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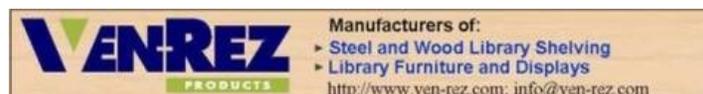
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From the President's Desk

The trees are changing colors and according to the APLA calendar your Executive will be coming together for their Fall meeting in Halifax on November 2nd. The Executive works on your behalf to carry out the business of the association and to provide programs and services that benefit the membership. Do you feel you are getting value for your APLA membership? We'd appreciate your input, so please take a moment to share your ideas (I know you've got a bunch!) and comments. Send them to your provincial VPs or drop by the APLA website and fill in the online form at <http://www.apla.ca/fall2009>.

Games @ the Library



October 18-24 is Games @ the Library Week. If you are in a public library in the region you've probably already received your copy of *Scrabble* and *Pictureka* courtesy of Hasbro Canada™. If you're not in a public library it doesn't mean you can't participate. I know at UPEI there are plans to host a games night for the students and maybe others are planning something similar. We plan on sharing what we do via the comment form on the <http://www.apla.ca/games> page and I hope you do too. Hopefully we'll have a space on the APLA website where members can upload pictures from their events. Thanks once again to Louise McGillis and Crystal Rose for their work on this program.

The Partnership

In August Sarah Gladwell, APLA's Vice President Elect, and myself attended the OLA sponsored Partnership meeting in Toronto. As a member of the Partnership (our national network of provincial and territorial library associations) APLA and its members benefit from a suite of programs and services.

Some of the items that the Partnership is working on include a new professional development service called "Ei-to-Go" which will present training sessions available in a downloadable or CD-ROM format. This would allow users to undertake professional development wherever and whenever they want. The service is supposed expected to launch in the late Fall 2009, so stay tuned.

Last year Past President Su Cleyle reported that the Partnership was discussing the development of a certification program and currently the Partnership and the Library Association of Alberta (LAA) are piloting a Continuing Education Certification Program. If you are interested, more details are available from the LAA website - <http://www.laa.ca/page/certification%20program%20pilot.aspx>.

The Library Networking Group – <http://www.libraryng.com> – was launched in the late Summer by OLA. It is an online meeting space for libraries and information professionals. It includes articles, forums, blogs, podcasts and Webcasts, and networking groups. You may want to add it to the sites you visit to help you keep current.

Copyright

I'd like to thank Jane Duffy for her work as APLA's representative on CLA's Copyright Working Group. Simon Lloyd is our new representative and I would encourage you to contact him regarding your concerns about copyright. Over the Summer APLA submitted a letter to the Copyright Consultations about the lack of a roundtable east of Montreal. A roundtable was held in Halifax on August 10th and APLA was not invited, nor any other library association in the region, apparently. Simon did submit a brief on APLA's behalf. Sam Trosow, a librarian and lawyer who teaches at the University of Western Ontario, had an



informative submission and it is worth a read – <http://samtrosow.ca/images/copyrightsubmission.pdf> - and additional submissions can be viewed on the Copyright Consultations website - http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/008.nsf/eng/h_00001.html.

I recently attended Access 2009, Canada's Library Technology conference, and if you have a moment watch Cory Doctorow's keynote, "*Copyright vs Universal Access to All Human Knowledge and Groups Without Cost: The State of Play in the Global Copyfight*". It is an interesting talk that gets you thinking about your role as a person working in libraries. You can see it at <http://hosting2.epresence.tv/UPEI/1/watch/67.aspx> or listen to the mp3 - http://hosting2.epresence.tv/upei/archives/2009_oct5_633903591690781250/2009_10_1_633899828728437500.mp3

Grow a Library



On the APLA-LIST Donna Bourne-Tyson (2009 Grow a Library Chair) reported that APLA had exceeded its target of \$2500 and had donated a total of \$2807.18 to the Mojo Reading Room in Harare, Ethiopia. Funding came from member donations both online and during the 2009 conference (thanks for buying a sticker and supporting the cause) and from funds raised by the 2006 - 2008 Grow a Library committee, chaired by Jennifer Richard.

I'd like to thank the committee's chairs, Jennifer Richard and Donna Bourne-Tyson, the Grow a Library committee members, and our Treasurer Penny Logan for their work. If you'd like to be part of this committee, please contact the current chair Su Cleyle.

Get Involved in Your Association

There are many ways you can participate in APLA.

- Submit an article to the *APLA Bulletin*.
- Offer to serve on the Executive or on Committees.
- Share your ideas and / or send feedback to the Executive.
- Apply for funding: if you need support for a research project apply to the Memorial fund or if you need funding for a program or activity that aligns with APLA's aims and objectives, you may apply to the General Activity Fund.
- Attend an event hosted by your APLA VP or the annual conference.

I hope you consider getting involved in your association. Thanks and have a productive and enjoyable Fall.

Donald Moses
APLA President
Fall 2009

Scholarship, Awards, and Grants

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association administers the [Carin Somers Scholarship Trust](#). The trust provides an annual scholarship, valued at approximately \$2,000, in her name to assist a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree in Library and Information Studies.

Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee.

The successful applicant will have been accepted in a School of Graduate Studies as a candidate for a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies accredited by the American Library Association. The award will normally be announced at the Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association Spring Conference. Application forms are available online in both [English](#) and in [French](#).

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First Timer's Conference Grant

To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA, residing in Atlantic Canada, and planning to attend her/his first APLA annual conference. Grants are allocated, consistent with general APLA guidelines, to help meet conference related expenses. If more applications are received than can be met by the fund, money will be awarded by drawing from the names of all eligible applicants. Recipients will be expected to write a short report, for the Executive and the APLA Bulletin, summarizing their conference experience. Applicants should include name, business address, chosen means for contacting (mail, e-mail, telephone, fax) estimated costs (travel, accommodation, meals, registration), and a signed compliance with eligibility requirements.

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APLA MEMORIAL AWARD

Financial assistance is available, from the APLA Memorial Trust, for study and research. Projects which contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the profession are encouraged. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed research and estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae.

Applications must be submitted by March 31.

Applications, questions and/or donations should be sent to:

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APLA MERIT AWARD

The [APLA Merit Award](#) is presented at the Banquet during the Annual Conference. This award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces.

Some of the contributions that might be considered in selecting a person for this award are: leadership in library associations at the local, regional and provincial levels; contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems; significant contribution to library literature.

Here is the list of [Past Recipients of Merit Award](#).

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News From New Brunswick

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

New Brunswick Public Library Service

Submitted by Sarah Kilfoil

The **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region** welcomes new employees Annie Savoie (Acting Manager, Richibucto), and Danielle Doucet (Acting Manager, Rogersville). New public libraries in Cap-Pelé and Rogersville are set to open this Fall, along with the extensively renovated Riverview Public Library. There will be lots of moving, unpacking, and shelving going on in the next few months! We're glad to have such dedicated and helpful staff during this eventful time.

