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## From the President's Desk

Submitted by Donald Moses

Your APLA Executive held their annual Fall meeting on Monday November 2, 2009 in Halifax, NS and virtually via Skype. I think it was a productive day and I'd like to share some of the highlights of the meeting.

I've reported in previous posts about *Games @ the Library*, weeklong library gaming event. VP Newfoundland and Labrador Louise McGillis coordinated this new APLA initiative, obtained sponsorship from Hasbro, and collaborated with her fellow provincial VPs (Dawn Hooper – VP PEI, Darlene Beck – VP NS, Sarah Kilfoil – VP NB) to organize it. Hasbro donated two board games to every public library in the region and libraries hosted over 180 gaming events, drawing over 3,000 participants. If you enjoyed the *Games @ the Library* program this year and would like to see it become an annual event, let your provincial VPs know.

We are always trying to think of ways to engage the membership and to provide value to our members. Begun last year as a way to bring members together, your provincial VPs will host a number of events in the coming months that we call the VP Series. We're hoping that this will help us connect with many of our members and provide members with an opportunity to learn, network, and socialize, but recognize that it doesn't work for all. Would you be interested in a web conference, a teleconference, or an APLA event hosted in your own area? We'd like to hear your suggestions.

Sarah Gladwell, APLA's VP/President Elect, is working with Interest Group conveners and has plans for the winter. As well Sarah chairs the Carin Alma E. Somers Trust Scholarship Committee and will be promoting this scholarship to students attending graduate programs in library and information sciences in the New Year. You can read more about the scholarship at <http://apla.ca/scholarship>

Past-President Su Cleyle is chairing the Nominations Committee and reported that we'll be looking to fill several posts on the executive – look for a message from her on the APLA-List and website. Su is also chairing the Grow a Library Committee and they've already identified a library that needs APLA's support – the Solomon Mahlangu library in Tanzania. You can find out more about this library by visiting CODE's website - <http://www.codecan.org/en/get-involved/adopt-a-library/find-a-library/Solomon-Mahlangu>

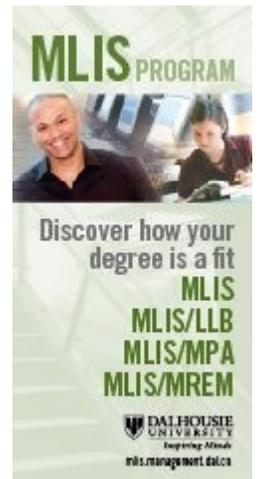
Debbie Costello provided a final APLA 2009 Conference report and the Executive would like to thank Debbie and the APLA 2009 Conference Planning Committee for all of their hard work in hosting a conference that was a success on many levels.

Jean Cunningham provided a report on the planning taking place for APLA 2010, which will be hosted at the Hilton's Trade and Convention Centre in Saint John, NB, from May 13 to 15, 2010. Visit the conference website for the latest updates – <http://www.apla2010.ca> .

We are always interested in hearing from the membership, so I would encourage you to contact me [[dmoses@upei.ca](mailto:dmoses@upei.ca)] or any other member of the Executive with your suggestions, ideas, concerns, etc.

All the best.

Donald



## 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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## Two Current Initiatives in Continuing Education

Submitted by Richard Ellis

### I. The Federal Survey

On November 25, 2009 I represented the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association at a consultation session arranged by the Conference Board of Canada at the Masonic Temple in St. John's, NFLD. Gathered together in the name of human resources and culture were representatives of musicians, visual artists, archivists, museologists, workers at historic properties, and crafts persons. The gathering had an unmistakably artsy tenor. So, what did I learn? Read on.

Early in 2010 the Conference Board of Canada will be conducting an online survey across the country in order to inform a research report scheduled to be published in May. The report will address human resource development issues in the cultural sector. "Human resource development issues" is Ottawa-speak for continuing education and the "cultural sector" includes libraries.

The federal ministry concerned with labour market and personnel issues is Human Resource and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). It has created a program of "Sector Councils" that undertakes research on issues relating to particular sectors. Among those sector councils is the Cultural Human Resource Council. Via the web site for the [program of councils](#), one may access a list of councils. At present there are 33 such councils as well as The Alliance of Sector Councils. The remit of the councils is there described.

...Through the **Sector Council** Program, the Government of Canada is working with the private sector to enhance adult workers' skills through activities such as increasing employer investments in skills development and promoting workplace learning and training.

...**Sector councils** are national partnership organizations that bring together business, labour and educational stakeholders. Operating at arms length from the Government of Canada, **sector councils** are a platform for stakeholders to share ideas, concerns and perspectives about human resources and skills issues, and, in a collective, collaborative and sustained manner, find solutions that benefit their sector.

The [Cultural Human Resource Council](#) (CHRC) is concerned with broadcasting, festivals, film, heritage, libraries, performing arts, sound recording and music publishing, visual arts, and written media. Note that "heritage" includes museums, archives, and historic sites.

The CHRC has a volunteer Board of Directors representing the various sub-sectors. The list is at <http://www.culturalhrc.ca/aboutus/board-e.asp> and the Canadian Library Association (CLA) representative is Kathleen de Long from the University of Alberta Library. Ms de Long has been active in the [8Rs Project](#).

CHRC has hired the Conference Board of Canada (the Board) to perform the data gathering and analysis. The Board previously issued a report that assessed the economic contribution of this sector (*Valuing Culture: Measuring and Understanding Canada's Creative Economy*, Report by The Conference Board of Canada, July 2008. For a summary of findings see <http://www.conferenceboard.ca/documents.aspx?did=2671>).

The consultations are the fourth part of a five-part research effort. The entire effort consists of an economic analysis of the impact of the global recession on the sector, a literature review, interviews with key informants, consultations (14 in number)

and, early in 2010, an online survey. All this will lead to a published report in May 2010. The economic analysis circulated in draft with the call to the consultation sessions will be published later in 2009.

Libraries (and it is reasonably clear that public libraries are meant by the term) have two characteristics that distinguish them from the other sub-sectors. First, the amount of revenue they account for is small (\$2.843M of \$72.243M total) and secondly, they are government funded (94.2%) which results in considerable stability on the personnel side. Whereas the recession is responsible for a 6.1% decline in revenue for written media, the decline for libraries is only 0.9%. All figures are taken from the draft economic analysis.

