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Special Announcement

A century (almost) of APLA Bulletins all in one place

Marc Harper, co-editor, APLA Bulletin

In May 2019, we saw the culmination of our long-term project of migrating almost a century worth of APLA Bulletins in one place. Issues from 1928 until today are now housed on Open Journal Systems (OJS) here. This was truly a team effort as Bulletin editors worked closely with the OJS team at Acadia University to store archived content in one place. This, in conjunction with last year’s decision to make each issue available in one big PDF, makes our Bulletin easier than ever to access and more user-friendly to read.

Readers are encouraged to examine the inaugural Bulletin from 1928 which chronicles the Twitter feud between Maritime Library Association President Dr. W. C. Milner and Prime Minister Mackenzie King (just kidding).

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Membership has its rewards! (CLIC on 01 to 06 for more details)
and click here for the calendar

the PARTNERSHIP
The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada

6 WAYS THE PARTNERSHIP ENRICHES MEMBER LEARNING AND BENEFITS

The Partnership is Canada’s national network of provincial and territorial library associations. The Partnership meets twice a year to collaborate and to develop services and programs for members of their respective associations. More than 7,800 people who work for or with the library and information management sector belong to the associations that make up The Partnership.

The associations that make up the Partnership include: l’Association des bibliothécaires du Québec - Quebec Library Association (ABQLA); Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA); British Columbia Library Association (BCLA); Library Association of Alberta (LAA); Manitoba Libraries Association (MLA); Nunavut Library Association (NLA); Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA); Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA); Northwest Territories Library Association (NWTLA); Ontario Library Association (OLA); Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA); Yukon Library Association (YLA)

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EDUCATION INSTITUTE (EI)
The Education Institute (EI) is a continuing education program for library information workers developed by The Partnership. Annually, there are three EI Semesters. The Winter semester runs from January - April; the Spring/Summer semester runs from May - August, and the Fall semester runs from September - December. Each semester is promoted through a calendar. Members of the Partnership receive discounts on webinars and annual institutional subscriptions are available.

03 THE PARTNERSHIP JOB BOARD

The Partnership Job Board lists positions available to library and information personnel from coast to coast to coast. The Partnership Job Board was developed and is managed by the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) to support members of The Partnership. The Job Board is free to job seekers and is a paid service for employers. The employer is responsible for all job posting content. BCLA does not participate in the hiring process and does not forward messages or applications to employers. The cost to post is $55 for institutional members of a provincial or territorial library association in the Partnership, and $85 for non-members.

Visit https://partnershipjobs.ca/ for more information.

04 THE LIBRARY MARKETPLACE

Library associations in the Partnership receive discounts from The Library Marketplace. Associations are also provided with a variety of product marketing tools like “the store in a box”.

Visit https://www.thelibrarymarketplace.com/ for more information.
THE PARTNERSHIP JOURNAL

PARTNERSHIP: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research is the journal of the Partnership. The Journal promotes the exchange of ideas about libraries, librarianship, and information science among practitioners across all library sectors. We are a Canadian, open access journal publishing double-blind peer-reviewed research and editorially reviewed articles and opinion pieces.

Visit www.partnershipjournal.ca for more information.

PERKOPOLIS

Individual members of library associations in the Partnership are offered an opportunity to take advantage of some very good savings on many products and services in entertainment, hotels, shopping, and travel. This offer is available through The Partnership at Perkopolis and is accessible through a code which is available through your association’s office.

Visit https://www.perkopolis.com/ for more information.
Announcements


Maggie Neilson, Vaughn Memorial Library, Chair, APLA 2020, Conference Committee

Please join us in the lush and beautiful Annapolis Valley for APLA 2020: Cross Pollinate. Cultivate. Change. From June 9th to June 12th, 2020! Although we’re still in the early stages of planning, we invite you to reflect on the ways in which you’ve collaborated (or cross-pollinated!) with others to nurture and grow exciting change in your library and beyond. We’re looking forward to hearing about the incredible partnerships you’ve made! In addition to learning about the fascinating work of your colleagues, you’ll be hosted in the stunning town of Wolfville, where our specialties are food, drink, and merrymaking! Walk the dykes, grab some fresh produce at the farmers’ markets, catch a glimpse of Cape Blomidon, or enjoy a drink at one of the many wineries in the area. Come and see what the buzz is all about at APLA 2020!

APLA Advocacy Award Winner

Louise White, Convener, APLA Advocacy Committee

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association Advocacy Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 Advocacy Award Winner is Jenn Carson, Library Director of the L. P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock, New Brunswick. The committee, comprised of a panel of four provincial vice-presidents, are recognizing Ms. Carson’s long-standing commitment to integrating library service and physical literacy. As her colleague, Ms. Courtney Pyrke, APLA VP New Brunswick & Community Services Librarian, New Brunswick Public Library Service, notes: "Jenn Carson has been a real role model to me since I started working for NBPLS. She has led the way in physical literacy in librarianship, which has inspired me to find my own passion and work just as hard as her to make a difference in my community. Jenn's passion and advocacy for physical literacy and movement-based programs is making a difference in New Brunswick (and North America); she is truly helping people access programs that they would not necessarily be able to afford through gym memberships or paid programs. I believe that Jenn is very deserving of this award and I can't wait to see what she does in the years to come."
The Advocacy Committee would like to thank all those who nominated deserving candidates. We are very encouraged to hear about the commitment and creativity of APLA members who work together to share and value the expanding role of libraries in society.

Winners of the 2018 Collaborative Research Grant

Cynthia Holt, Executive Director, Council of Atlantic University Libraries

CAUL/CBUA is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 Collaborative Research Grant – Nicole Carter and Mikayla Redden. Congratulations!

Nicole Carter, Reference and Research Librarian at the Saint Mary’s University Patrick Power Library, and Mikayla Redden, Librarian at Centennial College Libraries, will be awarded $1,000 to help support their project, Student Library Employees: What Are Their Career Plans and What Influenced Those Plans?

In their proposal, Nicole and Mikayla propose to explore the career goals of student employees, as well as the role their employment might have on their future career selection. Their focus is on visible minority undergraduate and college students, with a particular focus on librarianship as a career. Their hope is that through understanding these motivations and influences, we might better position librarianship as an attractive career path for students.

The CAUL-CBUA Collaborative Research Grant is intended to encourage collaborative research by librarians and staff working in academic libraries in the region through projects which involve structured, evidence-based research. We are pleased to continue offering support to researchers in the region and look forward to the results of Nicole and Mikayla’s study.
Feature Articles

Book Review: The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And their Race to Save the World’s most Precious Manuscripts by Joshua Hammer

Lorraine Busby, Honorary Research Librarian, Memorial University of Newfoundland

- **Hardcover**: 288 pages
- **Publisher**: Simon & Schuster (2016)
- **Language**: English
- **ISBN**: 97814767777405

Any book purporting to be about bad-ass librarians will catch the attention of those of us who work, or have worked, in libraries. So, with great anticipation, I read the book looking to find out what made the real-life heroes of the story so noteworthy. I was not surprised to find that the protagonists were cultured, dedicated, and overcame immense obstacles to save unique, irreplaceable manuscripts. These courageous professionals put aside real fears of death and physical dismemberment, retribution, and revenge, to take on an incredibly daunting task of saving 377,000 rare manuscripts from 45 libraries, and they did it almost flawlessly, and to great success. I was surprised, however, to find that most of the book was not about these librarians, archivists, and curators, nor about the treasures being protected for preservation and digitization.

Although the book does contain content about these noteworthy efforts, the people involved cannot be considered “bad-ass” in any common understanding of the term, just by saving at-risk print treasures. Indeed, this title is very much in cultural conflict with the underlying premises of a Muslim based literary tradition to be preserved and protected. The author goes to great effort to paint a thorough picture of the vibrant history that led to the creation of these manuscripts throughout the centuries and he outlines the various conquests and invasions that drove sophisticated societies underground and required the manuscripts to become invisible. It is the hiding of these treasures for centuries, that led Europeans to think that natives of Africa were illiterate with no written history. The author is a critic of the “Eurocentric literary canon”, yet he adopts a book title that is very much part of Anglo-American colloquialism and outside the Islamic way of life in which the history takes place.
There is a huge need to share the relatively unknown story of the people, and the invasions and civil wars over the centuries that took place in Mali. This book is an important contribution to sharing that story. So, if you are interested in knowing more about the events, history, and background that led to the modern day need to undertake a “literary salvaging operation in the Sahara”, read on. To find out what makes a librarian bad-ass, you will need to look elsewhere.

News from New Brunswick

News from Mount Allison University
Laura Landon, Head of Services, Bell Library

Staff News

- Music Librarian Laura Snyder is retiring in June 2019. Laura’s distinguished career included appointments at St. Olaf College, Oberlin College & Conservatory, Eastman School of Music (University of Rochester), University of Houston, and University of Alberta. She joined Mount Allison’s Libraries & Archives in 2012, playing a key part in the Music program by providing research instruction in its core, first-year Music course every fall, which included several class sessions, an assignment, and many tutorials. She also provided library instruction for other Music courses, and teaching and liaison expertise in Anthropology, Fine Arts, Religious Studies, Classics, and Philosophy. Laura recently worked with Music Library Association colleagues on developing the ACRL Framework for Music, co-publishing a chapter in the 2018 book Ideas, Strategies, and Scenarios in Music Information Literacy. The Library is in the process of hiring a term Music librarian to perform some of the work Laura performed so expertly.

- University Librarian Marc Truitt is retiring in June 2019. Marc joined the Library in 2012 from the University of Alberta Libraries, where he was Associate University Librarian for information and bibliographic services. Before that, he had an extensive career in technical services and library systems at Yale, Princeton, Notre Dame, University of Houston, and the Linda Hall Library of science, engineering and technology in Kansas City.

  During his term at Mount Allison, Marc worked to improve student space by, for example, increasing the number of study spaces, investing in comfortable furniture, and working with the student union to increase library hours by 15 hours a week. He also worked to improve technology and access by upgrading equipment and facilitating the purchase of back files for about 2,000 Elsevier journals. His other notable campus-wide contributions include helping to create the University’s Quo Vadimus series of conversations and working with Deans on Mount Allison’s digital future. Most recently, he led the Library in its efforts to join the Novanet

Mount Allison recruited for a new University Librarian in 2018-19, conducting interviews in Spring 2019. The hiring committee expects to make an announcement later this spring.

- The Library and Archives welcomes students Susanna Cupido, Marin McBeath and Cameron Hambrook as summer interns under the New Brunswick Government’s Student Employment Experience Development (SEED) program. Susanna, Marin and Cameron will be working on various projects throughout the Library.

- Victor Lima joined the University Archives in January 2019 as J.E.A. Crake ArtsWork Intern. He has been working with the University Archivist on the records of the R.C. Goodwin Company of Baie Verte, New Brunswick and on reports from the 1930s-1950s by Biology students on community health throughout the Maritimes.

- In April and May 2019, the Library welcomed MLIS student Steve Geier, who did his practicum in the Mount Allison Library. Steve worked with Data & Digital Services Librarian Elizabeth Stregger to develop faculty and student publication collections in our Institutional Repository. Steve works as a research associate in Mount Allison’s Chemistry and Biochemistry department and is a student in the University of Alberta’s MLIS program.

Events and Related News

- The Libraries & Archives joined the Novanet consortium of academic libraries in 2018. We are in the process of a systems migration from SirsiDynix to Novanet’s Ex Libris platform. Migration work is ongoing, and the new system is scheduled to go live by July 2019.

- The Library concluded its successful “Our Picks” author speaking series in February 2019 with a talk by award-winning writer and filmmaker Katherena Vermette (The Break and others). University Librarian Marc Truitt created the Our Picks series by asking staff and librarians what Canadian authors they would like to bring to Mount Allison, which led to the 2018-19 lineup of four authors: Omar El Akkad; Peter Robinson; Sean Michaels; and Katherena Vermette. The events brought authors to the Library and into Mount Allison classrooms.

- Data and Digital Services Librarian Elizabeth Stregger and Jaclyn McLean, a librarian at the University of Saskatchewan, will have a poster presentation at the International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP10) in Glasgow, Scotland in June 2019. The
poster presents the initial results of their survey on unaffiliated users and access to academic library collections.

- Data and Digital Services Librarian Elizabeth Stregger will be co-teaching a new, third-year Spring session course called Operational Data Science with faculty members from Computer Science and Biology. They will use open educational resources such as an adapted New England Collaborative Data Management Curriculum (NECDMC), R, and the open access textbook *R for Data Science* by Hadley Wickham and Garrett Grolem.

**News from New Brunswick Public Library Service**

**Kate Thompson, Head of Public Services Development**

NBPLS released a series of videos promoting *Every Child Ready to Read®* (ECRR). ECRR is a program that provides parents and caregivers with the knowledge of how to enhance the early literacy development of their children aged 0-5. Each video focuses on one of the five key principles: Read, Write, Sing, Talk, Play. The videos, which are available in English and French, are available on the [NBPLS YouTube channel](#).

