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Announcement

The First Islandora Conference

August 3 - 7 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Submitted by MELISSA ANEZ

Islandora is an open-source software framework designed to help institutions and organizations, and their audiences, collaboratively manage and discover digital assets using a best-practices framework. Islandora is also a home-grown Atlantic Canadian creation, born at the Robertson Library of UPEI and now adopted by institutions on almost every continent (someday, Antarctica...), including the Smithsonian, UCLA, and New York's METRO.



For several years now, the Islandora community has been holding three-day 'camps' all over the world, to share and learn about the software and the institutions using it. We have now reached a size and maturity as a community to hold our first full sized conference, and we are extending an invitation to anyone in APLA who would like to take advantage of this international digital library and archives oriented conference happening right here at home: August 3 - 7 in Charlottetown, PEI.

Registration is now open. We hope to see you this summer!

The Islandora Team
<http://islandora.ca>

News from Nova Scotia

Dalhousie University Libraries

Submitted by MICHELE CHARLTON

A New Data Librarian: Julie Marcoux



The Dalhousie Libraries are pleased to welcome Julie Marcoux to the role of Data Librarian. The appointment came into effect on June 1.

Julie comes to Dalhousie from the Université de Moncton, where she currently serves as the reference, data and geospatial data Librarian. In that role, she has particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to help the nursing, psychology and science students and professors with their research, and help anyone in the uMoncton community find and access data and statistics. Julie is especially proud of her Excel expertise which has led to several invitations to present at various Data Liberation Initiative (DLI) regional workshops: Atlantic Canada, West

Canada, Québec, and Ontario. She is the DLI representative for uMoncton, and recently became one of two Atlantic DLI Regional Training Co-ordinators.

Julie completed her Bachelor in Information Management with Université de Moncton in 2009, and graduated in 2011 from the University of Ottawa's bilingual Master of Information Studies.

Julie looks forward to using what she's learned to help Dalhousie's researchers (students and professors) navigate the complex but rewarding world of data research. As both a reference and a data librarian, she plans to create workshops that will be relevant to Dalhousie's research interests, and to design wonderful handouts for use outside of classes or workshops.

The Selection Committee was quite impressed by Julie and we are all looking forward to working with her.

Congratulations, Julie!

Drs. Joyline Makani and Martine Durier-Copp awarded SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant

Congratulations to Drs. Joyline Makani (Dalhousie Libraries and Dalhousie Faculty of Management) and Martine Durier-Copp, (Dalhousie Faculty of Management), who were recently awarded a SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant!

Drs. Makani and Durier-Copp will be conducting a review of evidence to address "What new ways of learning, particularly in higher education, will Canadians need to thrive in an evolving society and labour market?" Their project is titled *Strengthening Deeper Learning through Virtual Teams in E-Learning: A Synthesis of Determinants and Best Practices*, and will focus on:

- A systematic search of the literature
- An interpretive synthesis of current research
- The development of a framework of key determinants of effective e-learning
- The development of an open website in which key stakeholders will provide commentary
- The organisation of a colloquium to validate findings, and presentation of a paper at a major international conference on e-learning.

"E-learning has transformed traditional way of learning in higher education; however, Canada is trailing behind other countries in this respect," says Dr. Joyline Makani. "We expect that our project will strengthen planning and delivery within Canadian centres involved in e-learning."

The topic that Drs. Makani and Durier-Copp will be working on is one of six future challenge areas identified in SSHRC's *Imagining Canada's Future* initiative. These issues reflect key challenges that Canada is likely to face in an evolving global context over the coming decades, and to which the social sciences and humanities research community can contribute its knowledge, talent and expertise.

The knowledge synthesis grants will foster a deeper understanding of the knowledge, delivery mechanisms and learning outcomes necessary for the Canadian education system to support and sustain an innovative, resilient and diverse society. They will also help to identify the roles that the public, private and not-for-profit sectors may play in creating and sustaining new ways of learning, and teaching and pave the way for developing robust policies, practices and tools.

New Database from Adam Matthew: Apartheid South Africa 1948-1980

The Dalhousie Libraries have recently acquired Apartheid South Africa 1948-1980.

This collection of primary sources contains British government files from the Foreign, Colonial, Dominion and Foreign and Commonwealth Offices spanning the period 1948 to 1980. The documents are organized into three chronological collections (1948-1966, 1967-1975 and 1976-1980) that span the history of South Africa from the start of Apartheid to its end.

The collection contains a wide range of English and Afrikaans diplomatic documents, letters, trial papers, news clippings autobiography, and more.

University Archives puts historical maps online

The Libraries' University Archives is pleased to announce the release of three new historical map online resources:

Pullen Map Collection (MS-2-756) – This collection contains fourteen historical maps and charts of Eastern Canada and one illustration, produced by cartographers such as Thomas Jeffreys and Jacques-Nicolas Bellin. Nine of the fifteen items have been digitized.

Edward J. Mullaly Map Collection (MS-2-46) – This collection contains twelve historical maps of Eastern Canada, produced by cartographers such as Giovanni Battista Ramusio and Girolamo Ruscelli. Mullaly's donation also included copies of Kershaw's

"Early Printed Maps of Canada" and "A Monograph of the Evolution of the Boundaries of the Province of New Brunswick" by William F. Ganong. Both volumes were transferred to the Killam Library Special Collections. All twelve maps in this collection have been digitized.

David and Marilyn Janigan Map Collection (2011-006) – This collection contains eighteen historical maps of the Eastern Seaboard and Nova Scotia municipalities, produced by cartographers such as Jacques-Nicolas Bellin and Giacomo Gastaldi. The donation was highlighted in the Dalhousie Magazine (Volume 28, Number 1, Spring 2011). Eight maps have been digitized.

Dalhousie Libraries' University Archives launches new archives catalogue

Dalhousie Libraries' University Archives has released a new online research tool that provides information about a trove of historical records, photographs and other archival materials available to the university community and the general public. In January 2011, the Archives initiated a project to develop an online catalogue hosted by the Dal Libraries. The result, launched officially in January 2015, is a sleek interface

that allows researchers to search over 150,000 descriptions of files and items in the collections.

Michael Moosberger, Dalhousie University Archivist and Associate University Librarian for Research and Scholarly Communications, oversees the operations that manage and provide access to the collections. “We’ve come a long way from the paper-based collection listings and static web pages that were the primary way users discovered what was in our holdings. With our new online catalogue a user can type in any subject or keyword and find what records we have related to the topic, regardless of the collection with which the records are associated,” says Moosberger. The Dalhousie Libraries’ University Archives also holds records of Dalhousie University dating back to its earliest days: “Our new catalogue will also provide easier and faster access to the historical records of the University, which will be in greater demand as we get closer to 2018—Dalhousie’s 200th anniversary. The catalogue allows us to link digitized copies of a record, document or publication directly with the descriptive information in the database, providing users with ‘one-stop shopping’ for some of their research queries,” adds Moosberger.

Already, the Archives has digitized university yearbooks, calendars and the entire archive of Dalhousie Gazette, one of North America’s oldest student newspapers.

Staff at the Archives still have their work cut out—there are hundreds of thousands of uncatalogued documents, photographs, videos and other materials.

“The catalogue covers less than half of our total holdings. There are thousands of boxes of unprocessed records to sort through and describe before they can be made available to the public,” says Creighton Barrett, Dalhousie Libraries Digital Archivist. Simply cataloguing these materials is no longer enough: “Our users want online access to entire collections. This catalogue is an important step in that direction,” says Barrett.

Uncatalogued collections include the archives of important Nova Scotia businesses such as Robb Engineering and the personal archives of prominent researchers affiliated with Dalhousie, such as world-renowned oceans scientist Ransom Myers and civil engineer George Meyerhof.

The catalogue is built with an open-source program called Access to Memory (AtOM), developed by Artefactual Systems, a Vancouver-based archival software development company. New information will be added to the online catalogue on a regular basis as the Archives acquires new material.

For more information about the Archive’s collections and services, visit the Dalhousie Libraries’ University Archives website (<http://dal.ca/archives>). The catalogue can be found online at: <http://findingaids.library.dal.ca>.

Feature

Promoting Academic Research via Free Online Social Media Automation Tools

Submitted by SARANIPTHA (SARAN) CROOS

Introduction

Academic librarians continually endeavour to educate and engage their students, faculty and staff in terms of the library resources, services and programs that their respective libraries provide. The Engineering and Computer Science Library at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) is no different. In recent years, academic, public and special libraries have been using social media tools such as Twitter and Facebook to engage and educate their users due to the wide spread use of such mediums by the public, as well as the relative cost effectiveness to the library. In 2014, a late bloomer to the social media game, the Engineering and Computer Science Library at UNB adopted Twitter and Facebook as our social media tools in order to promote our library's services, programs and activities.

In addition to promoting new library resources, services and other fun activities, we also actively focus on promoting the research output of our Engineering and Computer Science faculties. Actively keeping up-to-date with the research output of both the Engineering and Computer Science faculties, which is comprised of over 100 faculty members and multitudes of grad students, using various scholarly communication mediums could have been a challenge for any library, as it would require deviating human resources from other library services with higher priorities and importance. Therefore, this article will discuss some of the free online social media automation tools that we have adopted, such as Twitterfeed and Tweetdeck, in order to manage and promote the scholarly research output of our faculties while minimizing human resources costs.

What is Twitterfeed?

One of the social media automation tools that the Engineering and Computer Science Library at UNB adopted in order to promote faculty research was Twitterfeed. Twitterfeed is a free online resource that allows us to feed our Twitter account with RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds from blogs or any other platform that supports RSS feeds. In other words, Twitterfeed allows us to display content to a wider audience while also tracking the performance of content through real-time stats.

The Twitterfeed platform enables this type of activity by taking RSS feeds from our chosen publishers and sends new items to our social platforms such as our library's Twitter and Facebook accounts. Twitterfeed also allows us to customize those posts using its

advance setting feature with various appropriate #hashtags and or @handles which truly let us target our audience. For example, the content that we are retrieving from the University organizations via RSS feeds would have been preloaded with #hashtags and or @handles of the student organizations and faculties which we are trying to target, such as Engineering and Computer Science.

Moreover, Twitterfeed enables us to post content from one feed to multiple social platforms that we are using in our library. For example, we can either share content to multiple Twitter accounts or to any combination of Twitter accounts, LinkedIn accounts and Facebook accounts and pages. As a result, this makes managing the content of all our platforms simple.

Integrating SCOPUS RSS feeds with Twitter

In terms of promoting academic research output at the University of New Brunswick's Engineering and Computer Science faculties, the RSS feed we are currently using is from the Scopus database. The Scopus database is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, which includes content from scientific journals, books, conference proceedings and more. Scopus also provides comprehensive coverage of high quality research output in the fields of science and technology, including Engineering and Computer Science, where many of our researchers publish their research findings. As such, adopting Scopus database's RSS feeds was the most logical thing to do in order to automate our social media platforms.

Scopus enables us to set up email and RSS alerts once we have created personal accounts and to subsequently monitor search alerts. These could be set up to track individual researchers who are currently employed within our faculties using their name or Scopus ID, which is a unique identifier for authors with similar names. Scopus also permits users to create alerts by monitoring research by affiliations, which in this case, would be the University of New Brunswick's Engineering and Computer Science Departments. We are also provided with option of selecting date ranges in terms of the published date and when we would prefer to receive our notifications via RSS or email, i.e. weekly, bi-weekly etc. Once the search alerts are setup based on our preferred criteria, we then receive weekly notification emails and RSS feeds when new material that fit our search parameters are added to the Scopus database.