While the economic impact of the recession is the immediate driver of the consultations, most of the consultation was spent addressing the following questions concerned with the human resource environment and initial/continuing education.

1. What human resource trends and issues (+/-) do you see having an effect on your culture discipline? (Or on organizations, associations or culture workers in your culture discipline.)
2. What are the impacts of these trends and issues (+/-) on your culture discipline? (Or on organizations, associations or culture workers in your culture discipline.)
3. What suggestions or recommendations do you have for taking advantage of or addressing the human resource trends and issues (+/-) facing your culture discipline? (Or facing organizations, associations or culture workers in your culture discipline.)
4. Are you aware of any activities/initiatives that are being used to promote or address human resource trends and issues (+/-) in your culture discipline? (These could be “best practices” or interesting experiments being employed by the culture discipline, by organizations, associations or by culture workers. Please provide feedback.)
5. What distinguishes your culture discipline from others (+/-)?

(Taken from the consultation discussion guide.)

These concerns are likely to frame the questions on the survey of practitioners.

The survey challenges all library practitioners to consider seriously the role of CE in their work lives and to form an expectation that will inform their responses. It appears that there is likely to be money available for the creation of programs if the need for them is a clear result of the survey.

## II. The Certification of Continuing Education Pilot Project

While the federal government is undertaking survey research, The Partnership and the Library Association of Alberta (LAA) have established a pilot project for a continuing education (CE) certification scheme that documents the CE activities of library practitioners at all levels. On LAA's [web site](#), the following case is made for continuing education for all library practitioners, including those on leave or temporarily working in non-library situations.

- Continuing Education:
- improves your ability to undertake your job

- helps you keep pace with changing technology and knowledge in the dynamic environment of the library and information sector
- ensures you maintain a competitive edge
- builds self esteem and enhances your career opportunities
- provides assurance to your employer and the community that you are keeping yourself up-to-date

Taking part in the Certification program provides you with a structured way to undertake your continuing education and allows you to demonstrate that through your continuing education, you have broadened your skills and gained new knowledge.

The pilot project recruited its first 50 participants over the summer, with recording of activities beginning September 1, 2009 and continuing for one year. Participants were required to commit to achieving 30 CE points in that year. The eligible categories of learning via which points are gained are:

- Organizational/Management/Governance
- Human Resources (including staffing, training, and mentoring)
- Advocacy/ Marketing/ PR
- Leadership/ Innovation
- Technical services
- Public services
- Teaching/Learning
- Collections/Resources
- Facilities/Equipment
- Technology skills
- Subject knowledge – (must be able to show relevance to work)
- General knowledge – (must be able to show relevance to work)

Participants are expected to acquire points from activities falling into at least three of the distinct categories listed above. For details see <http://www.laa.ca/page/certification%20categories.aspx>

The categories of eligible activities related to those areas of learning are:

- Unassessed learning activities
- Publications
- Personal study project
- Work-based research project
- Secondments
- Papers and presentations
- Service to your partnership Association
- Assessed courses including short courses and post-secondary courses

For details see <http://www.laa.ca/page/certification%20activities.aspx> .

This pilot project will test the design of the program and its outcomes. After analysis and review, the Partnership intends to offer the program nationally.

The pilot project will be reported at the OLA Superconference in 2010 and the annual conference of CLA. I understand that the project had no trouble getting 50 participants and that it was able to ensure the participants were representative of all levels of staff and all types of libraries.

If the pilot is successful, this program will constitute a de facto standard for continuing education activities for library practitioners in Canada.

### **Summary of the Two Initiatives**

Libraries have considerable resources to bring to bear on the issues raised by the CHRC initiative and the pilot project being undertaken by The Partnership. In North America there is more than a century of educational programs at the professional level and at least forty years of similar programs at the paraprofessional level, though both sorts of programs are aimed at providing foundational or entry-level competencies.

We are also well studied. *The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries*, also known as the "8Rs Report," published in 2004 presented a comprehensive overview of library personnel and their changing world. It also established a database that continues to be mined. In 2008, CLA hosted a national summit on human resource issues in libraries and the report of the summit is available from CLA.

What we have not had, at least until this time, is a shared national view of continuing education and its role in the lives of practitioners. We may now be on the cusp of a breakthrough given the interest of CHRC and The Partnership in this matter. With The Partnership's initiative and the potential for funding through the HRDC, practitioners may be on the brink of a new professionalism at all levels. This potential makes the survey by CHRC even more important.

While the Education Institute is actively building a catalogue of CE courses, seminars and other opportunities as part of the activities of The Partnership, it remains to be seen what role the traditional sources of education for practitioners (the graduate schools and library technician programs) will play.

Thus far, The Partnership has attracted only two graduate schools (University of Toronto and San Jose State University) into active partnership with it. None of the community colleges offering technical diplomas are included. It is not clear that there is a focus on post-diploma continuing education like that exhibited by the University of Toronto's Professional Learning Centre.

It would be a pity if our traditional sources of professional education were left behind in this process.

## News from Nova Scotia

*Submitted by Darlene Beck*

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### Annapolis Valley Regional Library

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

#### *Community Access Program (CAP)*

This fall has been busy with seven people hired to offer technology related-programming. These employees each work 10 hours a week. The public is very excited about the opportunity to continue their learning after a successful summer.

The region's technical support staff delivered a "Healthy Computers Workshop: learn how to keep your computer running at its best", to the public in six locations. It was offered in Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Berwick, Kentville, Wolfville and Windsor.

The Association of Western Valley CAP Sites (AWVCS) which covers Annapolis and Digby counties hosted a "Planning for a High Speed Future Workshop". This workshop attracted community groups and small business owners as they assessed their communities' strength and weaknesses in preparation for the coming high speed connectivity to rural Nova Scotia. The AWVCS will be putting together a funding proposal with the Library as a partner. The proposal will provide training for the public on the uses of the Internet.

