed for 1988-89 by December 1988 was substantially higher this year.

We have welcomed 54 new APLA members which is an increase over last year's figures.

Institutional memberships have remained quite stable at 39 for 1988-89.

Please refer to the accompanying figures for a detailed breakdown by province and by category of membership.

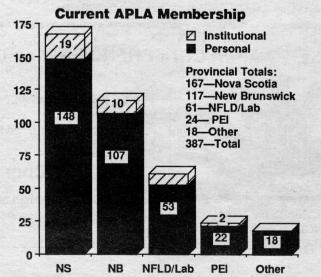
The Membership Committee has discussed changes to the renewal process and new ways to follow up on nonrenewing members. Much of this work has been made easier by the capabilities of our database management system. In addition, the Committee has submitted written job descriptions for the Membership Vice-President and for the Provincial Vice-Presidents to be included

in the Association's Procedures Manual. These measures should help clarify the duties of these positions and provide a detailed guide to the scheduling of responsibilities for new APLA executive members.

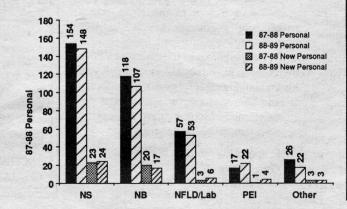
The Committee will be making use of another feature of the database management system by issuing personalized renewal forms for 1989-90.

It is hoped that these changes will improve the renewal procedure, offering more efficient service to our members.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Belier VP, Membership



Personal and New Personal Members, 1988/89 and 1987/88



APLA BULLETIN EDITOR

PLA Bulletin has continued to be published on schedule and within budget.

This year's highlights include the series of articles on salaries, and the theme issue on French-language programs, services and collections. The editorial team is particularly pleased with the contributions that interest groups have made to the **Bulletin** this year, and the increased number of job ads. To maintain and enhance the number of job ads placed in the **Bulletin**, it must continue to be published on schedule.

Advertising revenues from this year (v.52) are \$3 182, an increase of almost 40% from last year.

Future plans include converting the Bulletin to a more durable, more attractive format. This project is "on hold" until APLA finances improve and the necessary slight increase in cost can be better absorbed. The Editorial Board continues to feel that the conversion to a smaller, longer-life format is worthwhile and important.

There will be editorial team change in May 1989. The new team will be headed by Bradd Burningham.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea John Editor

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

he 1988/89 Publications Committee, formed in early September, consisted of Robert Boychuk (Convenor), George Beckett, Ruth Bray, Elizabeth Frick, Donna Richardson, Elaine Toms and Arthur Smith. The Committee held meetings October through December 1988 to discuss and carry out the business before the Committee. The members agreed to undertake a minimum number of projects since funding was short for the whole organization this year.

Since the 1988 conference was in conjunction with CLA in Halifax, no Proceedings were published. The Committee focused on the new Membership Directory and Handbook. The 1987/88 Committee recommended and the APLA Executive approved this new publication. It would incorporate organization information on APLA and a membership list. Various existing organization documents provided the material for the handbook portion. The printers were Speedy Printers who met the January 1989 mailing date of the APLA Bulletin.

Since enough copies remained from previous year, the APLA Membership Brochure did not need reprinting. Donna Richardson agreed to compile a list of library directories which contain information about libraries in the Atlantic Provinces. The work is still in progress. For the work to be done next year, the Committee will make recommendations and forward them to the new Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Boychuk, Convenor

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COMMITTEE ON AIMS AND **OBJECTIVES**

he Committee met at both the September and February Executive meetings to consider a suggestion that APLA adopt a bilingual name. A report was submitted to the September Executive meeting for discussion purposes, with follow-up at the February meeting. It was decided not to proceed with a name change at present, but rather to focus on improving services to francophone librarians to increase participation in APLA. A workshop in French is planned for the 1989 Conference and additional sessions will be considered at the 1990 Moncton Conference. A motion was passed at the February Executive Meeting requesting the 1990 Conference Planning Committee to investigate the possibilities of providing simultaneous translation and alternate means of financing this translation.

My thanks to Gerard Lavoie, V.P. New Brunswick, for his very active participation in addressing this issue.

Respectfully submitted, Susan McLean, Convenor

SPECIAL **COMMITTEE TO** RESPOND TO **CLAPCO**

n June 1987, the Executive of APLA struck this special committee in response to the federation concept contained in recommendations 29, 30, 32, 34, 39, 42, 43 and 83 of CLA's Presidential Commission on Organization Report. Also in June 1987, CLA Council established a one-person Task Force to specifically carry out recommendation 34 of the Commission:

"That the desirability and feasibility of a federation of Canadian library associations be thoroughly explored"

while at the same time taking into consideration the remaining related recommendations cited above. One possible result of this for APLA members would be an automatic CLA membership with one fee covering membership in both APLA and CLA.