The 2009 Summer Reading Club ("Be ARTrageous @ Your Library" / "Soyez ARTistiques! @ votre bibliothèque") once again was a success. Magicians, artists, and many children filled libraries around the region throughout the summer months. A pet snake named Bob was an additional attraction at the Hillsborough Public Library. Shediac Public Library staff debuted their catchy new theme song, "Je connais une bibliothèque" at their end-of-summer children's concert. Memramcook Public Library had an influx of reference questions before and after the Honourable Roméo LeBlanc's state funeral.

The Moncton Public Library will be holding its 3rd annual Magnum Opus Gala Art Auction on Sunday, October 25th. The purpose of the auction is to celebrate Atlantic Canadian artists and by doing so, raise funds for the purchase of books and reference materials in both official languages for the library. This year, the guest speaker will be the Honourable Herménégilde Chiasson, the 29th Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. Last year's auction, which featured an appearance by best-selling author Kathy Reichs, raised \$21,000 for collection development.

This summer there were several staff changes in the **Chaleur Library Region**. On July 24th, we said goodbye to our Regional Director Sylvain Meunier. Sylvain accepted the library directorship of the École polytechnique de Montreal. Replacing Sylvain Meunier, we welcomed our new Acting Regional Director, Johanne Jacob, who is also the Regional Director of the Haut Saint John Library Region. On August 24th we welcomed Araya-Yohannes Bekele as the new Library Director of the Mgr Robichaud Public Library in Beresford.

On August 30th the Laval-Goupil Public Library in Shippagan officially opened the doors of its new location. The library is ideally situated within the Résidences Mgr Chiasson nursing home. The new site allows the library to better serve a segment of the population that may otherwise have difficulty accessing library services. The new building is fully accessible and features modern technology including a SMART Board, along with modern décor and climate controls. It also houses a small art gallery and has a beautiful view of the Chaleur Bay.



The 2009 edition of the Summer Reading Club was a great success. Throughout the region, the visual arts theme paved the way for activities that put the creativity of youth in the spotlight. Accompanied by local artists or SRC presenters, whether they were painting drawing, or sculpting, the participants were able to exercise their talents!

On September 14th, the **York Library Region** launched two new bookmobiles as part of a fleet of three that serve all library regions in New Brunswick. York's South-East and South-West bookmobiles serve communities from Deer Island to Saint-Ignace, Juniper to Renous. Between the two bookmobiles, 78 communities will be served in their 4 week schedule. Twenty-nine of these stops represent rural areas which will be receiving bookmobile service for the first time.

Our annual Staff Development Day was held on September 22nd. Sixty-four staff members gathered from our fourteen service points and two bookmobiles to "Celebrate Mind and Body". Session topics ranged from stress management to Readers' Advisory and the line-up of speakers included: Kathleen McKim-Dawes, a psychologist from the Department of Health; Margaret Langille, a dietician from Sobey's; Jim Hasson, Benefits Counsellor from the Department of Human Resources; and Loralie Boyle and Tyler Griffin from the Fredericton Public Library.

We are happy to announce that Boiestown Community School Library, which has been located in the Upper Miramichi Regional High School, will have a new home. Construction is underway for the Central New Brunswick Academy in New Bandon. The new school will replace the Regional High School and serve the high school population of Boiestown and Doaktown. A new library facility will be a part of the school when it opens in September 2010.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Memorial University Libraries

Submitted by Ian Gibson

Staffing News

The QEII Library said goodbye over the summer to three long standing librarians. Bernie Conran, Karen Lippold and Michael Lonardo all retired after many years of service to the university.

Congratulations to Louise White on being appointed Associate University Librarian for the Marine Institute and Music Resource Centre. Louise was previously the head of Electronic Resource Services at the QEII.

Information Services at the QEII is pleased to welcome our new Co-op student, Vera Spika, who joins us from UBC. Also, bolstering the QEII Information Services ranks, though only on a part time basis, is Chris Brown. Chris comes to us from the Free Library of Philadelphia, where he was a children's librarian. Chris spends his free time working on his M.A. in Folklore.

Honour Bestowed on Former University Librarian

Congratulations to Dick Ellis. At fall convocation the former University Librarian was honoured with the title Librarian Emeritus. Dick becomes the first librarian in the history of Memorial University to be so honoured.

News from Nova Scotia

PROVINCIAL COLLABORATION

Submitted by Darlene Beck

Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere (BARA): It's Here!

As of the September 28, 2009 launch, Libraries Nova Scotia's "Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere" pilot allows Nova Scotians to borrow materials from and return them to any public, university or community college library in the province, free of charge. Nova Scotians may register at any public, university or community college library in the province.

BARA is the first major project of Libraries Nova Scotia (LNS), a multi-type library collaboration comprised of members from all Nova Scotia university, college and public libraries. BARA helps fulfill the LNS mission to provide Nova Scotians with seamless, barrier-free library service.

BARA is subject to individual libraries' procedures and policies. For more information and a complete list of participating service points, visit the Libraries Nova Scotia website at <http://librariesns.ca/>

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Submitted by Darlene Beck and Denise Corey

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

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

The Summer was very busy in the branches with CAP Youth filling the calendar of events with lots of interesting programs for all ages. Six youth in total worked for 10-14 weeks to deliver programming. The computer workshops were well received and often booked to capacity. Children enjoyed workshops where they scripted a short film, used digital video recorders and digital cameras, and edited the content to post online. Younger children enjoyed learning of new sites to visit and creating related crafts. This Fall will be busy as well with seven people being hired to continue similar programs. These employees will work 10 hours a week and the public is very excited about the opportunity to continue their learning.

The region's technical support staff will be delivering "Healthy Computers Workshop: Learn How to Keep Your Computer Running at its Best" to the public in six locations: Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Berwick, Kentville, Wolfville and Windsor. Each session will be followed by a question and answer period. Watch our website for specific dates, www.valleylibrary.ca.



A definitive date for the removal of the Collection Exchange module from our shared automated system has not been set. We will continue to use the software to its fullest extent until it is removed. There are other commitments on the time of support staff of the Provincial Library that have resulted in the removal being pushed aside, yet alternate procedures have been developed for this eventuality. In late September, we began e-mailing overdue notices to those users who would prefer this service in lieu of printed/mailed overdues. Promotions for this service began in mid-September.

The 2009 Summer Reading Club made for very busy libraries as staff scrambled to sign up nearly 2,300 children and teens! It was very satisfying to register all these young people and assist them in finding great summer reading material. Thanks to our partner, Upper Clements Parks, we were able to offer free FastPasses once again to all those who completed the SRC program.