#### *Automated Library System - E-mailing of Overdue Notices*

The e-mailing of overdue notices began on September 29, 2009. The service is popular with library users with approximately twenty-five percent of library overdue notices being sent by e-mail.

#### *Collection Access Working Group*

The Provincial Collection Access Working Group will be busy in the next few months. This group will be focusing on possible improvements to the web catalogue and the public's access to library collections.

An exciting new service coming this winter is downloadable audio books. It is hoped that this will be available by Christmas.

#### *Branch Services*

Canadian Library Month has wrapped up and programs and events abounded during October. A summary of special events follows.

- AVRIL partnered with the Berwick Fire Department and several local sponsors to bring author Mike Parker to Berwick for the new fire hall's Open House on October 9. Mike presented from his book *The Smoke-Eaters: A History of Firefighting in Nova Scotia, c1750-1950*.
- The author & illustrator team of Sandra & Ron Lightburn were guests at the Kentville Library where they presented from their book *Pumpkin People*.
- The Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library held an Open House to celebrate Library Month.

- A local GI Joe enthusiast exhibited his collection at the Kingston Library.
- Games @ the Library Week was celebrated October 18-24 and all age groups were invited to participate in various game-related activities ranging from old-fashioned board games to Wii golf and bowling for seniors.

The Kingston Library was closed for a few days in September for painting and minor renovations. Patrons and staff are appreciative of their improved surroundings.

The Friends of the Kentville Library held a celebration on October 3 where both the new library site on Justice Way and preliminary architectural plans were disclosed.

The Wolfville Memorial Library has been hosting a rotating art exhibit over the past several months. The initiative has received a positive public response and we're grateful to the many contributing local artists.

Staffing changes in Branch Manager positions were prevalent in 2009 as three managers are now off on maternity leaves. Katharine McCoubrey of the Windsor Library gave birth in late July, with her leave replacement being Bruce Ross. In September, Amy Macdonald of the Bridgetown Library and Barb Lipp of the Berwick Library each gave birth to healthy babies. Their replacements are Wendy Kearnes and Daphne Cragg respectively. Elizabeth Gibson was hired to fill the Hantsport Branch Manager position left vacant by the retirement of Diana Thompson. Liz worked for many years at the Windsor Library where she will be missed by staff and patrons.

Staff development workshops have recently been held for all branch staff. Employees were refreshed on details of our online databases and other technology-based services. The annual meeting of Branch Managers was held November 18.

### **Cape Breton Regional Library**

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

#### *Victorian Fashion Show & Tea*

The Cape Breton Regional Library presented a Victorian Christmas Fashion Show and Tea at the McConnell Library in Sydney on December 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:30. The featured fashions were from the collection of Library patron Pam Newton and showcased a variety of outfits from the Victorian era, including bathing suits, sportswear, and wedding gowns. During the afternoon, there a silent auction of beautiful items was held. All proceeds from this event will assist in funding the programs and services of the Cape Breton Regional Library. The response to this fundraiser was very positive!



### *Library Card Month*

In October the Cape Breton Regional Library kicked off the 10<sup>th</sup> Library Card Month with the launch of a brand new library card design! The bright new look for our library card was created by Heather MacIsaac, a Graphic Design Instructor at the Marconi Campus and a Friend of the McConnell Library.

A busy schedule of programs filled our Library Card Month. Once again the Library participated in the annual Celtic Colours International Festival with a lunch-time Conversation Series. And for the first time, we hosted a variety of games-themed programs during APLA's Games Week. Kicking off Games Week by celebrating families and fun was a very successful Family Library Day on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 people participated in this fun event. The number of people who signed up for library cards during October was more than double our average number of registrations for a month, proving that Library Card Month was a great success.

Finally, our community took advantage of the chance to win wonderful prizes on top of borrowing great materials. Contests during October included: a 'Drop the Puck' contest (in partnership with the Screaming Eagles) where students up to grade 9 could win either the opportunity to drop the puck at a Screaming Eagles game or a hockey stick signed by the Screaming Eagles team. All library users were given a chance to win a Nintendo Wii during Library Card Month, courtesy of the Cape Breton Post. And high school students were offered the chance to win \$100 in a new savings account at the Sydney Credit Union. Students had to show their Library card to staff or sign up for a new card to be entered in the contest.



Melissa Dawe, winner of the Library's Drop the Puck Contest, at a hockey game between the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles and the Quebec Ramparts.

#### *Gaelic Series at the Baddeck Library*

Through the support of the Nova Scotia Office of Gaelic Affairs, the Cape Breton Regional Library offered a Gaelic Culture Series at our Baddeck branch throughout November and December. Presentations in the series included: a Milling Frolic; Gaelic Storytelling; Celtic Christianity - What is it Anyway?; and Learning Gaelic – An Introduction. The final session consisted of a movie night of Gaelic Short Films (with English subtitles).

#### **Eastern Counties Regional Library**

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

#### *ECRL Board Member Recipient of LBANS Merit Award*

Library staff were pleased to hear of the acknowledgment given to Shirley McNamara, current Chair of the Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) Board and Councillor for District 5 in the Municipality of Richmond County. Ms McNamara was the recipient of the 2009 Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) Merit Award which was presented on October 24 at the annual conference in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

In the public library field, Ms McNamara has been a member of the Eastern Counties Regional Library since 1996 when she was named a provincial appointee. She served initially as Vice-Chair and then Chair until 2002. She reapplied for the provincial appointment in 2005 and was reappointed in 2006. McNamara was appointed and has been Chair of the Eastern Counties Regional Library Board since Fall 2008.

#### *Library Exceeds Its Fundraising Goal*

At press time, the library had exceeded its goal of raising \$15,000 in its annual Share a Book fundraising campaign held from October 15 through to November 30. Corporate sponsor, EnCana Corporation, made an initial donation of \$4,000 and matched all other donations up to a maximum of \$6,000. Local radio station 101.5 The Hawk donated air time valued at \$1500 and local media including CJFX radio station, The Inverness Oran, The Strait Reporter, and The Guysborough Journal continue to promote library activities on a regular basis.

