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From the President's Desk

It is July already and APLA's annual conference, held in June this year, is still fresh in my mind. APLA's annual conference doesn't just happen, but it is the result of the planning and hard work of a group of dedicated volunteers. I want to thank the APLA 2009 conference planning committee – specifically Debbie Costelo, Peter Webster, Carol Morris, Catherine Kelly, Elaine MacInnis, Sara Gillis, Lori McCay-Peet, Christina Warren, Lou Duggan, Bill Slauenwhite, Denise Parrott, Beth Gerstenberger, Heather Gardner and Anne-Marie Richard – for hosting a first rate conference. The venue was lovely, the program was well balanced, the exhibits (thank you exhibitors!) provided the membership a great face-to-face opportunity with vendors, the meetings and social events allowed participants to renew old friendships and start new ones. They continue to provide additional content on the conference website - <http://apla2009.ca> and conference photos are up on Flickr - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/39369694@N05/>.



Outgoing President Su Cleyle passing the gavel to incoming President Donald Moses at the OGM Part 2 in Halifax, N.S.

APLA Executive

The annual conference also sees changes within your Executive. I'd like to extend my thanks to departing members of the APLA Executive for their work on behalf of the membership including: VP Membership Ruthmary Macpherson, VP New Brunswick Nadine Goguen, and Secretary Lynn Somers. We had an incredibly successful *Grow a Library* - <http://www.apla.ca/grow> - campaign supporting the Mojo Reading Room in the Harare Region in eastern Ethiopia. This is the second reading room that APLA has sponsored in conjunction with CODE. Much of that success can be attributed to our outgoing Past President Donna Bourne-Tyson and her committee. Thank you Donna for this and all of your many contributions to APLA. In addition, Donna's work on the Nominations Committee allows me to introduce you to the newest members of the APLA Executive, please join me in welcoming Sarah Gladwell (VP / President Elect), Ann Smith (VP Membership), Sarah Kilfoil (VP New Brunswick), and Lori McCay-Peet (Secretary).

Su Cleyle becomes our new Past President and she's been a great role model. I intend to build on many of the initiatives she established during her presidency. Continuing in their APLA roles are Penny Logan (Treasurer), Darlene Beck (VP Nova Scotia), Louise McGillis (VP Newfoundland/Labrador), Dawn Hooper (VP Prince Edward Island), Ian Gibson (APLA Bulletin Co-Editor), Jane Duffy (APLA Bulletin Co-Editor), Kelli Wooshue (APLA Bulletin Advertising Editor), and Larry Tweed (Website Administrator). I would like to thank Peter Glenister for his continued work as APLA's Financial Examiner and thank you to Lloyd Melanson for providing wise advice in fulfilling his role as APLA's Parliamentarian at the 2009 OGM. The Executive works on your behalf and we welcome your comments and suggestions - updated contact information can be found on <http://apla.ca/executive>.

2010 Conference

If you attended the APLA 2009 Conference, you probably had a chance to chat with Terry Nikkel and his conference planning colleagues about APLA 2010. Start making plans to travel to St. John, New Brunswick to attend *Riding The Tide: Adapting and*

Thriving in a Sea of Change / Aller avec la marée: s'adapter et s'épanouir dans une mer en changement. The conference has a website and you can follow the development of the conference by visiting <http://www.apla2010.ca/>.

The Benefits of Membership

The annual conference is a great membership benefit and provides incredible value for its cost. In the past year APLA's provincial VPs hosted a number of Education Institute sessions for members in their provinces and combined those with a "meet and greet". We'll continue that initiative this year as well – stay tuned. If you reviewed APLA's budget and the Treasurer's Report this past year, you'll note that we returned funds to the membership in a number of ways including: scholarships, awards, and grants. I would encourage all members to visit <http://apla.ca/benefits> and explore the funding opportunities that are available. As an association we continue to explore and expand our partnerships with local library associations to provide joint membership rates that benefit all members.

Initiatives

Start making your plans for hosting a game event at your library during the week of October 18-24.

Louise McGillis, APLA-VP Newfoundland & Labrador, and Crystal Rose along with the other Provincial APLA VPs have done a tremendous job pulling together *Games @ the Library* –



<http://apla.ca/games>. Every public library in Atlantic Canada will receive a copy of *Scrabble* and

Pictureka courtesy of Hasbro Canada. There are idea, planning, and promotional materials available for download on the website. To find out how your library can get involved, ask your Provincial VPs - <http://www.apla.ca/gamesinfo>.

Advocacy

At the 2009 OGM Part 2, the membership passed a unanimous motion regarding funding cuts to New Brunswick school libraries and school library positions. A letter has been sent to the New Brunswick Minister of Education on the membership's behalf. I wonder if we are communicating the value of libraries to our elected officials, communities, and stakeholders? This issue overlaps 3 of 5 of our strategic goals – regional voice role, communication, and value of libraries. I'd welcome suggestions from the membership on how APLA might take on a more proactive role ... submit your suggestions to

<http://apla.ca/advocacy>.

Summertime

Late this summer VP/President Elect Sarah Gladwell and I will be attending the Partnership meeting in Toronto. Our association with the Partnership allows us to leverage a number of services including the Education Institute and the Partnership Job Board. Our own Jennifer Richard continues in her capacity as Editor of the Partnership Journal – providing members with a publishing venue for their work and a place for members to keep up to date with the profession. Enjoy her [editorial](#) in the most recent issue, this issue of the APLA Bulletin and have a great summer.



From the Editor's Desk

This issue marks the end of another eventful volume of the APLA Bulletin. This issue also marks the end of Jane Duffy's term as co-editor. As of September 1st Jane will be taking over as University Librarian at the University of Winnipeg. Please join Kelli and I in wishing Jane all the best as she embarks on this exciting new opportunity.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Alexandra Brooks of the New Brunswick Public Library Service to the editorial team. Alexandra has graciously agreed to fill the vacancy created by Jane Duffy's departure.

Ian Gibson
APLA Bulletin Co-editor

Engage, Entertain, and Enlighten: the ILIG Contest

Submitted by Janet Goosney

The Engage - Entertain - Enlighten contest was launched by the Information Literacy Interest Group in spring 2009 with three goals in mind: to raise awareness and attract new members to the interest group; to engage existing ILIG members; and to share ideas and showcase information literacy innovation in Atlantic Canada.

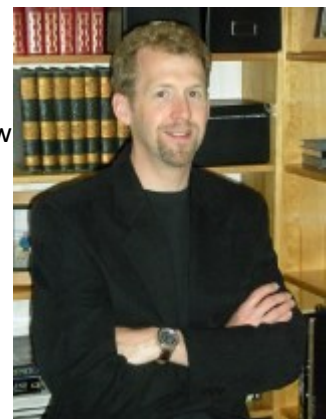
Contestants were invited to participate by submitting a short essay (plus relevant attachments) describing a teaching & learning strategy or tool they have developed to promote information literacy.

Few restrictions were placed on the type of submission, which could take any form (e.g. an in-class activity or exercise, applied teaching method, or a learning object) and target any group of learners (e.g. post-secondary, K-12, public or special library users). The main requirement was that it must engage students in some way as active or reflective learners.

Submissions were received from APLA members working in a range of settings and teaching a variety of different types of learners. Each entry was evaluated by a panel of six judges, with a range of experience and expertise in academic, public and school libraries and learning environments.

Of the submissions received, three winners were selected: one first place winner, plus two runners up.

Barry Cull, a runner up, was selected for his Pre-Evaluation Exercise, an interactive, discussion-based activity in which students evaluate sources to determine their suitability and reliability. Barry is an Information Services Librarian at the Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick.



Erin Alcock, also a runner up, is a Science Liaison Librarian at the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland. Erin was selected for her Wikipedia vs. Scholarly Article Exercise, a learner-centered exercise in which students make guided comparisons between Wikipedia entries and scholarly journal articles on similar topics.