The **Rosa M. Harvey Library** launched its new outdoor reading area on August 8th. The space is adjacent to the library and is comprised of flat rocks for sitting, reading, or using a laptop. The Middleton and Area Friends of the Library deserve praise for their efforts in creating this extension to the traditional library space. The Friends were also successful in their grant application for a summer youth, enabling a variety of excellent library programs to be offered.

The **Windsor Regional Library** hosted a visit from author and illustrator Peggy Kochanoff on August 20th. Her book, *How To Be a Nature Detective*, tied in closely with our Summer Reading Program theme, and participants were treated to a presentation which involved bird nests, animal tracks, and spider webs.

Katharine McCoubrey, Librarian at the Windsor Regional Library, began her maternity leave in late July, after the birth of a baby girl. The Annapolis Valley Regional Library is pleased to welcome Bruce Ross as the Term Manager during Katharine's leave.

The **Kentville Friends of the Library** continue their work toward a new library facility. A recent meeting with architects MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple allowed library staff and Friends to contribute valuable input into the design and layout of what promises to be a beautiful addition to the Town of Kentville. The public can look forward to seeing final plans this Fall.

Diana Thompson, manager of the **Hantsport Library**, retired on August 15th after twenty nine years with the Regional Library. We wish her well as she settles into retirement. The hiring process is underway and the position will be filled in the coming days. It is worth noting that Hantsport is our only library housed in a school facility and, traditionally, has been utilized by the school during non-public hours. Consequently, ongoing communication and co-operation with the School Board is vital.

Branch Managers are gearing up for a day of professional development discussions on August 31st. Several new upcoming initiatives will be reviewed, with valuable input provided by front-line staff.

Finally, the Annapolis Valley Regional Library would like to acknowledge Charlotte Janes' involvement in the "Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere" project as a member of the Procedures Committee.

Cumberland Regional Library

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

As we enjoy the lovely Fall weather in beautiful Cumberland County the libraries return to many of our popular programs, including books clubs, game nights, classic and family movies, and more.

We have once again secured funding from the Family Literacy Endowment Fund to run the successful C.A.R.T (Children and Adults Reading Together) program. Julie Allison-Savage has been re-hired and will, over the course of 8 months, offer the program at all 7 branches. C.A.R.T. enhances the home literacy environment of preschool children and their caregiver and is designed as a continuous program, assessed at the beginning and end, to gauge how well the children are doing.

We are pleased to welcome Chantelle Taylor as our new Youth Services Librarian. Chantelle brings with her years of experience in the Halifax Public Libraries. She is busily planning children's and teen activities for the libraries across the county.

The library took part in community fairs throughout the Summer, including the inaugural Four Fathers Festival in Amherst and Harbourfest in Pugwash. At each stop, we offered puppet shows, games and crafts for the kids, as well as the opportunity to sign up for Summer Reading Club.

TD Bank Financial Group once again helped us hold a successful Summer Reading Program under the theme “Agent 009”. This summer the kids went to spy school, made disguises, decoded secret messages, and earned their Reading Badges.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

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

In 1969, Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) opened its doors of the Regional Headquarters in Mulgrave; established branch libraries in Canso, Mulgrave, and Sherbrooke; and implemented bookmobile service to the District of St. Mary’s, Port Hawkesbury and the counties of Guysborough, Inverness, and Richmond. On May 3, 1969, the opening ceremony was performed in Mulgrave by the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, MP for Cape Breton-Highlands-Canso, with the opening address given by MLA for Guysborough County, Angus MacIsaac.

Forty years later, the Regional Library continues to offer free service to the three counties and has expanded the original number of library branches to seven, including Petit de Grat, Port Hawkesbury, the Cyril Ward Memorial Library in Guysborough, and the Drs. Coady & Tompkins Memorial Library in Margaree Forks.

Although the Bookmobiles were taken off the roads in the year 2000, nine communities continue to receive regular visits at the Libr@ry Link sites in Chéticamp, Inverness, Judique, L’Ardoise, Mabou, Port Hood, St. Joseph du Moine, St. Peter’s, and Whycomagh. For those residents who aren’t able to access a library location, ECRL also offers books by mail, household deliveries for those who qualify and an online catalogue so people can browse the collection and order books using the Internet.

The library has come a long way in 40 years, and we continue to adapt to meet the needs and demands of our library users”, states Chief Librarian Petra Mauerhoff, “We are still driving through the counties to deliver the service, and now we are also able to offer virtual services over the internet to help us reach as many library users as possible”. Anniversary celebrations were held in Canso in August, at ECRL Headquarters and Mulgrave branch from September 29-October 3, and at the Sherbrooke Library on October 10.

ECRL Board and staff wish all the best to Petra Mauerhoff who has recently resigned from her position at ECRL as Chief Librarian.

Halifax Public Libraries

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

Laurel Tarulli, Collection Access Librarian for Halifax Public Libraries, received the Esther J. Piercy Award, which recognizes contributions in the area of library collections and technical services. Librarians who show outstanding promise for continuing contribution and leadership and who have less than ten years of professional experience qualify for the award. Laurel received a \$1,500 grant and a citation in recognition of her accomplishments. Laurel, who has worked with Halifax Public Libraries since February 2007, was presented with the award at the American Library Association (ALA) Conference, July 9-15 in Chicago.

"It is an honour to be the recipient of the Esther J. Piercy Award. I did not truly realize the prestige of this award until I attended the awards ceremony where I stood among professionals who have been integral in shaping, leading and contributing to our profession. They give generously of their time and expertise and I feel very fortunate to be included among them," said Laurel.

Laurel's role as the Collection Access Librarian for Halifax Public Libraries means that she is responsible for developing new ways of accessing the library's collection to make the catalogue easier to use. She also works with staff on projects that deal with the collection both through the catalogue and in the branches. One way this is accomplished is through the creation of reading lists in the catalogue which enable users to readily discover what's new at the library or to assist in choosing items based on topical interest, such as "Dinner in a Pinch" or "Quirky Memoirs."

Besides taking on leadership roles within Halifax Public Libraries and involving herself in a variety of local, national and international professional organizations, Laurel established and maintains a blog for cataloguers called The Cataloguing Librarian. One of her most notable activities is her authority control work within the library's catalogue to implement proper authority terms for Aboriginal and Indigenous populations in Canada. This groundbreaking work has resulted in her joining, by invitation, the American Indian Library Association's Subject Access and Classification Committee.



Laurel Tarulli poses with Barbara Tillett, Chief of the Policy and Standards Division of the Library of Congress and Keith Powell, Chair of the Esther J. Piercy award committee.



Some visitors to the Halifax Public Libraries booth at Word on the Street.

"Word on the Street", Canada's largest book and magazine festival, took place on Sunday, September 27 in Halifax, Vancouver, Toronto and Kitchener. The festival is a reader's dream come true, featuring a fantastic selection of Canadian books and magazines, as well as author readings, presentations and workshops.

Halifax Public Libraries returned to the festival this year. Halifax Public Libraries' CEO Judith Hare and other senior managers were on hand to talk with the public and celebrate the written word. The library also gave away great prizes, including a Sony eBook Reader, a bag of books for adults and an assortment of children's books.