CLA's Task Force was to prepare a background package of information on membership overlay, costs, fees and rvices that would enable APLA to better contribute to the feasibility study undertaken. This package was never prepared and the one person Task Force resigned in the summer of 1988 stating there was no interest in the federation concept.

CLA members will be voting, probably at the AGM in Edmonton in June, about restructuring CLA's Board and Council into one body and, perhaps, removing the Presidents of Provincial Associations as members of Council.

At this time, the Special Committee to respond to CLAPCO perceives that it has fulfilled its mandate and recommends that it be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Creelman, Convenor

CONSERVATION **OF LIBRARY MATERIALS INTEREST GROUP**

he APLA Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m. (where the program on page 10 reads "Library Materials Interest Group", please add "Conservation of"). Representatives of the Atlantic regions will share news and opinions of the year's conservation activities with each other.

The meeting will follow a workshop organized by the Interest Group on today's conservation options. Presenters will focus on the process of decision making for conservation and the use of microfilming as a conservation method.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Melanson Convenor

ATLANTIC PROVINCES BOOK *REVIEW* BOARD OF MANAGEMENT -APLA REPRESENTATIVE

ust to refresh everyone's memory-The Atlantic Provinces Book Review is a reviewing journal which appears four times a year, and treats books published in the region, and those published outside the four Atlantic provinces, but which deal with our area.

The Review is included as an insert in the APLA Bulletin, and the Sunday Daily News (Halifax) and the Miramichi Leader. There is also an extensive distribution to bookshops, libraries and schools, and the Review is available to individuals on a subscription basis.

It is my task to represent the interests of the Association and of librarians in general on the Board of Management. In the past year, I have also been responsible for fundraising for the Review, which has given me the opportunity to gauge what kind of support there is out there in the community for cultural ventures.

My fundraising efforts have been directed at teachers' organizations. My letters to the four teachers' federations in the region resulted in a donation of \$250.00 from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. The fact that Nova Scotia was the only province to support us is I think indicative of the attitude that has been met with before-that the Review is simply a vehicle for reviewing the work of Nova Scotia writers. Let me assure that you that the Review features work from all four provinces and our reviewers and specialist writers also represent all the provinces of the region!

The mainstay of our support for the Review comes from the Canada Council (over 70% of the budget) with further support from the province of Nova Scotia (which increased its funding for 89/90). Earned income comes from subscriptions and from advertising

One of the highlights of my 89/90 opportunity to make a presentation on the Review to the recent meeting of Cultural Affairs Directors of the Atlantic Provinces, held in Halifax in March. I had five minutes to bring the "hard

Procedure for Resolutions

esolutions concerning the policies and practices of the Association will be formally considered at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown.

The pre-resolutions session will be held on Saturday, May 27, at 4:30 p.m., also in the Prince Edward Hotel.

Resolutions may be submitted in advance to Peter Glenister, Library, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS, B3M 2J6, or to the Resolutions Committee, c/o The Conference Registration Desk, Prince Edward Hotel, before 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 27, 1989.

sell" to the Cultural Affairs Directors of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and New Brunswick, with the object of gaining support for the Review from those provinces which at present to do contribute funding. This had to be treated as a public relations exercise and it was illuminating to see the different perspectives taken on the Review by those in attendance at the meeting. I regard our publication as a cultural vehicle and information source—others regard it as a "cultural product". The two are not quite the same!

Respectfully submitted, J.G. Reade APLA Representative, APBR Board of Management

COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT **INTEREST GROUP**

n 1988/89 the Collections Development Interest Group completed its third year of existence. Members of the Group met for a business meeting in Halifax during the CLA/APLA conference. Several issues were discussed including the state of serials budgets at three major universities in the Atlantic region—Dalhousie, UNB and Memorial.

Throughout the year our members have kept in touch via CollNet, our quarterly newsletter. In addition to serving as a means of communication, the newsletter also featured reports on conferences, the annual Directory of members, and an article on training for beginning collections librarians.

In May the members of the Group will meet again at the APLA conference in Charlottetown. In addition to the business meeting the Group is sponsoring two sessions at APLA to be co-convened by Suzanne Sexty and Michael Lonardo. One session will feature Alan MacDonald and Tom Eadie, university librarians at the University of Calgary and Mount Allison University, respectively. The second session will feature Lorraine McQueen from the National Library of Canada.