Five NBPLS libraries (Mgr. W. J. Conway Public Library in Edmundston, Campbellton Centennial Library, Fredericton Public Library, Moncton Public Library and Saint John Free Public Library) are participating libraries in Canadian National Institute for the Blind’s (CNIB) *Phone it Forward* program. Members of the public are invited to come to one of the participating libraries to pick up an envelope that they can use to donate their old smartphones to CNIB. The phones are then wiped, loaded with accessible apps and donated to people with sight loss who need them. NBPLS will assess the possibility of expanding to more libraries in the near future.
News Nova Scotia

News from Dalhousie Libraries
Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator

Dalhousie Libraries Launches Partnership with the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation
Stephanie Rogers, Communications Manager, Faculty of Agriculture

Indigenous culture, music, and language was at the center of an important event to launch Dalhousie’s partnership with the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation (NCTR) on February 5.

As the first East Coast hub of the NCTR, the space, located in the Indigenous Community Room of the MacRae Library on the Agricultural Campus in Truro, will encourage education and awareness about Indigenous history and will serve as a constant reminder to students, faculty, and staff of the university’s commitment to reconciliation.

“Dalhousie is proud to house the first NCTR location in Mi’kma’ki, the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaw,” said Donna Bourne-Tyson, University Librarian for Dalhousie. “Due to the archival and research-focused aspects of the NCTR, the Dalhousie Libraries are the anchor of this partnership on behalf of Dalhousie.”

In addition to archival and research expertise, the Dalhousie Libraries have recently hired an Indigenous services librarian, Morning Star Padilla, who will facilitate connections between the local centre and the surrounding communities.

Making NCTR resources accessible

The NCTR opened in 2015 at the University of Manitoba — a result of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement — to be the permanent home for all statements, documents and other materials gathered by the TRC. The NCTR was created to preserve the memory of Canada’s Residential School system and legacy.

“We are thrilled to see this partnership with Dalhousie University take this significant step forward,” said Ry Moran, a member of the Red River Metis and director of the NCTR. “The NCTR was founded on the
vision of a network of interconnected hubs working from coast to coast to coast, keeping the fire of Reconciliation lit in this country. Dalhousie, through this Centre, is helping advance this vision.”

Moran facilitated the gathering of nearly 7,000 video and audio-recorded statements of former Residential School students and others affected by the Residential School system. He was also responsible for gathering the documentary history of the Residential School system from more than 20 government departments and nearly 100 church archives — millions of records in all.

Through this partnership, Dalhousie Libraries will ensure the NCTR’s archives are more accessible and better used in the Atlantic region. In the future, Dalhousie will grow the service to include contributing additional holdings to the NCTR; facilitating additional oral history and community narratives, research and reports; supporting a broad scope of public education, research, cultural and reconciliation activities; assisting the NCTR in serving the public in a variety of Indigenous languages, English and French and fulfilling regional or community needs and desires related to residential school research, education and reconciliation.

**Pictured below (in order):** Aaron Prosper (President of Dalhousie Student Union), Catherine Martin, Dr. Teri Balser (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Elaine MacInnis & Donna Bourne-Tyson, Elder Jane Abram, Francis Sylliboy (daughter of Rita Joe), Morning Star Padilla (Indigenous Services Librarian), Ry Moran (NCTR Director).
Donna Bourne-Tyson Receives the Ken Haycock Award

Donna Bourne-Tyson, University Librarian of Dalhousie, has won the prestigious Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship from the Canadian Federation of Library Associations, presented at the OLA Super Conference in Toronto on January 30. Donna received this award for her significant contributions to the field of librarianship, to which many of her colleagues at Dal can attest.

The nominating institution, the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), submitted the following:

February 4, 2019 – The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) would like to congratulate current CARL President, Donna Bourne-Tyson, on receiving the Ken Haycock Award on January 30th at the OLA Super Conference in Toronto. This award is conferred to an individual who has made significant contributions to the public recognition and appreciation of librarianship through professional performance, teaching, and/or writing.

Ms. Bourne-Tyson was honoured with this award for her firm commitment to personal membership in professional associations and her remarkable range of Board roles in regional, national, and international association and consortia, and for founding and shepherding multiple new organizations.

“Donna believes and lives a philosophy that working together is much more effective than solo or siloed action. Through her collaborative view of the library world, Donna has brought together people, institutions, and even associations to effect consortial action. Through this, she has had long-reaching impact. Donna has quietly and pragmatically helped shape the library association landscape in this country,” said Paul Takala, Chief Librarian, Hamilton Public Library, during the award ceremony.

CARL is pleased to have nominated Ms. Bourne-Tyson for the award, in recognition of her association engagement and her leadership and dedication as an ambassador and role model for librarianship. The award includes a $1,000 reward, which Ms. Bourne-Tyson has graciously donated to the Canadian Federation of Library Associations.
Putting Dal on the Map: Launching the Chris Hadfield Space Photographs Collection

On April 11, the Dal Libraries launched the Chris Hadfield Space Photographs Collection to a packed house in the Killam Memorial Library. Space and geography fans of all ages gathered to get their first look at the collection on the Killam’s data visualization wall before the link to the collection was publicly released.

Commander Chris Hadfield donated over 13,000 of his space photographs to Dalhousie for the purposes of sharing, preserving and promoting their use in teaching and research. The photographs capture what he saw while orbiting Earth as Commander of the International Space Station (ISS) in 2013. Due to an incredible stroke of serendipity, Dal Libraries’ GIS Specialist and Map Curator James Boxall obtained the photos from Commander Hadfield on behalf of Dalhousie.

Inspired by the photos, Boxall saw the potential in using the Story Map platform to organize the collection. Caitlin Cunningham, a PhD student and intern in the Dal Libraries GIS Centre, is the author of this Story Map. Over a year, Caitlin reviewed all the photos, selecting the best 200, and then designed a series of related Story Maps to make them interactive and accessible.

Dalhousie is one of only two institutions in the world to have these photos, and the only institution to create a public archive with the images.

“We are honoured that Chris Hadfield has entrusted the Dal Libraries to preserve his collection. Commander Hadfield is thrilled with the work we’ve done so that his photos can be an ongoing resource for students and the space-curious. The potential for these photos to inspire teaching and research is vast.”

James Boxall

Caitlin Cunningham
limited only by our imaginations and extends far beyond Dalhousie,” said Donna Bourne-Tyson, University Librarian.

In addition to presenting the photos georeferenced to their orbital path and plotted on a map, the collection features “swipe maps,” which puts two images of the same location on top of each other, for the purposes of comparing them by sliding left and right. The swipe maps emphasize change over time, making them useful for urbanization and climate change studies. Another activity presents 56 images without a label or map location, giving the public a chance to play spatial detective by figuring out where on Earth the image is. Answers can be submitted to the Dal Libraries.

Commander Hadfield sent video greetings that were played at the launch, expressing his thanks for the work the Dalhousie Libraries have done with his photos and his Chief of Staff from Chris Hadfield Inc., Cheryl-Anne Horrocks, was in attendance.

Defeating the Mob in the Law Library, Halifax, 1946: Gamifying Research Skills Testing at the Dalhousie Libraries

In a corner of the basement of the Sir James Dunn Law Library, behind an unassuming door, is a room on campus like no other. The soft lighting, the solid wooden furniture, and the strains of Glenn Miller coming from a Bakelite radio are some of the things that may first catch your attention as you enter the room.

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A closer look reveals you’re in a lawyer’s office from seventy years ago. The cast-iron typewriter, the crystal decanter and tumblers, the pipe and ashtray, and the Brownie camera, along with decorative touches such as the fireplace façade and the vintage photos on the walls add to the immersive experience of the room.

This room, that looks like it’s been sealed off from the world since the 1940s, is not the former office of some long-retired barrister that’s been preserved, shrine-like. It’s an escape room – like those trendy themed rooms that have been popping up all over the city. Escape rooms are described as adventure games wherein participants must solve a series of puzzles and riddles in a set time limit, all while trapped in a room.

The Law Library’s escape room was developed and curated by law librarians David Michels and Hannah Steeves. Assistance came from a $1,000 grant from the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL) and a grant for $780 from the Dalhousie Centre for Learning and Teaching. David, the brains behind the initial concept, explains, “We designed the escape room to test the research skills of law students in a fun and unusual way.”

David Michels

There is a gap between when the first-year students take the legal research course and when they’re working in firms and using those skills in their second and third years. “We want to compare the retention of the first-year students, who’ve just had the instruction, to that of the second and third year students,” said David. Previously, the law librarians had been recruiting volunteers and testing their legal research skills retention in a more traditional way, but David admits it was tough to get volunteers for such an activity.
It’s hard to believe that when he started working on this idea, David had never been in an escape room. David and Hannah started working on the room in March 2018 and did a period of testing with students and faculty. After making some adjustments based on the several months of testing, they’ve been running the escape room with students since January.

Hannah Steeves

Groups of five go into the room where they spend an hour solving a mix of logic and legal research puzzles. David and Hannah observe the escape room participants from a laptop just outside the escape room that’s connected to a web cam in the room, so they can hear and see what’s going on.

“A lot of research the first-year students are doing is online and to solve the puzzles in the escape room, the students must use print legal resources. So, we’re getting back to basics and teaching them some skills they will find useful,” said Hannah.

“You really see the hive mind at work here,” adds David. “The groups that communicate well tend to do better in the room.”

This just might be the first escape room in an academic library in Canada, although Hannah notes that many public libraries are doing escape rooms. “We have had a lot of interest from faculty and students from a number of law schools. During the law library conference that was in Halifax last spring, directors from law schools across Canada toured the room,” said Hannah.

The premise of the Law Library’s escape room is that Halifax’s Crown Prosecutor has been kidnapped an hour before he is about to take on the mob in court. Without the Prosecutor’s papers, there’s no way the crown can win the case. Participants have one hour to solve all the legal research puzzles in the room, leading them to the papers that will solve the case — or the mob walks.

They named the fictional Crown Prosecutor after a current legal research instructor at the Schulich School of Law, Jonathon Shapiro. “Using her PhotoShop skills, Hannah has hidden a number of Jonathan Shapiro Easter eggs in the room,” said David.
The room even features a working period phone. “Emily, our intern, figured out how to rewire the phone. It was a challenge to integrate the phone into Dalhousie’s network, but it works,” said David. Escape room participants use the phone to call for clues and to announce when they’ve solved the room. An unexpected outcome of having gone through the escape room is students getting a lesson in using a rotary telephone and a typewriter.

One of the local antique shops really got into the project, showing David items they thought would work in the room whenever he stopped by. “There are so many things we could add, and there’s lots of potential to run the room in different iterations,” said David.

“We will be preparing a report for CAUL about the escape room. Even if we determine this was not a good way to measure retention of legal research skills, we have increased participation in library activities through gamification. As a result of that, we’re seeing students spending more time in the library because it’s become a familiar place,” said Hannah.

If you get a chance to visit the Sir James Dunn Law Library’s escape room, take the time to look at everything. The attention to detail David and Hannah have put into the room will make you wonder if they should be in the business of escape rooms full-time.

**Dalhousie Libraries’ New Graphic Medicine Collection**

**Melissa Helwig, Instruction & Research Librarian, Kellogg Library**

A new graphic medicine section has been added to the collection at the Kellogg Health Sciences Library.

Graphic medicine refers to illness or health narratives in the form of comics that can be either fiction or non-fiction materials (U.S. National Library of Medicine, 2018). As an approachable medium, graphic medicine can provide insight into a wide variety of health and medical scenarios, told from both the patient and healthcare provider perspective. Though literature has long been used within medicine to encourage reflection and understanding regarding patient experiences, graphic medicine has only been recognized as a valuable medium for health information within the past decade (Williams, 2012).
A unique feature of graphic medicine publications is their potential to encourage readers, including students, patients, relatives and healthcare providers, to relate to the narrative and show empathy towards the characters (McNicol, 2017). More specifically, graphic medicine can be used to increase public awareness and understanding about illness and health, prepare patients for medical procedures, and assist with patient care decision-making (McNicol, 2017). It can also provide a way for healthcare providers and trainees to better understand how patients experience illness (Green & Myers, 2010).

You can also peruse some of the new titles on the Medical Humanities LibGuide, which includes titles in Halifax and Dalhousie Medicine NB. Pick up a graphic medicine novel and let us know what you think!

A huge thank you to our Kellogg Library Intern – Kristy Hancock – from the School of Information Management. Kristy used the skills developed in her Information Resources Management course, as well health sciences library experience gained during her internship, to curate a short list for the Kellogg Librarians and Staff to review in developing this collection.

For further reading on Graphic Medicine:


Thank you, Miss Webster

The Dalhousie Libraries would like to honour the generosity and memory of Miss Ellen Webster, who left a gift to the Libraries when she passed away in 2017 at the age of 101.