Western Counties Regional Libraries

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

In partnership with the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives and the Community Access Program (CAP), the **Western Counties Regional Library** has been digitally capturing and archiving over the Summer hundreds of moments in time between 1890 and 1990 from the Yarmouth area. Funded through the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors program, the result is a digital repository, "Preserving Yarmouth Memories: Digitizing and Displaying Photographs from Yarmouth's Past".

The images tell many stories: there are photographs of children leaping off diving towers at a beach in Arcadia in the 1950s; of rescued families from the 1919 grounding of the SS North Star on Green Island near Pinkney's Point; and of stranded whales on Port Maitland beach in 1963. Other scenes recall streets, neighbourhoods, existing and past businesses, houses, churches, landmarks such as monuments and fountains, parks, and community events.

To carry out the scanning project, students were hired to go out to community halls from Port Maitland to Carleton armed with laptop computers and scanners. The photographs were scanned on the spot and immediately returned to their owners. The objective was to fill in the gaps in Yarmouth's photographic history and allow an intergenerational exchange of stories and ideas between seniors and the students. The library surveyed the students involved in the project to see whether it met that goal.

"The students all said working on this project increased their appreciation and respect for seniors," says Trudy Amirault, Western Counties Regional Library Director. "They've had interesting lives and were able to tell their stories to the younger generation.... Besides having this collection that has never been seen by the public, it accomplished the goal of bringing generations closer together."



This photograph of the Cove Road (as it was known then) in Port Maitland shows the wooden sidewalks that led to the wharf and beach (property of Preserving Yarmouth Memories).

Yarmouth-Shelburne CAP Coordinator Ryan McKenzie, who oversaw the students, concurs: "Students enjoyed interacting with the seniors who came in and hearing some of the stories that they had to share."

McKenzie has his own stories that came out of this Summer. "For me, personally, a highlight would be seeing some of the pictures of where I live in Arcadia from the 1940s and 1950s, and my great grandfather appeared in some of the pictures that came in from Brooklyn." While looking through some photographs of men of the Brooklyn church, McKenzie's mother spotted his great grandfather Walter Churchill.

According to McKenzie, more than 1,000 photographs depicting the region's history have been digitally captured thus far. "We had good turnouts," says McKenzie of the visits to the area's community halls. "Some places we were not able to get out to, but people can still stop by the library or museum and get their photos scanned."

"To see the quality and variety of the photographs is great," adds Jamie Serran, Archivist at the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives.

To book appointments call the Yarmouth library's Gates Computer Lab at 742-2486 ext. 243 or the museum at 742-5539. The photographs will be made available through a Preserving Yarmouth Memories Web site, which will be officially launched later this Fall.

The **Shelburne Friends of the Library** has won the Gabriele Schreiber (Random House of Canada) "Friends of the Year" Award for outstanding support to its library and for outstanding volunteer involvement. "I was very pleased and a bit surprised that we won the award," says Edith Bower of the Shelburne Friends of the Library. "I knew that we would be up against other groups that were probably larger and were able to raise more funds than ours did."

The Shelburne Friends group is sharing the honour with the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Association. The award is judged by a committee from Friends of Canadian Libraries (FOCAL). Each Friends group will receive \$750 in Random House merchandise. The announcement was made during the FOCAL annual general meeting on May 21 and the presentation of the award has yet to be arranged. The Friends group was nominated by Western Counties Regional Library, whose Shelburne branch, the McKay Memorial Library, is supported by the Friends group.

“Although the group can be counted on during a capital campaign, it is this organization’s steady support year in and year out that enriches library services at the Shelburne library,” Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault says.

The Town of Shelburne has been going through tough economic times and has experienced a steady drop in population. Statistics Canada figures show the population was 2,013 in 2001 and 1,879 in 2006. Despite this, the Shelburne Friends of the Library donated \$1,835 in 2008, \$1,500 of which was dedicated to enhancing the library’s book collection via its 2008 Adopt-A-Book campaign. This level of support has been consistent over the years. Its efforts to ensure new materials are on the library’s shelves have helped the Shelburne branch of Western Counties Regional Library maintain its circulation level in 2008-2009 to that of 2007-2008.

The Shelburne Friends group manages to give at such a level through two key annual fundraisers: a yard and bake sale in the Summer and a Christmas silent auction in December. The money raised through these efforts adds materials to the library’s collection and allows the Shelburne Friends to purchase \$200 worth of books annually for the library’s book club. In 2008, it supported a travelling youth group, The Otesha Project, who performed environmental programs at both the Shelburne and Barrington libraries.

“I want to say ‘thank-you’ to all the members and volunteers of the Friends of the library whose hard work made this possible,” says Bower.

Members of the Friends organization lobby on behalf of the library to local politicians and business people and help promote library events and programs. At their annual fundraisers, they provide leaflets outlining upcoming programs at the library. The Shelburne Friends works closely with the Beulah Berman Memorial Animal Shelter, providing it with items for its weekly yard sales. This help fund Pet Projects, which assist in rescuing stray animals, spaying, neutering, etc.

“The Shelburne Friends of the Library epitomizes what a Friends group should be and demonstrates that small communities can have Friends who make a big difference,” says Amirault.

The **New Weymouth Library** is taking another step in its revitalization with the announcement that a new facility will be completed by the Spring of 2010.

“It’s long overdue,” says Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden for the Municipality of the District of Digby. “It’s going to be very well received by the public.”

MacAlpine’s comments have a solid foundation. He, his council, Western Counties Regional Library, and the community have come together for many meetings, creating incredible support for and understanding of the project.

“The support is very strong now in the community,” says Western Counties Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault. She adds that the most interesting thing about the creation of the new building has been the process, calling it “very inclusive, very worthwhile.”

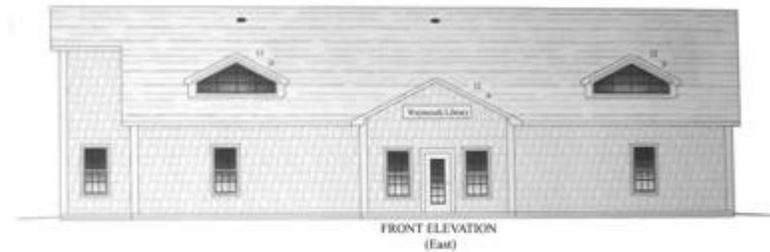
Throughout the series of public meetings on the planning of the new library in Weymouth, interest and attendance were high, MacAlpine says.

“The new library is a very integral part of the plan to rejuvenate the inner core of Weymouth,” he adds. “It will have a lovely view of the river and it will be a welcoming site.”

The wheelchair-accessible building is very environmentally friendly, meeting the silver standard of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. The environmental rating was a requirement for a portion of the \$417,900 in federal and provincial government funding. The building will have geothermal heating, which has the added benefit of providing a cooling system in the summer.