During the past year the following 33 names were sent to the convenor as those interested in joining the Collections Development Interest Group: Linda Durling, Clare-Ines Rincon, Laura Scott, Dorothy Milne, Michael Lonardo, Brad Burningham, Ken Cooley, Ruth Bray, Doris Rauch, Ingrid Hasse, Gayle Garlock, Elizabeth Sutherland, Susan McLean, Laura Peverill, Jane Trimble, Martin Howley, Jane Thornley, Jane Archibald, Christine Corston, Ilga Leja, Holly Melanson, Susan Collins, David Witherly, Gerard Lavoie, Lana MacLean, Andrew Pope, Patricia Belier, Patricia Chalmers, Donna Capern, Penny Logan, Richard Ellis, David Millar, Catherine Quinlan.

It should be noted that in some cases, these individuals expressed no interest in receiving the newsletter of the Group (as evidenced by two requests from CollNet). On the other hand, some who did not express an interest in joining the Group when they completed their APLA membership form, did request that they be on the mailing list for Coll-Net. This confusion represented some difficulty for the convenor during the past year, as well as having the potential for increasing the cost of producing and mailing issues of CollNet considerably.

As a means of saving money, the current convenor has carried on the practice started by the previous convenor of sending, to an institution where there is more than one member, several copies in one envelope with instructions to distribute using the institution's internal mail system. In order to facilitate this it would be helpful if the convenor were to receive from the executive the institutional addresses (if applicable) of the members of the Group in addition to their residential addresses.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Lonardo Convenor

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION INTEREST GROUP

the Fredericton Working Committee wind down their executive responsibilities, I think it is fair to say that we all agree that our three-year stint was an enjoyable experience. We have been quite active this year with our ongoing commitment to the User Education Mailbox, as well as special endeavors in planning a session for APLA'89 and, recently, in contacting writers who would be willing to write for an upcoming APLA Bulletin theme issue on "User Education."

The annual business meeting of our Interest Group will be Saturday, May 27 at 11:30 a.m., directly after our session called "The Walls Come Tumbling Down! The Role of Librarians in the Education of all Users." At our business meeting we will hand over the executive responsibilities to the new Working Committee representing Newfoundland. Sue Sexty will be the new Con-

Throughout the past three years, the Working Committee has attempted to maintain the already well-established presence and positive image of the Library Instruction Interest Group. With the increase in corresponding membership over the past few years, the sponsorship of conference sessions, and the articles in the APLA Bulletin, the Fredericton Working Committee feels it has successfully completed its mandate. The Working Committee wishes the Newfoundland group every success and enjoyment with the Interest Group throughout their tenure.

HOW TO HUG:

Guidewords in the Junior High School

by Neal Bowers

rnest is a reluctant seeker after teacher-prescribed truth. He has his pencil stub and a page torn out of someone else's coil-bound notebook and a library pass from his social studies teacher that explains his trip to the school library is for the purpose of "research."

"Somethin' about a Seven Year War," offers Ernest with shrug of one shoulder and a twitch of its adjacent cheek. He's done this dance before but he's still not comfortable with all the steps.

Mainstreaming has placed Ernest, a special needs student, in a regular social studies class. Each day has the potential for bringing embarrassment. He gets through most social studies classes, however, by keeping a low profile and by being less truculent than he is usually, in his regular class. He has accommodations made for him such as today's trip to the library. Others in the class are writing a test on the Seven Years' War. Ernest is beginning an assignment that they completed ten days ago.

Although he was present when the class did their swoop on the library for a double-period hunt through encyclopedias, stacks, AV and vertical files for material related to the topic, I know that my gems of wisdom were probably lost on him. As a matter of fact, I seem to recall that he hid away at a corner table occupied with re-inking on the knee of his jeans that old 'sixties peace symbol, the dove's footprint inside a

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circle.

Today I realize that what he's hoping for is for me to find him the right pages in the World Book from which he can garner two or three paragraphs of writing to present in lieu of taking the test. Today, sensing a teachable moment in Ernest, I back-pedal a bit. It goes like this:

"Hmmm, Seven Years' War, eh?" I say. "How long did that one last?" An attempt to open with a little humour.

"I dunno." Failed attempt.

"OK. What do you know about it so far?" Most answers to this kind of question are correct, instill confidence. Ernest could benefit from

"Nuthin'." Uh oh. Definite sighting of an iceberg of truculence.