The Scopus RSS feed, which is essentially an embedded URL (Uniform Resource Locator) with our search criteria, could be extracted and placed into the Twitterfeed. Twitterfeed allows us to setup the automation using a 3-step process.

- **Step 1:** The first step requires us to name the feed and add the source URL. In this step, we would be adding the RSS feed which we extracted from the Scopus search alert. Twitterfeed even checks the RSS feed for accuracy and notifies us if there is something wrong with the ingested URL. During the first step, users can make use of the advanced setting function, which enables users to customize our feed in terms of post update frequency, post content as well as the

functionality to shorten URLs directly from the Twitterfeed with bitly or using our personal bitly accounts. Twitterfeed also allows users to use other URL shorteners, which could be embedded into the Twitter post. The advanced settings also permit users to sort our twitter posting with RSS publication date or GUID (Globally unique identifier), which is very useful in terms of identifying current research as well as unique research documents for sorting our postings and managing them. Twitterfeed also provides us with the ability to use a prefix and suffix for each post of up to 20 characters each which enables us to place unique headings, #hashtags and appropriate @handles for each RSS feed.

- **Step 2:** The second step in the process allows us to configure the publishing services such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn and incorporate our RSS feeds to our social media platforms. In this stage, we had to authorize our social media accounts.
- **Step 3:** The final step essentially enables us to complete and activate the services that we have chosen and allow our RSS feeds to be displayed. As a result of this automation, we are able to promote our faculties' research in a much more effective manner that does not require extensive human resources and costs in relation to social media initiatives.

In addition to Scopus RSS feeds, we also have subscribed to RSS feeds from other relevant research blogs that would be useful to our audience as well as other relevant departmental RSS feeds within the university. These include blogs from IEEE, Scopus and other science and technology blogs as well as engineering blogs. All of these RSS feeds have been integrated with our Twitterfeed platform and as new blogs are published they will be automatically ingested into our Engineering and Computer Science Library's Twitter account.

Integrating Tweetdeck with Twitter

The other social media automation tool that the Engineering and Computer Science Library adopted in order to promote research and enhance social media activities was TweetDeck. TweetDeck is a free social media platform that allows us to manage our Twitter account via its dashboard application. Like many other Twitter applications, the TweetDeck interface can be embedded with Twitter API which allows us to send and receive tweets and manage our account in a much more effective manner. It can be used as a web app and/or as a desktop app. TweetDeck allows us to customize its interface which can be setup to display our Twitter timeline, mentions, direct messages, lists, trends, favorites, search results, hashtags, or all tweets by or to a single user. Users can also use Tweetdeck to manage and monitor multiple Twitter accounts while shortening lengthy URLs automatically to a maximum of 23 characters. Another important feature that Tweetdeck offers is to enable users to preload and schedule Tweets which we want to be posted on our Twitter account at a later date or time in order to effectively promote library activities and programs.

TweetDeck is a great automation tool which allows us to schedule and manage our tweets in a much more effective manner, while minimizing time and costs. TweetDeck is

particularly useful for planning and coordinating Tweets during less busy periods of time. For instance, if we are promoting library tutorials that are coming up in the months ahead, we can set-up tweets to be sent out at the appropriate times well in advance. As a result, we will not miss out on important notifications that we should have sent out to our users who are interested in attending tutorials due to other propriety commitments in the library. TweetDeck also lets us embed tweets when we are scheduling tweets with appropriate #hashtags and @handles as well as proper URLs. Finally, TweetDeck permits us to take pictures and schedule those posts into Twitter, which helps coordinate our human resources in a much more effective manner while promoting library services and programs and informing our users within appropriate timeframes.

Future plans for social media

The Engineering and Computer Science Library at UNB has been actively using social media tools such as Twitter and Facebook to promote its library activities for approximately one year. In the upcoming years as our social media activities grow, we will be conducting evaluations of our social media tools in order to better understand our users and their needs. Some of the evaluation questions that will be considered for the analysis will include the following: Who are the current followers? Who is likely to follow our social media tools over time? Are these followers' potential library users, or do they have the ability to influence our potential users? What types of content are our followers passionate about and likely to share with others in their social media networks? How does our library content and activities become exposed to other people on the networks? These are some of the questions that will be considered in our future analysis and we hope to evaluate the social media activities by our library in the coming years to understand its usefulness in relation to our mandate.

Notes

- Please see <http://www.scopus.com/> for further information in terms of setting up Alerts and RSS feeds
- Please see <https://tweetdeck.twitter.com/> for more detail regarding as to how to activate and use the TweetDeck accounts
- <http://twitterfeed.com/> also provide help tutorials in term of integrating RSS feeds to Twitter

Appendix

Figure 1: Screenshot of Scopus Alerts

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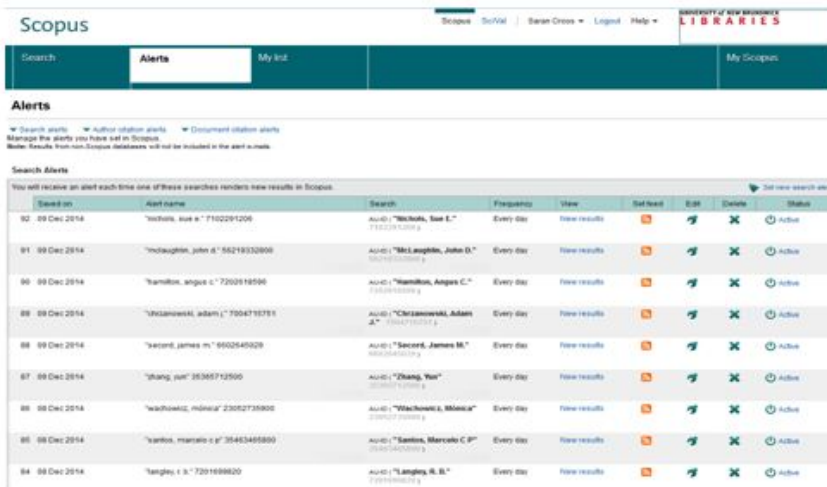


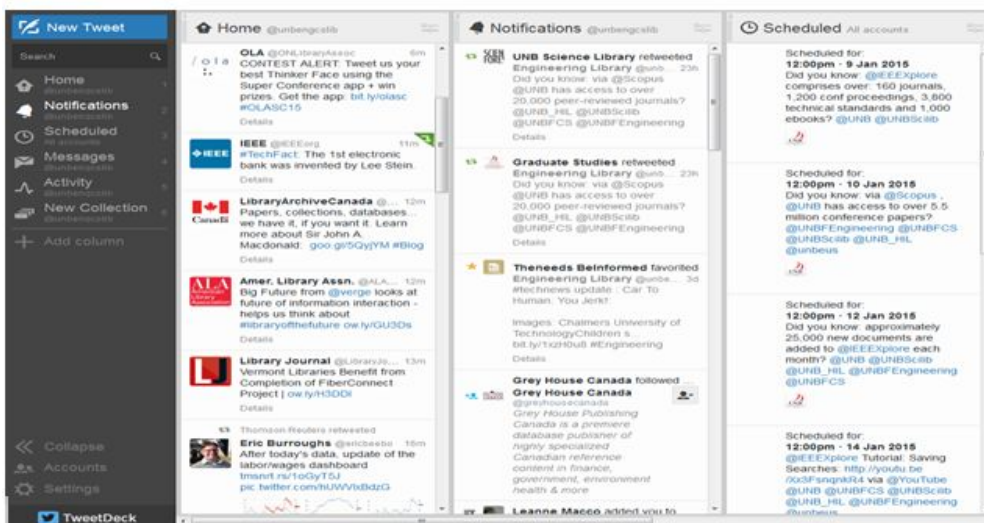
Figure 2: Screenshot of Twitterfeed - 3 step process

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Figure 3: Image of the TweetDeck Dashboard

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Join the APLA Discussion List

APLA-L is an un-moderated discussion list for people who are interested in library issues in Atlantic Canada. The APLA list is:

- a place to post notices about workshops, seminars, and other events
- a source of current information about the actions of the APLA Executive
- a forum for sharing questions, comments and ideas about library services
- a place to post job advertisements.

To subscribe to the APLA list, send the command `sub apla-list` to listserv@lists.dal.ca.

To send a message to everyone on the list, use: **`apla-list@lists.dal.ca`**.

To stay on the list but suspend your messages (while on vacation, for instance), send the command `set apla-list nomail` to listserv@lists.dal.ca.

When you want to receive message again, send the command `set apla-list mail`.

To unsubscribe from the list, send the command `unsub apla-list`.

If you have any questions about the APLA list, please contact the postmaster:

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President's Report

April 21, 2015

Crystal Rose

I began my term as APLA President under somewhat somber circumstances, at the 2014 Annual Conference in Moncton. During our conference, the tragic fatal shootings of three RCMP officers occurred and APLA members found themselves in a city essentially in lockdown as a manhunt for the suspect was carried out. I am so grateful to the staff of the Delta Beauséjour Hotel and to the tremendous conference organizers who made us all feel so safe and who ensured that the conference could continue in such an extraordinary situation. I will never forget driving past the RCMP Headquarters as we were leaving Moncton and seeing the overwhelming number of flowers, cards and other tributes left by New Brunswickers in honour of the fallen officers and to show their gratitude and respect for all Mounties and police officers for the work they do every day.

I made me think about how as Canadians, we support each other in times of need, pulling together and recognizing the efforts of others. What a tremendous message for those of us working in library associations across the country. As a past-president of NLLA, and current President of APLA, I have had the wonderful opportunity to be a part of The Partnership, Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations, and to meet each year in Toronto with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of library associations across the country to discuss issues facing libraries regionally and nationally. Partnership members work collaboratively to provide initiatives valuable to the profession including the Education Institute, a continuing education program, the Job Board, a listing of positions available in the library and information sector in Canada, the Partnership journal, a biannual, peer-reviewed publication, and most recently, the National Continuing Education Certificate (CEC) Program, a formal program to plan, document and report professional development and learning activities.

In the past year, I was able to contribute to The Partnership by creating a membership benefits survey of Partnership members, the results of which I presented at the August 2014 meeting, and by redesigning the Partnership website with NLLA Past-president, Kathryn Rose. I also attended the OLA Super Conference in January as APLA representative.

As President, I was invited, along with our VP, Lynn Somers, and members of many other Canadian library associations, to attend the January CLA Summit in Toronto on the future of our national association. The concept paper *A Proposed New Vision for Our National Association*, which was distributed to APLA members, was intended to start a discussion regarding the future structure of CLA with the intent of finding a more strategic and sustainable way forward. CLA then formed the Future CLA Working Group, which I agreed to serve on. I feel that it is very important for Atlantic Canada to have a voice on the working group and that APLA is ideally positioned to represent the eastern provinces. I welcome any feedback from our members on CLA's concept paper or the future of our country's national library association.