Located at Sissiboo Landing, the new 3,450 square-foot library branch will have a greater collection of books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials. The increased space will accommodate more programming, more computer terminals, and increased hours of operation.

“It allows us to offer a full service in Weymouth,” says Amirault. The small, existing building constrained the library from offering more materials and programming at the branch.



Above, the front of the new Weymouth Branch Library as designed by Hiltz and Seamone Co. Ltd. Consulting Engineers, Canso, N.S.

“We are all very excited about the project,” adds Weymouth Branch Librarian Erin Comeau. “The Library will be a great addition to Weymouth's downtown core. It will bring more people in to get library materials and participate in programs.”

The new building will have a community room and a meeting room to allow the Weymouth representative on municipal council to meet his or her constituents at the library.

“I can foresee it being very well used by the community,” MacAlpine says.

The tender closed on September 29 and once awarded, it is expected that the building will be completed within four months.

Also in renovation news, Western Counties Regional Library's smallest branch is doing big things these days. Two ferry rides bring you to the **Westport Branch Library** on Brier Island, and it is easy to see the changes taking place.

Renovations to the library began earlier this year and most of the exterior work is completed. These refurbishments include a new roof, new siding, a new front deck, a new walkway, two new side doors, a new wheelchair ramp, two new large front windows, and two new small windows. New eaves troughs will be installed.

“They were much needed renovations,” says Library Regional Director Trudy Amirault. “This does make it possible to better deliver our services.... I think it is admirable that people care enough about their communities to take on these kinds of projects.”

The work is being directed by the Westport Library Committee, a volunteer group overseeing the library building. There are plans to renovate the interior of library in the future. This will include adding a wheelchair-accessible washroom.

Creative and critical help has arrived for writers in Southwestern Nova Scotia through a new Writer-in-Residence program launched and based at the **Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library**.

“The intent of the program is to help encourage local authors, get them writing, and, hopefully, published,” said Debbie Duke Little, Coordinator of the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library in Yarmouth. Sandra Phinney, a Yarmouth County freelance writer who has written two books and written articles which have appeared in over 60 Canadian and American publications, will serve as the inaugural Writer-in-Residence.

Western Counties Regional Library launched the 12-month initiative and introduced Phinney during an open house on September 9. The evening featured a panel of four published writers who shared their writing journey and fielded questions from the audience. Topics ranged from targeting writing for specific publications and the various publications out there to the importance of research.

One of the most valuable resources for a writer is other writers. As panelist Darcy Rhyno put it: “Writers are very helpful with each other.”

The interest in the launch was overwhelming as 60 people turned out and it went from an open house to a full house and a full program.

“I was excited by the turnout and the enthusiasm for the program,” said Duke Little. “We received many favourable comments about the program.”

“I’m excited about this program,” Phinney added. “The program provides a springboard for all writers. Some writers may want to learn how to revise and edit their work or they may need to develop stronger characters, better scenes or more compelling narrative. Others may want to write a book but don’t know whether they should deal directly with a book publisher, seek an agent, or self-publish. These are the kind of topics that are included in the program. My role is to help people find their way through the writing and publishing maze, and to provide resources.”

The program is being developed according to the skill level of, and interests determined by, the participants. Novices to seasoned writers of all genres (poetry, memoir, children’s stories, fiction or non-fiction) are encouraged to take part. The only criteria are that participants want to improve their writing and have their work published.



This new wheelchair ramp, siding and door are part of the extensive renovations of Westport Branch Library.

Phinney will be at the Yarmouth library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month presenting seminars on the craft of writing and tips on getting published. Every third Wednesday of each month, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., she provides one-on-one mentoring by appointment. She provides ongoing support through e-mail in between meetings.

“It’s an opportunity that a lot of people don’t have access to in a rural community,” Duke Little said. “We are very fortunate to have Sandra as our Writer-in-Residence. She brings a wealth of experience to the program.”

This project is funded through Commonwealth of Writers: Our Writers/Our Libraries (administered through the Writers Federation of Nova Scotia) and Western Counties Regional Library.

Finally, it was 40 years ago on October 29 that **Western Counties Regional Library** came into being with an official opening at the Yarmouth library. The regional library is celebrating its ruby anniversary with displays, a contest, a short documentary on the library’s formation, and a memory board.

“It’s a chance to reflect on where you started and how you progressed,” says Trudy Amirault, Western Counties Regional Library Director. “In 1969, the library was a building, now we think of the library as a service,” she says. Western Counties Regional Library is one of the youngest regional library systems in Nova Scotia and brought more far reaching library services to Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties.

“There wasn’t a strong tradition of public libraries in the region,” says Amirault, who has been with the library for 34 years. “Forty years ago, we started from scratch.”

To mark the anniversary, exhibits containing old newspaper articles chronicling the struggles to bring the regional library into existence and its eventual launch, as well as a variety of photographs, are on display at all ten branches.

The library has set up a contest to find the oldest regional library card. People are asked to dig through the shoe boxes under their beds or other storage areas to see if they can come up with the oldest card. Initially the cards were paper stock and listed the branch along with a two or three digit card number – the lower the number, the older the card.

Every branch will mark the original launch date of October 29, 1969 on the same date this year by serving cake, offering tours of the branches and showing a mini-documentary on the formation of the regional library done in partnership with EastLink TV. People are asked to check with their local branch for the official time of the celebration that day.

During the month of October the branches have created a “library memory board” as part of the 40th anniversary celebration. Library patrons can use a marker to write out their memory on a piece of paper that is then posted on the board.

Things have changed enormously over 40 years, says Amirault. She recalls how the library was alone in terms of its function. Now the library has many partnerships for programs and projects with economic development agencies, health associations, community organizations and government agencies.

“Our intention is to make the community a better place to live,” she explains. “We can’t do it all, but we can certainly



40th Anniversary Library Memory Board

play an important part in it.” No longer just a repository for books, “libraries are recognized as public technology centres,’ she says. The public is aware that the library offers free access to computers, the Internet and wireless Internet connection.

“That has definitely broadened our clientele,” Amirault says.

It is also a time of renewal for the regional library, she says. The library has added two new buildings housing its branches in Barrington and Clark’s Harbour, a third is ready to break ground in Weymouth, and there have been extensive renovations to the Westport branch.

The newest service coming to the library will happen by the end of 2009, she says, when patrons will be able to download a book to their iPod or MP3 player with their library card.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Submitted by Darlene Beck

Dalhousie University Libraries

<http://www.library.dal.ca/>



Tim Ruggles, Reference and Research Librarian

Tim Ruggles, Reference & Research Librarian at Dalhousie’s Kellogg Health Sciences Library, was recently honoured by Dalhousie’s Emergency Medicine Department by having an award named after him. Tim himself presented the inaugural “Tim Ruggles Critically Appraised Topic Award” at the Department of Emergency Medicine’s 14th Research Day held at the Holiday Inn (now the Atlantica Hotel) in Halifax on May 20, 2009.