As prizes, Erin and Barry each received a much-coveted APLA water bottle bearing the association logo.



Contest Winner – First Place

Shannon Gordon, a Public Services Librarian at the QEII Library, Memorial University, was selected as the first place winner of the Engage - Entertain - Enlighten contest for her Post-Research Reflective Exercise. Shannon developed this exercise to help students (specifically second year Political Science students, although the exercise can be adapted for use with other groups) to reflect on a peer-reviewed research assignment. Of the exercise Shannon writes, “My goal with this...class was to get these students thinking and reflecting about their research experience. Ultimately, I wanted to generate a lively discussion...my fingers were crossed!”

Prepare to be inspired! Read on to learn more about Shannon’s submission and to view the handout she developed to guide students through the exercise:

Post-Research Reflective Exercise

By Shannon Gordon

Last fall I gave a library instruction session to a group of second year Political Science students required to write a 2000-2500 word essay. This assignment was especially unique because it would be anonymously peer-reviewed by their classmates. In addition, the professor would submit comments which the student would keep in mind when working on their final draft. During the semester I met with this class on two occasions. Our first encounter explored resources useful to their research and our second encounter took place one week after students received peer and professor feedback. This meant that they were now in the revising stage which provided the perfect context for a follow-up session. My goal with this second class was to get these students thinking and reflecting about their research experience. Ultimately, I wanted to generate a lively discussion...my fingers were crossed! To accomplish this I created a reflective exercise which students worked on in pairs. Following this we would regroup and share responses to the questions.

I was amazed and pleased with the results. This class was so eager to share their thoughts that we actually spent the entire class discussing their experience. When talking about useful resources students eagerly called out Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, Factiva, JStor, the library catalogue and Google Scholar. I would then ask the person to describe the source in their own words and to go bit further I would give a quick overview of the resource and highlight key features. This exercise also allowed students to vent any frustration they happened to encounter. Some individuals found that they chose their topic only to discover that it was too broad and needed narrowing, others admitted that they chose their topic too early into the course.



Difficulty navigating the bookstacks came up several times and this gave me the chance to go over how the collection was organized. Students summarized their research experience in one word, with 'internet', 'library', 'frustrating', 'bookstacks' and 'sparse' being examples. Discussion for the last question focused on peer reviewed literature which they were required to use, and the fact that they went through a mock peer review process heightened their ability to relate to this. Reflecting on their research experience provided an opportunity for in-depth classroom discussion, allowed me to 'remind' them of certain resources we discovered during the session earlier in the semester, and also provided active, hands-on learning as students would follow along on their computer to explore resources I was highlighting. The result of this was that the exercise successfully engaged, entertained and enlightened these students in the way I had hoped. It was extremely satisfying to teach these students and since last fall I have tweaked this exercise for different courses and research assignments—in each instance it has been a great tool to generate discussion.

Shannon's exercise is available from

<http://www.apla.ca/sites/discoveryspace.upei.ca.apla/files/reflective%20exercise%20for%20APLA%20Bulletin.pdf>

Shannon received a \$100 Chapters gift card for her contribution, awarded at the ILIG dinner during the APLA Conference in June 2009. All prizes were generously donated to the interest group by the association. The ILIG thanks all who contributed to the contest by sharing their excellent and creative ideas!



News From New Brunswick

submitted by Sarah Kilfoil

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Staff in the **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region** have been busy with a regional weeding project. All libraries will be going through extensive weeding in the next few months. The shelves of the libraries that have already been weeded are looking clean and fresh.

We've had to say good-bye to Emanuela Chiriac, Director of the **Dieppe Public Library**. Emanuela has accepted a new position in Montreal. Replacing Emanuela in Dieppe is Nathalie Brun. We also have a new employee starting soon at the **Gèrald Leblanc Public Library** (Bouctouche). Jason Savoie will take over from Michele-Ann Goguen, who has accepted the position of Library Manager of the brand new **Cap-Pelé Public Library**. The Cap-Pelé Public Library is scheduled to open early this fall. Best wishes to all in their new endeavors!

The provincial launch of the 2009 Summer Reading Club at the **Dieppe Public Library** was a great success. Highlights included speeches from NBPLS Executive Director Sylvie Nadeau and Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson, an art demonstration by local artist Madeleine Raiche, and a musical performance by **Shediac Public Library's** Stéphanie Lebouthiller. A great start to what we hope is an ARTrageous summer!

Librarians in the AWK library region also participated in a discussion about the ever-declining library circulation rates. While no immediate solutions were proposed, we learned many new tips and ideas. For example:

- Have a “Librarians recommend...” section
- Develop marketing areas (e.g. display shelving)
- Capitalize on free advertising. Movie studios spend millions on advertising: buy related items as soon as they’re available. Books into film is another free advertising wagon to hitch a ride on.
- Mark certain items as “treasure books.” The more books people check out, the higher their chances are of discovering a coveted treasure book (rewards vary!).
- Scope out a local book store to see what people are browsing and buying. Or, if subtly isn’t one of your strengths, ask book store staff.
- Create an attractive “Just Returned” sign for a book truck; only fill the top shelf.

Training dominated the schedule in the **Chaleur Library Region** throughout the spring and early summer. All staff attended instructional sessions on Office 2007 in May with successful results and Library Managers and Directors attended training sessions on Emergency Preparedness and First Aid.

The library staff from Campbellton, Atholville, Dalhousie, the Chaleur Bookmobile, and the Regional Office took part in the annual Salmon Festival Parade held in Campbellton on July 5. All of the participants dressed as storybook characters and distributed contest ballots for parade attendants to guess their characters. Despite the torrential rains, the staff had plenty of fun and the community support was overwhelming.

Nous sommes heureux de souhaiter la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres du personnel qui font parti de notre équipe depuis quelques mois. Sylvain Meunier été nommé au poste de Directeur régional de la Région de bibliothèques Chaleur et il a entré en fonction le 2 février. Mylène May Gionet a été nommé au poste de gestionnaire par intérim de la bibliothèque de Bas-Caraquet le 17 février. Manon De Grâce a commencé à travailler comme aide-bibliothécaire à la bibliothèque publique de Lamèque le 6 avril et Carole Cyr a été nommé au poste de commis de bibliothèque à la bibliothèque Smurfit-Stone de Bathurst le 15 mai.



In addition we welcomed Sarah Kilfoil who joined the region as Acting Assistant Regional Director on May 4. Two librarian interns have also joined our staff; Sonja Irving as the Acting Public Services Librarian and Tiffany Bartlett as a Reference Librarian at the Centennial Library in Campbellton.

Nous félicitons aussi Sophie Loiselle, qui a accepté le poste de Bibliothécaire pour les jeunes adultes et les adultes au mois d’avril.

New staff joined the **Fundy Library Region** over the past six months. Jenn Carson-Garnhum joined the staff at the **Kennebecasis Public Library** and Deborah Payne joined the staff at the **Saint John Free Public Library**.



On July 2, the **Saint John Free Public Library** was delighted to welcome back award winning, multi-talented Canadian author, Paul Quarrington. This “Words and Music” event was held in partnership with UNBSJ’s Inprint Books, capping off a day- long celebration of their second anniversary. He treated the audience to stories and passages from *King Leary*, the Canada Reads winner for 2008, and *Whale Music*, the Governor General’s award for fiction, 1989. The readings were enhanced by music performed by the author and band mates Martin Worthy and Rebecca Campbell. The enthusiastic audience enjoyed story songs, including “I Need My Heart” and the appropriate “Fictional World.”