APLA has continued its efforts to advocate for libraries and related issues. In July 2014, APLA joined the Canadian Library Association and other provincial library associations in supporting A Fair Deal's Open Letter on Copyright Term Extensions to keep the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) from changing Canadian copyright laws that would reduce access to information and restrict our ability to innovate, both on and offline. I also attended the EI webinar in August, *Ask the Expert: How Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) Affects Libraries* to determine how CASL may affect library associations and delivered a report to the APLA Exec. More recently, we released a statement condemning the Nova Scotia government's decision to cut the *Community Counts* website that

provided information from Statistics Canada organized by community and was an invaluable tool for planning services based on community specific profiles.

It has also been a year that saw great “wins” for libraries. Most notably, in December, more than 10,000 people visited the stunning new Halifax Central Library during its official grand opening. The innovative, multi-million dollar library praised as a beacon for the city, is an indisputable symbol of the importance and relevancy of libraries in Canada, and evidence of the value Atlantic Canadians place on their public libraries.

Since 2006, APLA has partnered with CODE, Canada's leading international development agency focused on advancing literacy, to raise money primarily for libraries in developing countries. Tireless APLA volunteers have successfully raised thousands of dollars for the *Grow a Library* initiative. While the importance of such work cannot be understated, as President, I believe it is time for us to turn our fundraising efforts to advancing literacy in Atlantic Canada. Therefore, the APLA Exec has decided our next fundraising project will be CODE's Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature, which ensures that high-quality, culturally-relevant books get in the hands of Aboriginal youth. It is our goal that funds raised by APLA members will also support authors' visits in Aboriginal communities in our region. I challenge all our members to undertake a fundraising activity in your library!

As a member of this year's conference planning committee and a Newfoundlander, I am extremely excited about the 2015 Annual Conference and pleased that it is being held in St. John's. I know firsthand how hard my fellow conference planners are working to ensure that we will have a spectacular conference. The annual conference is also when some members will step down from association positions. I would like to thank outgoing members Krista Godfrey (VPNL), Leah Brisco (VPNB), and Louise White (Past President) for their contributions.

This year's conference theme, *Powered by Change*, embodies the spirit of libraries and library associations in Canada. We are rising to the challenge and are energized and inspired by change! I look forward to seeing you all in June.

APLA Vice President/President Elect Report

April 2015

Submitted by Lynn Somers

Committee on Aims and Objectives – the Committee was not convened this year.

Committee on Committees and Interest Groups – At the Fall Executive meeting, it was requested that the Advocacy Interest Group be changed to a Standing Committee. Although the Executive agreed to the change, in light of CLA's current revisioning and restructuring, where CLA's mandate could change to one of national advocacy support for the associations, it may warrant the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups to meet to further discuss the need for an Advocacy Standing Committee, if CLA can potentially fill the role. What will APLA's role be in the restructuring of CLA? I recommend that the Committee meet after our February Executive meeting to discuss this topic further.

Vacancy of APLA Memorial Award convener – The Committee on Committees and Interest Groups did not look into the process of attaining a new convener yet. It will be deferred to the next fiscal year.

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund Committee – call for nominations was submitted on January 26, 2015. The deadline for applications was March 31. One application was received. The Committee convened in April, and decided to offer the scholarship to the applicant, Amy Sutherland, MLIS Candidate (Dalhousie, 2016).

Resolutions Committee – this committee was not convened this year.

First Timers Conference Grant – The deadline for the Grant was extended to March 31, 2015. Seven applications were received. The successful applicant was Clare Howard, from Dartmouth NS. Clare is a student in the Library and Information Technology program at Nova Scotia Community College.

I attended the following meetings and events:

Partnership Meeting in Toronto on August 19 and 20, 2014, with President Crystal Rose.

Stan Orlov, VP Nova Scotia and I represented APLA at the Dalhousie SIMSA Associations display event on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

Partnership Meeting in Toronto, January 27

OLA Conference in Toronto, January 28-30

CLA Summit on the Future of CLA, January 31

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Information Without Borders Conference at Dalhousie University on February 11, as a representative of APLA. Thanks to Corinne Gilroy for attending on my behalf. Thanks also to Suzanne van den Hoogen and Gail Fraser for their assistance at the IWB Conference.

APLA Past President's Report

April 25, 2015

Serving on the APLA Executive for the past three years has been both a personal and professional privilege. Simply becoming a member of APLA has the effect of instantly expanding your circle of colleagues. Being a member of the association Executive provides the opportunity to work on behalf of all those colleagues at once which goes some way toward repayment for all the support, ideas and commiseration received over a career. With that in mind, I will use this final report to encourage every member to consider standing for a position on the Executive. Libraries are worth the effort.

Activities of Past President which are underway are nominations and elections for the incoming Executive as well as consideration of nominations for the associations Merit Award. The results of both processes will be shared with the membership prior to the 2015 conference and OGM.

I would like to thank Jocelyne Thompson for encouraging me to stand for election, and Lou Duggan for forging a path easily followed, though an effort not easily matched. Particular thanks to Anne Bowden who has served as Secretary for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise White

Membership Renewals

I contact New Brunswick members who have not renewed each month in an effort to obtain renewals. Through collaboration with Suzanne van den Hoogen (VP, Membership, APLA) and Vanessa Black (Membership Committee Chair, Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick - APLNB) we were able to improve communication between our organizations regarding joint memberships. APLNB sends APLA notice of any joint memberships purchased at the end of every month, and APLA updates its database before sending membership renewals at the start of every month. This schedule has helped us to avoid sending membership reminders to people who have recently purchased a joint APLNB/APLA membership.

APLA Bulletin

I encourage both individual and institutional New Brunswick members to submit dynamic news stories, feature articles and book reviews for the APLA Bulletin.

Liaison to APLNB

I opened discussions with the President of the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick (APLNB) about how to improve information sharing between our organizations.

Games @ the library

Several libraries in New Brunswick participated in APLA's Games Week 2014, which ran from October 12th – 19th. My colleagues in New Brunswick were very happy to have the materials translated into French this year. Several libraries in New Brunswick offer regular games programs and are looking forward to participating in Games Week 2015.

Committees & Awards

Provincial Vice Presidents are members of the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund Committee and the APLA Merit Award selection committee. Applications and nominations were received in March and April.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Campbell
April 2015

APLA VP Annual Report 2014

Krista Godfrey

VP for Newfoundland and Labrador

Submitted April 24, 2015

It has been my pleasure to serve the Newfoundland and Labrador APLA members and work with the APLA executive over the last three years. The association has done excellent work and I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of these accomplishments. Below is my final annual report as VP for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Membership work

I continued to contact individuals as their memberships expire. Members continue to take advantage of the joint membership benefits of APLA and NLLA.

Committee work

I continued to sit on a number of committees in my role as VP for NL, including the Merit Award and Carin E. Somers Scholarship Award. I also sit on the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Board.

News/Outreach

I have used the bulletin, listserv and social media to highlight issues that NL is facing, particularly in regards to continued cuts to the provincial library system.

Liaison work

I continue to attend NLLA executive meetings, where I share APLA information and contribute to NLLA work. Following inquiries from NLLA, the two associations are presently exploring the potential of offering joint discounted retiree memberships.

Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Vice-President, Nova Scotia

Annual Report 2015

Events in Nova Scotia

September 2014 - Stan Orlov and Lynn Somer have attended the Dalhousie School of Information Management Student Association orientation event to profile APLA to incoming students.

February 2015 - The Atlantic Provinces Library Association Award was presented at the ninth annual Information Without Borders conference at Dalhousie University's School of Information Management (SIM) by Corinne Gilroy, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor. The event was very well attended and a large number of attendees applied for APLA membership.

One Book Nova Scotia

Libraries Nova Scotia is again coordinating a One Book Nova Scotia event designed to foster a love of reading. “unity reading” invites many people to read the same book, and encourages discussion and excitement about that book. This year, Ali Bryan’s “Roost” has been selected and announced.

Membership Renewals

Email reminders were distributed to expired members in Nova Scotia as required on a monthly basis.

Scholarships and Awards

Applications for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust were received and one worthy candidate applied. APLA Vice Presidents act as members of the selection committee for this award.

The APLA Award for the Nova Scotia Community College LIT program student who in the opinion of the faculty shows the most professional promise, was presented in the summer of 2014 by Stan Orlov, APLA NSVP. The recipient for 2014 was Patricia Langille.

All provincial VPs along with the rest of the APLA Executive act as jury members for the APLA Merit Award which honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces. This year, one nomination was received by the deadline, but the award has not yet been finalized at the time of writing of this report.

Respectfully submitted by Stan Orlov

**Atlantic Provinces Library Association
Vice-President, Prince Edward Island**

Spring Report 2015

Submitted by: Patricia Doucette

Membership Renewals

I have been following up monthly with Prince Edward Island members whose memberships have lapsed or are about to lapse.

PEIPLA

There has been no movement on the future of the association.

Committees

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund Committee- Met online and decided on recipient for 2015.

First Timers Grant - Awarded to Clare Howard for 2015

Events in PEI - attended and upcoming:

UPEI

In April, UPEI launched their new Island fiddling repository, Bowing Down Home:

<http://bowingdownhome.ca>

The launch consisted of 4 “kitchen party” evening events at small halls in 4 regions of the Island, Murray Harbour, Wellington, Charlottetown and Little Pond. The response was amazing, with participation from seasoned fiddlers and young up and comers, as well as people from all corners of the Island. The feedback has been huge, making this one of UPEI’s most popular sites to date. In the first week they had 10,000 unique visitors, 50,000 page views, so some good traffic to get us started.

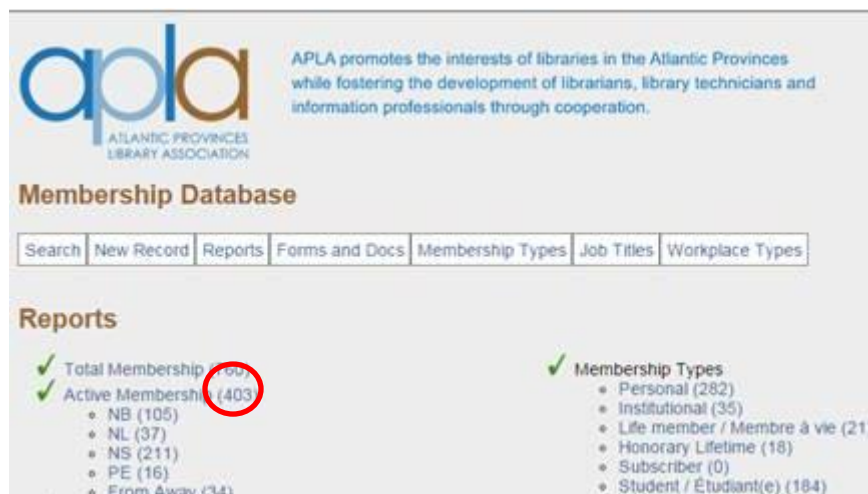
This is also the first time that Canada’s History Museum has partnered with an outside agency to provide one of their complete collections in digital form, so all around a great project.

Public Library

Reading Town Canada week starts in early May, with a Books2Eat launch event at the Library. The event includes a Mayoral handover from Mayor of Moose Jaw (last year's host) to Mayor Clifford Lee, musical entertainment, etc.

Membership Summary:

As of April 24, 2015 our **active membership** totals **363** members. This is a decrease of 17 members since 2014; however, our numbers seem to fluctuate by 30 – 40 members in any given month. For example, our membership in February 2015 totalled 403. Our hope is to have our active membership numbers at 400 by the time of our Annual General Meeting in St. John’s, NL in June.