For the past six years Tim has helped coordinate the Emergency Medicine Evidence-Based Care course offered annually to emergency medicine residents at Dalhousie University. As part of the course requirements, each resident must complete a “Critically Appraised Topic” or CAT, for which they pose a clinical question, do a thorough literature search, critically appraise the appropriate studies, and finally present a clinical conclusion about whether or not a particular intervention is effective. Critical appraisal involves assessing studies for their methodological validity, calculating whether the results are

clinically significant, and deciding whether or not these results have implications for patient care. The eponymous award will be presented annually to the resident who writes the best CAT.

Social media, originally the domain of students and young adults, are now smack in the middle of “mainstream.” So if you want people to know what’s going on at your library, you pretty much have to be out there—



The Tim Ruggles Top Critically Appraised Topic Award

everywhere. This year the Dalhousie Libraries have focused their communications and marketing efforts on blogging, tweeting and Facebooking in hopes of capturing the attention of as many social networkers as possible. Here's where we are:

The Libvine: Our blog. We're still newbies at this and need to learn to use the medium more as a forum for discussion and feedback. We've got it set up so you can read/subscribe to our [General Library News](#), or go for your specific area of interest: [Architecture, Engineering & Planning](#), [Arts, Social Sciences & Sciences](#), [Health Sciences](#), [Killam Learning Commons](#), [Law](#), and [Staff News](#) (very popular!).

Twitter: We've mastered the fine art of tweeting, quite a challenge for librarians who love words! It's amazing how quickly the number of followers grows once you're out there. Visit either [Dal Libraries](#) or [Kellogg Health Sciences Library](#) to follow our tweets!

Facebook: The issues surrounding institutions like libraries being on Facebook seem to have evaporated. Now we're expected to be there, and if used properly this too can be a great place to connect one-on-one with users and library lovers. Both the [Killam Library](#) and the [Sexton Design & Technology Library](#) can be found on Facebook.

So follow, become a fan, and/or subscribe to us; our "communicators" have something for everyone!

NSCAD University

<http://nscad.ca/en/home/libraries/default.aspx>

Tanja Harrison has been appointed to the position of University Librarian of the NSCAD University Library. Tanja holds a Master of Library and Information Studies from Dalhousie as well as a Bachelor of Arts from Bishop's University. Tanja was most recently employed as an Academic Librarian with the Vaughan Memorial Library at Acadia University. Tanja has been an instructor with the Division of Continuing Education at Acadia University and the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University as well as a Social Sciences and Humanities Librarian at Dalhousie's Killam Library and a project librarian with Environment Canada.

Rebecca Young has been appointed to the position of Director, Visual Resources Collection within the Library. Rebecca holds an MSc in Information Management and Preservation – Digital Strand from the University of Glasgow, as well as a Diploma in Library and Information Technology from the Nova Scotia Community College. Rebecca is also a graduate of NSCAD University and holds a BFA (Interdisciplinary). Prior to returning to NSCAD, Rebecca worked in library services with the Nova Scotia Community College, CBC Radio Archives, and the Dalhousie University Archives.

GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES

Submitted by Darlene Beck

Nova Scotia Department of Health

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/health/>

The Library Directors for the IWK, Capital Health, and Dalhousie University's Kellogg Health Sciences Library, with the support of the Nova Scotia Department of Health and the Academic Council, have launched a project to explore the development of a provincial consortium of health libraries and knowledge services which would potentially provide access to key electronic resources to practitioners, students, and government employees in the health care field in Nova Scotia.

Currently the participating libraries are conducting a survey of organizations that provide health knowledge and information resources and services to gather background information that will assist in planning the consortium and assessing the feasibility of said consortium. Librarians and information managers in Nova Scotia health authorities, professional health associations, universities and colleges that offer health or medical programs, and government departments completed a web-based survey in September and results will be released at the end of the year.

For more information about the project, contact Amanda Stevens, Virtual Health Library Survey Project Coordinator, at amandastevens@gov.ns.ca or 902-424-6405.

News from Prince Edward Island

Submitted by Dawn Hooper

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Public Library Service

<http://www.library.pe.ca/>

Submitted by Nichola Cleaveland

Library Use on the Rise

A recent examination of our statistics has verified that library use in the province's communities has risen steadily over the past two years. The public library branches outside the cities of Charlottetown and Summerside increased circulation by more than 10% over the same period last year and in Stratford and Cornwall, circulation rose by over 30%.

The increases are attributed to the investments by the Province in more resources for public libraries and in increased hours at many of the rural branches. As a result of the enlarged acquisitions budget, we have more books, CDs and DVDs to offer. As a result of expanded hours of operation, libraries are more accessible than ever before. In addition, we now offer several RSS feeds so that patrons can easily identify new materials.

Programs for Children

For the past several years, we have offered patrons a Book Club in a Bag service. The bags provide local book clubs the convenience of a pre-packaged bag complete with 10 copies of a book, a discussion guide, suggested questions and a sign-out sheet for the group leader. This Fall, we are expanding the service to include bags for children. Youth Services Librarian Barb Kissick has selected 10 titles that will appeal to children in grades 4 to 6.

The TD Summer Reading Club was a great hit this summer, thanks to a wonderful training day with Lianne Fortin (Program Manager of the TD Summer Reading Club with Library and Archives Canada), the great theme ("Agent 009"), dedicated staff, and very receptive families.

Planning is well underway for TD Canadian Children's Book Week. This year, PEI's visiting author is Kari-Lynn Winters. She will be holding readings at four public libraries and six school libraries.

Staff News

Liam O'Hare has joined us as our Systems Librarian. Liam is a recent graduate from Dalhousie's Library and Information Studies program. Liam succeeds Larry Tweed, who has accepted a position with Holland College Library Services.

Mary Palmer has retired from her position at PLS Headquarters. Mary handled interlibrary loan requests on behalf of our rural branch patrons and for other libraries requesting ILLs from the Public Library Service. After spending more than 20 years with us, Mary is looking forward to spending her time playing with her grandchildren and playing golf. Since Mary retired in mid-August, the weather in PEI has been excellent, and she has been spending lots of time on the golf course!

Rose Matheson has been appointed to a Library Assistant position at Confederation Centre Public Library. Rose has worked at the Hunter River and Summerside libraries over the past 5 years, including most recently working as a Library Assistant at SUM for the past year.

Melanie Barlow has been appointed to the acquisitions clerk position at PLS Headquarters. Melanie will be handling the ordering of new materials on behalf of the 26 public libraries and 63 school libraries across the province.

Community Outreach

Staff at the Hunter River Memorial Library took their reading tent on the road this summer. On soccer night in the community, the tent was set up on the sidelines of the local soccer field, with lots of reading material on hand. The tent was visited by players, siblings, parents, and other spectators, all of whom welcomed a chance to read while attending a game. What a great initiative!