## Staff Changes

Former CEO/Chief Librarian of ECRL, Petra Mauerhoff, has recently left the province to take a new position. Board members thanked her for serving as CEO/Chief Librarian for the past three years.



ECRL Board Chair, Shirley McNamara, second from left, presents outgoing CEO Petra Mauerhoff with a gift on behalf of the ECRL Board and staff at the October 7, 2009 meeting of the ECRL Board of Directors. Ms. Mauerhoff will be leaving the Eastern Counties Regional Library to take a new position out of province. On hand for the presentation were (seated, left to right) Susan Mallette, McNamara, Mauerhoff, Elaine Durling, and Gail Johnson. (Back row, left to right) Myles MacPherson and Tom Kavanaugh.

## Halifax Public Libraries

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*Readers' Advisory Help for Graphic Novels Is Here! Francisca Goldsmith's New Book to the Rescue*

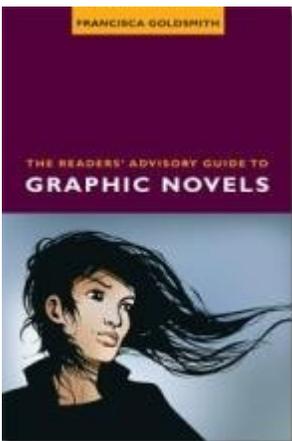
Francisca Goldsmith, Director of Branch Services for Halifax Public Libraries, has just published her second book on the subject of graphic novels in libraries. *The Readers' Advisory Guide to Graphic Novels* was released on October 1.

"Libraries are overdue in providing substantive advisory work in this area, but I am hoping we can turn that around," said Francisca.

As the interest in graphic novels continues to rise, readers' advisory staff require tools such as this book to help them build a graphic novel collection and get books in the hands of readers. Ms Goldsmith's new book provides readers with a short course in graphic novels, reading lists, professional tools and



Francisca Goldsmith, director of branch services for Halifax Public Libraries and author of two books about graphic novels in libraries.



suggestions for introducing graphic novels to patrons new to the genre. Francisca also offers advice on how to promote your library's graphic novel collection.

Francisca's first book, *Graphic Novels Now: Building, Managing, and Marketing a Dynamic Collection*, was published in 2005.

### *The Halifax Central Library Is Supported by Three Levels of Government*

On October 19, John Baird, Canada's Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister for the Atlantic Gateway, Darrell Dexter, Premier of Nova Scotia, Bill Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and Peter Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), gathered at a press conference at the Spring Garden Road Library to announce their support for the Central Library project.

"Our Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, recognizes that libraries are important public spaces and learning centres," said Minister Baird. The crowd of library staff, politicians, community members, and journalists applauded the announcement of \$18.3 million in funding to come from the federal government, \$13 million from the provincial government and \$23.7 million to come from the municipal government for the project.

"This is outstanding news for the people of the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Library Board has been working on this project for a long time, and it's wonderful to see it come to fruition," said Leo McKenna, Chair of the Library Board for Halifax Public Libraries.

The Halifax Central Library will replace the current Spring Garden Road Memorial Library. The Central Library will be an asset to the branch libraries, supporting their collection, service development and programming. The new library will also help drive the economic revitalization of the downtown area and be a new attraction for visiting tourists. The 109,000-square-foot facility



Minister Baird speaks while Mayor Kelly, Minister MacKay, Minister Estabrooks and Premier Dexter applaud at the press conference held at the Spring Garden Road Memorial Library in October.

will include a larger book collection, additional meeting and study rooms, a 250-seat auditorium, and technology areas for computers.

"Today's investment in culture and learning will leave a legacy to everyone in the community — children, families, seniors and lifelong learners," said Mayor Kelly. "Just as this library in which we stand reflected its time and its values, the new Central Library will blend the best of traditional library service with new and innovative spaces, making it a vital centre for learning and culture in the heart of the community."

Halifax Public Libraries CEO Judith Hare and a team of staff from HRM and Halifax Public

Libraries are already busy at work on the project. For more information about the Central Library, visit

<http://halifaxcentrallibrary.ca>.

*Live from Space**Calling the International Space Station*

The Keshen Goodman Public Library in Halifax was host to the longest-distance call *ever* — to space!

On a Saturday morning in October, journalists, community members, and the a group of 16 Pathfinders gathered in the library. The Pathfinders each asked one question to Dr. Bob Thirsk, a Canadian astronaut on board the International Space Station (ISS). The questions had been carefully vetted through NASA prior to the event, following the standard procedure for communicating with NASA astronauts.

Amateur radio operators worked from a board full of dials and switches, ready to make contact at precisely 12:13 p.m. Just before contact was made with the ISS, there was the sound of static over the speakers. Everyone in the audience held their breath to see if the call would work.



One of the Pathfinders as she asks her question to Dr. Bob Thirsk on board the International Space Station.

Then... success! The voice of Dr. Thirsk could be heard over the speakers and the first Pathfinder stepped up to the microphone with her question. With only 10 minutes for the carefully-orchestrated call, the question and answer process moved quickly from girl to girl, with Dr. Thirsk addressing each girl by name.

One of the girls asked Dr. Thirsk what he's most looking forward to when he returns to Earth. After his family and a hot shower, he said, "I miss the feel of the wind against my face. I'd love to hear the sound of a waterfall or brook. I miss nature."

With lots of help from the organization ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station), the live call to the ISS was a

success. ARISS is a volunteer program that inspires students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math through amateur radio communications opportunities with the International Space Station in-orbit crew.

Thanks also to astrophysicist Dr. Robert Thacker, who was an entertaining and informative guest speaker.

*Games @ the Library**Connect, Learn, Play*

This October, Halifax Public Libraries celebrated APLA's week-long Games @ the Library series. With over 40 game-themed programs for adults, teens, school-aged children and families at all 14 branches of Halifax Public Libraries, staff got creative in the types of programs they offered.

“There were a number of programs using the Wii [gaming system]. Some of these were for teens, families, or seniors. We also had programs featuring traditional games, like Scrabble, chess and bridge. Several branches offered game exchanges, where people could bring in their games from home to trade for a new-to-them game,” said Darlene Beck, branch manager of the Spring Garden Road Memorial Library and program planner for Games @ the Library.