Training has been an overarching theme over the past few months in the **Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region**. All staff received training on Office 2007 in May and everyone is now using this new software on a daily basis. We held our annual Professional Development Day in Edmundston in May where all staff attended an Introduction to Web 2.0 session. Some staff attended an informative session on Nutrition where dietician MéliSSa Nadeau discussed “Superportions” and how to prevent cancer through nutrition. Others learned about different storytelling techniques and shared their successful programs during a session on Programming for Children.

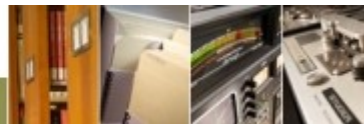
Library Mangers and Directors attended a training session on Emergency Preparedness and are now preparing emergency plans for their libraries. Summer Reading Club students had the opportunity to share ideas for presenting this program during their training sessions in June.

We were pleased to welcome two Librarian Interns to the region in May. Leanne Kinnear joined staff at the **Mgr W.J. Conway Public Library** in Edmundston to work in the Young Adult and Adult unit and the Reference unit on May 5th. Beatrice Houston started work as the Acting Technical Services Librarian at the Regional Office on May 4th.

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New Brunswick Public Library Service

New Brunswick Public Library Service Provincial Office has had a busy couple of months completing projects. We recently developed a provincial information literacy program toolkit called Info Savvy. The goal of Info Savvy is to offer all New Brunswickers a fully integrated and provincially harmonized information literacy program so that they are better able to find and judge information to make informed decisions.

The toolkit consists of 14 bilingual modules on information literacy competencies ranging from where to find materials in the library to web safety, from research skills to citing. There are three target audiences for each module: grade 5-8 students, grade 9-12 students and the general public. The content of each module has been based on the information needs of each of these groups.

The materials are meant as guides for library staff in preparing and producing information literacy sessions, so that each library in the province has a common starting point for their programming.

Also, the Children's Services Committee has completed a project for early literacy and have published a booklet called "Be Together. Read Together. Discover the Love of Reading @ your library ®". The booklet is for parents and guardians of children from infancy to age 5 and aims to instil a love of reading from this young age.

The booklet is also available in French so that children can learn in their first language. Look for these fun booklets, made to look like children's story books, in New Brunswick public libraries and bookmobiles.

Le Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick (SBPNB) a connu quelques mois chargés d'activités à compléter ses projets. Le SBPNB a récemment développé une trousse provinciale de la culture de l'information appelé Info-savant. L'objectif de ce programme consiste à offrir aux Néo-Brunswickois un programme de formation à la culture de l'information entièrement intégré et harmonisé pour qu'ils soient mieux en mesure de trouver et d'évaluer l'information afin de prendre des décisions éclairées.

La trousse d'outils est composé de 14 modules bilingues sur une gamme de compétences générales en culture de l'information allant d'où se trouvent les matériaux dans la bibliothèque au dangers sur Internet, du savoir-faire en matière de recherche à comment citer des références. Il y a trois groupes cibles pour chaque module : élèves de la 5^e à la 8^e année, élèves de la 9^e à la 12^e année, et le grand public. Le contenu de chaque module est basé sur les besoins en information de chacun de ces groupes.

Les documents de cette trousse ont été composés afin qu'ils puissent servir des guides pour le personnel des bibliothèques quand ils élaborent et mènent des séances de formation pour la culture de l'information, pour que chaque bibliothèque de la province aura le même point de départ pour la programmation.

Aussi, le Comité des services pour enfants a complété un projet pour la petite enfance. Ce projet comprenait la publication d'un livret intitulé « Être ensemble. Lire ensemble. Le plaisir de lire @ votre bibliothèque ® ». Le livret, qui a été élaboré à l'intention des parents et des tuteurs, a pour but d'inculquer l'amour de la lecture aux enfants de 0 à 5 ans.

Le livret est également disponible en anglais pour que les enfants puissent apprendre dans leur langue maternelle. Cherchez ces livrets, qui ressemblent à des livres d'histoire pour enfants, dans les bibliothèques publiques et bibliobus du Nouveau-Brunswick.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

Submitted by Louise McGillis

Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the Trust has issued its 2009 award to Amanda Foote in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Originally from St. John's, NL, Amanda holds a Bachelor of Arts (honours) degree in History from Memorial University (2008). She is currently attending the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, and has just finished her first year of the Masters of Library and Information Science degree program.



News from Nova Scotia

Submitted by Darlene Beck

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

<http://www.valleylibrary.ca/>

Automated Library System

The collection exchange component of the shared automated library system will be removed in September. In working with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library an alternative solution has been worked out. Procedures have been finalized and documentation is expected to be complete by the end of June. The first exchange of library materials between branches using this new method will take place in September 2009. The workflow for branch staff has been somewhat streamlined while branch services staff in our administration office should not see too much of a change.

A new feature has been made available in our web catalogue, "What Others are Reading". This is a list of the 20 most read titles and authors in our collection. It is updated each week with the results being automatically generated from the items checked out or renewed. Those featured in the lists are a mix of children's and adult material.

A new Collection Access Committee has been organized. A first meeting will take place this month or early July. Charlotte Janes is sitting on this committee as our region's representative. This committee will look into best practices and added features for the library catalogue used by the public. It is hoped that the maximum benefits and access to the collection of the province can be achieved with this approach.

Borrow/Return Anywhere

An initiative of Libraries Nova Scotia is being implemented in the fall. The Borrow/Return Anywhere project will allow Nova Scotians to borrow from participating libraries without charge and return to any other participating library. Currently there are only three libraries within the university, public and college libraries that are not participating in the initial project. In September a one year pilot project will be launched to evaluate the public use and associated workload of such an initiative. Charlotte Janes is one of five members on the procedures committee for this project. This committee will hold focus group sessions in two areas of the province before developing the needed procedures. We will also be evaluating the project throughout the pilot.

Community Access Program (CAP)

The CAP program is doing well this year. Six summer CAP youth will be employed in our region. They will be offering computer workshops for adults as well as one-on-one tutorials. For children they will host computer camps, teen lounges, and special events. It is hoped that podcasts (audio files) will be made of some of these that can be accessed later by users on our website.

CAP sustainability funding is also looking favourable for this year. Some of the paperwork has begun. There are rumours that this may be the last year, but this is a familiar story to us all.

Branch Services Report

Our spring has been a very busy one at AVRL, with the hosting of several guest authors and presenters.

We partnered with the Halifax Peace Coalition to host a visit from journalist, author, and war correspondent Scott Taylor in April. Due to interest shown in the subject and speaker, we secured a larger venue at Acadia University to accommodate an 85+ crowd. Mr. Taylor brings with him a wealth of professional expertise regarding global conflicts and he recounts some of those experiences in his most recent book *Unembedded: Two Decades of Maverick War Reporting*.

Also in April, Susan Cameron, author of *These Four Walls*, offered readings and presentations in both Bridgetown and Middleton. The End of the Line Pub was the venue in Bridgetown, and a brown-bag lunchtime affair was featured at the Rosa M. Harvey Library in Middleton. Both events were made possible via Canada Council funding.

Carole Glasser Langille, author of the new book of short stories *When I Always Wanted Something* was at the Wolfville Library for a book launch on May 2.

Creative Writing Workshops were held in both Wolfville and Bridgetown during May, with author Joanne Jefferson as the presenter. The Wolfville workshop was specifically for teens and very well-attended, while the Bridgetown event was geared toward adults where registration was full. Events sponsored by the Writers' Federation of NS.

Also in May, AVRL co-ordinated visits to three valley schools with author Lois Donovan, as part of the provincial Hackmatack Award celebrations. Her visits were sponsored by Canada Council.

Berwick Library collaborated with Gaspereau Press, Glad Gardens, and The Rising Sun Café to offer "Poetry In The Garden" on June 2. Poet Tonja Gunvaldsen Klaassen read from her recently published book of poetry immersed among the enchanting background of the Glad Gardens location in Waterville.