Miss Webster worked as a reference librarian at the Halifax Memorial Library when it opened in 1951 until she retired. “I worked for Ellen Webster in my first library job at the Halifax Memorial Library. We always called her Miss Webster at work and she was such a nice lady, always kind and patient with staff and library users,” said Ann Barrett, Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Communications and Head of the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library.

To honour Miss Webster’s known wishes, this generous bequeathment will be added to the previously existing Ellen Webster Library Fund, an endowment to be spent in the area of Arts and Social Sciences. In recent years, these funds purchased resources in the subject areas of Indigenous studies, music, film, and library and information studies.

“Miss Webster was known for her friendliness, smile, humour, and her Nova Scotian-style cooking,” noted Donna Bourne-Tyson, University Librarian. “We will also remember her for her generosity and commitment to life-long learning and libraries.

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members to the Dalhousie Libraries:

Ahmed Mahdy – Systems Administrator
Cassandra Larose – Evening & Weekend Supervisor
Kirsten Huhn – Collections Analysis Librarian (new position)
We’d also like to acknowledge that Brian Lesser, who has been with the Dalhousie Libraries for six years, is the new Manager of Operations for our Academic Technology Services team.

## Past Events

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For current events, visit our calendar: [https://dal.libcal.com/calendar/events](https://dal.libcal.com/calendar/events)
News from the Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary’s University

Shawna Murphy, Outreach and Engagement Librarian

Indigenous Artefacts from the Nova Scotia Museum find a home in the Patrick Power Library

The Patrick Power Library at Saint Mary’s University is now a host location of the Nova Scotia Museum, as part of a partnership meant to help Nova Scotia’s First People tell their story.

A soft launch of Mi’kmaq artefacts, on loan from the Nova Scotia Museum and housed in a brand-new display case in the Patrick Power Library, occurred on March 14. The display is the result of a partnership between Saint Mary’s University and the Nova Scotia Museum. Several years in the making, this partnership came out of a request by Isaiah Bernard, Co-President of the Saint Mary’s Indigenous Student Association, for the Patrick Power Library to host a temporary display of artifacts during Mi’kmaq History Month in 2017. The Library agreed, citing the University’s Strategic Plan, which emphasizes the enhancement of Indigenous cultural education. This was also in recognition that Saint Mary’s University is in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people.

With the help of Indigenous Student Advisor, Raymond Sewell, Isaiah obtained several artifacts from Stephen Powell, Nova Scotia Museum curator at the time, and created a temporary display. Shortly after the display was dismantled, Isaiah approached the Library about creating a more permanent Indigenous display. In December 2017, an agreement was made stating that Saint Mary’s University was approved to display artifacts from the Nova Scotia Museum’s collection.

This collaboration between memory institutions provides the Patrick Power Library with the opportunity to help highlight Indigenous heritage and provides the Nova Scotia Museum with the opportunity to display materials that may otherwise be in storage. Stephen Powell has since retired, and curator Katie Cottreau-Robins now oversees this project. In December of 2018, Dr. Malcolm Butler, Vice President, Academic and Research, agreed to the purchase of a display case to be
A panel discussion spoke about the artefacts and the partnership on March 14. Moderated by Hansel Cook, Saint Mary’s University Archivist, the panel featured Raymond Sewell, Indigenous Student Advisor at Saint Mary’s; Isaiah Bernard, Co-President of the Saint Mary’s Indigenous Student Association; Suzanne van den Hoogen, Saint Mary’s University Librarian; and Dr. Katie Cottreau-Robins, Curator of Archaeology at the Nova Scotia Museum (all picture here in order). The event and the exhibit are the start of what we hope will be a deepening relationship between the library and Indigenous peoples at Saint Mary’s, a step towards the decolonization of library space, and an opportunity to reflect on what it means that we are in Mi’kma’ki.

African Heritage Month at Saint Mary’s

On Tuesday February 12, in celebration of African Heritage Month, Saint Mary’s hosted a panel discussion on “Racial Apartheid and Black Freedom Struggles in Nova Scotia and South Africa” in the Patrick Power Library. The event accompanied an exhibit of materials from the Lynn Jones African-Canadian and Diaspora Heritage Collection, housed in the Saint Mary’s University Archives. Organized by Dr. Val Marie Johnson from the Department of Social Justice & Community Studies and Hansel Cook, Saint Mary’s University Archivist, the panel featured researcher and filmmaker Francesca Ekwuyasi, and Regina James (both pictured here) of the East Preston Empowerment Academy.

Ekwuyasi, originally from Lagos, Nigeria, provided her perspective as a former international student at Saint Mary’s, and as a current Halifax resident. James traced the heritage of African Nova Scotians, beginning in Africa, and spoke of the struggles that African Nova Scotians have had, and continue to
have, for equal rights and the right to have their voices heard. “No one is going to write your story for you,” James emphasized. “We have to write our own story.”

A question and answer period after the discussion also featured Dr. Lynn Jones (Global African Congress, NS Chapter). “Our goal was to ensure the elections were free and fair”, said Dr. Jones, recalling her work as an election observer for the 1994 South African Presidential election of Nelson Mandela. She described how Black South Africans showed up early and waited in long lines, so they wouldn’t miss their chance to vote. For most who had lived under the recently ended apartheid system, it was their first time voting.

The event ended with a roundtable initiated by Dr. Jones, who asked: “Who you be, so I can know your name?” According to Dr. Jones, this is the way African Nova Scotians are able to learn about each other and place one another in the community. Africans and African Nova Scotians in the audience stood up and introduced themselves in this fashion, sharing their histories with the panel and audience. In addition to showcasing the Lynn Jones collection and other library resources, this event was a wonderful way to build connections with, and between, our African and African Nova Scotian students.

Francesca Ekwyasi, Dr. Lynn Jones, and Regina James
Regional Library, Cape Breton University sign memorandum of understanding

Cape Breton Post, May 02, 2019
Original story here

Cape Breton’s two largest libraries have once again renewed their vows of co-operation and collaboration.

Twenty years after their first memorandum of understanding, Cape Breton University and the Cape Breton Regional Library signed a new five-year pact aimed at strengthening their relationship and reiterating the recognition that they each possess significant library and cultural collections.

CBRL regional librarian Faye MacDougall said the new MOU reflects a relationship between the two community institutions that dates back long before the first memorandum was signed in 1999.

“It came about because we always shared a spirit of co-operation and collaboration with the university that, I would suggest, goes back to the days when it was referred to as ‘Little X’,” said MacDougall.

“In some cases, it’s an informal working relationship where we call each other if we feel that one library or the other would have information that might be of value to our clients, in other cases there are actual projects we work on together, along with various other initiatives such as conferences and committees, and that’s always been there.”

CBU president David Dingwall, who was party to the signing that took place Wednesday at the university library, said the two institutions have a shared duty to take care of their valuable collections and to fulfill other community responsibilities.

“This MOU will allow us to build on the mission of providing stewardship, preservation and access to the information and cultural resources to fulfill academic, research, artistic, scholarly and community leadership objectives,” said Dingwall, in a written statement.

The agreement encourages the institutions to deliver innovative projects, to share resources and to improve the exchange of information about services and resources.

“The MOU is now between the Cape Breton Regional Library board and the Cape Breton University library and cultural resources, so this takes the Beaton Institute into consideration,” confirmed MacDougall.
News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

Research

- Applications are now invited for the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award which promotes the development of librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador by providing funds for scholarships, research, special projects, and work exchange opportunities. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants seeking funding for library-related projects or assistance in pursuing full-time graduate studies in librarianship, archival studies, or teacher librarianship. The 2019 award is valued at a maximum of $1,500. The deadline for applications is June 14. For more information and specifics on applying, click here.

- A Research Data Management (RDM) Working Group has been created and is a sub-committee of the Vice-President Council (VPC) of Memorial University. Its purpose is to develop Memorial’s Research Data Management Strategy to meet the requirements of the anticipated Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy in the fall of 2019. It is further expected that the activities of the working group may serve to improve researcher support with regards to RDM. Ms. Susan Cleyle, University Librarian, is Chairing the RDM Working Group.

Strategic Planning

There are currently eight strategic planning projects underway by Memorial University Libraries. For a quick synopsis, please see the graphic to your right. For more information about our strategic plan, please visit here.
Employee News

- Louise White has ended her term as AUL of the QEI, Marine Institute, Music, & Education Libraries, and is enjoying a well-deserved admin leave.

- Brian Quinn of the Marine Institute Library has won the Memorial University President’s Award for Exceptional Service; Brian has been a steadfast volunteer on many initiatives during his career, but particularly, the Campus Food Bank.

- At the recent Memorial University annual employee service awards, the following employees received acknowledgements:
  - Sharon Thompson – 20 years
  - Jacqueline Hillier; Donna Norman; Carl White – 25 years
  - Juanita Frye – 40 years

Cool Stuff

- An interesting collaboration happening in our makerspace was recently profiled on the University’s website.

- Our Archives and Special Collections Division was recently on CBC News - On June 14, 1919, Capt. John Alcock and Lt. Arthur Brown of the Royal Air Force took off from Lester’s Field, St. John’s and landed 16 hours later at Clifden, Ireland. The Archives & Special Collections Division has a photo album documenting the journey thanks to the generosity of Peter Carter. The scrapbook belonged to his Great Aunt Margaret Carter. It is currently on loan for an exhibit in The Admiralty House Communications Museum in Mount Pearl to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the transatlantic air race. Zoom to 12:30-16:41 for the full feature story on CBC’s Here and Now.

- The Research Data Centre located in the QEII Library celebrated its fifth anniversary. Details are here.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Emily Blackmore & Susan Prior, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

New Director of Regional Services

After eight years of service with the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library System, Lynn Cuff, the Director of Regional Services retired in March 2019.

Dawn Silver was recruited as Lynn’s replacement. Dawn possesses a Master of Library and Information Studies, courses in management, and twenty years of public library experience, most recently as the CEO/Librarian at the Bonnechere Union Public Library in Ontario where she held the position for almost three years. In addition to this role, she has held executive and managerial level positions in BC, Alberta, and Ontario, in various Regional, Academic, and Public Library Systems.

Dawn has experience in many areas of library operations including circulation, collections, reference services, programming, cataloguing, policy formation, labour negotiations, and additional skills and experience that will benefit public libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Fun Stuff

For April Fool’s Day the A.C. Hunter Library did up a bunch of displays all across the adult fiction floor about James Patterson. We had various signs that said things like “You asked! We Listened! James Patterson”, and “Have You Read James Patterson”? Our social media posts about it joked that we were switching to an all James Patterson lending model due to his popularity. The staff member who came up with the idea had every front facing display in the library changed to James Patterson books, including children’s and YA displays. Patrons enjoyed the prank quite a bit and it got a lot of attention online. The kicker is that James Patterson himself saw our tweet and called it the best April Fool’s Day Prank ever! The local CBC news did a story on it because of this, and it was just a feel good thing to have happen here at the library.
News from Prince Edward Island

**News from Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island**

*Donald Moses, Interim University Librarian, Robertson Library*

**News**

On February 15th an announcement went out to the campus about planned renovations for the Robertson Library - the move of the campus Bookstore to the Robertson Library Annex, and a notice that “the President will soon launch a fundraising campaign dedicated to the multi-phase expansion of the Robertson Library, representing the first significant renovation of the building since it opened... The transformation of the Library will allow us to better accomplish our mission and further engage our students, faculty, and staff.”

![Image](image-url)


This is an exciting opportunity to think about the Robertson Library’s space and how best to improve and utilize it for current and emerging needs.
Staffing Updates

UL Search
A search committee for the University Librarian continues to do its work

Library Staff
The Robertson Library welcomed Kelsey MacDonald as the digitization technician. She will be working on the Library’s National Heritage Digitization Strategy grant. Kelsey will be focused on making digital versions of the Examiner (1847-1900) and the Island’s first French language newspaper L’Impartial (1893-1915) accessible through its newspaper portal islandnewspapers.ca.

Events

UPEI’s 50th Anniversary
As part of UPEI’s 50th anniversary, the Robertson Library is presenting the Frank (Franklin) Pigot Memorial Lecture Series to celebrate the historical roots of higher education on Prince Edward Island and its future. Named after educator and librarian Frank Pigot, who was honoured as a UPEI Founder for his work building the Library’s PEI Collection and University Archives. Dr. Edward MacDonald delivered the first lecture of the series, “The School of Experience: A Patchwork Quilt of Informal Island Education, 1825-1965” and historian and folklorist John Cousins presented the second lecture in the series, “Stand for Your Lessons: Educational Change and Cultural Reaction.” Historian Georges Arsenault delivered the third lecture of the series in the Faculty Lounge of UPEI’s SDU Main Building. Arsenault’s talk was titled “Société Saint-Thomas d’Aquin and French Education on the Island.” Additional lectures are planned for the series.