As not everyone is able to come to their local library for programming, Helen Power-Lewis from Confederation Centre Public Library has started an outreach reading program for residents of local nursing homes. This photo shows Helen reading to the residents at a local nursing home. What a great set-up - lovely room, microphone, water, and an interested audience!



SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Prince Edward Island School Libraries

Submitted by Carol Fitzpatrick and Richard Baker

Prince Edward Island school libraries have been using the MicroCat Library Automation System since 1993. This particular software program is outdated and users no longer have access to technical support (its developer went out of business in 2001). MicroCat is a stand alone system: all updates, repairs, and other management requirements have to be done on the specified computer at each individual location. Since the MicroCat system uses a DOS based program, it works best on Windows 98 and requires a floppy drive for backup purposes. Because of this, hardware in school libraries cannot be upgraded and hence remains outdated.

In Fall 2008, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in conjunction with IT Shared Services decided to replace the current MicroCat software program. After evaluating a number of library automation software programs and reviewing a number of open source options, the Department chose KOHA, a new open source web based software application. The word KOHA is a Maori word meaning "gift" or "donation".

This particular capital grant project is being implemented in 4 phases. In Winter/Spring 2009, KOHA was piloted in 4 provincial schools: 1 senior high, 1 intermediate, and 2 elementary schools where the current department heads for school libraries are employed as teacher-librarians.

In January 2009, Bluefield High School was the first school on PEI to start using the open source web based software. Thanks to the work of the programmer, Richard Birt, the glitches in taking the MARC records from the old system into KOHA were fixed, thus making for a smooth transition.

During the Summer of 2009, the remaining provincial senior high schools were converted to KOHA and have been utilizing this system for circulation and management. Over the next couple of months the remaining provincial intermediate schools will be converted to KOHA. Department personnel are projecting to have KOHA implemented in all PEI school libraries within the next 2 years.

The response to KOHA has been overwhelmingly favourable thanks in no small part to the excellent work of Richard Birt and provincial project managers working in conjunction with the PEI Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Teacher-Librarian Richard Baker sees many advantages with the new software. Searching is more powerful, cataloguing is easier, and circulation is a snap. The full inventory process in June was shorted from more than three weeks to less than one week with KOHA. The one drawback is that since KOHA is web based, when the Internet is slow or down, you have to revert to pen and paper. Luckily this only occurred a few times.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Robertson Library (University of Prince Edward Island)

<http://library.upei.ca/>

Submitted by Suzanne Jones

Access 2009

The Robertson Library hosted this annual Library/Technology conference (September 30 - October 3). Registration was high with approximately 150 attendees. Keynote speakers were Cory Doctorow and William J. Turkel. This was the first time that Access was held on the Island!

Some HackFest pictures from Access 2009:



Facility and IT Update

Over the summer, a Language Lab was created and stocked with 30 student stations with special audio headsets and an instructor station that includes a SMARTboard and classroom management software. In addition, the Rosetta Stone language software was purchased for 14 different languages to help with language training, ranging from English to Welsh. The lab already has seen a lot of use with UPEI's Modern Languages, Spanish, and ESL classes and is available for booking by on- and off-campus groups. Money from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency helped to partially fund this project.

The existing Media Centre now includes 16 high-end Mac Pro workstations intended for computationally intensive graphical/media development work. Also in the area is digitizing equipment for LPs, audiocassettes, and videocassettes, as well as flatbed print scanners. It has been renamed the Media Centre Collaboratory.

The Library's Learning Commons opened in September and remains a work in progress. Currently, there are 18 PCs in the area with approximately 15 new iMacs to be added in early October. The long-term plan is to have new seating for 85 students and at least 50 iMacs providing dual operating systems. The space will allow for both individual and collaborative use.

The Island Imagined project has identified approximately 1,500 maps of P.E. I. to be digitized. This project is a partnership between the Library, the Prince Edward Island Archives and Public Records Office, the Prince Edward Island Museum, and the Heritage Foundation. Expected completion date for the Island Imagined project is March 2010.

Information/Reference Desk

The Information Desk service has again moved, this time to the Learning Commons where it does and will continue to provide research assistance for general reference questions as well as for the Special Collections area.

dbWiz

We have now implemented the open source product dbWiz as our federated search software.

Student Assistants Hired for This Academic Year

We now have 18 student assistants working in the Library. Most of these students work in Circulation but five specifically address IT or computer-related questions, while two students work on digitization projects.

Holland College Library Services

<http://www.hollandcollege.com/library/>

Submitted by Patricia Doucette

Holland College Library Services said farewell to staff members Andrea Stewart and Donald Moses at a reception in the Charlottetown Centre Library. Donald and Andrea have long histories with the college and have been instrumental in introducing new technologies into the college's library system. Andrea has accepted a one year secondment to Nova Scotia Community College as Director of Library Services. Donald has accepted the permanent position of Collections and Digital Resources Librarian at UPEI Library.

Pictured to the right are Donald Moses and Andrea Stewart at their farewell reception. Both Andrea and Donald are sporting the much coveted volunteer vests worn by Holland College staff at the 1990 ACCC conference hosted by the college.



We also have welcomed four new staff members to our team: Patricia Doucette, Manager of Library Services, who will be replacing Andrea Stewart during her secondment; Larry Tweed, Systems Librarian, and Leslie Holt-Dalziel, Library Technician, both at the Charlottetown Centre campus; and Louise Mould, Librarian at the Tourism and Culinary Centre campus.

On September 17th Holland College Library Services hosted the Ultimate Gamer Smackdown, a video game and pizza night held at the main campus library during Student Orientation Week. Games ranged from the historic PacMan to Rock Band on the big screen and the library provided pizza. Students enjoyed themselves and some hidden talents were discovered among library staff members.

Library Education

Dalhousie School of Information Management

<http://sim.management.dal.ca/>

Submitted by Darlene Beck and Louise Spiteri

Professor Sandra Toze, Lecturer in the School of Information Management at Dalhousie, has been honoured with a prestigious teaching award in the Faculty of Management. These awards are financed principally by Nova Scotia businessman Mr. Bill Black. The awards fit well with a strategic goal of the Faculty of Management to enhance the student experience through excellent learning environments and superior teaching. Professor Toze teaches courses in the areas of information policy, information sources and retrieval, and government and business information sources. Professor Toze is currently pursuing an interdisciplinary PhD at Dalhousie University, where she is exploring the use and retrieval of information in collaborative environments and the effect of interruptions on searching.



