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APLA Memorial Award 2016

Do you need financial assistance for study or research? The APLA Memorial Trust provides funding for projects that contribute to the development of your career and are of benefit to the library profession. Applicants must be members of APLA. Previous applicants and winners are eligible. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed project and estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae. **Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2016.**

The annual award amount is determined by the interest from the Trust. This year's award will be approximately \$1000. Please consider making a donation to the Trust as a means of assisting the professional development of future members and for honouring past members. For more information about the award, to submit an application, or to make a donation, please contact:

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First Timer's Conference Grant

APLA is now accepting applications for our *First Timer's Conference Grant*. To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA, residing in Atlantic Canada, and planning to attend her/his first APLA annual conference.

Grants are allocated, consistent with general APLA guidelines, to help meet conference related expenses. If more applications are received than can be met by the fund, money will be awarded by drawing from the names of all eligible applicants. Recipients will be expected to write a short report, for the Executive and the APLA Bulletin, summarizing their conference experience.

Applicants should include name, business address, chosen means for contacting (mail, e-mail, telephone, fax) estimated costs (travel, accommodation, meals, registration), and a signed compliance with eligibility requirements. **Nominations should be submitted by March 31, 2016** to:

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Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association welcomes applications for the *Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship* trust. The trust provides an annual scholarship, valued at approximately \$2,000, in her name to assist a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree in Library and Information Science.

Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee. The successful applicant will have been accepted in a School of Graduate Studies as a candidate for a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies accredited by the American Library Association. The award will normally be announced at the Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association spring Conference.

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APLA 2016 Conference, May 29-June 1, Halifax, NS

Submitted by Crystal Rose, APLA 2016 Conference Planning Chair



Libraries: Supporting Bodies and Minds

The APLA 2016 Planning Committee is working hard to make this year's conference spectacular! Our theme, *Libraries: Supporting Bodies and Minds*, was inspired by the important role we play in supporting physical and mental wellness in our communities. Here is a sneak peek at some of the 2016 conference highlights. Visit our conference website for more details.

Conference Venue: Westin Nova Scotian



Did you know that as the number of delegates who stay at the hotel increases, the cost of using the hotel as a conference venue decreases? Help us keep the APLA conference costs reasonable by booking your room early at our fantastic conference venue, the Westin Nova Scotian overlooking the scenic Halifax harbour! A block of rooms has been reserved for APLA delegates at the locked-in price of \$179 for 1-2 adults (choice of queen or two doubles). Guests will be able to enjoy the Westin's award-winning

Elements restaurant, Cafe & Lounge with outdoor patio, fitness studio and salt water pool, and free Wi-Fi. Book early to ensure that you can enjoy the convenience of staying on-site. Conference rates will only be available until **Thursday, April 28, 2016.**

Keynotes

We're pleased to announce the APLA 2016 keynote speakers are acclaimed journalist and best-selling children's author, Starr Dobson, and Janet Knox, a leader in the delivery of health services in Nova Scotia. Read more about Starr and Janet on the conference website. We are honoured to have these two inspiring women share their experiences promoting wellness in Atlantic Canada at this year's conference!



Starr Dobson



Janet Knox

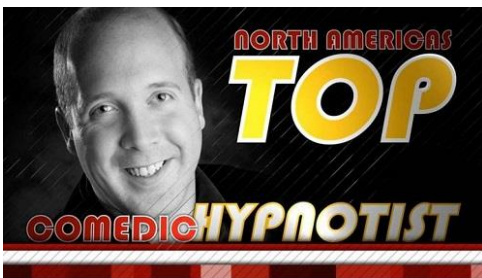
Welcome Reception

Our opening reception on Sunday, May 29, hosted by the APLA Past-President, will be held at the fabulous new Halifax Central Library, which made the shortlist for the prestigious 2015 World Building of the Year Award. Join us for an exclusive after-hours tour and reception with hot hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Delegates receive a complimentary drink ticket included with conference registration.