Movie Talks
This winter, the Robertson Library hosted a series of “Movie Talks”. In recognition of Black History Month, Robertson Library and the UPEI Student Diversity Office (SDO) presented and facilitated a discussion of the Oscar-nominated documentary, I Am Not Your Negro, narrated by Samuel L. Jackson. The documentary “…explores the continued peril America faces from institutionalized racism.” As part of our Valentine’s Day celebrations we partnered with SDO to screen the Sundance Film Festival award-winning movie The Miseducation of Cameron Post. In celebration of International Women’s Day, WUSC UPEI Local Committee, the Rotaract Club of UPEI, and Robertson Library presented the documentary To Educate A Girl: Empowering Women and Girls in the Developing World, by filmmakers Frederick Rendina
and Oren Rudavsky. The screening raised awareness and funds for the Shine a Light Program, an initiative that provides women and girls within refugee camps the opportunity to better their educational prospects.

**Freedom to Read Week**

We encouraged library users to explore and check out books that have been challenged or banned and also provided a selection of books “under wraps” which were banned/challenged in Canada, with an excerpt of why they were challenged and asked visitors to guess the titles.

*Image: Freedom to Read Week display and library student assistant Kaitlyn Humphries.*

**Young Library Visitors**

The Library welcomed a group of three to five year old children from the Wekatesk Head Start Mi'kmaq Family Resource Centre in March. The enthusiastic group enjoyed an interactive story time and craft session, led by Yolanda Hood, Metaliteracy & Student Engagement Librarian.

These ongoing literacy activities are part of the Kitpu Project, initiated by Sherri Russell and the Mawi'omi Centre to engage campus partners to support literacy for Indigenous students in school or on reserves.
Escape Rooms

Robertson Library ran a L. M. Montgomery-themed escape room over the winter semester for UPEI students, faculty, and staff. The game’s theme incorporated materials from the library’s collection to educate players about the life and times of L. M. Montgomery.

The escape room reviews were very positive and feedback from one participant stated that she “liked the fact that the puzzles were at a level of difficulty that we had to put our heads together to solve them in groups and as a larger team. It really built teamwork and brought us closer together. The strength of each person came through and benefited the team’s success! Everyone felt good when they left at the end!”

Planning is underway for new escape room themes for the fall semester.

Image: Student assistant Hannah Cochrane dressed in a prop from the L. M. Montgomery Escape Room.

Stress Free Zone

The Library hosted the Stress Free Zone again in April, an area set aside in the Library during the exam period for students to relax, play a game, colour, work on crafts, take a selfie in the photo booth, get creative with Lego, or just unwind in the Library’s beloved bean bag chairs.

The Library provided snacks and drinks on a daily basis during the exam period and Chartwells partnered with the Library to provide treats on exam weekends.

And, there was a daily Pop-up Surprise in the Library for students during the exam period. The most popular events were the visit of staff members’ dogs for Pet a Pooch as well as the toast, peanut butter, jam, and Nutella event.
The events were well attended, and the staff received many positive comments from students - “These pop-up surprises just make my day”, “I feel that the Library really cares”, and “I look forward to each day’s surprise”.

Collections

We cancelled Lexis-Nexis Academic and added HeinOnline and Gale Business Insights Global to our mix of databases. Librarians are reviewing the library’s physical collection and a weeding program is underway and will continue through the summer.

News from the Prince Edward Island Library Service

Beth Clinton, Regional Librarian, PEI Public Library Service

Staffing

There are so many staffing updates to report that it might be easier to list who hasn’t taken a new position or retired!

-Grace Dawson, Regional Librarian, has accepted a one-year position as interim Library Director with Bruce County Public Library in Ontario. Grace’s position is being filled by Ray MacLeod, and Ray’s role as Adult Services Librarian has just been taken up by Jennie Thompson, previously with the Provincial Archives as a Records Analyst (and before that, a Branch Technician and Library Assistant with various libraries in the PLS).
- Lori MacAdam, French Library Services Coordinator has taken a one-year position as Bilingual Development Officer with Cultural Affairs. Lori’s position will be covered by newcomer Robyn Gallant.

- Chloe Colwill has been appointed to a shared Branch Technician position covering 3 libraries—Mount Stewart, St. Peters, and Souris.

- Long time Library Assistant, Rita Sahajpal has retired from the Confederation Centre Public Library after more than 30 years of service. Her vacant position was filled by Susan Forsythe.

Jane McKinney, Branch Technician with the Stratford Library, retired in November 2018. Her position was taken by her associate Branch Technician (who also worked in the Cornwall Public Library), Ashley McCluskey-Douse. Ashley’s position was filled by Virginia Reddin, formerly a Library Assistant at the Confederation Centre Public Library. Virginia’s position has not yet been filled, but hopefully the domino effect will not continue too much longer, as we’ve all eaten too much cake at retirement and new position parties!

**Poet Laureate**

PEI’s 7th Poet Laureate was appointed in February. Julie Pellissier-Lush is our first Indigenous Poet Laureate and is a writer, actor and storyteller who works to preserve the history and culture of the Mi’kmaq for future generations. The role of the Poet Laureate is to celebrate PEI and its people, to raise the profile of PEI poets, to promote a higher standard of literacy, and to raise public awareness of poetry and the spoken word. Julie has admirably filled this role in the short time she has held the position with library performances to celebrate Poetry Month in April, visits to writing groups and poetry circles, culture nights, school visits, and the creation of a Facebook page.

*Pictured above, Poet Laureate, Julie Pellister-Lush front and centre!*
Gift of Reading

Libraries across PEI took part in the Gift of Reading campaign for the fifth year. Libraries collect donations of new and gently used children’s and YA books in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The books are donated to food banks across the Island to be included in Christmas hampers. This year, twenty-four boxes of books were collected and distributed to families.

East Prince Youth Development Centre

Summerside Rotary Library has developed a new partnership with East Prince Youth Development Centre. The Centre offers employment search assistance and skills training for local youth. The Centre has been bringing program attendees to the library to register for a library card and for a library tour with a focus on employment resources. Two participants in the program have completed week long job shadowing at the library, and library staff have helped the program by participating in mock interviews with participants.

3-D Printers

3-D printers have been placed in Summerside, Charlottetown, and Montague libraries with more to come. Their capabilities were demonstrated to impressed, inspired, and incredulous Islanders over March break. Plans are underway to be able to offer 3-D printing to the public.
Canadian Agricultural Literacy Month

The PEI Public Library Service celebrated another Canadian Agricultural Literacy Month with story times and farmer visits across the Island. There was much excitement in the Charlottetown and Cornwall libraries when Island Hill Farms visited and read stories. Much of the excitement came from the fact that they brought goats and a bunny, but the story times were also wonderful.

Local librarian bonds with goat at the Confederation Centre Public Library in Charlottetown
1. **Call to Order**
   Kathryn Rose called the 79th OGM to order at 12:36 pm.

2. **Establish Quorum**
   Quorum was established.

3. **Adoption of agenda**
   Agenda is to have items 27.3 and 27.5 deleted as they have already been changed.

   **MOTION:** Maggie Neilson moved to accept the agenda as amended. Bill Slauenwhite seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **APLA Meeting Rules**
   K. Rose introduced the meeting rules and asked all who participate to give their name and affiliation.

5. **Adoption of the Minutes of the 78th Ordinary General Meeting, Charlottetown, PEI, May 26th, 2017**

   **MOTION:** Suzanne van den Hoogen moved to accept the minutes as circulated. Ella Nason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
   6.1. **Resolutions**
       6.1.1. **Event Code of Conduct**
           K. Rose noted that this resolution was passed in 2017 and it was re-affirmed today.

7. **President’s Report** – Kathryn Rose
As submitted; K. Rose thanked the executive for taking on some extra tasks this year.

8. **Past President’s Report** – Suzanne van den Hoogen
   As submitted. K. Rose thanked S. van den Hoogen for her work in updating documentation.

9. **Vice President/President Elect** – Patricia Doucette
   As submitted.

10. **Vice Presidents’ Reports**
   10.1. **New Brunswick**: Courtney Boudreau
       As submitted.
   10.2. **Newfoundland and Labrador**: Amanda Tiller-Hackett
       As submitted; A. Tiller-Hackett informed everyone that the deadline for applications to the Margaret Williams Trust Fund is June 12th.
   10.3. **Nova Scotia**: Bill Slauenwhite
       As submitted.
   10.4. **Prince Edward Island**: Grace Dawson
       As submitted.
   10.5. **APLA Membership**: Carolyn DeLorey
       As submitted.

11. **Financial Examiner**
       P. Glenister corrected via email that on pages 3 and 4 of his report, the standing order referenced should be 3.10 and not 3.11 as is in the document.

       **MOTION:** Jennifer Richard moved the acceptance of the Financial Examiner’s report as amended. Tanja Harrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

   11.2. **Appointment of Financial Examiner 2018/19**
       S. van den Hoogen thanked P. Glenister for his continued activity and patience.

       **MOTION:** Gail Fraser moved the appointment of Peter Glenister as the APLA Financial Examiner for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Lynn Somers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. **Treasurer** – Maggie Neilson
12.1. Report 2017/18

M. Neilson noted that this year’s revenue is being kept in the General Fund.

**MOTION:** Cynthia Holt moved the acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Jocelyne Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12.2. Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

M. Neilson clarified that the Association did not reach membership revenue goals last year and thus the revenue in these areas have been adjusted. J. Richard asked why memberships were down. P. Doucette answered that there are more retirees and people have moved away and thus there is a shrinking base of members.

M. Neilson also clarified that the fund supporting the Somers scholarship had to be reinvested at a lower rate.

Total proposed revenues for 2018-2019 are: $17,997.59
Total proposed expenses for 2018-2019 are: $17,997.59

**MOTION:** Bill Slauenwhite moved the acceptance of the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Elaine McInnis seconded the motion. Motion carried.


As submitted.

14. Finance – Kathryn Rose

As submitted in the President’s report.

15. Communications Coordinator – Kristel Fleuren-Hunter

As submitted.

16. Webmaster – Margaret Vail

No report submitted. K. Rose thanked M. Vail for her current work on the website.

17. Advocacy -- Jocelyne Thompson

As submitted. K. Rose noted that she has forwarded many advocacy emails to politicians in 4 regions on behalf of the committee and the campaign will be completed in the fall. J. Thompson indicated that she is stepping down as chair and Louise White will be coming in. K. Rose thanked J. Thompson for her great advocacy work.

18. Memorial Award Committee -- Kate Stewart
As submitted.

19. **Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee** – Patricia Doucette  
   As submitted; Nora Emerson has won the award and is going to Western University.

20. **Games at the Library** – Juanita Lewis  
    K. Rose announced that APLA is looking for volunteers to help J. Lewis for this activity.

21. **Nominations and Elections** – Suzanne van den Hoogen  
    21.1. **New Executive Introductions**  
        S. van den Hoogen introduced Trecia Schell as incoming VP/President Elect, Jennifer Howard as VP PEI and Cynthia Holt as incoming Secretary.

22. **Committee on Committees and Interest Groups** – Patricia Doucette  
    S. van den Hoogen noted that this item needs to be changed to the Aims and Objectives Committee.

23. **Grow a Library** – Crystal Rose/Suzanne van den Hoogen  
    S. van den Hoogen indicated that a report will follow the conference but that over $360 has been collected for the Burt award during the conference.

24. **CFLA-FCAB**  
    24.1. **Indigenous Matters** – Maggie Neilson  
        M. Neilson stated that there is nothing yet to report as the committee is still getting organized. M. Neilson and S. van den Hoogen will be on teams to work on projects.

    24.2. **Copyright** – Ann Smith  
        A. Smith reported that it has been a busy year with a brief submitted on the copyright board, creation of position papers on fair dealing, indigenous matters, mass digitization and orphan works.

    24.3. **Cataloguing and Metadata** - Amy Lorencz  
        A. Lorencz was not in attendance but submitted a report directly to the executive and can be circulated upon request.

25. **Dalhousie University, School of Information Management Update** – Sandra Toze  
    As submitted.

26. **Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program Update** – Kristina Parlee  
    As submitted.
27. Revisions to Standing Orders – Suzanne van den Hoogen

27.1. Standing Order 5.05: Bulletin Management Board

5.05 Bulletin Management Committee Board

**Membership:** The conveners shall be the Co-Editors. The members shall be the Co-Editors of the Bulletin, Communications, and Public Relations Committee Convener(s) and the Provincial Vice-Presidents.

**Terms of reference:**

- to arrange for the publication of the APLA Bulletin with a special concern for:
  - promptness of publication
  - format
  - adequacy of distribution
  - elimination of repetitive content.
- to solicit material for inclusion in the APLA Bulletin.
- to recommend to the Executive the appointment of the Co-Editors of the Bulletin with the term being staggered so at least one Co-Editor has a year of experience.

Respectfully submitted by Marc Harper, Bulletin Co-Editor: May 7, 2018

**MOTION:** P. Doucette moved the acceptance of the changes. S. van den Hoogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

27.2. Standing Order 6.03: Communications and Public Relations Committee

6.03 Communications and Public Relations Committee

**Membership:** The convener shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups for a two-year term. Membership shall include the following: Communications Coordinator (convener), APLA President, APLA listserv postmaster, Vice-President for Membership, Co-editors of the APLA Bulletin, and webpage editor and convener of the Francophone Interest Group. The committee may include other members.