OK. Some others have done this topic recently. I know there's a pretty good article in the World Book. Just nab the right volume over there and we'll get you started." I leave him to do the walking while I make change for the photocopier.

"Hey! Mr. Liberian! Which one? There's two books with S's!" A voice raised this loud in the library raises the hairs at the back of my

"Bring 'em both." Short responses and forced smiles help me keep calm.

What happens next (the dialogue is too painful to reconstruct) reveals to me Ernest's total and genuine ignorance about the guide letters on the spines of encyclopedias when less than all entries for any letter are

The

Provincial Archives

of New Brunswick

by Murray Baillie

he public probably sees the Archives building on the Fredericton campus of UNB only as a repository for primary historical material. Few will realize that it houses some of the most advanced work in preservation in Atlantic Canada.

It all began with the appointment of Harold Holland as Conservator in 1975. He came to the job with a varied background including experience at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard

in any given volume. One volume marked S-Sh and another marked S-Sz present him with a choice he apparently can't make. Hardly believing this yet, I try to talk him onto figuring it out. Using the Socratic method, I ask leading questions. I have a fleeting memory, as a youngster at the seashore, of being told that you can find out what was really inside a periwinkle by gently blowing on it to make it lift its lid, so impervious to more forceful tactics. I even trot out that old chestnut about the book labelled "HOW TO HUG" It's really volume 22 of a very large encyclopedia and not a manual on lovemaking. No dice. I'm not seeing inside this periwinkle. By the time I reach for a dictionary and start talking about guidewords, Ernest has had enough.

"Nuff o' this foolishness!" he blusters. "I'm going back to class."

He slams the door on his way out. A few library regulars, witnesses

University, and at the Kings Landing historical settlement. He continues his studies, most recently at the Amsterdam Academy of Resto-

The basic approach has been preventative boxing and flattening of material. Job creation programs have been used to increase the output; as many as 15 people worked in the lab at one time. As a result, 75 per cent of the parchment has now been filed.

The space of the lab has grown Continued on page 7 ...

to this teachable moment turned pitched battle, offer their assess-

"Sir, why were you picking on

him so bad?"

"Boy, what a dunce!"

"He wasn't pickin', he was trying to teach him something."

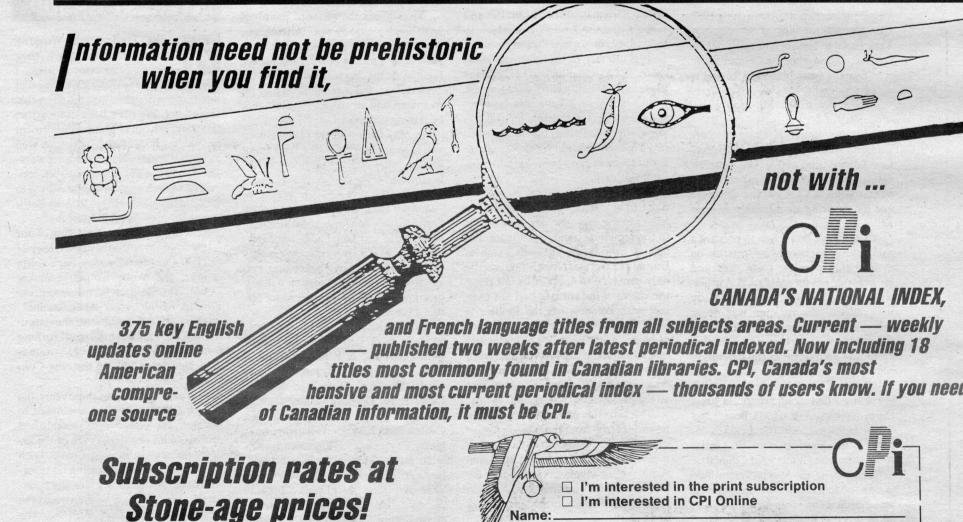
"He's no dunce, he's a good soccer player."

"He's no dunce, he's our li-

In true democratic style I ask for a vote and find that a slight majority of those present felt that I was being unnecessarily difficult with Ernest. I say I accept the vote for what it's worth but who says school is a democracy.

Later that day, at noon, Ernest returns with a classmate who opens the right book for him to the right page and I make change for him for the photocopier.

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"Provincial Archives" continued... tenfold. Equipment has been added, some home-made. though a commercial vacuum tube would have cost \$ 10,000, Holland built one for \$ 1,000.