JoAnn Watson, MLIS Program Coordinator at the School of Information Management, has won the Faculty of Management Interdisciplinary Administrator of the Year Award. The award citation states that "JoAnn Watson has provided fabulous leadership in the SIM graduate degrees in recent years, but more recently has become a champion for integrating graduate receptions and (more importantly) organizing our Faculty-wide academic integrity processes." Prior to joining SIM, JoAnn worked with both the federal and provincial governments and has held positions in the corporate and non-profit sectors. As Head of the Sound and Moving Image Division at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Ms. Watson developed a keen interest in issues relating to preservation and audio-visual media. An active participant and member in local, national and international professional associations, Ms. Watson has organized professional conferences and workshops in Halifax, Montreal, Miami, Los Angeles and Portland Oregon.



The School of Information Management is very pleased to welcome **Jenn Cox** as Communications and Records Assistant. This is a newly-designed position which incorporates the critical functions of web and public relations work, with records management and related duties. Jenn earned a Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management (with Distinction) from Mount Saint Vincent University in 2008, with an added Diploma in Business Administration (also with Distinction). Jenn's co-op work terms included positions in Ireland and Australia.



Lori McCay-Peet, who graduated from SIM in 2008, has been awarded a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship to pursue an interdisciplinary PhD at Dalhousie University. This scholarship has an annual value of \$35,000 and is allocated by the Canadian federal government for business-oriented research. Lori is one of only 100 PhD

students nationally to be awarded this scholarship this year. Building on her MLIS thesis, "Image Use within the Work Task Model: Images as Objects and Images as Data," Lori will be examining how to facilitate serendipity in information systems, and specifically looking at the role of images in creating the bisociations that people experience when making those seemingly unorthodox connections.



MLIS student **Angela Manyangara** has been awarded a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. This scholarship has a value of a \$17,500, and is allocated by the Canadian federal government for business-oriented research. Angela is pursuing the thesis option within the MLIS program under the supervision of Dr. Elaine Toms, and is examining how people multi-task and how selected individual differences may affect how people multi-task. Angela has a BA in Economic History and a Graduate Diploma in Media and Communication Studies, both from the University of Zimbabwe. Angela's previous experience includes teaching at the high school level and working in the banking sector. Apart from her studies at SIM, Angela is a Student Assistant at the Killam Library, Dalhousie University.



MLIS/MPA candidate **Nathaniel Smith** has been appointed as the Dalhousie University Ombudsperson for 2009/2010. Nat served as Assistant Ombudsperson in 2008/2009. The primary role of the Office of the Ombudsperson is to ensure that students and other members of the University community receive fair and equitable treatment within both the University and the Student. More information about this office may be found at: <http://ombudsperson.dal.ca/>

Nancy E. Black kicked off SIM's first public lecture of 2009/2010 with her presentation of the topic "What Does the Eye See? Information Seeking Experiences of Distance Students with Learning Disabilities." Nancy's presentation provided a general overview of information-seeking theory/behaviour and described a user-centred approach to information seeking. Of particular interest and focus is the significance of information-seeking behaviour as it might apply to students with learning differences and potential barriers encountered in searching and accessing information in the distance environment. Nancy, who is Manager, Access and Information Services with University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), graduated from Dalhousie with her MLS in 1981 and has worked in libraries in various capacities throughout Canada since that time. For the past 12 years she has provided library services for distance students at the UNBC and has recently completed a year-long appointment as the Acting University Librarian. Nancy began doctoral studies at the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at UBC in 2005.



On September 17, 2009, the School of Information and the Dalhousie School of Information Management Associated Alumni held a celebration to commemorate **SIM's 40th anniversary**. The evening's event kicked off with the invited speakers who shared their views on, and memories of, SIM. Speakers included Dr. Tom Traves, President of Dalhousie University; Dr. David Wheeler, Dean of the Faculty of Management; Mr. John Teskey, President of the Canadian Library Association; Dr. Fiona Black, SIM Director; and Dr. Norman Horrocks, former SIM Director and Dean of the Faculty of Management.

The formal component of the celebration concluded with the presentation of the Associated Alumni Award to Penny Logan. Guests included former and current SIM faculty and staff, alumni from across Canada, as well as incoming and returning SIM students. The evening was a great success and featured a wonderful collaborative effort from many individuals from SIM and the Associated Alumni.

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 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), 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), the Canadian representative for the MLA Benchmarking Project, and 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.

News from the Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians

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Submitted by Erica Smith

Conference 2009

Libraries: From the Inside Out was a resounding success. Over 55 delegates descended on Kentville to learn and network. Thank you to the conference committee: Rachel Crosby, Carmilita Cousins, Janice Fralic-Brown, Sylvia Jacquard, Erica Smith, Jo-Ann Johnson. Thank you to our many sponsors and exhibitors for supporting Library Technicians!

Conference 2010 – Location announced!

October 22, 2010 – mark it on your calendar! NSALT President, Erin Purcell, has announced the Conference 2010 will take place in the Halifax Regional Municipality on Friday October 22, 2010. Watch the NSALT website for more information.

APLA Conference 2010: Call for Proposals

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association will hold its next annual conference in Saint John, New Brunswick, on May 13, 14 and 15, 2010. The APLA 2010 Programming Committee is pleased to invite APLA members and other interested parties to submit program proposals for the 2010 conference.

Our conference theme is "Riding the tide: adapting and thriving in a sea of change," which should offer lots of scope for topics. Proposals can have a broad appeal or target public, academic, school or special libraries. Sessions may be suggested in any format, such as single speakers, panels or debates.

Sessions on Friday and Saturday will be a maximum of 1 hour and 15 minutes. Proposals for a day long pre-conference session are also welcome.

For more information on submitting a proposal, please visit: <http://www.apla2010.ca/sj/proposals.html>

The submission deadline is Monday, November 16, 2009.

POSTER SESSION

You also have the option to showcase your research or recent initiative at the APLA 2010 Poster Session, organized by the Dalhousie University School of Information Management Associated Alumni. Located in the main Exhibit Hall, APLA 2010 will include up to 30 juried posters, to be displayed during the same hours as the exhibits. Poster authors will be invited to present their posters during the lunch breaks. Please submit a description of the project (150 words or less) along with the name of the presenter and the presenter's institution, contact information, and a title for the poster, to: donna.bourne-tyson@msvu.ca or call Donna Bourne-Tyson, one of the Poster Session coordinators, at 902.457.6108.

The APLA Bulletin Needs YOU!

Something on your mind? Doing something creative in your library? Have some interesting research on the go? Why not share it with the rest of the Atlantic library community? The APLA Bulletin is looking for feature articles for our next issue. Submissions can be on any topic you feel would be interesting to the community and should be less than 2500 words in length. Articles can be submitted to Bulletin Co-Editor [Alexandra Brooks](mailto:alexandra.brooks@gnb.ca) (alexandra.brooks@gnb.ca) on or before December 1st, 2009.

Can't make the next deadline? Fear not! The Bulletin publishes five issues a year and we are always on the lookout for new and interesting content.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to [Alexandra Brooks](mailto:alexandra.brooks@gnb.ca) or [Ian Gibson](mailto:ian.gibson@aplalibrary.ca).

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