Author Jon Tattrie was a guest at the Kentville Library on June 3rd where he read from his new book *Black Snow*, a novel set against the backdrop of the Halifax Explosion.

The annual staff in-service day was held at our Administration Office in Bridgetown on May 25. Staff find this day of sharing and learning invaluable, and enjoy the opportunity to interact with co-workers. A variety of workshops were available, including: Catalogue Searching Tips; Getting Into the Teen Zone; Coping with Stress; Sharing Session (library programs and other tips shared among branch staff). Regional Librarian Frances Newman provided a summary of goals and objectives worked on over the past year, and those to address in the coming months. Our guest speaker was author, journalist, and gardener Jodi DeLong.

Cape Breton Regional Library

www.cbri.ca

National Award Presented to the Cape Breton Regional and Cape Breton University Libraries

The Cape Breton Regional Library and Cape Breton University Library are this year's joint recipients of the 2009 CLA/OCLC Award for Resource Sharing Achievement. The Award was presented at the annual Canadian Library Association (CLA) Conference held May 29 - June 1, in Montreal.

The Cape Breton Regional Library and the Cape Breton University Library have a long-standing history of cooperation and resource sharing that can be dated back to 1990. Over the past seventeen years, the libraries have worked together cooperatively and collaboratively in such areas as collections, professional development and database creation. They have partnered to bring together, update and maintain the records of their Gaelic language books into one online bilingual catalogue and have made it available through web access.

The resource sharing initiative by the two libraries was touted at the CLA national conference an outstanding example of successful resource sharing in Canada that has evolved as processes and technology have become increasingly sophisticated. This particular award recognizes successful, innovative and extensive resource sharing initiatives between a public and an academic library. CBRL Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall emphasized that "there is an excellent level of cooperation between the two Libraries."



From left, Ian MacIntosh, Deputy Regional Librarian at CBRL and Robert Campbell, Director, Library Services at CBU accept the 2009 CLA/OCLC Award for Resource Sharing Achievement. The Award was presented at the annual CLA Conference held May 29 - June 1 in Montreal.

"A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two Libraries was recently renewed for a third term." said Robert Campbell, Director of Library Services at CBU, "This speaks to the success of our resource sharing initiatives, and we look forward to continuing these efforts in the future."

Ian MacIntosh, Deputy Regional Librarian at CBRL, has worked on a number of projects over the years and commented: "As the two largest Library collections on Cape Breton Island we have recognized that we can provide better service to our users through cooperation that employs the

strength of both Library systems.”

The award was presented by the CLA Resource Sharing Interest Group, and is generously sponsored by the library technology firm OCLC Canada.

For more information about resource sharing initiatives, contact:

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CBRL Board Chair Presented with National Public Library Trustee Award

Rod MacArthur, Chair of the Cape Breton Regional Library Board, has been awarded the Canadian Library Trustees Association (CLTA) 2009 Merit Award for Distinguished Service as a Public Library Trustee. The Award was presented to Mr. MacArthur at the annual Canadian Library Association Conference, which was held May 29 - June 1, in Montreal. The award is presented annually to a Library trustee who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the advancement of trusteeship and public library service in Canada.

Mr. MacArthur was chosen to receive this award for his long-standing and active participation on the Cape Breton Regional Library Board (1995 - 2000 and 2005 to present). Over the years Mr. MacArthur has served two terms as a member of the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Funding Review Committee, which made recommendations for Provincial financing for Regional Library systems. In 2001 the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) awarded him an Honorary Membership for Distinguished Service to Public Libraries in Nova Scotia.

Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall notes that this is only the third time this award has been presented to a Nova Scotian Library Board Member. It is very nice to see Mr. MacArthur recognized nationally for his many hours of service to Public Libraries, not just here in Cape Breton, but across the Province through his participation in LBANS. She also noted that Mr. MacArthur is committed to his community and volunteers in a number of areas.

In announcing the award, CLTA President Jan Harder of Ottawa said we are delighted to be honouring Trustee MacArthur this year in these challenging times when libraries are so important to the economic and psychological health of our communities.

Joan Connors Retires



From left, CLTA President Jan Harder, Rod MacArthur, LBANS President/CBRL Vice-Chair Claire Detheridge and CLTA Vice-President Betty Thomas.

Joan Connors has been an energetic contributor to life at the New Waterford Branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library for more than 30 years. As a Library Clerk, she is a familiar face that has greeted many patrons and run countless preschool programs over the years. She will be missed. There will be an Open House in her honour at the New Waterford Branch from 2-4 pm on July 16th and everyone is welcome.



Eastern Counties Regional Library

<http://ecrl.library.ns.ca/>

Management recently attended a training session on Cultural Competency, *Welcoming Newcomers in Eastern Nova Scotia* at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre on June 4 sponsored by the Strait Highlands Regional Development Association. The session, facilitated by Fadia Ismail of the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth, provided participants with an overview of the impact of immigration in our communities and focused on helping participants develop ways to interact more effectively with people of different cultures. The workshop was extremely relevant to public libraries, in particular to Eastern Counties Regional Library. Ismael noted that the strategies for providing successful settlement services, combating racism, and building welcoming communities often depends on resources available in schools and libraries.

Staff from Eastern Counties Regional Library attended the annual Staff Development Day on Friday, June 5 at the Mulgrave Professional Centre. Sessions included management updates, a preview and sharing session for the upcoming TD Summer Reading Program, "Agent 009", launch of the "June is Recreation Month" campaign sponsored by Recreation Nova Scotia, long term service awards and a presentation entitled "Serving Diverse Communities" which was facilitated by Tracey Jones-Grant and Ken Williment from the Halifax Public Library.



CEO/Chief Librarian Petra Mauerhoff, left, and Board Chair Shirley McNamara, far right, were on hand to present the certificates and tokens of appreciation. Receiving awards were (left to right) Gis le LeBlanc, St. Joseph du Moine Library Link site, 10 years; Janet Delorey, Canso Library, 10 years; Wanda Myatt, Canso Library, 5 years; Mildred Carrigan, ECRL Headquarters, 40 years; and Annemarie Bieber, Cyril Ward Memorial Library, Guysborough, 10 years.

Five staff members of Eastern Counties Regional Library were awarded long term service awards on Friday, June 5 at the annual ECRL Staff Day held at the Mulgrave Professional Centre.

The ECRL management team of Chief Librarian Petra Mauerhoff, and Managers Mary Landry, Trish McCormick, and Lesley Carruthers, attended the APLA conference held in Halifax from June 10-12. As well, Mauerhoff, a member of the Executive

Council for the Canadian Association of Public Libraries (CAPL) also facilitated a CAPL Town Hall meeting held at O'Carroll's Restaurant and Pub. The session provided participants with an opportunity to learn about CAPL activities and identify issues relevant to public libraries across Canada.

The library is involved in planning for their 40th Anniversaries at ECRL headquarters and branch in Mulgrave as well as the branch libraries in Sherbrooke and Canso. Activities are being planned for later in August and in the Fall.

Halifax Public Libraries

<http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/index.php>

New Woodlawn Library

The Woodlawn Public Library, currently located in the Staples Plaza in Dartmouth, is moving to a larger location. The library will open in the former Empire Theatres location just off Portland Street this November.

The Woodlawn Library first opened in 1975 and is 4,000 square feet. The branch is one of the smallest urban outlets of Halifax Public Libraries, yet it has the sixth highest circulation.

The new location will feature 17,700 square feet of space, including a large program room and a 100-seat theatre. The library will have two self-check machines, defined areas for children, teens and adults, study areas, a computer area and free parking. There will also be more materials on the shelves and an increase in staff. The site is well-served by transit routes and provides safe pedestrian access.

“This location was chosen because it will best serve current and future users. It will be designed to be operationally efficient and have multiple uses. The new library will be a welcoming community hub that will meet the needs and expectations of library users,” said Judith Hare, CEO of Halifax Public Libraries.