**Terms of reference:**

- to publicize and promote the aims and activities of APLA to libraries and other related organizations and to the general public of the Atlantic Provinces.
- as a primary objective, to promote communication among members and to make the committee visible to all members of the Association.
- to maintain the APLA listserv.
- to maintain the APLA website.
• to edit the APLA Membership Directory,
• to assist the Bulletin Management Board as necessary in order to ensure the continuance of the APLA Bulletin as the publication of the Association,
• to organize a session at each annual conference to increase the visibility of the committee and communication among APLA members
• to provide at least one topical article a year on its activities, to be published in the APLA Bulletin
Respectfully Submitted by Kathryn Rose, President: May 7, 2018

MOTION: K. Rose moved the acceptance of the changes. S. van den Hoogen pointed out that the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups is now under the Aim and Objectives Committee and thus the standing order requires further changes and the motion is quashed. Motion not carried.

27.3. Standing Order 7.01: Committee on Committees and Interest Groups

27.4. Standing Order 8.02: APLA Bulletin and other publications

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Respectfully Submitted by Kathryn Rose, President: May 7, 2018

MOTION: M. Neilson moved the acceptance of the changes. Andre Vietinghoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

27.5. Standing Order 9.01: CFLA and ASTED membership

28. Annual Conferences – Reports

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J. Thompson gave a verbal report that there were 229 delegates and 42 vendors. E. Nason stated finances are expected to be in the black and thanked all the planners and staff with UNB Conference Services for their work over the past year and a half. J. Thompson acknowledged that there was concern over a request by vendors to obtain the contact information of the delegates in attendance. Conference organizers were uncertain about sharing this information and ask the Executive to give advice the next group of conference organizers. A. LePage noted it should be clear to the registrant whether or not their information is being shared.

**Action item:** Executive to consider privacy and other concerns of sharing contact information with vendors at fall meeting. Executive will share options and/or advice to 2019 conference organizers.

28.2. 2019 St. John’s, NL - Amanda Tiller-Hackett

A. Tiller-Hackett shared that the next conference will be June 5-8, 2019 at the Battery on Signal Hill. The theme is “Tip of the iceberg.” A Wordpress website is currently available and will be updated as new information is available.

28.3. 2020 Nova Scotia

K. Rose noted that this is for information only.

29. Awards – Kathryn Rose

29.1. APLA Merit Award Winner: No recipient nominated this year.

29.2. APLA First Timer’s Grant Recipient: Natasha Wells

29.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship: Nora Emerson

29.4. APLA Memorial Award: Kate Oland

29.5. APLA Advocacy Award: Jocelyne Thompson

29.6. DAL SIM award winner: Margaret Vail

29.7. NSCC award winner: Carl Harvey

30. New Business - Kathryn Rose

30.1. Revisions to Executive Travel - mileage rate

**Guidelines for Executive meeting expenses**

The following were approved by the Executive on 21 February 1987 and revised on 6 October 1991 and again on 22 May 2003:

1. Executive members who live outside the area in which the meeting is held will have the following expenses reimbursed:
a. transportation from home city to meeting location: members will not be reimbursed more than the economy fare and should use seat sales and special offers whenever possible. If personal vehicles are used, members will be reimbursed at the rate established by CAUL-CBUA-$0.38/km;

b. ground transportation to and from airport in home city and meeting location: members will be reimbursed up to and not exceeding the cost of a bus trip or equivalent transportation to and from the airport;

c. one night's accommodations: members will be reimbursed for one night's accommodation based on double occupancy at an economy hotel selected by the secretary or local arrangements representative;

d. meals for one day - members will be reimbursed for costs of three meals. Any meals which are concurrent with business meetings are covered under group expenses.

- Breakfast $8.00
- Lunch $10.00
- Dinner $24.00

K. Rose noted that this change was to introduce a more responsive rate and have it associated with other associations, i.e. CAUL-CBUA which bases its rate on ISI. The current rate for these associations is $0.40/km.

**MOTION:** K. Rose moved to accept the changes in the Executive Travel policy contained in the Procedures manual. Tanja Harrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 31. Resolutions – VP President-Elect

There were 2 resolutions presented.

**Resolution 1: Conference Courtesy Resolution**

Be it resolved that APLA extends its appreciation to members of the Fredericton conference organizing committee, the speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and all who have contributed to the success of the conference.

Qu’il soit résolu que l’APLA exprime son appréciation et sa reconnaissance aux membres du comité organisateur du congrès de Fredericton, aux conférencières et conférenciers, aux exposants, ainsi qu’à tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué au succès du congrès.

**MOTION:** Moved by K. Rose; seconded by B. Smith. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2: APLA Event Code of Conduct, Reminder:**

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Whereas the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) holds a conference, several business meetings, and may host or sponsor other events annually;

And, whereas APLA values an equitable, fair, and respectful forum for conducting business, offering professional development, socializing, and the discussion of ideas;

And, Whereas APLA does not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or disrespectful behaviour towards its members or guests at any of the aforementioned events;

Be it resolved that APLA reaffirm our adoption the Event Code of Conduct approved by the APLA Executive and adopted by the 2017 Conference Planning Committee.

**Code de conduite de l’APLA, rappel:**

Attendu que l’Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) tient une conférence, organise plusieurs réunions d’affaires et peut accueillir ou commanditer d’autres événements sur une base annuelle;

Et, considérant que l’APLA valorise un forum équitable et respectueux pour mener des affaires, offre du développement professionnel, de la socialisation et des échanges d’idées;

Et, attendu que l’APLA ne tolère pas de harcèlement, de discrimination ou de comportement irrespectueux envers ses membres ou invitée(e)s à l’un des événements susmentionnés;

Il est résolu que l’APLA reconduise son Code de conduite tel qu’approuvé par l’exécutif de l’APLA et adopté par le comité de planification de la conférence de 2017.

**MOTION:** Moved by K. Rose; seconded by P. Doucette. Motion carried.

32. **Inauguration of Incoming President**
   Kathryn Rose welcomed Patricia Doucette as the incoming president.

33. **Adjournment**
   P. Doucette motioned the adjournment of the meeting at 1:28 pm. M. Neilson seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Smith
Appendix A: Standing Orders

Recommendation to Change a Standing Order 5.05

Existing Standing Order: 5.05 Bulletin Management Board

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Recommended wording change to Standing Order 5.05

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Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Rose, President: May 7, 2018

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Recommendation to Change a Standing Order 6.03

Existing Standing Order: 6.03 Communications and Public Relations Committee

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Respectfully Submitted by Kathryn Rose, President: May 7, 2018
Recommendation to Change a Standing Order 8.02

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Respectfully Submitted by Kathryn Rose, President: May 7, 2018
Executive Reports

President
A verbal report will be shared at the OGM.

Past President
Submitted by: Kathryn Rose

Dear Colleagues,

This report provides an overview of the activities of the Past-President for 2018-19.

I would like to thank all of the members of the association that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past three years. Promoting librarianship and library workers across the region and country is important work. Luckily, our association is brimming with dynamic and dedicated individuals. I continue to be amazed by the creativity and ingenuity of our colleagues, as they strive towards creating and upholding their libraries as community and civic spaces. It’s been my honour to work with the APLA Membership and Executive.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Rose

APLA Procedures Manual: The Procedures Manual was updated to reflect the changes made to the Standing Orders at the 2018 OGM. Changes have been ongoing, and the most recent version uploaded in May 2019.

APLA Standing Orders: The Standing Orders were also updated following the 2018 OGM. These changes were recommended by previous Past President, Suzanne van den Hoogen. While put to the membership in 2018, Standing Order 6.03 did not progress past the OGM, and will be put forward at the 2019 OGM.

APLA Merit Award: The nomination floor for the APLA Merit Award opened October 2018, with messages to the listserv and announcements in the Bulletin. Several reminders were also sent periodically. There were three applications. A small subcommittee of the Executive created a shortlist and submitted our recommendation to the Executive for discussion. The winner will be presented with this award at the Merit Award banquet June 7th, in St. John’s, NL.

APLA Nominations Committee: The APLA Nominations Committee normally consists of the APLA Past President and any exiting APLA Executive members. This year, this was a sizeable number of individuals,
so a smaller working group conducted the work of the committee. Membership including: Kathryn Rose (Past President), Bill Slauenwhite (VP-Nova Scotia), and Kate Shore (VP-Newfoundland and Labrador). A call for nominations was sent early January 2019, and reminders followed. The deadline was February 28th, 2019.

A large number of vacancies were identified, but the Committee was able to put forward a full slate due to our memberships’ enthusiasm and willingness to participate in the Association’s activities. The Executive slate for the 2019-2020 year is as follows:

- VP President-Elect - Ann Smith
- Treasurer - Terri Winchcombe
- VP New Brunswick - Ruth Cox
- VP Nova Scotia - Cate Carlyle
- VP Newfoundland and Labrador - Andrew Wood
- VP Membership - Erin Alcock
- Communications - Courtney Pyrke
- Conference Coordinator - Maggie Neilson (Acadia)

APLA Executive Handbooks: The APLA Executive Handbooks were updated to reflect changes to Standing Orders passed at the 2018 OGM.

CODE Grow a Library Committee: Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature: APLA will continue to support this award that recognized excellence in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit literature. Last year in Fredericton, the membership raised $1500 coming within $500 of our goal. We will have buttons and stickers to sell in St. John’s, in an effort to reach beyond our previous donations of $1500.

VP, President Elect
Submitted by: Trecia Schell

The Partnership

Two Partnership meetings were hosted by the Ontario Library Association, held in Toronto in mid-August 2018, and also late January 2019 (prior to the OLA SuperConference). Both Patricia and I attended. Both meetings were informative, and the roundtable sharing yielded much news of library association activities across the county. The Partnership Journal has continued to evolve, with a more accessible format and broader content, the extension of the Perkopolis membership awards program to the membership of member associations is going well, the Education Institute is rebuilding, and the demand for the services of the Partnership JobBoard continues to grow.
Updates were also given by the Canadian Federation of Library Associations – La Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB), and also ASTED, which as of January 2019 has also evolved to a federation model and is La Fédération des Milieux Documentaires (FMD). The summer meeting was also offered an afternoon workshop of professional development.

In early April, a request for ILLO (interlibrary loan) information was received from Shelagh Paterson, with OLA (in response to the 50% budget cut by the Ontario government to SOLS & NOLS – that caused the suspension of the ILLO service). The VPs Provincial provided information about interlibrary loan services from their provinces, and the information was shared with the Ontario Library Association.

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**APLA Committee on Aims & Objectives**

A Virtual meeting was held on Wednesday January 23, 2019. Report filed separately.

**Games at the Library**

Many thanks to Juanita Lewis, for convener the Games committee for several years, and this year she indicated that she would like to mentor a new convener. We’re pleased to have Jennifer Devlin, from the NSCC Ivany Campus Library join us as the new Convenor – and to see the continuation of a very successful program.

**Memorial Award**

We were contacted by the current convener, Kate Stewart, who indicated that the terms of office were up for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. And we are pleased to report, our VPs Provincial for NB and for PEI recommended two new members to the Memorial Award Committee. Ms. Stewart reports a successful year, with several well deserving candidate applications.

**Interest Groups**

There are currently two interest groups listed, Amanda Horsman is the Convenor of the Information Literacy IG, and Karen Darby is the Convenor of the Library Technicians IG.

**Finance Committee**

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Several conversations were held via email, regarding the surplus of the 2018 APLA Conference (which has been reinvested as per the Standing Order 3.15). I have attended two consultations with the Treasurer, with our banking/financial advisor, Jonathon Crotty. The Treasurer has prepared a draft budget to be presented at the Spring meeting.

**Membership Committee**

No meetings were held this year. And deepest gratitude extended to Carolyn Delorey, our current VP Membership, for her many hours on our behalf. Carolyn has indicated that she will be retiring from the committee this year, and the VP-Membership was added to the Nominations slate this year. In addition, a discussion was had at the Winter & Spring Executive meetings – to discuss ways of automating some of the paperwork requirements of the Membership convener, in conjunction with new website hosting and software.

**Website Committee**

Due to ongoing issues with the current webserver, and website software, the convener of the committee, Margaret Vail, has investigated some new options and prepared a report that was shared at the Spring Executive meeting, and approved by the Board. In addition, the new website software will assist with automating the issuing of notices for Membership registrations and renewals.

**Resolution Committee**

Kathryn Rose has received one resolution at the moment, and this has forwarded it to the Secretary. The committee sits during the OGM.

**Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund Committee**

A notice of the scholarship was posted in the APLA Bulletin, as advised in the Standing Orders & Procedures, and email notices forwarded to the library schools across Canada. Information and application forms were updated on the APLA website.

Two expressions of interest were received, although only one completed application was received. The application was reviewed by the VPs – Provincial, and a recommendation was made. The APLA Board was advised of the successful candidate.