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Membership Database

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Reports

- ✓ Total Membership (403)
- ✓ Active Membership (363)
 - NB (105)
 - NL (37)
 - NS (211)
 - PE (16)
 - From Away (34)
- ✓ Membership Types
 - Personal (282)
 - Institutional (35)
 - Life member / Membre à vie (21)
 - Honorary Lifetime (18)
 - Subscriber (0)
 - Student / Étudiant(e) (184)

Joint memberships:

Joint memberships are down by 8 members from this time last year.

2015	2014	2013	2012
86	94	61	42

Respectfully Submitted by: Suzanne van den Hoogen
VP Membership
April 24, 2015

Membership Statistics as of April 24, 2015:

- **Active Membership:** 363
- **Active Members by Province:** NL has the largest increase in membership this year. This may, in part, be due to the Annual Conference being held in St. John's this year. Membership renewals in NS have dropped significantly compared to this time last year.

Active Members by Province			
	2015	2014	2013
NB	88	96	69
NL	42	34	26
NS	186	205	184
PE	16	19	27
Other	31	26	25

- **Active Institutional Members by Province:** Institutional memberships have stayed the same.

Institutional Members by Province			
	2015	2014	2013
NB	6	7	4
NL	1	0	2
NS	13	14	19
PE	2	2	2
Ontario	1		

- **Active Joint Memberships:** We have a total of **86** joint memberships. This is down by 8 members from last year at this time. NB has had the largest decrease in joint membership renewals.

	2015	2014	2013
APLA / NSLA	39	38	24
APLA / NSALT	3	6	10
APLA / APLNB	18	27	20
APLA / NLLA	26	23	7

Respectfully Submitted by: Suzanne van den Hoogen
VP Membership
April 24, 2015

APLA VP Membership Report April 24, 2015

- **New Members:** Despite a decrease in overall membership since April 2014, we have had **81** new members registering between May 2014 and April 2015.

New Memberships by Province			
	2015	2014	2013
NB	12	18	19
NL	11	6	5
NS	46	64	52
PE	1	2	6
Other	11	8	4

- **Membership Comparison 2012-15:**

	April 2015	April 2014	March 2013	May 2012
Complimentary	16	16	17	8
Honorary Lifetime/Lifetime	40	37	34	31
Institutional	23	23	27	30
Joint	86	94	61	42
Personal*	190	207	188	249
Other (Retired, Unwaged, etc.)	8	3	4	
Total Active Membership	363	380	331	360

*Includes Student Memberships

Membership Drives:

- Lynn Somers attended the opening week of classes at the Dalhousie School of Information Management in September 2014 and handed out information on membership to APLA.
- **Information without Borders Conference:** Gail Fraser, Corinne Gilroy and Suzanne van den Hoogen attended the annual SIM *Information without Borders* conference in February 2015. During the conference we had 5 student renewals and 29 new membership requests. It is definitely worthwhile that we continue providing a presence at this conference.
- **Student Membership:** We currently have 69 active student memberships compared to 90 active student memberships this time last year.

Respectfully Submitted by: Suzanne van den Hoogen
VP Membership
April 24, 2015

Atlantic Provinces Library Association Treasurer's Report 2014-2015

76th OGM, June 2015

The Association remains in good financial standing with \$45,450.26 in our Savings account, and \$3453.99 in our Chequing account as of March 31, 2015.

Investments

The annual interest from the Carin Alma E. Somers GIC investment provided a \$1866.55 scholarship this year and the First Timer's Award investment provided an award of \$562.91.

As per Standing order # 3.15(1), 50% of the surplus from the Annual Conference 2014 was moved to an investment which will provide interest to increase the First Timer's Award in future years. The current First Timer's GIC matures this summer so both the new one of \$2462.76 and the original one will be combined and reinvested at that time. None of the surplus was moved to the Memorial Fund this year since more was moved in 2013/14 than granted by the Standing orders.

Our investments stand at:

General investments: \$11,758.12

First Timer's: \$28,644.68

Memorial Award Trust Fund (savings & investments): \$48,926.96

Carin Alma E. Somers Trust Fund: \$76,185.51

Income

Income from memberships remains stable. Joint memberships with partner Associations are popular with our members.

The 2014 APLA Conference in Moncton NB had a profit of \$4925.52, half of which was transferred, as previously mentioned, to an investment to fund the First Timer's Award.

Seed repayment was \$1500 from the APLA 2014 Conference and an additional \$99.26 received as a Bank draft which recently turned up in Newfoundland from the 2011 Conference.

APLA Awards and Grants 2014-2015

The \$500 APLA Prize to a graduate of the Nova Scotia Community College, Library and Information Technology program was awarded to Patricia Langille

The \$500 APLA Prize to a graduate from the School of Information Management program at Dalhousie University was awarded to Jannaya Jensen

The First Timers Grant of \$562.91 was awarded to Peggy McEachreon

The Memorial Award of \$800 was awarded to Victoria Volkanova

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship of \$1866.55 was awarded to Lydia Thorne

The APLA Merit Award was presented to Jennifer Evans

A General Activity Fund (GAF) Grant of \$236 was given to Lindsay McNiff in support of a presentation by Kristin Hoffman on Librarian Research Productivity

A grant of \$600 was given to support the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Awards ceremony

A grant of \$500 was given to the Information Without Borders Conference

The amount of \$224.08 was given to support the Games at the Library project

An Advocacy Award of \$500 was awarded to the Annapolis Valley Regional Libraries

I would like to thank Peter Glenister for once again serving as our Financial Examiner.

Respectfully submitted by

Gail Fraser

APLA Treasurer

Budget APLA 2014 - 2015						
Revenues	2011-2012 Examined	2012-2013 Examined	2013-2014 Examined	2014-2015 Proposed	2014-2015 Examined	
CONFERENCE FUND						
General Conference	-\$15,000.00	\$8,351.66	\$4,542.78	\$0.00	\$4,925.52	
Seed	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,599.26	
Subtotal	-\$15,000.00	\$11,351.66	\$6,042.78	\$1,500.00	\$6,524.78	
GENERAL FUND						
Personal Memberships	\$7,345.00	\$6,405.00	\$5,075.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,525.00	
Institutional Memberships	\$3,657.50	\$3,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,375.00	
Joint Memberships - NSALT	\$303.00	\$245.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$114.00	
Joint Memberships - APLNB	\$700.00	\$840.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,355.00	
Joint Memberships - NLLA		\$355.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,695.00	
Joint Memberships - NSLA	\$1,305.00	\$880.00	\$2,375.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,295.00	
Subtotal	\$13,310.50	\$12,225.00	\$11,730.00	\$11,850.00	\$15,359.00	
OTHER						
The Partnership-Educ Instit	\$0.00	\$132.00	\$503.00	\$500.00	\$366.80	
The Partnership Job Board	\$443.15	\$1,001.23	\$994.77	\$1,000.00	\$1,177.99	
Merchandise Sales		\$401.00	\$278.00	\$300.00	\$75.00	
CISTI - Job Posting	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grow a Library Donations		\$389.00	\$3,363.00	\$600.00	\$391.66	
Interest	\$35.20	\$30.66	\$51.08	\$30.00	\$52.99	
First Timers GC Interest	\$282.23	\$562.91	\$562.91	\$562.91	\$562.91	
Carin Somers Scholarship GC Interest	\$759.77	\$1,866.55	\$1,866.55	\$1,866.55	\$1,866.55	
Subtotal	\$1,670.35	\$4,383.35	\$7,619.31	\$4,859.46	\$4,493.90	
TOTAL REVENUE	-\$19.15	\$27,960.01	\$25,392.09	\$18,209.46	\$26,377.68	

Expenses	2011-2012 Examined	2012-2013 Examined	2013-2014 Examined	2014-2015 Proposed	2014-2015 Examined
CONFERENCE					
Conference Seed Grant 2012	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Conference Seed Grant 2013	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Conference Seed Grant 2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Conference Seed Grant 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Subtotal	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00
MEMBERSHIP					
Joint memberships remitted - NSLA/NSALT/	\$365.00	\$510.00	\$1,180.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$1,400.00
Refunds	\$55.00	\$141.25	\$125.00	\$ 100.00	\$125.00
Supplies	\$39.16	\$109.32	\$93.07	\$ 100.00	\$6.88
Subtotal	\$459.16	\$760.57	\$1,398.07	\$ 1,300.00	\$1,531.88
APLA AWARDS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES					
Dal. SIM prize	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
NSCC prize	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
Merit Award	\$90.30	\$135.37	\$106.79	\$ 110.00	\$116.02
Games at the Library	\$237.28	\$258.41	\$237.48	\$ 300.00	\$224.08
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$1,523.71	\$1,866.55	\$1,866.55	\$ 1,866.55	\$1,866.55
First Timers Award	\$600.00	\$515.00	\$562.91	\$ 562.91	\$562.91
GAF Grant	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$236.00
IWB Conference			\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
Hackmatack			\$600.00	\$ 600.00	\$600.00
Grow a Library Donation to CODE		\$389.00	\$3,363.00	\$ 600.00	\$510.66
Carin Somers income Tax preparation fee	\$0.00	\$339.24	\$0.00	\$ 400.00	\$367.98
LNS One Book Nova Scotia		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Transfer to Memorial Award	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Transfer to First Timer's Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$2,462.76
Subtotal	\$4,551.29	\$11,103.57	\$14,236.73	\$ 6,939.46	\$8,446.96
EXECUTIVE					
Executive travel (meetings)	\$3,625.55	\$1,514.69	\$1,467.87	\$ 3,750.00	\$3,593.58
President's Travel	\$1,225.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,021.47
Executive Projects	\$2,146.10	\$430.00	\$722.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$500.00

Expenses	2011-2012 Examined	2012-2013 Examined	2013-2014 Examined	2014-2015 Proposed	2014-2015 Examined
Vice Presidents Fund	\$0.00	\$84.75	\$0.00	\$ 100.00	\$0.00
Committees/Interest Groups	\$144.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 150.00	\$0.00
Public Relations	\$0.00	\$842.66	\$1,208.76	\$ 800.00	\$42.90
Subtotal	\$7,141.64	\$2,872.10	\$3,399.13	\$ 7,800.00	\$6,157.95
OTHER					
Donations	\$0.00	\$351.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
APLA Domain/Web hosting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$222.70	\$ 100.00	\$79.86
Registry of Joint Stocks		\$34.04	36.3	\$ 50.00	\$36.30
Archival Support	\$21.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 30.00	\$34.47
CLA 2011 representation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00
Bank fees	\$46.86	\$165.55	\$42.00	\$ 50.00	\$182.63
Paypal fees	\$263.71	\$257.09	\$69.93	\$ 275.00	\$352.34
Miscellaneous	\$114.80	\$96.60	\$257.87	\$ 165.00	\$203.30
Subtotal	\$1,446.85	\$904.28	\$628.80	\$ 670.00	\$888.90
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$15,098.94	\$17,140.52	\$21,162.73	\$ 18,209.46	\$18,525.69
TOTAL REVENUES	-\$19.15	\$27,960.01	\$25,392.09	\$18,209.46	\$26,377.68
REVENUES - EXPENDITURES	-\$15,118.09	\$10,819.49	\$4,229.36	\$0.00	\$7,851.99

Notes for 2014-15 Budget

Added a line for "Transfer to First Timer's Award". Miscellaneous cost was to purchase extension cords & power bars at 2014 conference which will also be used at future conferences.