The Keshen Goodman branch in Halifax offered a unique program incorporating their proximity to the brand-new Canada Games Centre (Halifax will be hosting the Canada Games in February 2011). The *Canada Games, Come Play!* program allowed participants to compete in activities based on Canada Games events and watch demonstrations of sports featuring some of the province’s up-and-coming athletes.

Library patrons were enthusiastic about the games programs, making comments to staff such as “great fun.” Teen patrons liked the Wii programs and thought the prizes, including a Wii, were “awesome.”

The staff enjoyed themselves, too. “Staff had a great time at the games programs,” said Ms Beck. “Some of the programs were so successful that they said they wanted do them again,” she said.

Games @ the Library — a *winning* combination!

### Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

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

#### Writer in Residence

This Fall 2009 PARL welcomed our 6<sup>th</sup> Writer-in-Residence, Mr. Gary Blackwood who currently hails from Tatamagouche. Gary has been busy with ‘meet & greets’, author readings, book launches, writing workshops and youth playwriting sessions mainly in Antigonish County (in addition to directing several plays in production at the Tata Community Center!). His latest book, *Mysterious Messages: A History of Codes and Ciphers*, was released in October 2009.



A judo demonstration as part of Keshen Goodman's Canada Games, Come Play event during Games @ the Library.

For our Winter semester Mr. Blackwood will move to Pictou County to host a series of writing workshops, young readers and teen readers clubs, author readings, and provide mentorship for local writers and playwrights. Blackwood has authored over 30 titles of fiction and non-fiction for middle-to-young readers, as well as the young at heart!

### *Giller Gold!*

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, we were happy to host an intimate and enthusiastic author reading of *The Bishop's Man* in Antigonish with a great friend of the library, Mr. Linden MacIntyre, the 2009 ScotiaBank Giller Prize winner. Mr. MacIntyre returned to his 'roots' and shared his reflections on winning the Giller and a few poignant moments of the dichotomy of his two careers: observing and reporting the facts as an investigative journalist for the CBC's *Fifth Estate* and the literacy license he can explore to craft stories as a novelist.

### *The Peoples' Place*

Mr. MacIntyre's visit was our first library event in our 'newly acquired and soon to be renovated and rebuilt' library space on Main Street downtown Antigonish, *The Peoples' Place: Antigonish Town & County Library*. The new library facility design is a result of many local consultations and partnerships. It will provide meeting areas and training space for library patrons and community-based organizations alike (such as the Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority and the Antigonish County Adult Learning Association).

The new library building strives to be as eco-friendly as possible, and will include several such features as: an open-air patio reading area with glassed-in retractable doors; a fireplace reading area; a bistro entrance; a C@P cybertheque area; and a community kitchen. For more information, and to view the architectural plans, please visit our library website – [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca). Ground-breaking will commence in March 2010 with expected completion in Fall 2010.



Photo credit: James P. Bastin



### *Awesome Teen Tune Smiths*

We've just wrapped up our second annual Teen Song Writing Contest @ PARL with the help of local singer/songwriters Dave Gunning and Betsy MacDonald who visited local high schools with tips on songwriting and shared their experience as professional musicians. It was an opportunity greatly appreciated by all those who participated: from the teens to the

teachers, their families, and the community. We truly feel privileged to hear some of the upcoming, amazing young talent...

maybe even the next George Canyon or Gordie Sampson!



Teen Song Writing: front row (left to right) - Betsy MacDonald (Songwriter workshop convener, Antigonish & Gala emcee Anne MacGregor (94.1 East Coast FM); back row (left to right) - Ashley George (Judge), Aaron MacLean (3rd place), Brandon DeVries (1st place), Layne Green (2nd place), Jakkie Rogue (Judge))

*Photo credit: Steve MacLean*

gentlemen are students of North Nova Educational Center in New Glasgow, and plan on attending university music programs in Fall 2010. All the best!

### *A Christmas Gift*

Library renovations are also underway in New Glasgow and at the Regional Library Headquarters. In New Glasgow, we are building a new Program Room on the ground floor, located within the library branch for greater accessibility and are also adding an archival area for the Historical and Reference Collection in partnership with the Pictou County Roots Association. The expected completion date is January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 ... a very nice Christmas gift indeed.

### **Western Counties Regional Libraries**

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

### *WCRL Hosts Successful Provincial Library Conference*

Board members and staff from libraries across Nova Scotia descended on Yarmouth for the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Library Association annual conference, Friday, October 23 to Sunday, October 25, 2009.

Hosted by Western Counties Regional Library at the Rodd Grand Hotel and Conference Centre in Yarmouth, the conference theme "The Juggling Act: Finding the Balance" seemed to go over well with the 97 delegates.

Many thanks to our two tiers of judges, and with the support of many local businesses, media, SOCAN and MusicNS, we were able to gift approximately \$3000 worth of prizes (from guitars to recording sessions) to our winners. We celebrated with an Awards Gala of music and songs hosted at the New Glasgow Public Library on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The gala was emceed by East Coast FM 94.1's morning show host, Anne MacGregor, with guest appearances by two of our six judges – Ashley George and Jakkie Rogue – and Betsy MacDonald, our songwriting workshop convener in Antigonish.

Congratulations to our top three winners – Brandon DeVries, Layne Green, and Aaron MacLean, whose winning songs are posted on our website at [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca). All three

Reviews of the conference program among attendees were favourable. The program covered a wide range of subjects from author readings by Fraser Mooney and Stephanie Domet to the creation of virtual exhibits by Paul Maxner, Senior Archivist Online Resources at the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management.

One of the more unusual additions was the creation of pamphlets for the delegates *Things to See and Do on Your Way to Yarmouth* and *Things to See and Do in and Around Yarmouth*.

#### *Library Chair Receives Leadership Award*

Gary Archibald, Chair of Western Counties Regional Library Board and Executive Director of the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, has been named the 2009 recipient of the Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership. The award was presented on October 24 during the annual conference of the Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA).