Expansion of the storage area in the Archives will be required in the future. Holland is considering an addition to the building with a temperature of 5 to 10 degrees Celsius and with low humidity. He hopes to utilize outside air which, in New Brunswick, is cool for long periods during the year. This procedure has been applied to photograph collections, but this would be the first application to general rec-

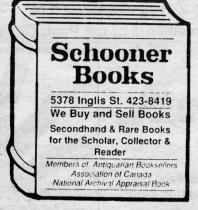
Harold Holland's education has benefited other institutions since he has shared his knowledge, and he has been a friend of libraries in New Brunswick. He suggests the periodicals Conservation Administration News and The Abbey Newsletter for those who want to keep informed.

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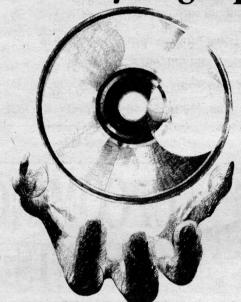
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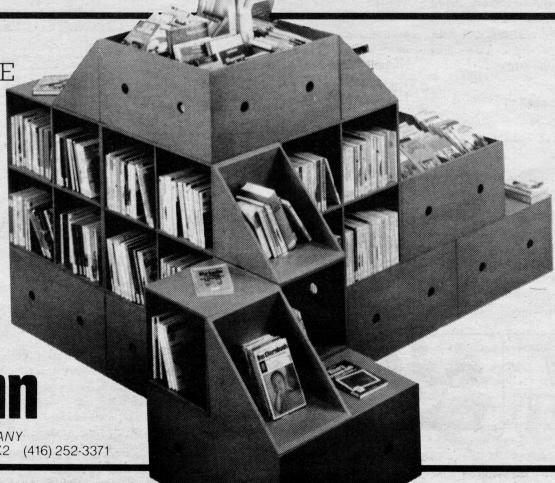
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Free Publication Available

I recently received a copy of:

Tried and True Programming Guide: a list of programming resources and a selection of programs for children used in Saskatchewan libraries

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PLA welcomes new members: from Newfoundland and Labrador, Audrey Conroy; from Nova Scotia, Jocelyne Marchand; from New Brunswick, we welcome Diane Buhay.

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by Mark Leggott

ne problem with microcomputers is that everything costs so much—whether it be hardware, software, or even cleaning supplies (ever look at the price of those little packets for cleaning your keyboard?). One saving grace is public domain software, and its cousin-shareware. The recent computer virus scare has given free software a bad name, but if one takes appropriate precautions (i.e. antidote software, or vaccines) there is no reason to stop copying free software.

Public domain software programs can be freely copied without incurring royalty or registration fees, and are frequently available from interest groups and online systems such as Compuserve or PC Magnet. Some software developers request a "registration fee" if you like their program (generally between \$5 and \$100), and in return you receive manuals, support and free upgrades. These shareware programs (e.g. PC-Write, PC-File) usually start out in the public domain, and are also readily available, although they may have slightly more sophisticated "commercial" versions (e.g. Procomm +).

There are many popular collections of public domain software (usually compiled by large user groups), such as PC-SIG, which currently numbers over 1400 programs, some of which are available now on CD-ROM. Another source of very useful utility programs is the PC MagNet online service, from the publishers of PC Magazine.

One service I hope to provide in conjunction with the APLA Microcomputer Interest Group is the distribution of public domain software to interested libraries and individuals. If you come across a program in the Utilities section of PC Magazine that might be of use, or have heard of a public domain program you would like to try, let me know and I will try and get you a copy. If you would simply like to know if there is a package in the public domain that carries out a particular function, I will also try and find one that suits your needs. All you have to do is send me the appropriate number of blank formatted diskettes (preferably in a self-addressed & stamped floppy-disk mailer) and I will provide the program(s).

I am also attempting to compile an archive of public domain software of particular interest to libraries, so if you have any, or know of any, I would love to hear from you. I will compile a list for distribution sometime in the future.

GOOD READING

"Infection Protection." PC Magazine, v. 8 no. 8, April 25, 1989. Review of 11 software packages for protecting against "virus attacks". Includes a brief discussion of the phenomenon, and some useful tips for guarding against infection. (This should appeal to all you dedicated health science librarians!)

"Wordperfect 5 Desktop Companion." San Francisco, CA: SYBEX, 1988. \$34.95.—Version 5.0, the latest release of the number one selling word processor for PC's, is the most sophisticated software package of its type (and a steal at a street price of \$225.00). This has resulted in a flood of "how-to" books, many of which are poorly done. This is definitely the best reference guide I have seen.





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