Balance Sheet for Atlantic Provinces Library Association 2014-2015

March 31, 2015

Assets	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Current Accounts	\$30,355.18	\$41,159.91	\$26,204.17	\$37,023.66	\$41,052.26	\$48,904.25
Grow A Library Charitable Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Timers	\$26,083.05	\$26,162.23	\$26,181.92	\$26,181.92	\$26,181.92	\$28,644.68
General Investments (MMF)	\$11,541.12	\$11,576.15	\$11,625.33	\$11,670.93	\$11,714.86	\$11,758.12
Total	\$67,979.35	\$78,898.29	\$64,011.42	\$74,876.51	\$78,949.04	\$89,307.05
Liabilities						
Uncashed cheques	\$1.03	\$328.10	\$531.75	\$232.22	\$1,850.33	\$15.00
APLA MAF Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equity	\$67,978.32	\$78,570.19	\$63,479.67	\$74,644.29	\$77,098.71	\$89,292.05
Total	\$67,979.35	\$78,898.29	\$64,011.42	\$74,876.51	\$78,949.04	\$89,307.05

Current Accounts = Savings, Chequing, PayPal

Savings	\$45,450.26
Chequing	\$3,453.99
PayPal	\$0.00
	\$48,904.25

NOTES:

Signature of Financial Examiner:



Prepared by Gail Fraser April 24, 2015

**Atlantic Provinces Library Association Memorial Awards Trust Fund
January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

Balance Sheet

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Savings Account	\$6,604.82	\$9,499.31	\$13,490.05	\$19,870.03	\$18,900.96	\$24,313.96	\$28,926.96
Investment Certificate [matures 12/2016]	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Investment Certificate [matures 06/2016]	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
APLA loan (28 Nov 2007)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Investment Certificate [matures 04/2016]	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Equity	\$26,604.82	\$29,499.31	\$33,490.05	\$39,870.03	\$38,900.96	\$44,313.96	\$48,926.96

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Receipts

Donations	\$365.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Savings Account Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GIC Interest	\$537.00	\$612.62	\$687.00	\$611.38	\$343.00	\$454.00	\$454.00
Other "a"	\$2,319.90	\$3,351.77	\$6,598.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total	\$3,221.90	\$3,974.39	\$7,285.24	731.38	\$398.00	\$5,509.00	\$5,509.00

Disbursements

Safety Deposit Box	\$48.03	\$48.03	\$48.03	\$48.88	\$48.88	\$69.00	\$69.00
Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,457.60	\$900.76	\$1,297.94	\$0.00	\$800.00
Bank charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.25	\$27.00	\$27.00
Total	\$48.03	\$48.03	\$1,505.63	\$949.64	\$1,367.07	\$96.00	\$896.00

Excess of revenue over disbursements **\$3,173.87** **\$3,926.36** **\$5,779.61** **-\$218.26** **-\$969.07** **\$5,413.00** **\$4,613.00**

a = 1/2 of 50% surplus from APLA conference 2006, 2008, 2009

a = 50% surplus from APLA conference 2010

NOTES:

a. Total receipts from Conference 2008 \$10,279.58 less \$1000 advance = \$9,279.58 1/2 of 50% surplus = \$2319.90
 Total receipts from Conference 2009 \$14,407.06 less \$1000 advance = \$13,407.06 1/2 of 50% surplus = \$3351.77
 Total receipts from Conference 2010 \$14,296.47 less \$1100 advance = \$13,196.47 50% of surplus = \$6598.24. Full amount to Memorial Fund
 No surplus from APLA 2011 so no transfer to Memorial Award Fund
 \$5000 transferred to Memorial Fund from 2012 Conference surplus per Treasurer's report Executive meeting 2013-02-28

(1) As per executive decision made in March 2006, \$6000 was taken from the Memorial Fund account and placed into a third GIC, to operate as the other two GIC's (5 years, interest annually) with a June maturity.

(2) One \$6,000 GIC was cashed for a total of \$5,765.24 on November 28, 2007. That amount was then moved to Account 0302326 to cover operating expenses.

(3) As per instruction from the Financial Examiner, the GIC cashed November 28, 2007, was repaid.

Prepared by Gail Fraser April 24, 2015

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, 2015, 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 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, 2015, 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 preceding years. As of that date, the aggregate of assets is \$89,307.05 and the Association's equity is \$89,292.05.

I included in my examination the current accounts of the Association, its investment accounts, and, in accord with Standing Order 3.11, the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Fund. With respect to reports of previous years, as payment amounts for tax return preparation continue at a modest level, the Association may prefer to continue to absorb those expenses. The value of the Somers Fund remains at \$76,185.51 as of 31 March, 2015.

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 Balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 31 December, 2014. Current investments are valued at \$20,000 and deposits of \$24,313.96 are in a current account creating an equity level of \$48,926.96.

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; for 2014/2015 an amount of \$2,462.76 was deposited with the First Timers' Grant Fund while no funds were deposited with the Memorial Awards Trust Fund.



Peter Glenister
Halifax, Nova Scotia

24 April, 2015

Webmaster's Report

Like many websites in the library world, apla.ca runs on the open source platform [Drupal](https://www.drupal.org/). Updates to the website since the last report have mostly taken the form of security updates and background patches with no visible effect on the public view of the site, including a major security update which will be in place by the time this report is entered into the record.

A migration of membership records from a custom php database into Drupal is underway, with collaboration from the VP Membership, who identified the necessary functions and provided cleaned data for migration. The end goal is to maintain all member records within the Drupal site, while replicating the reporting and filtering functions that were available in the custom database. Progress on the project so far:

Complete:

- Search box (full text on all values)
- “Add a Member” button
- Exposed filters with counts for:
 - Province
 - Membership Type
 - Status
 - Workplace Type
- New form for creating members

Still to do:

- Deal with dates
 - display
 - data entry
 - search/filter to track expiration
- Exporting to excel
- Delete members (permissions configuration)
- Configure search results so they display better data
- Additional Views

The current hosting contract for apla.ca will expire in June. I am currently exploring other options for hosting that will allow us to better leverage Drupal and improve site security.

Respectfully submitted April 24th, 2015,

Melissa Anez

Webmaster

Communications Coordinator Report

April 2015

Website

- Post items of interest to News & Events and Advocacy blogs
 - Activity Jan. 31 to April 15: 2 posts

Listserv

- Moderate APLA listserv
 - Post items of interest and approve others' posts
 - Add, update or delete members' records:
 - Activity Jan. 31 to April 15: 38 added, 1 removed

Social Media

- **Twitter (@APLAcontact)**
 - Post news items, listserv items, etc.
 - Post daily
 - Activity:
 - Tweets Jan. 31 to April 15: 70
 - Followers: 480
 - Following: 247
- **Facebook**
 - Post news items, listserv items, etc.
 - Other members post regularly
 - Activity
 - Members as of April 15: 252

Submitted by Laurinda Matheson
April 17, 2015

APLA Bulletin Co-Editors' Report

May 2015

Volunteer Turnover

This year saw Ron Rooth conclude his term as co-editor responsible for submissions and copy. Patricia Langille (Saint Mary's University) is the newest member of the Bulletin team. Corinne Gilroy will conclude her term as layout co-editor this summer, after Volume 79, Issue 1.

The co-editors request that the APLA Executive begin advertising the upcoming co-editor vacancy soon after the 2015 APLA Conference. This will give Patricia and Corinne time to provide training, especially in layout.

Copyright Agreement

In order to improve the Bulletin's accountability, the co-editors have devised a copyright agreement. If implemented, the agreement would be signed by each contributor. It would provide APLA with a licence to reproduce the contribution solely in the context of the Bulletin. Contributors would retain the copyright in their work.

The draft copyright agreement has been forwarded to Jeannie Bail, APLA's representative on the CLA Copyright Advisory Committee, for review.

The co-editors suggest that, if a contributor has no access to a document scanner, e-mail confirmation may be considered a substitute for a hand-written signature.

Website Statistics

	Spring 2014 (Vol. 77)	Spring 2015 (Vol. 78)
Total hits to date on the main Bulletin page	14,144	19,857
Hits on Issue 1 of current volume	1,164	1,039
Hits on Issue 2 of current volume	1,142	826
Hits on Issue 3 of current volume	963	757
Total hits for Bulletin submission guidelines	8,999	12,564

The slight decrease in website hits, compared to 2014, illustrates the importance of pursuing new contributors and advertising the Bulletin on new platforms.

New Sources for Contributions

With the declining number of contributions, the co-editors have discussed the need to look for new sources for Bulletin material. At the Winter 2015 board meeting, Patricia proposed that the editors look beyond the APLA email list and begin actively encouraging contributions from libraries and schools (NSCC and DAL SIM), especially those who do not regularly contribute. This plan met with approval from the board members, and the co-editors will explore these options in the upcoming year.

Many thanks to all contributors, readers, and the APLA Executive.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Langille and Corinne Gilroy

Yearly APLA Report – OGM 2015

Cate Carlyle, APLA Continuing Education Convener

It has been a pleasure researching ideas for EI webinars, contacting presenters, liaising with Michael Rogowski and Michelle Arbuckle at OLA, and promoting these events online via email and social media for the past year. I recently agreed to remain in this role for another year, until June 2016. In 2014 and 2015 I submitted the following webinar sessions to the EI:

- Lindsay McNiff and Melissa Helwig, Instagram for academic library tours (Booked for Summer 2015)
- Lise Brin and Lisa Goddard, How to talk to faculty about questionable journal publishing (Booked and presented February 5, 2015)
- Angela Reynolds, StoryMobs youth programming (proposed for Winter 2015, contacted re: Summer 2015)
- Angela Reynolds, 12 Days of Cookies (Tabled for Fall 2015)
- Louise McGillis and Crystal Rose, Games at the Library (Contacted re: 2015)
- Halifax Tool Library, Alternative lending library organization and facilitation (Proposed for Summer 2015)
- APLA Advocacy Team, Advocacy toolkit and advocacy initiatives (Proposed for Fall 2014)
- Jolene Reid, Dalhousie seed library, set-up, maintenance, lessons learned (Proposed for Fall 2014)
- Lean management principles for libraries (Proposed for Fall 2014)
- Sarah Gillis, Effective use of social media to promote your library (Proposed for Fall 2014)

Michael Rogowski's annual table shows attendance for EI webinars is on the increase, with the public library sector highly represented. APLA received a cheque for \$300 in webinar revenue following the OLA SuperConference.

Attendee Breakdown

	2012	2013	2014A	2014B
Alberta	169	68	58	26
British Columbia	37	45	31	39
Manitoba	6	7	10	18
New Brunswick	11	14	20	7

NFLD-Labrador	6	5	11	6
Nova Scotia	46	21	47	14
Nunavut	1	1	0	1
NWT	0	1	0	1
Ontario	407	306	450	268
PEI	4	1	4	1
Quebec	9	3	11	7
Saskatchewan	60	7	27	11
Yukon	0	0	7	8
Other	91	91	198	17
Totals	830	572	874	424

Sector:

	2013A		2014A	2014B	
Public Library	466	81%	61%	213	50%
School Library	60	10%	2%	10	2%
College/University	15	2%	20%	80	19%
Other	32	6%	16%	121	29%
Total	572		874	424	

M.Rogowski 2015

While the EI had offered group subscriptions for webinars to Toronto Public Library, London Public Library and the GRC at Western University in the past year, they are now working out the logistics to offer group subscriptions to any interested library or organization and will be promoting this in the near future.