The new location will also house the departments of Collection Development, Collection Access, Delivery Services and Corporate Research and Development. This is the first time these departments will be located in a library branch.

Construction began in May and is scheduled to finish in September. In October, the library will make preparations for opening, with a move-in date of November 2009.



The current Empire Theatre building and a drawing of what the outside of the new Woodlawn Library will look like.



The Renovation of the Captain William Spry Library

The Captain William Spry Community Centre in Spryfield got a facelift this spring, and the library, located within the centre, got a new look too.

The library closed in March and reopened in May. While there were no additions built onto the library, the space for the public is now larger. This increase in space was made possible by reorganizing staff work areas. On opening day, patrons were greeted with new materials on the shelves, new toys and learning objects for toddlers, more computers and comfortable seating as part of the remodeled branch.



Scenes from Captain William Spry before, during and after the renovations

“Customers have responded positively to our new design which offers a more interactive children’s area, a dedicated teen space and expanded access to technology. Visitors to the library are dropping by more and staying longer!” said

Troy Myers, branch manager of Captain William Spry.

The renovation offer patrons a fresher, more vibrant space. There are computers dedicated for children, teens and adults in separate spaces for each age group.

WOW Reading Challenge Champions

Shatford Memorial Elementary School in Hubbards has been named the world literacy champion in the international WOW Reading Challenge. The J.D. Shatford Public Library in Hubbards partnered with the school by providing library orientations and visits so the students could borrow books during the challenge.

“The WOW Reading Challenge was the perfect opportunity for our school to promote reading. Staff, students and parents embraced the challenge and the local library and police helped us to support and encourage the love of reading. The results were phenomenal — Shatford Elementary read over 44,000 books and took the first place prize!” said Sandee Long, library support specialist at Shatford Memorial Elementary.

Between November and April, the children kept logbooks and wrote down the titles they read. The school held contests and draws to keep the children engaged and excited over the five months of the challenge.

During the challenge, all 73 students at the school visited the J.D. Shatford Public Library. Children who didn't have library cards got registered for one. The children also visited the library to listen to a guest speaker during African Heritage Month. Lucas Maxwell, the youth services librarian at J.D. Shatford, made visits to the school during the challenge.

Shatford Memorial Elementary earned over \$10,000 worth of books for winning the WOW Reading Challenge. The individual student who read the most books in the challenge got to be principal for a day. And the school is still enthusiastic about reading — they've planned to walk to J.D. Shatford to learn about the summer reading program before school lets out in June.



The proud students at Shatford Memorial Elementary with their championship banner.

Altogether, 87 schools in Atlantic Canada and Ireland participated in the challenge. The challenge is hosted by the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library in conjunction with the Adopt-a- Library program, the RCMP and municipal police forces.

Word Up! Teen Poetry and Spoken Word Contest

This spring, Halifax Public Libraries invited teen wordsmiths to submit their work to the Word Up! Poetry and Spoken Word contest. Open to youth in grades 7-12, submissions could be in the form of poetry or spoken word. An electronic entry form on the library's website allowed for entries in different media, such as spoken word pieces recorded on MP3 or short videos.



Teen poetry contest winners Ngozi Anyanwu, Kate Aske, Jaya Wadhawan, Georgia Atkin and Andrew MacMaster.

"The response was amazing and the quality of the entries was really good. With 296 entries, teens proved to us they want this. They want to have a voice and they've proven that poetry still appeals to them, which is great," said Helen Thexton, teen services resource manager for Halifax Public Libraries. Original poetry and spoken word entries were judged in two categories: junior high (grades 7-9) and senior high (grades 10-12).

The contest was held in tandem with a series of poetry and spoken word workshops for teens that were offered throughout March and April. Poets Sue Goyette and Jenni Blackmore and spoken word artists Shauntay Grant and Reed 'iZrEAL' Jones helped teens hone their craft.

Winners were announced at the Teen Poetry and Spoken Word Awards Night on Friday, May 22 at the Keshen Goodman Public Library. Workshop presenter Jenni Blackmore was on hand to announce winners and award prizes. An open mike event followed the awards ceremony, where everyone was invited to share a poem or spoken word piece.

Prizes included a flip video camcorder, an iPod nano and mall gift cards.

Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

<http://www.parl.ns.ca>

New Community Services Librarian

This past week, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library welcomed a new addition to our staff – Trecia Schell has joined us as our new Community Services Librarian. Trecia has received degrees from Acadia and Dalhousie Universities in scientific fields ranging from Geographical Oceanography to Earth Sciences. However, in the midst of doing vast amounts of research in her previous career, Trecia got bitten by the “information management bug” which led her to get her Masters of Library and Information Science Degree. A native of Pictou County, we are honoured and pleased to welcome Trecia to the library family.

New! Summer Multimedia Writing Camp for Kids!

This summer, we are spicing up the themes and changing locations for our annual Summer Writing Camp. This year the session themes range from comic book writing, newspaper journalism to script writing for radio and will take place August 5th, 6th, and 7th. The free sessions run from 9:30 to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Not to forget the creative writing format of past summers, our staff have planned two creative writing workshops for children; one in Antigonish on Monday, July 6th and the second workshop in Pictou on Friday, July 10th. Running times for both locations will be 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. These programs are free and are for children ages 10 to 15. As with all our workshops, pre-registration is required.

Tales, Trails & Other Bookish Events

Pictou Public Library is getting into spirit of the annual Pictou Lobster Carnival, with ghostly tales of local adventures on the high seas. On Thursday July 9th, 6:30pm – the Library is hosting a Storytellers Circle for all on “The Phantom Ship of the Northumberland Strait” with several knowledgeable guests (and a few with a first-hand encounter with the flaming vessel to share! should be interesting.) The “Phantom” is a fiery three mast sailing ship that is rumored to be often sighted in our local waters. So, if your curiosity’s peaked - please drop on by. If this program is successful, the New Glasgow Public Library is considering a similar program for Halloween.

Author Meet and Greet

River John Public Library will host a summer book-signing session with author, Diane Shink, during the River John Festival Days, on Wednesday, July 22 in the branch. Diane is a certified quilt appraiser, and recently co-authored the beautiful book entitled “Canadian Heritage Quilting: quick, creative designs.” Copies of her book will be available for purchase at the signing, and the Library has recently added two copies to our collection.

School's Out & Summer's On

A two-day workshop was held this past week for our program partners in Nova Scotia – police officers, public librarians, school administrators and several special guests including our three recently minted MLAs. As a result, we're not sure who was more excited about the program results – the kids or the grown-ups. The WOW Reading Challenge was an amazing success. Many, many thanks and kudos to all our avid bookworms out there; keep on reading. (Please note, if you're experiencing book withdrawal, try out our Agent 009 – Summer Reading Club at your local public library.) You did the province proud! Next year's Reading Challenge will be awesome.

Adopt-A-Library also has three upcoming fundraisers – a Boot Drive at New Glasgow Walmart on the 4th of July, a baseball tournament on the 23rd of August, and a golf tournament is in the works. So if you have a team to sign up, or would like to contribute, please contact the program coordinator Constable John Kennedy RCMP at Library HQ, 752-6031, toll-free 1-866-779-7761, or online at aal@parl.ns.ca.

A Super Spy Summer Reading Club at the Library

This year's theme is Agent 009 and features everything espionage - spies, detectives, mysteries, and more. School will soon be over, but there is no excuse for kids to be bored this summer. Children under the age of 12 are invited to join the Summer Reading Club at all branches of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library and C@P sites in Antigonish County. This free program is sponsored by TD Bank and Library and Archives Canada.

When children register, they will receive a poster, an activity book, a reading logbook and stickers. For every five books (or 100 pages of a chapter book) they read or have read to them, children can stop by the library or C@P Site with their reading logbook and pick up a small mystery prize and/or a ballot for a weekly prize draw. Storytimes and other activities will also be held at several library branch locations.