**First Timer’s Conference Grant**

The notice was included in the Bulletin, conference announcements and also posted on the APLA Website. One application was received, just past the application deadline. The Finance Committee
reviewed the application, and a recommendation was made. The APLA Board was advised of the successful candidate.

**Advocacy Committee**

In early April 2019, a letter was prepared by Louise White, recognizing the support school libraries in the Newfoundland government’s upcoming budget, and was submitted to the provincial department of Education.

In addition, we supported the Ontario Library Association’s request for information about the impact of Interlibrary Loans Services in other provinces by providing information gathered by the VP provincial, for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland – in their advocacy effort to restore the recently cut funding to public libraries by the provincial government (that has led to the cancellation of their ILLS).

**VP Membership**

*Submitted by:* Carolyn DeLorey

**Membership Summary**

As of April 29, 2019, our *active membership* totals 310. This is a decrease of 10 members since the annual membership report of April 2018. Memberships remain in good standing for 3 months after expiry. The active membership includes 39 memberships that have expired within the last 3 months.

**Membership Statistics as of April 29, 2019**

**Active Membership:** 310

**Active Members by Province**

The total membership has decreased from last year, but it has remained consistent with previous three years. NL was the only province to increase memberships, which may be due to the conference being held in St. John’s this year.

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Active Institutional Members by Province

Our total number of institutional memberships is 37; this is up by 10 from last year. An email campaign to all past institutional members in May 2018 resulted in renewals from some long-expired institutional members. Fifteen institutional memberships are complimentary, thus do not generate any funds. All eight of the institutional memberships from other provinces fall into this category.

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Active Joint Memberships

Our total number of joint memberships remains the same as last year. An increase of 10 NLLA joint memberships was balanced by a decrease in NB and NS. APLNB has been inactive this past year and a decision was made in February 2019 to suspend this joint membership option. The 18 APLA/APLNB memberships below had been renewed prior to this decision.

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New Members by Province

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Membership Comparison by Type

The complimentary memberships include 1 personal and 15 institutional. The category of personal includes librarian, library support staff, unwaged, retired, and trustee; student was included in the personal count prior to 2017. In 2017, we began counting students separately to distinguish between paying and non-paying personal memberships.

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Other Business

Membership Renewal Reminders

Since the February 2019 report, 57 renewal reminders have been sent out to all members whose memberships had expiry dates from February to April 2019. Names were sent to the VP Provinces, who contacted the members directly. Of those 59 members who received reminders, 12 have renewed their membership. One member purchased a lifetime membership. Additionally, the VP Membership sent out two reminders to institutional members, resulting in one renewal.

Treasurer

Submitted by: Maggie Neilson
Please find below the report of the Financial Examiner, Peter Glenister, for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. The Atlantic Provinces Library Association remained in good financial standing for this period. As of March 31, 2019, our chequing account had $8,702.78 our savings account had $61,220.20 and our PayPal account had $0.00 (transferred to savings account). The VISA bill carried a balance of $2.25.

The 2018 APLA conference generated a revenue of $11,920.77. As per article 3.15 of the APLA Standing Orders, 50% of the revenue from the conference ($5960.39) is returned to the general revenue, while the remaining 50% ($5960.39) can be allocated to the Memorial Award, the First Timers Award, or back into the general revenue. Allocation of conference revenue funds was discussed at the APLA Executive meeting on February 28, 2019, and it was the will of the Executive to divide 50% of the conference revenue into thirds. On April 25th, 2019, $1986.80 was reinvested in both the Memorial Award fund and the First Timer’s Award fund. The remaining third ($1986.80) was kept in the savings account as general revenue as per the Standing Orders article mentioned above. These investments will be reflected in the 2019-2020 financial year.

VP New Brunswick
Submitted by: Courtney Pyrke

Membership Renewal

I have been working to reach out to members whose memberships are due to be renewed as needed throughout the year. I have also made efforts to share information about our membership within my network. This includes trying to reach out to the library staff located at the University of New Brunswick (Saint John campus), Horizon Health Network, and New Brunswick Public Library Service.

APLA Bulletin

I have been encouraging individuals and organizations to share information to be added to the APLA Bulletin and I have worked to provide content for publication in the Bulletin.

APLA Surveys

This past winter, I worked with Patricia Doucette and Trecia Schell to create membership surveys regarding how APLA communicates with its members, as well as APLA’s goals.

VP Newfoundland & Labrador
Submitted by: Kate Shore

I took over for Amanda Tiller-Hackett in Fall 2018 and have since resumed her duties. These include; membership renewals, APLA Bulletin submissions, attending NLLA meetings and APLA Subcommittees.
Membership Renewals

During my time as APLA VL for NL, I sent membership renewal reminders as needed as well as a coordinated membership drive with the Director of Membership NLLA ahead of the spring conferences to various listservs regarding renewing/joining APLA and NLLA.

APLA Bulletin

I submitted Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries update for each APLA Bulletin edition since the beginning of my term (often in collaboration with Kristine Power, Communications Coordinator at the Queen Elizabeth II Library, MUN and Susan Prior, NLPL). I regularly encouraged others to submit, as well.

NLLA News

The NLLA is celebrating it’s 50th anniversary this year. To celebrate, this year the association held a 2-day (free for current members) conference on April 29-May 30, 2019. This year, we had an amazing array of speakers from all types of libraries in the province, as well as a special Past-Presidents reception celebrated the past 50 years of NLLA.

The NLLA had created an ad-hoc committee regarding the NLPL Future State plan. The work of the committee was very important, and a motion was put forward to create a standing advocacy committee to deal with all matters related to libraries in the province and beyond. The motion passed at the Spring GM, and the terms of reference will be completed for the Fall GM.

APLA Subcommittees

I have taken part in committee work since beginning, and recently have been active with Aims and Objectives Committee; Advocacy Committee; the APLA Nomination and Elections Committee; the APLA Merit Award Committee; the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Selection Committee; and the APLA Advocacy Award Committee.

APLA Conference, 2019

The 2019 conference will be held in St. John’s, NL at Emera innovation Exchange at the Signal Hill Campus, MUN, from June 5-8. For more details information please refer to the 2019 APLA Conference Committee Report further details.

VP Nova Scotia
Submitted by: Bill Slauenwhite
This is my final report as VP for Nova Scotia. I’ve had a great time in my second stint on the APLA Executive and know that I am leaving the duties in good hands with incoming VP Cate Carlyle.

I continued to send renewal reminders to members. I served on several APLA committees to recommend awards for this year. As a member of the APLA Executive Nominations Committee, I assisted in recruiting for the open positions on the Exec. I also participated in the Aims and Objectives Committee.

I also helped gather information regarding ILL practices in Nova Scotia libraries to assist the Partnership in addressing the proposed funding cuts to two inter-library loan networks in Ontario.

**VP Prince Edward Island**

**Submitted by:** Beth Clinton

**Memberships**

PEI members whose memberships have expired were contacted with a friendly reminder to renew their memberships. Some assistance was necessary to navigate the online membership form.

**APLA Bulletin**

A submission for the Public Library Service was submitted for the latest *APLA Bulletin*. Colleagues from all library fields (i.e. academic, public and special) will be contacted regarding submissions for inclusion in future editions.

**Vice President, Prince Edward Island**

I took the position of VP, Prince Edward Island in March 2019 and am still orienting myself to the duties and responsibilities but am looking forward to representing PEI and APLA.

**Bulletin Co-Editors**

**Submitted by:** Marc Harper and Kathryn Rose

The *Bulletin* editors thank everyone who submitted news stories this year. It has been great reading about the creative initiatives and exciting activities at libraries in Atlantic Canada.

**Editors**

Kathryn Rose has been technical editor since late 2018 as she took over when MaryDale Taylor stepped down. Marc Harper has kept his position as content editor which he began in October 2016.

**Archived Content**

APLA 2019 OGM Executive Reports
In May 2019, we saw the culmination of our long-term project of migrating almost a century worth of APLA Bulletins in one place. Issues from 1928 until today are now housed on Open Journal Systems (OJS) [here](#). This was truly a team effort as Bulletin editors worked closely with the OJS team at Acadia University to store archived content in one place. This, in conjunction with last year’s decision to make each issue available in one big PDF, makes our Bulletin easier than ever to access and more user-friendly to read.

**Provincial VPs**

The Summer issue of the APLA Bulletin (scheduled for August) will be released with the help of four new provincial VPs. These VPs play an important role in each publication as they make contacts within their provinces and make sure representatives from all institutions are aware that an issue is coming up so no potential submissions go unwritten.

**Outgoing and incoming provincial VPs are:**

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**Communications Coordinator**

**Submitted by:** Kristel Fleuren-Hunter

**Listserv**

- Moderation of the APLA listserv including sharing items of interest and approving pending posts.
- Adding/removing members, updating email addresses.

**Social Media**

Post items as required. Create an image of news items so they can be posted on Instagram. The graphics and media blurbs provided by the Education Institute coordinator are very helpful and it is easy to keep social media updated on EI webinar offerings.
• **Instagram (APLagram)**: Share relevant images and use Canva to create images of news items so that they can be shared. We currently have 110 followers. Submissions of photos are always welcome and encouraged.

• **Twitter (@APLAcgontact)**: Post and retweet relevant and interesting items. We currently have 813 followers.

• **Facebook**: Post and share relevant and interesting items. We currently have 306 members of the APLA Facebook group. All members are able to post on the page.

This is my final report as Communications Coordinator and I will be transferring all of the information over to Courtney Pyrke.

**Webmaster**

Submitted by: Margaret Vail

**Webmaster Activities in 2018/2019**

• Website updates as requested by the other executive members and committee leaders
• Update and maintain security patches on the Drupal website
• Investigated options for a new website, hosting company, and membership management software. Presented the options to the APLA Executive at the Winter 2019 meeting
• Created permanent email accounts for all executive members to aid in continuance planning. All email accounts are hosted for free through a grandfathered google for my business account
• Created membership ID’s for each member that were submitted to partnership to allow our members to take advantage of benefits
• Assisted with technical issues on OJS related to the APLA Bulletin

**Plans for 2019/2020**

• Develop new website
• Implement membership management software
APLA Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee

Submitted by: Louise White, Convenor

The APLA Advocacy Committee is comprised of the provincial Vice Presidents and a convener named from the membership. Its purpose is to be alert to issues of concern to libraries of all types and prepare public statements and campaigns on behalf of the Association.

ACTIVITIES

The Committee continues to keep close watch on developments related to the Newfoundland & Labrador Public Library (NLPL). Following public protest by the community, the Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association, APLA as well as other provincial and national library associations, the provincial government halted the proposed closure of half the library branches in the system. This alarming proposal had been put forward as a means to meet 2016 budget reductions. The government subsequently commissioned Ernst and Young LLP (EY) to conduct an organizational review of NLPL. The report titled, Organizational and Service Review of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library System was completed in May 2017. It made 18 recommendations which then formed the basis upon which the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (PILRB) developed its Future State Plan which was published March 31, 2018. APLA supported the Board’s request for a 1.7M increase for the 2019/20 fiscal year to implement phase one of the Plan in a letter to the relevant Minister which can be found on the Advocacy page of the Association website. To date, only a steady state allocation has been made in a provisional budget, the fate of which depends on the outcome of the upcoming election.

In the letter mentioned above, APLA commend the NL government for its allocation of an additional $500,000 to establish library learning commons in 40 Kindergarten to Grade 6 schools in the province. Attendees of the NLLA annual conference learned about the pilot project which led to this positive development in the session Growing Kids Who Can Change the Game: The School Library Learning Commons Movement in Newfoundland and Labrador presented by teacher librarian Leigh Borden.

The Committee is also preparing responses to two less encouraging developments, one in the region and one in Ontario. The New Brunswick Public Library has incurred a 2% reduction in its budget this year. As the Association letter writing campaign demonstrating the value of libraries moves into New Brunswick this year, the impact of this decrease will be addressed. As the Ontario Library Association added its voice to the outcry concerning the proposal to close NL public libraries, APLA will support OLA in its efforts to address the recent budget cuts to Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) and Ontario Library Service North (OLS-North). These centralized services provide collaborative resource purchasing
and sharing as well as staff training. OLS-North is pivotal to the coordination of public libraries in First Nations communities.

A decision on the 2019 Advocacy Award winner has been forwarded to the Executive for announcement via the Association listserv and website and presentation at the APLA annual conference to be held in St. John’s, NL in June. Granting this award is always a rewarding task as doing so provides an opportunity for the members of the Association to celebrate the promotion of libraries, advocacy and outreach.

Aims and Objectives Committee

Submitted by: Trecia Schell, Convenor

From the 2018 Spring meeting, we received a note from Juanita Lewis, that she wished to retire from the APLA @Games Committee, and we were tasked with finding a new Convenor. An email notice was crafted and shared, and we’re pleased to welcome Jennifer Devlin as the new convenor.