Last September I worked with APLA's webmaster Melissa Anez to create a permanent contact page under the "Membership Benefits" menu on the APLA website. This page allows members

to contact the convener via email to suggest webinars, ask questions or request areas for professional development. Contact information for the EI is also available on the page. To date no suggestions have been made via this page, and the majority of communication re: EI webinars seems to take place via the APLA Facebook page and emails to my work account. I post frequently to the FB page and often receive FB messages with questions concerning EI offerings (cost, date, etc). I will be focusing on tweeting to the APLA Twitter feed this year as well.

I will continue to attend the Education Institute meetings via conference call and to liaise with Michael at OLA, offering webinar session ideas from the Atlantic Provinces and advertising offerings on the APLA listserv and social media to encourage attendance.

Best,

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Annual 2014-2015 Report to APLA Executive Committee
Submitted by Jeannie Bail, APLA Representative, Canadian Library Association (CLA)
Copyright Advisory Committee

This report covers May 2014 - April 2015

APLA activities

Advocacy news: In July 2014, APLA was a signatory to an [open letter](#) by the Electronic Freedom Frontier (EFF) and the Our Fair Deal coalition opposing a copyright term extension proposed under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). This extension would extend the current copyright term in Canada of life of author, plus 50 years, to match the current term in the United States, which is life of author, plus 70 years - an extension of 20 years. Initially, CLA was approached to sign the letter, and I forwarded to APLA, as well.

A session on Copyright Education is planned for the APLA conference in St. John's (June 2015). The session (Learning to Change, Learning for Change: Copyright Education and Adaptation at Atlantic Canadian Universities) is a panel of copyright educators from various Atlantic institutions including Memorial University, UPEI and Mount Saint Vincent University. See **Copyright conference agenda** for more information.

Canadian Library Association (CLA) Copyright Advisory Committee

There were a number of copyright-related sessions at the May 2014 conference in Victoria, BC.

- *Copyright: The International Dimension* (sponsored by CARL, presenters: Jeannie Bail/Memorial and Victoria Owen/University of Toronto - Scarborough)
- *Copyright Update* (sponsored by the CLA Copyright Advisory Committee, presenters: Ann Ludbrook/Ryerson, Brent Roe/CARL, John Tooth/University of Winnipeg, Margaret Ann Wilkinson/Western)
- *To Sign or Not to Sign: What Makes the Difference Vis-a-Vis Access Copyright* (Presenters: Rob Tiessen/University of Calgary and Margaret Ann Wilkinson/Western)

Other Committee activities (May 2014 - April 2015):

- Agreeing in August to sign a [letter](#) with the American Library Association (ALA), the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and many other organizations, calling for The Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM) to recommend that member publishers adopt Creative Commons licenses vs. their own model licenses, which can conflict with existing open licenses.
- Signing the July 2014 EFF open letter discussed above.
- In June 2014, [letters](#) were sent to The Honourable Shelly Glover (Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages) and The Honourable James Moore (Minister of

Industry), urging the Canadian government to sign the WIPO Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually-Impaired, or Otherwise Print-Disabled (VIP Treaty), which carves out copyright exceptions for the print impaired.

- Also, on June 23, a [Letter to the Editor](#) of *The Hill Times* from Marie DeYoung was published. The letter further urges the government of Canada to sign the VIP Treaty.
- Member Victoria Owen, who serves as Chair of the IFLA Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters, took part in the IFLA WIPO Negotiations, which took place in Geneva in July 2014.
- In September 2014, Katherine McColgan, the interim CARL Executive Director, joined the Committee, as the CARL representative.
- A discussion of Crown Copyright took place in September 2014. There used to be centralized clearance via Publication and Depository Services. However, now those who need to seek permission are forced to approach each individual agency directly. See: <http://www.michaelgeist.ca/2013/11/crown-copyright-change/> for more information.
 - It was suggested by member Margaret Ann Wilkinson for institutions to follow the below statement: "Canada's federal government does not require permissions, for personal uses or public non-commercial uses (ie where any charges made are solely based upon cost-recovery), for reproduction of materials produced or published in the federal government -- unless otherwise specified in the material itself. Permission of the relevant federal government department or entity is always required, on the other hand, where material is to be revised, adapted, translated or otherwise used -- whether or not the purpose is for personal or public non-commercial purposes."
- In October 2014, Chair Rob Tiessen participated in a call with Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), along with Valoree McKay and Marie DeYoung, on pursuing a joint lobbying effort regarding copyright. This partnership was received very positively by the Committee.
 - A letter addressed to MPs was sent in November 2014 to congratulate the government on passing the legislation, and to urge the MPs to revisit the *Copyright Act* every five years, as stipulated in a new provision of the *Act*. A page of key messages, or "talking points" was included, as well.
- A conference call was held in October 2014 to discuss copyright advocacy positions for the next election cycle. One suggestion was to host a copyright-specific session at Advocacy Boot Camp, scheduled for the 2015 CLA conference in Ottawa.
- Member J. Bail attended CAUT's conference on Advocacy for Librarians and Archivists in Ottawa (October 2014). Many excellent strategies were presented that can translate to the copyright advocacy work of the Committee.
- Member C. Soltau attended an SLA workshop on copyright in Calgary. The session was of interest because, at the last minute, a member of Access Copyright joined the panel. (November 2014).

- There was a listserv discussion of the Copibec lawsuit against Laval. (November 2014)
- December 2014: A call was held to discuss the Marrakesh Treaty and what, if any, parts of the *Copyright Act* need to be changed to implement. A letter to government is being drafted. Susan Haigh, the new Executive Director of CARL, took part in this call, as well.
- A listserv discussion of the new offerings from Access Copyright took place.
- January 2015: Susan Haigh drafted a letter to Industry Canada on Marrakesh, with input from various Committee members.
- In February 2015, Chair Rob Tiessen spoke to the CBC on copyright concerns with the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.
(<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Sanderson%27s+syndicated+column/ID/2653185542/>)

It was decided at the annual meeting in May 2014 to continue the copyright column in the *Feliciter*, as it has been well-received. Since May 2014, a number of new columns have been developed for the *Feliciter*, including:

- *Understanding “Large and Liberal” in the Context of Education* by Robert Glushko, Rumi Graham, Ann Ludbrook and Heather Martin (August 2014)
- *The Librarian’s Role in the Interpretation of Copyright Law: Acting in the Public Interest* by Victoria Owen (October 2014)
- *Copyright and Special Libraries* by Carolyn Soltau (December 2014)
- *Theoretical Framework for Understanding Open Access* (February 2014) by Robert Glushko and Rex Shoyama
- *Unraveling the Complexity of Music Copyright* (forthcoming: April 2014) by Jeannie Bail, Rebecca Smith and John Tooth
 - Note: this article mentions a copyright issue encountered by the NL Department of Education.

Future topics include: the Public Lending Right (Victoria Owen) and Notice and Notice (John Tooth). A big thank you to member Margaret Ann Wilkinson for her editorial support.

Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL)

CAUL was also a signatory to the EFF/Our Fair Deal Coalition open letter of July 2014, which I had forwarded to Kathryn Reddy, CAUL/CBUA Manager.

After a hiatus, the Copyright Committee held teleconferences in June and August. Items of discussion included: current copyright initiatives at member institutions, UNB-Fredericton’s experience with license management software (OCLC’s WMS), an initiative to create a space on the CAUL website for digital licensing data, a discussion of copyright within an LMS, the possibility of creating copyright education/literacy videos to share amongst institutions in the Atlantic region, and a suggestion for the ABC Copyright Conference to be held in Halifax in

2016, which would dovetail with the annual CLA conference (also to be held in Halifax in 2016).

Josh Dickison (UNBF) informed the group about an August meeting with the AUCC to discuss copyright and ILL/document delivery requests - there is a call for greater visibility of the copyright statement for OCUL members. Josh also reported on a multi-institutional legal resource that is being implemented, with a call for proposals from interested law firms to serve the group. So far, the schools involved in this shared legal services initiative include: the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser, the University of Manitoba, the University of Toronto, Queen's University, and the University of New Brunswick.

The CAUL Copyright Committee is sponsoring a copyright education session at APLA 2015 (see below). The Committee is planning an Experience Exchange on the process of exiting the Access Copyright license. It is hoped that a webinar, consisting of a panel of participants from institutions that have already exited, will be helpful for those schools planning a December 2015 exit.

The Committee is looking into the use of copyright literacy educational videos, which a member had seen at the 2014 ABC Conference.

At its recent April 2015 meeting, the Committee discussed Notice-and-Notice, and how important it is for libraries to be involved, not just campus IT departments. Notices have been received at at least one member institution.

Copyright conference agenda (Spring-Fall 2015)

ABC Copyright Conference: May 4-5, 2015

The 2015 ABC Copyright Conference will be held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights & the University of Winnipeg
Winnipeg, Manitoba

CLA: June 3-5, 2015

Copyright Update

Presenters: John Tooth – University of Winnipeg; Ann Ludbrook – Ryerson University; Heather Martin – University of Guelph; Margaret Ann Wilkinson – Western University.

Note: this session is sponsored by the Copyright Advisory Committee

Copyright Catastrophe: How the Trans Pacific Partnership Puts Your Privacy in Peril

Presenter: Cari Lynn Postnikoff, BA, MLIS – Grande Prairie Public Library

Managing Change in the Copyright Environment

Presenters: Robert Tiessen, University of Calgary; Dr. Margaret Ann Wilkinson, Western University

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Learning to Change, Learning for Change: Copyright Education and Adaptation at Atlantic Canadian Universities

Presenters: Nancy Simmons, Copyright Officer, Memorial University. Simon Lloyd, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, UPEI Robertson Library. Tanja Harrison, University Librarian, Mount Saint Vincent University.

Note: this session is sponsored by the CAUL Copyright Committee.

Copyright in Canada Conference: Three Years Later: Making Sense of the Changes in Canadian Copyright: October 2, 2015

The Copyright in Canada Conference 2015 is jointly organized by the Scholarly Communications and Copyright Office at the University of Toronto Libraries, and the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeannie Bail
April 22, 2015

APLA Report **APLA 2015, June 1013, 2015**

Name of reporter	Louise Spiteri
Position of reporter	Director
Area reporting from	School of Information Management

Academic Program Updates	<p>The Master of Information Management (MIM) program has launched its new IM Competencies Framework. This Framework will be mapped to all the learning outcomes and weekly topics of each syllabus, as well as to each assignment.</p> <p>The Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program is in the midst of revamping its core competencies; once the new framework is finalized by the MLIS Curriculum Committee and approved by School Council, mapping procedures will be followed as noted for the MIM program.</p> <p>The School of Information Management is pleased to welcome Jennifer Grek Martin, who started a three-year limited-term appointment with us on July 1, 2014. Ms. Grek Martin has a BA, International Relations, and a MSc, Geography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a MLIS from Dalhousie. Ms. Grek Martin's research interests include geospatial information, visualization and mental imagery, and multimedia representation of information and cognition. Ms. Grek Martin will be teaching courses in the MLIS, MIM, and Bachelor of Management programs. More information may be found at http://bit.ly/1OUAQwa.</p> <p>The latest edition of our School letter, Inform, may be found at http://bit.ly/1OUB0Ue</p>
Awards & Accomplishments	<p>Sandra Toze successfully defended her Interdisciplinary PhD in July: <i>Examining group process through and information behaviour lens: How student groups work with information to accomplish tasks.</i></p> <p>MLIS student Valerie Collins is the 2014 recipient of the Stephanie Downs Memorial Award. This Award was created in memory of Stephanie, who graduated from the MLIS program in 2006. Information about Valerie may be found at http://bit.ly/1OUB7z5</p>

Research is a prominent activity of the School of Information Management and both masters and doctoral students are active participants in individual and team projects supervised by faculty members. These students often participate in conferences locally, nationally, and internationally, as the following list (<http://bit.ly/1pdwWD7>) of over twenty presentations confirms.