New Partnership with the Pictou County Health Authority, Mental Health Services.

The Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library was pleased to announce a new partnership with the regional Health Authority in providing mental health information to you. Through a generous donation by the Mental Health Sandbar Endowment, numerous reading materials on various topics have been added to our library collection and are available to all library patrons. Please note, also on our Library website (www.parl.ns.ca) we have a "Health Room" webpage resource area that provides basic information and links locally to many, useful health related topics prepared from information requests by our library patrons.

Art Gala Fundraiser

The New Glasgow Public library held the second annual Art Gala event on Saturday, May 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the library. The event featured original artwork donated by members of the Pictou County Artists Association and Friends by the Sea Artists. Admission to the Gala was \$5.00 at the door while tickets were available at all PARL branches. On the advice of those that attended the function last year at this time, the event will have once again have music by pianist George Durning, refreshments, and lots of comfortable chairs.

The theme was the always-popular subject of local landmarks, which make great gifts for former residents now living in other parts of the world. Artists also had on display other paintings of their own for sale. Adding to the event will be a door prize of a

framed original painting donated by the event co-organizer, Cathy Leeming. Original artwork donated by the Friends by the Sea Artists will consist of unframed 8x10 prints that were available for \$35.00 each.

Funds raised by the sale of paintings and the admission fee topped out at 1,000 and will go to the purchase of material for the library collection.

Digital Addition

PARL is always adding interesting topics to our digital collection. A new site of note is our page on Piping Plovers which can be viewed at www.parl.ns.ca. Here you can see an Adobe Presenter slideshow with lots of information about this endangered shorebird.

PARL Wins National Award for Webpage

PARL won the Canadian Library Association's Information Today Award for Innovation Technology for the digital storybook, *Lobster Fishing on the Susan B*. The digital story book was written by Maureen Hull and Illustrated by Brenda Jones and narrated by Joan MacKeigan. Animation was created by regional library staff Fern MacDonald and David Carlson, with assistance from the River John C@P. The project was co-sponsored by Nova Scotia Economic Development.

The site is the first electronic storybook produced by a Nova Scotia library and showcases tourism, economic development and local artists. The book defines certain words for young readers and can be used with school curriculum.

Comic Book Day

The New Glasgow Public Library held its first Free Comic Book Day event on Saturday, May 2nd. Along with thousands of comic book stores worldwide (although surprisingly few libraries), our New Glasgow branch gave away free comic books to patrons on the morning of Saturday, May 2. Children were invited to come on down, pick up a free comic, and use their library card to check out items from our new selection of Graphic Novels available from our collection. For more info on Free Comic Book Day in general, go to www.freecomicbookday.com

GPS Units

PARL now has GPS (Global Positioning System) units to borrow. These are not the units you place in your car when you are traveling, but if you are interested in outdoor activities or geocaching, a GPS will certainly come in handy and help you find your way. These items can be borrowed at no charge for a two-week period; however the branch is requesting that patrons present a current photo ID (due to the high cost of the unit).

WOW Reading Challenge Crowns World Champ Readers

The Adopt-a-library Literacy Program recently held the third annual WOW Reading Challenge World Champion ceremony at the school of this year's winner, the Shatford Memorial Elementary School in Hubbards, Nova Scotia. Representing the RCMP for the occasion were Superintendent RCMP Darrell Beaton and founder of the Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program, Cst. John Kennedy of H Division. Special guest and avid supporter of the program, Judy Streach, Minister of Education, was also present to convey her enthusiasm for the importance of reading. Also present and deserving of recognition were Elaine Murray and Lucas Maxwell of the J.D. Shatford Memorial Public Library, Principal Todd Barter and [lastly](#), the unsung, book-counting hero of the day, school Librarian, Sandra Long.

Looking at the numbers, the 73 students of Shatford Memorial won the big prize by having the highest average of books read per student of 608, by reading 44,429 titles. In second place was Pictou County's own Walter Duggan Elementary School of Westville with 450 students reading 219,151 books with an average of 487 books read per student. Third place was sealed by Oxford Elementary School of Halifax with 177 students delivering an average of 411 books per student. The grand total of participating children for the year came in at 14,676 with an amazing 1,339,078 books devoured by the eager readers. Many congratulations were sent to Shatford for their victory and kudos for all the students, educators and policing agencies for helping to build communities through literacy.

The WOW Reading Challenge is open to all schools in grades Primary to Six. To take part, schools must have a partnership with a local public library and a local police agency. Students are encouraged to read as many books as they can to compete for the right to display the Reading Challenge trophy in their school for a year and brag they are great readers.

To learn more about the WOW Reading Challenge, visit the official homepage at www.fightingcrime.com

Music on the Library Patio Summer Series

Adam Noble, Branch Manager of the New Glasgow Library, extended an invitation to the public to visit the library over the summer months to enjoy lunch while listening to music, surfing the Internet via our free, Wireless service, picking up a book for summer reading or just to partake of the sights and sounds of our lively library setting.

The New Glasgow Public Library is pleased to announce the launch of the Music on the Library Patio series. Over the summer months, the New Glasgow Public Library will host a series of free music shows for the listening pleasure of the public. Each Friday, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. starting Friday, June 19th and running until Friday, August 28th, there will be live music on the library patio. On more of an experimental footing, the second installment of this program was preceded by a story reading at 11:30 a.m. by library staff. If this setting is comfortable for reading to an audience of children, it will become a regular feature of our Friday outdoor activities.

The weekly sessions will feature the diverse talents and genres of Pictou County's own musical artists in this inviting, outdoor setting. Adding to the occasion will be prize draws, book giveaways, the Adopt-a-Library hot dog cart and more surprises as the summer continues.

PARL Hosts Literacy Conference

PARL hosted a special conference for 30 police officers, library professionals, and other officials gathered at Pictou Lodge on June 16th and 17th. The unlikely coming together of librarians and peace officers was brought about by the Adopt-A-Library Literacy Program to discuss methods of fighting crime through literacy.

The two-day conference included presentations on literacy, youth, and juvenile crime but is intended to result in concrete ideas for engaging kids with books, specifically around the Wow! Reading Challenge. Police officers and public library staff from across Nova Scotia are attending as well as Irish delegates representing the national police force, An Garda Siochana, and Clare County Library. The conference was sponsored by the Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. Funding has been provided through a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

The conference looked at ways of improving the Wow! Reading Challenge which operates in Canada and Ireland but originated here in Pictou County. "After three years of success and growth its time to have a look and see that its meeting all our goals." says Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program Coordinator Cst. John Kennedy. The Reading Challenge has elementary schools engaging in friendly competition to see who can read the most books. Police, public library staff, and community members work together to talk with children about the importance of reading and improving themselves while avoiding bullying and criminal behaviour.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Saint Mary's University Patrick Power Library

<http://www.smu.ca/administration/library/index.html>

New Web Site

In early May the library launched its brand new site. Visit www.smu.ca/library and let us know what you think. A lot of effort by a lot of people went into its creation and we hope our students and faculty enjoy it when the majority of them return in September (that will be the real test).

Professional Development

With students holding the fort, all of the library's employees were able to move off-campus one Friday for a special staff development day. It was dedicated to sharing information and ideas on how to best respond to the feedback we received from our recently-completed LibQUAL survey. In addition, staff engaged in team-building exercises intended to galvanize our future efforts.

Almost everyone was able to attend this year's APLA conference (the close proximity certainly helped). By all accounts it was one of the best to date. The organizers deserve a lot of credit.