A virtual meeting was held Wednesday January 23, 2019 - several items were included on the agenda for discussion as points of action from the 2018 Fall Executive meeting, such as filling two vacancies on the Memorial Award committee (for PEI and NB), the concern over the lack of communication from APLNB and APLA’s ability to process joint memberships effectively, and developing a survey tool to engage membership in reviewing the association’s mandate, mission, aims and objectives (to ensure relevancy) for feedback prior to the OGM. A second survey for evaluating member satisfaction with the association, and its services will be offered at a later date. (We also discussed the importance of sharing communications in both official languages, and recognized that to do so, we may need to arrange for French translation support.) In addition, the Nominations Committee shared that nominations were going well, and it was also mentioned that provincial library associations and APLA struggle to find members to serve on their boards from NB, PEI and NFLD & Labrador – particularly from the public library sector. The Conference committee also shared a quick update that plans were going well.

The updates and ongoing activities of the A&O committee were shared with the Executive at the Winter meeting in February. The survey was launched in March and completed at the end of April. A prize draw was held for survey participants who wished to enter the draw for a 25$ gift certificate from COLES/Chapters/Indigo – and the winner was contacted via email. The President and VP - New Brunswick have had contact with the former executive of the APLNB.

In early April, the A & O committee members assisted with the information request about Interlibrary Loan Services in their regions, for the Ontario Library Association’s advocacy campaign. And in April and May, the A & O committee assisted with the review of the Merit Award, the approval of the recommendation of the recipient of the Memorial Award, and the evaluation and awarding of the Carin Somers Scholarship.
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Conference Committee
Submitted by: Kate Shore, VP Newfoundland & Labrador

Preparations for the APLA 2019 Conference [https://apla2019.wordpress.com/] being held in St. John’s, NL at the newly opened Emera Innovation Centre at the Signal Hill Campus of Memorial University of Newfoundland, June 5-8, are well under way.

This year we have a spectacular schedule which includes over 60 speakers for pre-conference events, long presentations and lightning rounds. All schedule information can be found online at [https://apla2019.sched.com/].

The 2019 Exhibition Hall will be centrally located in the main conference Hall and will include 26 exhibitors, as well as featuring the Store in a Box table for conference standees.

Our opening Keynote Speaker is Ashley Glassburn - a Presidential Indigenous Peoples Scholar and assistant professor of women’s and gender studies at the University of Windsor.

Our Closing Keynote Speaker is Kelly Brownbill who will be speaking on Ensuring Authentic Indigenous Content. Ms. Brownbill is a member of the Flat Bay community of the Mi’kmaq Nation in Newfoundland, and of the Three Fires Midewin Lodge.

We have a block of hotel rooms booked at the Marriott Hotel and at Memorial University residence – for more information visit [https://apla2019.wordpress.com/accommodations/]. There will be a regularly scheduled shuttle service offered by Memorial University between the residence and Signal Hill, as well as for the Awards reception when the shuttle is not available.

The opening reception will be held at the Emera Innovation Centre on June 5 and will feature a performance by Eastern Owl - an Indigenous led All Nations Women's Drum group based in St John's NL.

The Merit Awards Reception will be held on June 7 at Admiral’s Green and will feature music by “Ted Dancin” – a local cover band. It should be lots of fun!

We on track to having an exciting and informative conference - we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Conference Planning Committee Members:

Alison Ambi, MUN  Ryan Lewis, MUN
Emily Blackmore, NLPL  Mark McCumber, NLPL
Leigha Chaisson-Locke, NLPL  Kathryn Rose, MUN
Catherine Lawton, MUN  Kate Shore, MUN

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Becky Smith, MUN
Amanda Tiller-Hackett, MUN

Games @ the Library

Submitted by: Jennifer Devlin

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The 2018 Games @ the Library Week was a success! Games @ the Library week was held from Sunday, October 21 through to Saturday, October 27 inclusively. A budget of $175 was established for the event. The prize was a Samsung Galaxy Tablet E-Lite which was won by Sady MacKinnon at La Médiathèque Père-Louis-Lamontagne. A total of 460 ballots were received from 31 different libraries with a total of 451 participants. Thank you to all involved!

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Committee

Submitted by: Trecia Schell

The notices for applications to the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship award were posted in the 2018 Fall and 2019 Winter editions of the APLA Bulletin. The online application forms, and webpage information was update with the current contact information. An email notice was sent to all the library schools in Canada, in December 2018, January 2019 and again in late February/early March prior to the deadline at the end of March 2019.

Two expressions of interest were received during that time period, although it was a third candidate that submitted a completed application. The committee reviewed the completed application, and it was agreed that the candidate was an excellent recommendation. We are pleased to be able to award the 2019 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship to Ms. Renee Belleau from Moncton, New Brunswick to begin her studies at the University of Toronto’s iSchool in the fall of 2019. Ms. Belleau is unable to join us at the 2019 Conference, but she sends her great appreciation for the support of her academic and professional endeavors – and looks forward to joining us at a future APLA conference.

The Treasurer has followed up with Ms. Belleau on the financial arrangements for receiving the award, and the Secretary with sending a certificate in recognition of receiving the award. The APLA Board has been informed, and the VP Membership shall follow-up with the awarding of the 1-year membership.

APLA Memorial Award Committee

Submitted by: Kate Stewart, Convenor

Committee Members: Kate Stewart (Convenor – Saint Mary’s University), Sarah Gladwell (New Brunswick Public Libraries), Alison Black (Halifax Public Libraries), Trina O’Brien Leggott (Prince Edward Island), Vicki Murphy (Newfoundland Public Libraries)
The APLA Memorial Award supports the projects of members who wish to contribute to their professional development and to the library profession as a whole, through research, study, or other appropriate endeavour. This year, the award will be given to Patricia McCormick, Deputy Chief Librarian of the Eastern Counties Regional Library in Nova Scotia. Ms. McCormick requires financial assistance to fund a trip to Denmark to tour several Open Public Libraries and meet with experts in the set-up and operation of Open Libraries. Open Library technology delivers customized, on-demand service to its users, providing expanded access to library resources. Eastern Counties Regional Library is launching a pilot project implementing the first Open Library in Nova Scotia. The committee found Ms. McCormick’s application well-presented and detailed. We are pleased to be able to support research on this timely topic, as it has the potential to profoundly affect services of public libraries in Nova Scotia, specifically in rural areas. We look forward to Ms. McCormick sharing her research findings in the APLA Bulletin upon completion of her research. The value of the award for this year is not yet determined at the time of writing.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their participation and thoughtful contributions.
Greetings from the School of Information Management (SIM)

This past year was a year of successful events, milestones and change within SIM. The School has been busy implementing our Strategic Priorities, preparing our self-study for our ALA External Review panel who will be visiting Dalhousie this Fall (September 30th – October 1st), and connecting with our communities. Below are the highlights from our past year, focusing on our activities related to our Strategic Priorities, Program Updates, Research Highlights, Faculty Updates, Administrative Updates, our Students, our Alumni, and SIM 50.

Strategic Priorities

1. **Grow Programs and Advance Information Management Education:** SIM met our enrolments targets for most of our programs this year. We continue to work on increasing our numbers in our MIM program. We are finalizing plans for Continuing Education modules (Research Data Management and Community Led Services). We are very pleased to announce we will have a new student award this spring. The Council of Nova Scotia Archives has initiated an award to the graduating student who, in the opinion of faculty, shows the most promise and interest in the archival profession, both in and outside the classroom. Our APLA award winner will be announced at Convocation on June 1st.

2. **Strengthen Research Impact:** SIM will be announcing a new tenure track hire and has been working to increase our scholarly output and impact, as highlighted below. Since our last accreditation, SIM has doubled our grant funding.

3. **Engage with Community:** SIM is excited to continue its partnerships with Library and Archives Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, Treasury Board of Canada, ARMA, Dalhousie Libraries, our other Academic library partners, Halifax Public Libraries, and Archives Nova Scotia on projects and research.

4. **Increase Diversity and Inclusion:** SIM’s priorities include increasing the diversity of our prospective students, our faculty and staff, and embedding diversity and inclusion across the curriculum. Through Dal analytics, we now have tools to better track the diversity of our students. All hiring processes at Dalhousie include systematic strategies to increase the diversity in our applicant pool. Our Curriculum Committee is working with SIM Faculty to ensure
Indigenous knowledge is embedded across courses. SIM is collaborating with other Library and Information Schools to create a set of competencies related to Indigenous knowledge.

Program Updates

After considering the topic for the past decade, SIM moved forward with a name change for or Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) degree – to a Master of Information (MI). The purpose of the name change is to: 1) Reflect more accurately the content of the program, and our program goals; 2) To be more inclusive of all the career options possible through the degree; 3) To enhance our ability to recruit students to the emerging areas of the profession including but not limited to: information governance, big data, open data, digital transformation, human centred design. This change reflects the transitions within the profession, the new emerging workplace opportunities centered around digital transformation, big data, open data, community engagement and human centred design, and mirrors changes in similar programs across North American. The MI will provide a broad umbrella under which the program can grow in multiple directions, continuing to support diverse professional communities including librarians, archivists, information managers, information architects, data managers and user design experts.

This is a change of name, not of the program content. Educating future librarians remains central to SIM. The MI, as our current process indicates, will continue to go through the ALA accreditation process, which remains as the key designation within the library field. As such the MI degree continues to be the appropriate credential for those seeking employment in libraries.

As confirmed on the ALA website:

“(t)he master’s degree in library and information studies is frequently referred to as the MLS; however, ALA-accredited degrees have various names such as Master of Information Studies, Master of Information, Master of Arts, Master of Librarianship, Master of Library and Information Studies, or Master of Science. The degree name is determined by the program. The Committee for Accreditation evaluates programs based on their adherence to the Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Programs in Library and Information Studies, not based on the name of the degree”

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Council approved of the name change this spring. The new name will assist in recruiting students to the new emerging areas within the program, while satisfying the needs of students who are interested in an ALA accredited degree. Students who are currently in our program will be able to pick the degree name of their choice. This June will mark the time interested students will graduate with a Master of Information. We are currently working on a suite of certificates, including Archives, Librarianship, Data Management and Information Management and Policy to allow students to specialize within our general degree.
We are continuing with our evaluation of our curriculum in our Master of Information Management (MIM) program, and we will be making recommendations for change soon. The Bachelor of Management Program has implemented program changes based on its review, and SIM’s has launched a new major and a certificate within the program. Our Managing Data and Information (MD&I) Certificate will provide students with a broader understanding of how data can be used to address diverse, real-world problems in multiple sectors and disciplines. It will prepare students to use data to inform evidence-based decision making and provide a broader understanding of current trends of information production. Students will understand the importance of information management in supporting decision-making and be prepared to effectively leverage information systems to meet business needs.

**Research Highlights**

The work of SIM students was highlighted at our annual Research Day on April 5th, with the following presentations.

- **Curtis Martin (MMM):** “It Feels Like Engaging with a Friend”: Using Interpersonal Communication Strategies to Encourage Science Conversations on Social Media

- **Robin Parker (IDPhD):** Where Research Skills and Knowledge Meet: Qualitative Case Study of a Systematic Review Course

- **Jillian Pulsifer (MLIS):** Systematic Review: Literature on the Science-Policy Interface in Marine Contexts

- **Amy Lemoine (MLIS):** Information Literacy Instruction for Undergraduate Students in Arts & Social Sciences

- **Tobbi Dyer (MLIS):** How Do Communities Make Decisions? Community decision-making in the context of natural resource management

- **Pat Crysdale (MEC):** Rethinking How Researchers Share Their Data

- **Merran Carr-Wiggan (MLIS University of Alberta):** “They told us it would scare us if we went online”: Libraries’ roles in serving the information needs of parents of children with serious health concerns

- **Yan Chen (IDPhD):** Using Machine Learning and Social Media Data to Understand Landscape Perceptions

- **Kate Newhook (MLIS):** The Role of Music in Linguistic and Cultural Knowledge
SIM faculty are actively involved in a broad range of research. Below are selected highlights of our collective output this past year.


Brown, A., Grek Martin, J., & Howard V. Shared reading for strengthened relationships among those experiencing maternal incarceration. Library Quarterly. (Forthcoming)

Colborne, Adrienne and Michael Smit. Disinformation risks to open data in the post-truth era: Perspectives on digital disinformation. Journal of Data and Information Quality, [In Revision]


Martin, Curtis and Bertrum H. MacDonald. “Using Interpersonal Communication Strategies to Engage Lay Audiences in Science Conversations on Social Media.” Poster accepted for presentation at the 2019 International Conference on Social Media and Society (#SMSociety), Toronto, 19-21 July 2019.


Faculty Member Updates

APLA 2019 OGM Educational Institution Reports
This is a time of change at SIM. Dr.’s Fiona Black, and Bertrum MacDonald are retiring from their roles as full-time faculty at SIM. Both Fiona and Bertrum, have had significant and long-lasting impact within the School, the Faculty and the University. We thank them for their expertise, their endless energy, support and mentoring, as well as their vision for the School, and commitment to our programs, students and alumni. We will not be losing them, both will remain as Adjunct professors with SIM, and Bertrum will be continuing for the next year, in a post-retirement position. We will be celebrating both of these exceptional academics at our SIM 50 celebrations this fall. Stay tuned.