On December 5, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Association for Library & Information Science Education (ALISE) announced that Dr. Louise Spiteri had been elected to the position of vice-president/president elect, 2015. Dr. Spiteri has been an active member of ALISE since pursuing her doctoral studies at the University of Toronto. Dr. Spiteri's recent contributions to ALISE have included serving as chair of the ALISE Service Award, the ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence, and the ALISE/Norman Horrocks Leadership Award. Dr. Spiteri served as the Director of External Relations on the ALISE Board from 2011-2014, and established ALISE's social media presence on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and the online discussion board.

A \$750 bursary honouring Saskatchewan public library pioneer E. Marion Sherman was awarded on November 15, 2014 to Dalhousie University student Ben Worth. The Marion Sherman Bursary for Children's Librarians was created to honour Mrs. Sherman, a library pioneer, who was the Chairman of the Wapiti Regional Library for thirty-three (33) years, 1951-1984. Mr. Worth completed his Bachelor of Media Arts degree at Emily Carr University prior to moving to Dalhousie University where he is currently enrolled in the 2-year Master of Library and Information Science program. In his application, Ben wrote eloquently about the value of literacy and children's librarianship in the Saskatchewan context.

MLIS student Dominique Taylor was awarded the 2014 Norman Horrocks Leadership Award. Dominique Taylor, a returning MLIS student, draws from a wealth of experience to inform his interests in information management. For instance, he graduated from the University of Prince Edward Island with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and McMaster University with a Master of Arts in Philosophy. He also was awarded a Social Science and Humanities Research Council Canada Graduate Scholarship for his Masters research on metaphor and language use. Dominique's background in philosophy has led him to probe standard definitions and theories of data, information, knowledge, and wisdom within the field of information studies. Specifically, it has pushed him to explore the notion of libraries as places of both information consumption and creation rather than merely as knowledge institutions. More information about Dominique may be found here: <http://bit.ly/1BVtm41>

The 2014 Norman Horrocks lecture was delivered by Linda Cook, CEO, Edmonton Public Library. The lecture and awards

presentation were co-sponsored by Halifax Public Libraries and took place in the new Central Library's Paul O'Regan Auditorium. For more information, please see go to: <http://bit.ly/1BVtuAB>

Noteworthy Research

Information Management Public Lecture Series:

- Quinn DuPont, University of Toronto: *A rational economy? From bitcoin to ubiquitous cryptography.*
- Dr. Kevin Absillis, University of Antwerp: *Why the book is by definition better than the film: The utopian significance of the printing press.*
- Ryan Deschamps, PhD Candidate (Public Policy), University of Regina: *How "wise" are online social movements?*
- JonArno Lawson, Poet: *Talking up, talking down, talking all around.*
- Dr. Stijn Van Rossem (School of Arts, Ghent) & Andrew Steeves (Gaspereau Press): *Not bound by time: Book production in the seventeenth and twenty-first centuries.*
- Dr. Jeffrey Roy, School of Public Administration, Dalhousie: *Open data and open governance in Canada: A critical examination of new opportunities and old tensions.*
- Dr. Sandra Toze, SIM: *Are we smarter together? Examining effective collaboration in groups.*

Student Engagement & Activities

The student-run Information Without Borders took place on February 11 under the theme Information management for climate change adaptation. The keynote speakers included Steve Easterbrook (University of Toronto) and Carl Duivenvoorden (Al Gore's Climate Reality Project). Other speakers included:

- Jason Hollett, Executive Director of Climate Change Nova Scotia,
- Federal MP Megan Leslie,
- Dr. Tony Charles of Saint Mary's University,
- Dr. Patricia Manuel of Dalhousie University,
- Dr. Adam Fenech of the University of Prince Edward Island,
- Dr. Cristian Suteanu of Saint Mary's University, and
- Fred Whoriskey, Executive Director of Ocean's Tracking Network.

MLIS student Alieda Blandford is featured in today's Halifax Metro News, highlighting the Little Free Library project that several MLIS students have spearheaded. The full article can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1b1CvjR>

Alumni Relations

During the Canadian Library Association Conference held in Victoria, B.C. in June 2014, an alumni reunion was held with Louise Spiteri. SIM alumni met also in Moncton, NB, during the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference in June 2014.

The SIM Associated Alumni for hosted a very successful 2014 Welcome Reception. The theme of this event, Stay Connected, was very evident in the many conversations and interactions that occurred throughout the evening. Jiselle Alleyne, the Chair of the Associated Alumni, greeted us via video from Trinidad and Tobago in the cheerful and enthusiastic manner with which I always associate her. Kelli WooShue was the MC of the event and did an excellent job of tying in the theme of the event. Marianne Hagen brought greetings on behalf of Dean Peggy Cunningham. We were all inspired by the recollections and thoughts of three of our alumni, Suzanne van den Hoogen (Class of 2009), Tracey Jones-Grant (Class of 1986), and Michelle Paon (Class of 1998). Lou Duggan spoke on behalf of Donna Bourne-Tyson (who was with us in spirit and via Twitter in Calgary) to remind alumni to nominate the alumnus or alumna of the year (see details here). Joining the event was then Dalhousie's Registrar, and now CEO of Halifax Public Libraries, Åsa Kachan.

Congratulations to Lou Duggan on being named the recipient of the Dalhousie SIM Associated Alumni Outstanding Alumni Award for 2014. In his nomination, key characteristics were noted, 'Lou is an active and prolific scholar, is a terrific role model to those new to the profession, and many SIM students have benefited from his role as mentor and advisor...' These attributes exemplify the type of person deserving of this award and so the decision therefore became an easy one; as we firmly believe that you are worthy of being named the recipient of the SIM Associated Alumni Award for 2014.

APLA REPORT 2015

St. John's NL Conference

Thank You

As we near the end of a successful academic year, we cannot help but acknowledge the support we receive from you, our industry partners. Repeatedly you speak with our students about what is happening in libraries across the region, or you supervise our students on placement. For this we say thank for your undivided support. Due to your mentoring each one of graduates is yet another Library Technician trained to provide quality service to the public ... training we cannot complete without our industry partners.

During 2014 – 2015, the library community contributed support for the NSCC LIT program through ongoing:

- Guest speaking engagements
- Library tours
- Work experience placements
- Internship opportunities
- Giving of annual awards.

We Are Here to Help You!

We are here to help you. If we can, in any way, support your library service's response, to 'The Ivany Report' through the LIT Program's curriculum outcomes, or through hands-on-training, please do not hesitate to contact us, as we are here to help you:

- Joanne Doucet email: joanne.doucet@nscC.ca
- Harvey Ratchford email: Harvey.ratchford@nscC.ca
- Joanne Hodder email: joanne.hodder@nscC.ca

Open Invitation

It has been a year since the **One Nova Scotia Report** was released by the Government of Nova Scotia. For those of you in NL, NB, and PE, who have not read of this report we recommend you take a look at it via URL <http://onens.ca/>.

The report, more locally referred to as '**The Ivany Report**', sets out goals and strategies which Nova Scotian's have been asked to embrace and move forward.

We are excited by the 'ask' and to be part of the provincial response.

- **Can we help your library achieve the goals set out in 'The Ivany Report'?**
- **What new skills will your Library Technicians require so that your library may support the Ivany Report?**

**WE ARE HERE TO
HELP YOU!**

As we plan for the upcoming academic year, we make note that our enrollment numbers remain steady and, we are currently looking forward to the Spring Graduation Ceremony.

NEWS FROM FACULTY

- **APLA First Timers Grant Recipient** – Clare Howard, a first year student in the LIT Program is in St. John's attending this year's APLA Conference due to APLA's generous First Timers Grant. We know that you will all make Clare feel very welcome. Enjoy the Conference Clare!
- **Great Example of How We Can Help** - Two years ago, one of our industry partners asked us to pay more attention to the job interview process. Specifically the ask was to ensure that our students were prepared for the interview process and that they understood how to use their time in the LIT Program more effectively when responding to skills and behavioural type questions. Our response has been to integrate the interview question into selected assessment points within the term; the experiment has been proving successful, and will be continued. This is a superb example of an industry 'ask' and how we were able to respond. Our graduates are much more successful, not only in understanding how to view their classroom work in terms of skills development and understanding, but also in the job interview process and gaining employment.
- **Program Restructuring** - Beginning September 2014, four additional elective credits were added to the LIT Program's overall requirements for graduation. The eventual outcome of these additions are well versed graduates in terms of the information sector, but also graduates well rounded in terms of academic study.
- **The Online Student** - The integration of NSCC's newest online learning platform, **D2L: Desire2Learn** software, was successfully launched in the Fall of 2014.
- **Conference Attendance** - Through support received from the NSCC School of Business, 50 LIT students attended the Dalhousie School of Information Management's **Information Without Borders Conference 2015**. As always, this was a great experience for our students.

NSCC CLA STUDENT CHAPTER EXECUTIVE FOR 2014 – 2015

- President – Vicky Hirtle
- Vice President – Ethan Ferguson
- Secretary – Sonja Myers
- Treasurer – Simon Helliwell
- 1st year Rep – Sarah Freeland
- 2nd year Rep – Arissa McConnell

Respectfully submitted by,
Joanne Hodder, LIT Faculty

NSCC – Now More Than Ever

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Name: Atlantic Provinces Library Association Advocacy Award

Terms of the Award:

1. The award recognizes exemplary library promotion, advocacy and outreach in the Atlantic Provinces. To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA residing in Atlantic Canada.
2. Some of the contributions that might be considered in selecting a person(s) for this award are:
 - a) Creativity and innovation as demonstrated by the originality of the project
 - b) Potential for generating public visibility and support for libraries, irrespective of the kind or amount of resources employed;
 - c) Relevance and effectiveness illustrated by measurable objectives and subsequent evaluation methods;
 - d) Commitment to ongoing library promotion and advocacy.
3. Normally only one award shall be given in each year.

Form of the Award:

1. At the annual conference, the award winner will be presented with:
 - a) \$500

Procedures:

1. The President shall be responsible for organizing the procedure for selecting an award winner and for presenting the award.
2. Names of persons previously nominated but not chosen may be resubmitted.
3. The deadline for applications/nominations shall be March 31.