Gary Archibald has served the library community in Nova Scotia with dedication, passion and intelligence for the past 26 years. He is a graduate of the Nova Scotia Teachers' College and St. Francis Xavier University. As a library trustee, he has made a major contribution to the advancement of public libraries in the province, having served as a member of Western Counties Regional Library Board since 1983. For 14 of the last 16 years he has been the Chair of the Regional Library Board.

He has been actively involved in the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) and has served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the Association. Since 2003, he has acted as the Executive Director of LBANS. He also served five years on the executive of the Canadian Library Trustees Association, including three years as its president, and has served on many provincial library committees.

#### *Games Week Fun*

Joyce d'Entremont, left, receives her certificate for winning the Scrabble tournament at the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library from Library Clerk Connie Nickerson. Matthew Hiltz, right, received the Good Sport award. Games @ the Library Week invited people to play games such as Scrabble, cribbage and others at the library from October 18 to 24.



## ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

### Acadia University

<http://library.acadiau.ca>

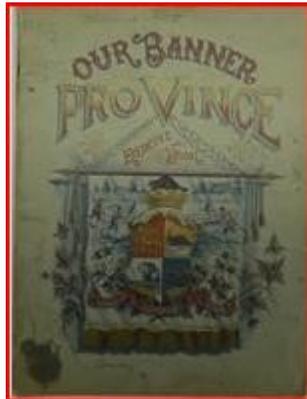
After twenty five years of service to students, faculty and the extended Acadia University Community, Mary MacLeod is retiring in January 2010. Mary has held the positions of Head of Cataloguing, Electronic Resources Librarian, and Head of Research Services during her tenure at Acadia since 1984. Many of you may also know Mary in her roles as co-coordinator of the Atlantic Data Liberation Initiative Workshops or as Convenor of the APLA Collection Development Interest Group. We wish Mary all the best for long and wonderful retirement.



We are pleased to have Cordelia Perry, Dalhousie School of Information Management 2009 graduate, join the Acadia team. Cordelia is the Liaison Librarian for Education, Divinity and Psychology at Acadia. She replaces Anthony Pash, who is on a leave of absence working in Dubai. Cordelia also coordinates services to Distance Education students.



Acadia's Archives have added sixteen new digital collections to our offerings. Some of the highlights of this special project – entitled "Come Hay or High Water" – are the Sherman Bleakney, Rebecca Ells, and Ernest Eaton collections. Each of these focuses on a different aspect of agriculture and the environment in the Annapolis Valley. For more information please contact [Wendy Robicheau](#) or visit the [Collections](#).



## Mount Saint Vincent University

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

### *Mount Saint Vincent University Digital Commons*

The Mount Library launched the Digital Commons on Friday November 27 during a reception for faculty and staff. The Digital Commons is an institutional repository which enables faculty, staff, and students to post, organize, showcase, and preserve their research and scholarly work online for all to access. The shared space was established by the Library with the support of the Research Office and IT&S.

Special thanks to the IR Committee members Stan Orlov, Terry Paris, Meg Raven, Hilary Skov-Nielsen and Roger Gillis, and also to Library staff members David Ryan, Sean Swanick and Dal SIM student Greg Hayden. Please visit <http://dc.msvu.ca>.



### *Mount Saint Vincent University Records Management Policy Implementation*

In August 2009, President Laurin approved the Mount's first University Records Management Policy. The implementation of a corresponding records management program will be overseen by the recently formed University Records Management Standing Committee, chaired by University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson. Members include Registrar Brigitte MacInnes, FOIPOP Officer Kim Campbell, Director of IT&S Donna Forbes / IT&S Manager of Systems Services Karen Smyth, and Library Archivist Roger Gillis.

The Committee has developed an implementation plan, with a schedule of departments and an outline of the various activities involved in implementation. In order to save staff time, to maximize benefits, and to achieve economies of scale, this work is being scheduled to coordinate with a document imaging initiative currently underway. As a risk management tool, the Mount's new records management program will ensure that the University is better protected from liability, and it will increase productivity and accountability once the program is in place. The implementation will be managed by the Library Archivist, Roger Gillis.

## News from Prince Edward Island

*Submitted by Dawn Hooper*

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

#### University of Prince Edward Island Robertson Library

<http://library.upei.ca>

*Submitted by Suzanne Jones*

#### *Staff Acknowledgements*

In addition to other campus colleagues, the University acknowledged the long-term service of Judy Callaghan (40 yrs), Dorothy Peters (30 yrs), and Gerry Forsythe (30 yrs) at a presidential update. For 10 years of service each, Simon Lloyd and Betty Jeffery were also acknowledged.



#### *Open Journal Systems & Open Journal Conference Workshops*

On October 26-27, the Library hosted half-day workshops on the Open Journal Systems (OJS) and Open Conference Systems (OCS) with Kevin Stranack from Simon Fraser University Library and the Public Knowledge Project. OJS is an open source journal management and publishing system that assists with every stage of the refereed publishing process. OCS is a free web publishing tool that creates a complete web presence for a scholarly conference. The Library provides support for university groups interested in setting up an OCS or OJS site.

#### *Games Night*

In conjunction with APLA Games Week promotion, the Library hosted a very successful Games Night on Friday, October 23. Such an enthusiastic response surely will dictate another Games Night in the future! This was one very good example of how libraries can expand both their relevance and accessibility in the eyes of academic students.

Kevin Stranack

#### *Student Lockers*

The Library can finally offer UPEI undergraduates a locker if they want one. In our breezeway, 104 lockers have been installed and are now available for semester-long rentals. The lockers are 12"x12" in size and were ordered and acquired in response to student request.

#### **Holland College Library Services**

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

*Submitted by Patricia Doucette*

The past two months have been the usual whirlwind of students and teaching. This fall Holland College Library Staff taught over 120 instruction hours and reached 75% of the student population. Our efforts have correlated with a definite increase in article database usage as well as a marked increase in document delivery.

With the continued influx of international students and the popularity of the ESL program, Charlottetown Centre Library staff designed a word art welcome wall in sixteen different languages. The wall has been well received by both students and staff.



## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Public Library Service

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

*Contributed by Nichola Cleaveland*

### *TD Canadian Children's Book Week*

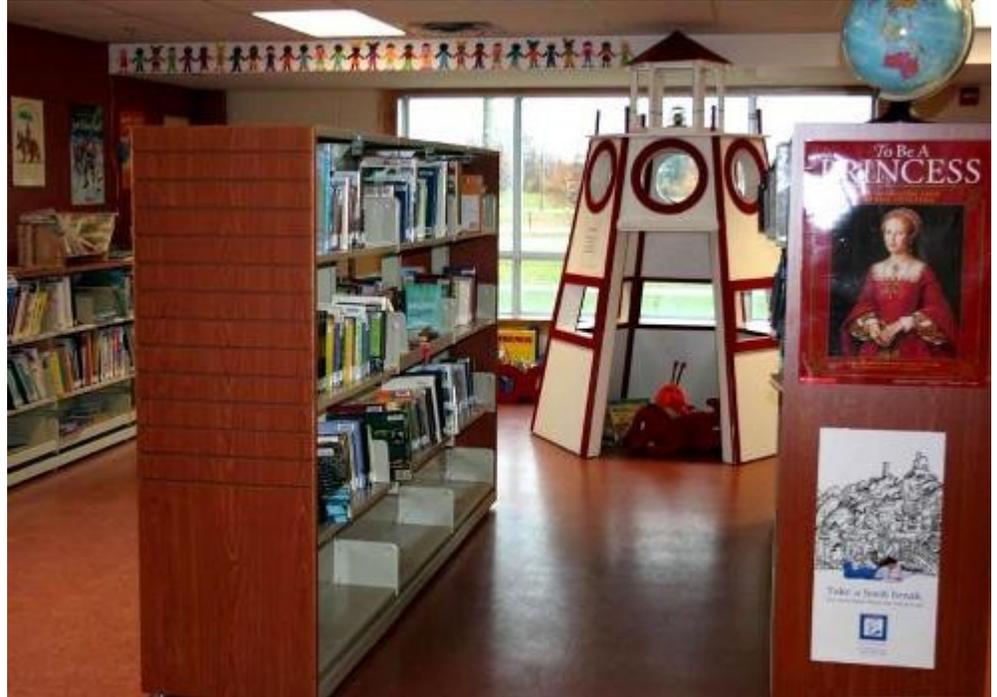
During TD Canadian Children's Book Week, visiting author Kari-Lynn Winters held public readings at Confederation Centre Public Library, Montague Public Library, Alberton Public Library, and Summerside Rotary Library. At each venue, she enthralled her audience with a very energetic and enthusiastic presentation. In addition to the four public library readings, Kari-Lynn visited 12 schools during her five days in PEI. Many of her school visits included the whole school population, as she spoke to audiences of up to 250 children. Two of these readings were Adopt-a-School readings, meaning the costs of the readings were paid by TD Bank as opposed to the schools.

Held in conjunction with TD Canadian Children's Book Week is the French celebration of "Lire à tout vent". Author Claude Champagne visited French public libraries and schools in PEI, speaking to children in grades 4 to 6. The students enjoyed the interactive style of his presentations and participated eagerly in brainstorming ideas for future stories.

PLS libraries have been busy distributing the TD Grade One Book Giveaway. This year's book is *Let's go! / On y va!* by Lizann Flatt. In most cases, public library staff are visiting the schools to give the students their books, while French Services Librarian Jean-François Savaria has visited all French and French Immersion Grade One classes across the entire province.

### *Relocated Montague Public Library Opens*

The Montague Public Library recently opened in its new location in the Montague and Area Wellness Centre. The new library has five times the space and 10 times the natural light of its former location in the Town Hall. The relocation was a true community effort, as 12 volunteers worked at packing the 10,000 plus items, and 30 volunteers worked on moving, unpacking and reshelving the items. One of the nicest features in the new location is this reading lighthouse for children built by Montague town employee Tom MacLeod.



### *Staff News*

Ann MacInnis has been appointed to a Library Assistant position at PLS Headquarters. Ann has been working as the Branch Technician at St. Peters Public Library since September 1990.

Kim MacLeod has been appointed as the Branch Technician at Hunter River Memorial Library. She succeeds Elisa Brown-Martel, who has accepted a position as Bilingual Program Officer within the Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning.

Karen Gosley has begun work at PLS Headquarters. Karen worked most recently at Confederation Centre Public Library and has previous work experience in the Planning and Inspection Services section of Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour. Karen will be assisting in the processing of school library materials.

### *Community Care Facility Program Expands*

Earlier this year, the Public Library Service launched its Community Care Facility Delivery Service, providing large-print books to community care facility residents across Prince Edward Island. This program has been very successful and has recently expanded to four additional community care facilities. In addition, as a result of a survey of residents' needs, other formats such as audiobooks, DVDs, and regular-size print books will be added to the delivery service.

In the photo to the right, Hon. Carolyn Bertram, Minister of Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour, and Hon. Wes Sheridan, Provincial Treasurer and MLA for Kensington - Malpeque visited with residents of the MacEwen Mews, Summerside. Kathleen Chess (far right) is 99 years young and attributes her wellness of mind and body to daily exercise, scrabble, crosswords and to regular reading. Ruth MacKay (far left), 94 year old, is an avid reader and enjoys receiving the regular installment of new books from the library. Pauline Millar (second from the right), in her 91st year, is an author herself of Island history. She continues to be an avid reader and claims to be the program's biggest fan. Pauline says that she has a novel in her hand from dusk till dawn!



## Library Education

### Dalhousie School of Information Management

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

#### *New Scholarship Launched for 2010*

The Dalhousie-Horrocks National Leadership Scholarship honours Dr. Norman Horrocks' outstanding leadership in the field of librarianship. The Scholarship supports full-time graduate students entering the School of Information Management's Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program who demonstrate leadership potential in information management, specifically in libraries.

Over several decades Dr. Horrocks, Professor Emeritus and former Director of the School, has pursued a distinguished career of very active involvement in professional associations in the United Kingdom, Australia, the United States, and Canada. He has been involved in international organizations and publishing in library and information studies in several countries. Dr. Horrocks' many contributions, for which he has received local, national and international recognition, have advanced the field and the careers of countless individuals.