The School congratulated Dr. Louise Spiteri, who was promoted to Professor. Dr. Vivian Howard has taken on the role of Interim Dean, for the Faculty of Management, and Dr. Mike Smit is the Associate Dean, Academic for the Faculty of Management. SIM will be announcing some additions to our SIM Faculty very soon.

Changes in our Administrative Team

SIM is also very sad to announce that JoAnn Watson, our Program Coordinator will be retiring from the school as of June 30th. JoAnn joined SIM in 2005 and has also had a tremendous impact within the School, the Faculty and our information communities. Her leadership with our Practicum program has been remarkable and has enabled all our students to have a customized experiential learning opportunity. Her strategic planning, and organizational skills will be greatly missed. We thank her for her outstanding work for the School. We are pleased to announce that Janet Music will be moving from the Dean’s Suite in the Faculty, to assume JoAnn’s position.

SIM Students

We were very pleased to welcome a strong and diverse class of 38 new students this fall. SIM’s student also had a busy year, with over 6 lunch and learn sessions, tours, and a mentorship program planned by our School of Information Management Student Association (SIMAA). The Co-Chair for SIM this past year were Courtney Vienneau and Alison McLaughlin. They led a team that included Communications Chair: Emma Craig, Financial Chair: Brian Jenkins, Returning Academic Chair: Jen Hill, First Year Academic Chair: Dan Phillips, Returning Digital Publications Chair: Colleen Savage, First Year Digital Publications Chair: Robyn Nicholson, Returning Non-Academic Chair: Amy LeMoine, First Year Non-Academic Chair: Kira Chalupa, Special Projects Chair: Nicole Slipp.

SIM students, led by IWB Chair Cassandra Larose hosted their 13th annual Information Without Borders conference on February 12th, 2019. The theme chosen for this year was ‘Access to Information’, and activities included a keynote by Dr. Teresa Blankmeyer Burke who spoke on Wood and Glass: Windows, Barriers, and Borders. The urban geographer, Daniel Rotsztain gave the closing talk - Distorted
Cartographies. Over 150 individuals attended the conference, an increase over the past year. Congratulations to all involved on an excellent conference.

SIM Alumni

SIM is fortunate to have strong and engaged alumni across the country. Our SIM Associated Alumni work closely with the school to plan events, and to recruit volunteers. SIM Alumni are a key part of our governance structure, playing roles in our Admissions, Curriculum, and Appointments, Promotion and Tenure committee. In addition to their usual events, this year SIMAA launched its first networking event for students from SIM and NSCC to meet professionals in the information management field, with focused activities to ensure real interactions. The event was planned by SIMAA Chair David MacDonald and was held in the Red Chamber in Province House on November 19, 2018. The event was very well attended by students and professionals.

It was exciting for SIM to honour one of our own, Dr. Fiona Black as the 2018 Dal SIM Outstanding Alumni Award winner at the Welcome Event hosted by SIMAA on September 27th.

SIM would like to both recognize and thank the following members of the SIMAA Executive:

Chair – David MacDonald, Vice Chair – Robyn Gray, Past Chair – Shelley McKibbon, Member at Large – Amy Lorencz, Program Convenor - Alicia Whidden, Nominations –Robyn Gray, Outstanding Alumni Award Selection – Fiona Black.

We would also like to thank our committee members for the past year, Marie DeYoung, who served on our Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee (APT), Joyce Thomson who served on our MLIS Admissions committee, and Hannah Steeves and Alison Black who were the alumni representatives on our Curriculum Committee.

SIM would also like to thank all of our Alumni for their continual support of our school and our programs. Many of you host our student for practicums, hire our students and are professional partners for our students. Your contributions are an essential part of our School and our programs.

Key Events and Lectures

Library and Archives Canada/Dalhousie Libraries/School of Information Management IM Symposium

The topic for this year’s symposium was Indigenous Knowledge & Access. The event focused on the work and challenges of documenting and improving access to Indigenous knowledge. The day featured a keynote address by Elder Albert Marshall and Dr. Cheryl Bartlett, presentations from the Mi’kmawey Debert Cultural Centre, as well as the Beaton Institute. The event was very well attended, and a follow up symposium is being planned for next year.
Horrocks Lecture and Award Ceremony

Continuing with our focus on Indigenous issue, Camille Callison was chosen as this year’s Horrocks Leadership Lecturer. Camille provided an inspiring talk on *Furthering Reconciliation by Honouring Indigenous Voices and Embedding Indigenous Protocols into Cultural Memory Institution Praxis*. Rachel Fry was awarded the Dalhousie-Horrocks National Leadership Fund.

Open Data Contest

This was the third year that SIM worked with the Province of Nova Scotia to host an Open Data Contest. The event saw an increase in participation – we had twenty-eight teams competing using Nova Scotia open data to create apps, models, visualizations, dashboards and more to address key issues in Nova Scotia including health care and environmental issues. The event was sponsored by the Government of Nova Scotia, Dalhousie Faculty of Management, ESRI, IBM and Socrata. See our blog [Inform](#) for more details.

Information Management Public Lecture Series

Information Management Lecture allows SIM to highlight the breadth of Information research, and to stimulate discussion and debate. We are happy to work collaboratively with our partners to bring leading researchers to Halifax, and to showcase our regional talent. We are actively planning our lectures for next year and would love your input. Send us your thoughts to [sim@dal.ca](mailto:sim@dal.ca).

Here is a list of the lecturers from this past year.

2019-2019 Lectures

- 1994 Called – It Wants its FOI Law Back: Things Nova Scotians Should Know About Their Right to Know (Janet Burt-Gerrans)
- Science and the Public Sphere: What is Science Literacy and What is its Public Value? (Daniel Cressey, Linda Pannozzo, Shelley Denny, Karen Traversy)
- Paywall: The Business of Scholarship (film)
- Cybervetting and the Public Life of Social Media Data (Anatoliy Gruzd, Philip Mai)
• Scientists Talking to the Public: A One-Way Conversation? Exploring Engagement Strategies in Science Communication (Alexander Desire-Tesar, Curtis Martin)

• Fonts of Knowledge: Transitions in the Design of Early Modern Books in the Netherlands – A Theory (Goran Poot)

SIM 50

SIM 50 is here. We will be finalizing plans with our planning committee – so stay tuned. Please save the date October 26th, 2019 for a celebration of all things SIM here in Halifax, while we will be hosting regional events across the country.

NSCC Library and Information Technology Program

Submitted by: Kristina Parlee, Faculty, NSCC Library and Information Technology Program

It has been another busy and successful year in the Library and Technology Program at NSCC. As Spring Convocation approaches and we look forward to seeing our current group of on campus and online students receive their diplomas, we wish to take this time to report on changes and news from the program.

Departmental Changes

We began the year with a change in faculty in the department following the retirement of Joanne Doucet at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. Joanne has been a steady influence in the program over her 14 years with NSCC and her dedication and support to the students has been tireless. We wish her well in her retirement.

Joining the program as new faculty this year is Bruce Ross. Bruce comes to the program from the NSCC Akerley campus where he most recently served as Campus Librarian. Prior to working at NSCC, Bruce worked with AVRL and CEHPL. Bruce takes over from Joanne focusing on courses in subject cataloguing and information services.

Program Review and Related Course Updating

During the 2018 academic year, the Library and Information Technology Program has been undergoing a program review. This process is in place to examine the current curriculum and teaching to ensure that the program is keeping pace with the library industry. Although this process is ongoing, individual courses have already introduced new content to reflect technology and industry trends.

Notable updates include:
• A unit in Information Services 1 was expanded upon to include a detailed look at Open Educational Resources and how they can be used in reference work.

• The Multimedia course has added content on Podcasts, Screencasts, Video Production basics and the popular online graphic design program Canva.

• Across several courses, there has been an increased focus on experiential learning, with assignments in several classes being based around service to our campus and extended library community. These included:
  
  o Hosting planning, organizing and hosting an information table focusing on sustainable transit options for students accessing the Ivany Campus.
  
  o Participating as volunteers for the Ivany Campus Games at the Library Events in October, assisting with advertising, setup/tear-down and hosting events.
  
  o Crafting social media posts to be shared via One Book Nova Scotia Facebook, Twitter and Instagram channels.
  
  o Designing and creating posters for March Break Programming activities taking place at Cumberland Public Libraries.
  
  o Working on a partnered assignment with students creating business plans for an Applied Entrepreneurship course, second year Library Technology students offered business students information on relevant resources available from NSCC Library subject guides.

Community Support

As always, the program wishes to acknowledge the continued support of the library community for our students and their learning. First year students toured a total of eight different libraries in the fall term. The gracious hosts of these tours provided lots of rich information regarding a wide range of library work, and how the library field is in a constant state of change. The libraries we visited were:

• Halifax Central Library, Dartmouth North Public Library, SMU Patrick Power Library, Sir James Dunn Law Library, McInnes Cooper Law Library, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources Library, Oceanview Elementary School Library (at the Tallahassee School site) and the Shearwater Aviation Museum Library and Archives

Additionally, this year; libraries, archives and records management departments across HRM and beyond have provided robust work terms for our graduating students. In addition to ongoing support from Halifax based universities, Halifax Public Libraries, the Nova Scotia Provincial Archives, the Scotiabank Family History Centre, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education and several records management departments within the Province of Nova Scotia, we have had first time placements this
year at the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives, NSCC Burridge Campus and the Library and Archives at the Shearwater Aviation Museum.

2018 Student Award Winners

The following awards were presented in June 2018.

**Industry Awards**

- APLA Award: Carl Harvey
- NSLA Award: Alison Holmes
- ARMA Nova Scotia Chapter Award: Caitlin Pilsworth

**NSCC Awards**

- Highest Recognition Award: Julia Coleman
- Library and Information Technology Department Award: Mariah Laing
- School of Business First Year Student Award: Joshua Creelman

We look forward to continuing to work with the library community. If you have questions, comments or requests, including interest in work placement students or information on job postings you would like to share, do not hesitate to contact any of the full-time faculty: Kristina Parlee, Harvey Ratchford or Bruce Ross.
Standing Orders

Standing Order 6: Standing Committees

Current Wording

6.03 Communications and Public Relations Committee

Membership: The convener shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups for a two-year term. Membership shall include the following: APLA President, APLA listserv postmaster, Vice-President for Membership, Co-editors of the APLA Bulletin, webpage editor, and convener of the Francophone Interest Group. The committee may include other members.

Terms of reference:

- to publicize and promote the aims and activities of APLA to libraries and other related organizations and to the general public of the Atlantic Provinces
- as a primary objective, to promote communication among members and to make the committee visible to all members of the Association
- to maintain the APLA listserv
- to maintain the APLA website
- to edit the APLA Membership Directory
- to assist the Bulletin Management Board as necessary in order to ensure the continuance of the APLA Bulletin as the publication of the Association
- to organize a session at each annual conference to increase the visibility of the committee and communication among APLA members
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Suggested Revision

Standing Order 6: Standing Committees

APLA 2019 OGM Standing Orders
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Respectfully Submitted by Kathryn Rose, President: May 7, 2018

To the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association

I have examined for integrity and accuracy the financial records of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association as at 31 March, 2019, including the statements of operations, functional expenses, changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests and procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. In preparation for my review of the Association’s records I met and corresponded with the Treasurer to receive the necessary documents and to clarify certain points.

In my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the organization and its investments as at 31 March, 2019, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the notes to the Statement have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding years. As of that date, the aggregate of assets is $109,543.47 and the Association's equity is $109,336.22.

Also in accord with Standing Order 3.11, I have examined the financial records of the APLA Memorial Awards Trust Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and the balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 31 December, 2018. Current investments are valued at $20,962.24 and deposits of $30,228.65 are in a current account creating an equity level of $51,890.89.

At the discretion of the Executive, Standing Order 3.09 directs that up to $1,000 of any annual operating surplus may be transferred to the Memorial Awards Trust Fund and Standing Order 3.15 that 50% of any annual conference surplus be divided between the Memorial Awards Trust Fund and the First Timers’ Grant Fund; during 2018/2019 no transfers occurred although both had funds available.

Peter Glenister
Halifax, Nova Scotia

2 May, 2019
Revenues

**Budget APLA 2018-2019**

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# Balance Sheet

**Balance Sheet for Atlantic Provinces Library Association 2018-2019**  
April 12/2019

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**NOTES:**

Signature of Financial Examiner:

### Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship

1 January, 2018-31 December, 2018

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Maintenance of this fund was taken over by APLA in June 2004 with the calendar year as the fiscal year.

**NOTES:**
8030413-15, October 17, 2018, reinvested @ 2.2% for 18 months. Interest (2.2%) x $78,697.70 = $1731.34

Signature of Financial Examiner:
# Atlantic Provinces Library Association Memorial Awards Trust Fund

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