People

Unfortunately, the library needs to say goodbye to two of our best and brightest. Bob Cook, longstanding (28 years) head of the Cataloguing Department, retires at the end of June. Bob is well known locally, and throughout the Atlantic region, as a promoter of librarians' interests, for his support for library associations and as a resident expert in all things cataloguing. Angela Dinaut, the library's secretary for the past 17 years, will also be retiring. Angela, from her position in the administration office, was often the public face of the library for members of the Saint Mary's community. Both Angela and Bob will be greatly missed.

On a happier note, the library welcomed a new member of our staff. Simon Bonnell will help ensure our bookshelves remain full through his work in the Acquisitions Department.

Renovations

As previously mentioned, the library is being dramatically impacted by the new Atrium Project currently under construction next door. The Reference Room is in some disarray with the reference and government documents collections temporarily relocated and many of our computers under wraps for the summer. One large corner of the room is blocked off while the new entrance to the library, as well as new circulation and reference desks, are being built. Throw in new flooring and furniture and the library will look much different when things (hopefully) return to normal in September.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS**Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians**

<http://users.eastlink.ca/~ericasmith/index.html>

NSALT is pleased to announce that they have a new Executive. Congratulations to Erin Purcell as she takes over as President and Christine Bergeron has assumed the role of Treasurer.

This spring NSALT was pleased to host the 2nd annual Library Technician Reunion at the NSCC Waterfront Campus. Over 50 people were in attendance. Thank you to the NSCC Community for their support of the reunion.

The NSALT Executive was pleased to complete the membership agreement with APLA this spring. Effective June 1st, library staff can join the two associations for one great rate!

The second annual NSALT conference, *Libraries: From the Inside Out*, will take place on Friday October 23rd at the Kentville Wandlyn Inn. Check out our website for more conference information:

<http://users.eastlink.ca/~ericasmith/conference2009page.html>.

News from Prince Edward Island

Submitted by Dawn Hooper

UPEI ROBERTSON LIBRARY

Contributed by Suzanne Jones and Dawn Hooper

*Staffing*

On July 1, Norine Hanus will start her retirement. Norine has been the Library's Collections Librarian since 1996. She began as a reference librarian at UPEI (1969-73) and then focused on raising a family, until her return to the profession in 1987 with the Eastern School District. We thank her for her service and wish her and family all the best in the coming years.

Congratulations to Donald Moses, the new Collections and Digital Resources Librarian. Donald is currently completing his term as Coordinator for the Island Lives Digitization

Project.

On a very sad note, the Library staff members were shocked to learn of the passing of co-worker Gordon Connors on May 18th. Gordon had worked in the Library's Circulation Department since 1986 and was well known to the entire campus community.

Library Events

On June 15-16, the Library hosted a Digitization Summit with the assistance and participation of a number of individuals and groups including the Public Library Service, Public Archives and Records Office and the P.E.I. Museum & Heritage Foundation.

The second Red Island Repository Institute (RIRI) is scheduled for July 20-24 at the University of Prince Edward Island <http://vre.upei.ca/riri/>

Access 2009 Library Technology Conference will be coming to the Island on October 1-3, 2009, preceded by Hackfest on September 30. Participants from all over North America will converge on Charlottetown to discuss, exchange, and learn about cutting edge technologies. Visit the conference site <http://vre.upei.ca/access2009/> for details.

Facility

A new state-of-the-art Language Lab opened in the Robertson Library in May, implemented with support from UPEI and ACOA. An associated multimedia development lab (called the Collaboratory) will open in July.

Awards

Robertson Library is the recipient of the 2009 CLA/3M Award for Achievement in Technical Services for the project "Open Sourcing the Serials Workflow". The library team developed a series of connected spreadsheets to manage new acquisitions. The CUFTS open source program was implemented to manage the Library's online journals and then modified to include the check-in and holdings of print journals as well. The Library is contributing to CUFTS by creating and managing a list of electronic Canadian government document serials.

The Library's VRE: Virtual Research Environment is the winner of the 2009 CAUBO (Canadian Association of University Business Officers) Atlantic Regional Award. The VRE provides research groups with a web environment that facilitates collaboration with links to the repository for the stewardship of research data through the entire research cycle. The design of the VRE makes it adaptable to research groups in all disciplines as well as other groups such as administration and the Library, which uses it for the basis of its digital collections.

LAW LIBRARIES

Law Society of P.E.I. Library

Contributed by Pam Borden

The big change at the Law Society of P.E.I. Library is the growing number of ILL requests coming in from lawyers and the Island judiciary for law library materials listed on AMICUS, Novanet and Canadian law school libraries' online catalogues.

Through the online catalogues, the free "virtual law library" called CanLII and the CALL (Canadian Association of Law Libraries)'s members' list serv, the accessibility of materials has just skyrocketed in the Canadian law library world. More obscure material (older legislation, out of print or rare textbooks and specialized journal articles) is shared among the 450+ members of CALL where speed of response time is a point of pride among participating law librarians.



The Law Society of P.E.I. Library serves the members of the Law Society of Prince Edward Island and members of the public upon application.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Public Library Service

Contributed by Nichola Cleaveland

Nursing Home Delivery Program

The Nursing Home Delivery Program is a new initiative aimed at improving our service to the senior population. We will be putting the Public Library Service van to good use as we begin a book delivery service to nursing homes on Prince Edward Island. Several of our branch libraries are already providing a variation of this service on a limited basis; the goal of this program is to build on these efforts and provide a structured and centralized service. The pilot program will run for approximately six months and will focus on homes in Kings County and in Queens County outside of Charlottetown.

Sounds and Stories in a Bag

May is Speech and Hearing

Awareness Month. This year, the PEI Speech and Hearing Association (PEISHA), in collaboration with Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Services of the Government of PEI, created and donated five Sounds and Stories in a Bag to the PEI Public Library Service. The Sounds and Stories in a Bag kits contain books, toys, and activities that promote phonological awareness and provide support to parents and children in the development of early literacy skills.

The five Sounds and Stories in a Bag kits will be placed at Confederation Centre Public Library, Summerside Rotary Library, Montague Public Library, O'Leary Public Library and Souris Public Library after they are catalogued.

Increase in Hours of Operations at Two Public Libraries

During the Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly, Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour Minister Carolyn Bertram announced an increase in hours of operation at two public libraries. Effective June 1, 2009 Stratford Public Library hours



Back left to right: Carolyn Bertram, Minister of Community, Cultural Affairs and Labour, Gerard Greenan, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Barbara Kissick, Youth Services Librarian. Front left to right: Kate Chisholm, Jay MacDonald, Cathy Grant, PEI Speech and Hearing Association, Fallon Trenholm]

increased from 18 hours to 30 hours a week and Cornwall Public Library increased from 30 to 36 hours a week. Use at these two libraries had doubled in recent years, so the additional hours were welcomed by patrons in these two communities.

Library Staff Receive Long-term Service Awards

During Public Service Week in June, several library staff members received long-term service awards. Carolyn Millar (Tyne Valley Public Library) and Rita Sahajpal (Confederation Centre Public Library) were honoured for 20 years of service and Elizabeth Doiron (Confederation Centre Public Library) was recognized for her 35 years of service.



Secret agents Mary Lou Hansen and Cindy Lahey from Confederation Centre Public Library, along with their Agent 009 banner, were spotted recently in downtown Charlottetown conversing in code with new arrival to Richmond Row, Sir John A. MacDonald.

reading kit.