Contributions to the fund are tax deductible and may be made by contacting the School of Information Management at [sim@dal.ca](mailto:sim@dal.ca) or online.

#### *Information Management Public Lectures*

On November 12, 2009, Dr. Dawn Jutla presented a public lecture on the topic "Privacy Platforms by Design," which focused on the importance of pervasive, easy-to-use privacy services to enable users to maintain control of their private data in the online environment. Dr. Jutla discussed the user concerns which are driving the development of these services, useful privacy models and framework, and several platform-based design solutions for ubiquitous online privacy.



Dr. Jutla is an award-winning, multi-disciplinary researcher, and full professor in the Department of Finance, Information Systems, and Management Science at the Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary's University. Her PhD work in Computer Science on multi-view access control has been cited in Xerox, IBM, and Koninklijke Philips Electronics' US patents. Her subsequent research work, funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, has received over 350 citations.

Dr. Jutla's research is internationally recognized in the areas of information system design and models for electronic business, electronic government, and online privacy. Dr. Jutla's journal articles have appeared in prestigious and high-impact venues such as the *Communications of the ACM*, *Information Systems*, *IEEE Security and Privacy*, *IEEE Computer*, *International Journal of Electronic Business*, and the *Internet Research Journal: Electronic Networking Applications and Policy*.

Dr. Jutla is the 2009 winner of the World Technology Award for IT Software in the Individual Category.

On November 16, 2009, Dr. Vivian Howard presented a public lecture on the topic "Most of the books that I've read I've found on the floor: Teens and pleasure reading." For the past thirty years, researchers have consistently found that pleasure reading slumps in early adolescence, but few researchers have explored the specific reasons for this decline from the perspective of teens themselves and fewer still have explored the role that reading for pleasure plays in the lives of young teens.

However, in the early 21st century, our understanding of teen pleasure reading assumes greater importance as public libraries focus simultaneously on improving services to teen patrons and to pleasure readers of all ages. These services are key strategies to maintain relevance and competitive advantage in the age of Google.

In this presentation, Dr. Howard explored some of the barriers and motivators underlying teen pleasure reading, and concludes by discussing strategies to respond to these challenges and best support teens in their pleasure reading.

Dr. Howard is an assistant professor in the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University, where she has been teaching since 1996. Her PhD dissertation, completed through Aberystwyth University, Wales, investigated the role of reading for pleasure in the lives of young teens. Vivian is also the editor of the YA Hotline Newsletter and an avid reader of young adult fiction.

#### *CLA President meets with SIM and NSCC students*

On November 6, 2009, CLA President John Teskey met with students from SIM and NSCC to discuss the state of the information management profession and careers in Canada. Joining the presentation was Cheryl Stenström, CEO of the South Shore Regional Library System and CLA Councilor-at-Large.



## News from the Nova Scotia Library Association

<http://nsla.ns.ca/default.asp>

### *Darlene Barrett Named 2009 Recipient of the Emile Theriault Library and Information Technology Award*

Darlene Barrett, Branch Operations Supervisor at Keshen Goodman Public Library, has been named the 2009 recipient of the Emile Theriault Library and Information Technology Award. The award was presented on October 24 during the annual conference of the Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA).

Ms Barrett has served as a Library staff support person at Halifax Public Libraries for the past 22 years. She rose through a variety of public service positions and served on a number of professional and community committees.



NSLA President Lynn Lavoie presenting the Emile Theriault Library and Information Technology Award to Darlene Barrett

As the Gates Project Trainer, Ms Barrett established and presented a training program for library staff on the use of hardware and software received through the Gates Foundation. In 2003, she became the Information Technology Skills Project Facilitator, a position co-sponsored by Halifax Public Libraries and Human Resources Development Canada. In this position, she developed a series of Information Technology skills courses for the public. She also trained staff in the delivery of these courses.

customer service skill sets to staff.

Committed to high standards of customer service, Ms Barrett trained Halifax Public Libraries staff in the Customer Contact Communications program. In this role, she facilitated discussions and role plays to help demonstrate communication concepts and

The Emile Theriault Library and Information Technology Award recognizes the efforts of a library support staff member who has made a major contribution to their library community. The award is named in honour of Emile Theriault, the first library support worker to be President of NSLA. He was a long-term employee of the Dartmouth Regional Library and then Halifax Public Libraries and worked in Technical Services.

## Portals, Pathways, and Peoples (IWB 2010)

### Halifax welcomes information leaders for discussion and debate

*Submitted by Erin O'Halloran*

This year's Information Without Borders (IWB) conference, *Portals, Pathways, and Peoples*, is planned as a one-day event on Thursday, February 11, 2010. The conference will spar debate on managing information in today's world from a variety of perspectives. The event will not only be informative, but lively too.

IWB executive chair Geoffrey Allen says the conference will include an exciting forum for interdisciplinary discussion on topics affecting management professionals across the country.

"We have brought in national, local, and industry leaders from a variety of fields that all relate to information management in one way or another. The presentations at the conference will all connect to the theme of bridging informational divides, whether they are physical, technical, or cultural," Allen says.

The conference, organised and led by the students in the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University, has an impressive list of speakers confirmed. Keynote speakers include Dr. Daniel Caron, Librarian and Archivist of Canada (LAC-BAC), and Nora Young, creator and host of CBC Radio's "Spark."

Dr. Caron will be making his first public lecture in the Maritimes since assuming the head of LAC-BAC. He will discuss the role of memory institutions in democratic societies over time. His talk will identify key areas where people contribute to collective memory and how that relates in particular to the shift toward digital information and networks.

Nora Young is an expert in technology and culture. She will discuss how media are evolving in the new "ecology" of information. Young will also sketch out some of the opportunities and challenges for making information accessible, reliable, and meaningful in the years ahead.

Another exciting element of this year's conference will be a panel on privacy, which will address the topic from personal, governmental, and corporate perspectives.

But that's not all: sessions at the conference will discuss what libraries are doing to better meet the needs of today's patrons. Mike Ridley from the University of Guelph will talk on the recent shift in culture in the library there, and Judith Hare from Halifax Public Libraries will address the proposed plans for the new Halifax Central Library.

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