APLA 2015 Conference Progress Report – April 2015

Dates: June 10-13, 2015

Location: Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's Campus, Bruneau Centre/Arts and Administration Building

Planning Committee Members

1. Amanda Tiller-Hackett – Memorial University - Registration
2. Amanda Power – Memorial University – Treasurer/Programming
3. Krista Godfrey – Memorial University – Programming
4. Liza-Ann Tucker – Memorial University – Entertainment and Social/Transportation and Accommodation
5. Heather Pretty – Memorial University – Transportation and Accommodation
6. Sue Fahey – Memorial University - Entertainment and Social Events
7. Crystal Rose – Grenfell Campus, Memorial University – Promotions, Public Relations and Publicity

Program Highlights

- The online conference schedule is available on the website (apla2015.wordpress.com) through Sched.
- The NLLA (Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association) Conference will be the APLA Preconference; it includes a half day UX workshop hosted by Robin Bergart and Krista Godfrey.
- Keynote speakers:
 - Lisa Moore, Newfoundland author and winner of the 2013 Canada Reads competition. Moore has recently been appointed as an assistant professor of creative writing at Memorial University.
 - Cheryl Stenstrom, a library consultant and lecturer at San Jose State University. Her doctoral research identifies the factors that influence funding decisions by state and provincial politicians.
- The program includes fifteen 60 minute oral presentations, eighteen 30 minute oral presentations, as well as lightning talks.

Social Events and Catering

- We have selected Red Oak as our caterer, and have set a preliminary menu. We will confirm the menu, numbers and dietary concerns closer to the conference.
- The Opening Reception will be held at the Johnson Geo-Centre, with music provided by violinist Rosemary Lawton and an accompanist. Transportation will be provided
- The APLA Merit Award Banquet will be held at the Admiral's Green in Pippy Park. A band, Stixx and Stones, has been scheduled for the dance.

- Caterers have been scheduled for both events, and menus will be set in the coming weeks.
- Dinner and social events are being planned for Thursday
- Social events and tours for Saturday

Registration

Early-bird pricing will close on April 24th. Registration will close a week before on the conference, on the 3rd. Registration, as well as payment options, will be available online. Given the indepth analysis performed by the previous committee, we set our prices in accordance with those from 2014. Costs are as follows:

Early-Bird Rates

APLA Member - Full Conference (including banquet): \$225.00
 APLA Member - Full Conference (without banquet): \$200.00
 Non-Member – Full Conference (including banquet): \$265.00
 Non-Member – Full Conference (without banquet): \$240.00
 Student – Full Conference: \$75.00

Regular Rates

APLA Member – Full Conference (including banquet): \$265.00
 APLA Member – Full Conference (without banquet): \$240.00
 Non-Member – Full Conference (including banquet): \$295.00
 Non-Member – Full Conference (without banquet): \$270.00
 Student – Full Conference: \$85.00
 APLA Member – One Day Rate: \$110.00
 Non-Member – One Day Rate: \$130.00
 Student – One Day Rate: \$50.00

To date, we have 45 registered for the conference, and 13 registered for the preconference.

Exhibits

Located on the first and second levels of the atrium in the Bruneau Building, the trade show will occur in the heart of the conference. We have 25 spaces available, and only 3 remain, with several vendors left to confirm.

Sponsorship

A number of the vendors exhibiting have also extended their support to the sponsorship of the conference. The committee has approximately \$5,000 committed in sponsorship.

The committee is also looking for in-kind donations from around the city. In-kind donations to date include: books from Problematic Press and Brick Books; magazine issues from Riddle Fence; NL maps

from the Centre for Newfoundland Studies; gift certificates from O'Brien's Boat Tours; and gift certificates from MUN Botanical Gardens.

Technology

- All sessions will be held in smart classrooms.
- Sound systems for social events will be provided by the venue.

Treasurer

We have had a recent change with the Treasurer position. Amanda Power, a co-chair of the programming sub-committee, has agreed to take the lead on this position as of March, 2015.

Conference finances are stable and positive. The conference is on track in terms of anticipated registration numbers, and we are pleased with the confirmations that we have received from exhibitors and sponsors. We currently have \$16,305 in registration revenue. We also have a commitment for \$5,050 in sponsorships, in addition to \$10,500 for exhibitor space. Deposits have been made for the conference's two main social events: the Opening Reception at Johnson Geo Centre and the Awards Banquet at Admiral's Green Clubhouse, Pippy Park. A deposit has also been made for the entertainment for our Awards Banquet, local group Stixx & Stones. We are awaiting final price confirmation for campus room rentals, as well as food costs from catering company, Red Oak.

Proposed Standing Order 6.06 - Advocacy Committee

Status: Standing Committee

Purpose:

To ensure that APLA is an effective regional voice on issues of importance to libraries, library staff, and library users, and to ensure that no opportunity is missed to make that voice heard. The committee will play a support role to the Executive.

Terms of reference:

The role of the committee will include but not be limited to the following:

1. To monitor developments in libraries and librarianship, both regionally and nationally, and identify key issues;
2. To research and compile background information on these issues, as needed;
3. To advise the APLA Executive on possible actions to be taken on emerging issues;
4. To develop advocacy tools for use by APLA members;
5. To facilitate training for effective advocacy; and
6. To collaborate with other organizations (eg CLA, The Partnership, other regional associations) to increase the reach and impact of advocacy efforts.

Membership:

The Committee shall include the Chair, as well as four other members from the different library sectors. At least one of these members shall be francophone, to ensure that important issues for francophone libraries are not overlooked. The APLA President and VP/President Elect will be ex officio members. Members may serve up to three years.

Atlantic Provinces Library Association

75th Ordinary General Meeting

Delta Beauséjour, Ballroom A , Moncton, NB

Minutes

Friday, June 6th, 2014 12:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**-Louise White called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.
2. **Establish Quorum**- Quorum was reached; 64 present or by proxy.
3. **Adoption of Agenda**-The agenda was adopted.
4. **APLA Meeting Rules**-Louise White reminded members of the APLA meeting rules including Rule 2 –“persons seeking recognition from the presiding officer shall identify themselves for the record, giving their names, library or other affiliation, and whether members of non-members.”
5. **Minutes of the 74th Ordinary General Meeting, Charlottetown, PEI, May 15th and 16th, 2013**-Minutes approved.
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**-There was no business arising from the minutes.
7. **President’s Report**-Report as submitted.
8. **Past President’s Report**-Report as submitted. Louise White thanked Lou Duggan for his work over the past three years.
9. **Vice President/President Elect**-Report as submitted.
10. **Vice-Presidents’ Reports**
 - 10.1 New Brunswick-Report as submitted.
 - 10.2 Newfoundland and Labrador-Report as submitted.
 - 10.3 Nova Scotia-Report as submitted.
 - 10.4 Prince Edward Island-Report as submitted.
 - 10.5 Membership-Report as submitted. It was noted that we have reached over 400 active members.
11. **Financial Examiner**
 - 11.1 Report 2013/2014-Report as submitted.
 - 11.2 Appointment of Financial Examiner, 2014/2015-Peter Glenister has agreed to be financial examiner for 2014/2015.

12. Treasurer

12.1 Report 2013-2014 Gail Fraser presented the 2013/2014 treasurer's report and reported healthy revenues for the past year. Joint memberships from APLNB, NLLA and NSLA have all increased but caused revenues to be less because of these joint memberships. A \$125 refund was made because a membership was paid twice and executive travel was proposed to be slightly higher due to the President and Vice President/President elect being from Newfoundland and Labrador but the proposed amount was not spent. Gail Fraser also noted that although \$5000 was transferred to the Memorial Fund and voted upon at the winter executive meeting this goes counter to standing orders 3.09 and 3.15. No more monies will be transferred this fiscal year or until it is allowed based on the standing orders. The following correction was noted:

- i. Correction-Registry of Joint Stocks should be \$36.30.

Lou Duggan moved that the treasurer's report be accepted with corrections; Bill Slauenwhite seconded. Motion carried.

12.2 Proposed Budget 2014/2015 -Louise White presented a balanced budget for 2014-2015. Louise noted that executive travel has increased to allow a second member of APLA executive to attend The Partnership meetings. Originally underwritten by OLA, the funding has been cut to one attendee. As there is benefit in allowing two members to attend; APLA will fund the second attendee. Mark Truitt moved the budget be accepted, Suzanne van den Hoogen seconded. Motion carried.

13. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin Management Board-Report as submitted. Louise White thanked the editors for their work on the new layout.

14. Finance Report-Report as submitted.

15. APLA Memorial Award-Report as submitted.

16. Carin Alma E. Somer's Scholarship-Report as submitted. Lydia Thorne is this years' recipient.

17. Communications Coordinator-Report as submitted.

18. Continuing Education-Report as Submitted.

19. Nominations and Elections-The new executive members are Lynn Somers (Vice President/President Elect), Stan Orlov (Vice President Nova Scotia), and Patricia Doucette (Vice President Prince Edward Island) Thanks to Lou Duggan, Ann Barrett and Melissa Belvadi for their work over the past three years. Lou Duggan welcomed Corrine Gilroy (Bulletin co-editor),

Laurinda Matheson (Communications Coordinator), Melissa Anez (webmaster), Jeannie Bail (Copyright representative) and Cate Carlye (EI representative).

20. Interest Group Reports

20.1 Advocacy-Report as submitted.

20.2 Education-Report as submitted.

21. Grow a Library-Report as submitted.

22. Revisions to Standing Orders:

22.1 Standing Order 5.06 (Re: Bulletin Terms of Reference). Lou Duggan read the standing order and explained since The Bulletin is a purely electronic document the need for adherence to budget limitations and advertising revenue is no longer needed.

Recommended Change to Standing Order 5.06

Membership: The conveners shall be the Co-Editors. The members shall be the Co-Editors of the Bulletin, Communications and Public Relations Committee Convenor(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
 - ~~○ adherence to budget limitations~~
 - ~~○ development of advertising revenue~~
- 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 terms being staggered so at least one Co-Editor has a year of experience ~~and the Bulletin Advertising Editor position is eliminated.~~

Motion to strike the two sub-items indicated and the second part of the last Term of Reference.

(The sub-items are vestiges of the print format of the *Bulletin*; the Advertising Editor position was eliminated)

Lou Duggan made a motion to pass, seconded by Peter Glenister. Motion passed.

23. Archives-Report as submitted. Changes to procedures manual will be made.

24. Report of the CLA copyright representative-Report as submitted.

25. Games as the Library-Report as submitted. French translation of all documents is currently underway.

26. Annual Conferences

26.1 Moncton 2014-Report as submitted.

26.2 St. John's 2015-Report as submitted.

27. APLA Merit Award Winner, APLA Prize Winners and First Timer's Grant-Louise White named the four winners: Jennifer Evans (APLA Merit Award), Patricia Langille (NSCC APLA prize), Jannaya Jensen (Dalhousie SLIS APLA prize), Peggy McEachrean (First Timer's Grant) and the first APLA advocacy prize was awarded to Annapolis Valley Regional Library for their 12 Days of Cookies campaign.

28. Unfinished Business-None.

29. Resolutions-

Resolution #1 - Louise White introduced the following courtesy resolution:

Resolved that APLA extends its appreciation to members of the Moncton conference organizing committee, the speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and all who have contributed to the success of the conference.

Résolution #1

Résolu que l'APLA exprime son appréciation et sa reconnaissance aux membres du comité organisateur du congrès de Moncton, aux conférenciers et conférencières, aux exposants, ainsi qu'à tous et à celles qui ont contribué au succès du congrès.

(Applause)

30. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management Update-Report as submitted.

31. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program Update-Report as submitted.

32. Inauguration of Incoming President-Louise White passed the gavel to Crystal Rose. Peter Glenister noted this is the first time outgoing and incoming Presidents are native to Newfoundland and Labrador.

33. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.