Library Education

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Summer Conference Presentations

Two faculty members attended the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science in Ottawa: Dr. Fiona Black and alumna Kathleen Amos presented the paper "Traditional versus blogosphere information landscapes: The case of diabetes and HbA1c," and Dr. Louise Spiteri the paper "Social cataloguing sites: Features and implications for cataloguing practice and the public library catalogue." Drs. Black (with SIM alumna Debra Mann) and Spiteri (with Laurel Tarulli, Halifax Public Libraries) presented sessions at the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association at Montreal on the topics "Preparing graduates to create opportunities for individuals with print disabilities" and "The impact of social cataloguing sites

TD Summer Reading Club

Staff in the Public Library Service had an early start to this year's TD Summer Reading Club as Lianne Fortin, Program Manager of the TD Summer Reading Club with Library and Archives Canada held two workshops (one English, one French) for PLS staff early in June. "Agent 009" is the title of this year's detective-based program, and library staff library staff have developed a wide range of exciting and fun activities based on the theme. The goals of the TD Summer Reading Club are to encourage children to read for pleasure, to help youth maintain and improve their reading skills during the summer, and foster a lifelong joy of reading. Children 12 and under, can register with their local library for the TD Summer Reading Club and will receive a poster, stickers and an activity book as a part of their

on the public catalogue: Patrons, social tagging and the new face of the catalogue." Dr. Spiteri and Ms. Tarulli presented their session on social catalogues also at the annual conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association at Halifax, where Dr. Vivian Howard presented a session on "What are we reading and why are we reading?" Dr. Keith Lawson presented the paper "Students, professors, & Facebook: Using social networking sites in teaching undergraduate students" at the annual conference of the Society for Digital Humanities (Ottawa). Dr. Bertrum MacDonald presented two papers at the conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (Toronto) on the topics "Advances in book history in the digital age" and, with Lou Duggan, "Nineteenth century science in the making: The role of transnational information networks."

Student Awards

SIM student Greg Hutton was the 2009 recipient of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science Graduate Student Writing Prize for his paper, "Understanding influence of scientific information in the digital age: A study of the grey literature of a United Nations advisory group." This paper is based on research Greg is pursuing for his MLIS thesis. Greg received also the "Best Paper in Information Science" awarded by the New England Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) for the paper, "Scientific grey literature in a digital age: Measuring its use and influence in an evolving information economy"; this award of US\$1,000 will defray the costs of attendance at the 2009 ASIST annual conference.

Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Louise Spiteri, Associate Professor at SIM, has been appointed as the MLIS Academic Program Director from May 1st 2009 to June 30th 2010. This position reports to the Director of the School of Information Management (SIM), Dr. Fiona Black, and liaises closely with the MLIS Program Coordinator, JoAnn Watson. Dr. Fiona Black will continue as Academic Program Director of the Master of Information Management program until June 30th, 2010. The School of Information Management congratulates Dr. Vivian Howard on her successful defence of her PhD dissertation "The role of pleasure reading and the public library in the lives of young teens (aged 12 to 15 years of age)" at Aberystwyth University in April, 2009. Dr. Howard serves also as the Academic Program Director of the Bachelor of Management Program at Dalhousie. Finally, SIM extends heartfelt thanks to Linda Dehmel, who will be retiring as school secretary on June 30, 2009. All the faculty and staff thank Linda for her many invaluable contributions to the school and wish her a happy and active retirement.

MLIS Convocation

Fifty-five newly-minted Masters of Library and Information Studies convoked in May 2009. Two grads earned combined MLIS/MPA (Master of Public Administration) degrees, one a MLIS/LLB (Law) and Julia Gabrini earned the first ever MLIS/MREM (Masters of Resource and Environmental Management) degree. Congratulations one & all.

2010 Information without Borders Conference

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, 11 February 2010, Dalhousie University's School of Information Management, in partnership with the Faculty of Management, will host the fourth annual student-organised conference, Information Without Borders. This year's conference, *Portals, Pathways, and Peoples: Managing Information Globally*, will explore concepts and

practices related to sharing information across physical, cultural, digital and imaginary divides. This year's organisers hope to showcase national and international speakers for this day-long event, and make this year's conference the biggest yet.

Outstanding Alumai Award Winner 2009

Penny Logan Named School of Information Management Outstanding Alumna 2009

The School of Information Management is delighted to announce that the Associated Alumni has awarded this year's Outstanding Alumni Award to Penny Logan (MLS, 1985).

Penny is currently the Manager, Library Services at Capital Health. She has had a successful career which has included positions in public and special libraries. Penny has worked as the Librarian at the IWK Health Services Library and as the Branch Head for the Cole Harbour Library. She has been an instructor at the Nova Scotia Community College in the Library and Information Technology program, and served for a time as the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Officer for the Department of Education. Her company, Eastgate Information Sourcing won the exclusive contract to provide library training to physicians for the first two years of the DoctorsNS Electronic Bookshelf project. Her colleagues consistently praise her for her open door policy, her clear thinking, her focus on user-centered services, and her strength as both a leader and a mentor.



Penny has served in a variety of capacities with professional organizations such as the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA / ABSC), as Vice-President and President in 2003-2006 and co-chair of the 2008 CHLA / ABSC conference held in Halifax. She has served as President of the Maritimes Health Libraries Association, and the Halifax Library Association, and as Treasurer of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services (CASLIS National). She is currently serving as Treasurer of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association and is an active mentor in the Dalhousie SIM Professional Partners program. Internationally, Penny is the Canadian Liaison to the Medical Library Association (MLA), is the Canadian representative for the MLA Benchmarking Project, and is one of two Canadian representatives on the Electronic Funds Transfer System (EFTS) Advisory Board.

Penny has been described as a gracious ambassador for the Nova Scotia library community, and as someone who brings enthusiasm, intelligence, professionalism, a global perspective and a refreshing sense of humour to every initiative with which she is involved. Her many contributions were recognized this past year when she was awarded the 2008 Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership by the Nova Scotia Library Association. As one of Penny's nominators noted "Penny Logan is a leader in the library field; locally, regionally and nationally." Penny is a strong role model for current School of Information Management students and an excellent example of the impressive professionals who graduate from the School.

Please join us to honour Penny Logan at a joint event of the Associated and the School of Information Management, to be held on Thursday, September 17th in the Sculpture Court in the Dalhousie Arts Centre at 6:30 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. start. At this event we will also be welcoming new students and celebrating the School's 40th Anniversary.

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New Poetry Collection

submitted by Chris Paul

Past President of APLA Douglas Lochhead (1958-59) has a new volume of poetry coming out in September 2009:

Looking into Trees

by Douglas Lochhead

Publisher: Sybertooth

ISBN: 9780981024431

http://sybertooth.ca/publishing/looking_into_trees.htm

Looking into Trees is the latest collection from the pen of eminent Canadian poet Douglas Lochhead. Drawing its inspiration from time spent looking "into trees, between trees, around trees", behind the poet's house, the collection evokes the wonderful mystery of trees and the way they confront the contemplative viewer. For Lochhead, the ever-changing landscape of trees, their shadows and lights, reflects life itself, the great changes and the small details. Lochhead presents looking into and between trees as a continuing surprise; every hour, every second is different, as light changes and wind moves, leading to reflection on the moods, events, and phases of human life. Lochhead's human world is intimately interwoven with its landscape. The work is illustrated with details from paintings by Kenneth Lochhead, the poet's brother and one of the Regina Five group of abstract painters who were so significant to the development of Canada's fine arts tradition.

Douglas Lochhead (author)

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a life-member of the League of Canadian Poets, he is a graduate of McGill University and the University of Toronto. He has taught English and been a member of the library staffs of universities in Canada, the United States, and Scotland. At Mount Allison University, he has held the positions of Davidson Professor of Canadian Studies and Writer in Residence. A Senior Fellow and Founding Librarian of Massey College, University of Toronto, Lochhead has received the Alden Nowlan Award, the Carlo Betocchi Prize, and several honorary degrees. More about Douglas Lochhead's past publications may be found [here](#).

Kenneth Lochhead (illustrator)

Ken Lochhead's honours include the Order of Canada, the Golden Jubilee Medal, the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Regina. One of the Regina Five painters—leaders in Canada's modern art movement—his work has appeared in more than three hundred national and international exhibitions, and he taught at the University of Manitoba, York University, the University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Ottawa. More about Ken Lochhead can be found online at:

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