Merit Award Presentation and Closing Reception

Our closing reception will be held on Tuesday, May 30, at the Westin. This year, to maximize networking, we will be having hot canapes and chef's stations. Work the room and enjoy the cash bar!



Entertainment will be provided by **Ian Stewart's Comedy Hypnotism Show**, an entertainer who has appeared on The Tonight Show and The Late Show with David Letterman. *No audience participation will be required.* Volunteers have already been recruited! Watch your colleagues like Lou Duggan, Bill Slauenwhite, Crystal Rose, APLA President Lynn Somers, and others get hypnotized.

News from the Provinces

New Brunswick

News from New Brunswick Public Library Service

Submitted by Mathieu Lanteigne

Over the last few months, many communities across New Brunswick have been preparing for the anticipated influx of Syrian refugees into the province. Several public libraries have chosen to participate in initiatives such as *A Warm Welcome* and *25000 Tuques* to help ensure that incoming refugees are adequately equipped for our winter conditions. All public libraries in the province have also begun offering some promotional materials in Arabic.

Newfoundland

News from Newfoundland & Labrador

Submitted by Becky Smith

The last few months have been quite busy here in Newfoundland. Memorial University has been in the news regarding the need to cancel journal packages in light of the current economic pressures. While much attention has been brought to this issue by outside sources, the resulting show of support from other institutions and increased involvement from faculty have both informed the processes to undertake this undesirable task. Memorial University Libraries have also seen Lorraine Busby complete her appointment as University Librarian. The search for a new University Librarian is ongoing but Associate University Librarian Louise White has agreed to be Interim University Librarian starting January 1st, 2016.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries have also undertaken great efforts to make newcomers to the area feel welcome. In St. John's, librarian Anna Swanson collaborated with the St. John's Local Immigration Project to determine how the library could improve services for newcomers. With the help of an \$11,500 grant from Cities for People, a series of focus groups with newcomers and immigrants were held to generate ideas, and the larger community helped to prioritize and implement the ideas to be put into action. The result included, among other things, the acquisition of 323 dual language children's picture books in English and 47 other languages; PENpal 'Pens' that read picture books out loud in several languages; as well as basic library information pamphlets translated into French, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, Tagalog, Hindi, Urdu,

Russian, and Japanese. A launch party for the new collections was held at the AC Hunter Library on November 19th, 2015.

At the Gander Public Library, current efforts by Regional Librarian Courtney Penney to seek donations of books and learning materials in Arabic to assist Syrian refugees are drawing the attention of the media. Plans are still being made to welcome the refugees destined for Gander.

Other great news from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries include the recent additions of new four new librarians: a systems librarian and a regional librarian in each of the Western, Central, and Eastern areas. Finally, we would like to congratulate Anna Swanson for being shortlisted for the CBC Poetry Prize.


Nova Scotia

News from St. Francis Xavier University Library

At Your Leisure: Academic and Public Libraries Working Together

Submitted by Suzanne van den Hoogen & Kristel Fleuren-Hunter



Studies have shown that leisure reading is key to maintaining literacy skills and brain health. As physical exercise keeps the body healthy, mental exercise (reading being an example) keeps the brain healthy. But reading is not just good for the brain; it is also good for the mind. Recreational reading has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety, giving credence to the expression "get lost in a book."



At Your Leisure...

Looking for a way to de-stress? Need something to read over the holidays? Perhaps you could use a little bibliotherapy?

Starting **Tuesday, December 1st**, check out the new leisure reading collection at the Angus L. Macdonald Library - brought to you in partnership with The People's Place: Antigonish Town and County Library.



Academic & Public Libraries working together

The Angus L. Macdonald Library and The People's Place: Antigonish Town and County Library have partnered to promote recreational reading materials to the university community. Through the **At Your Leisure** initiative, a selection of public library materials will be available to borrow at the Angus L. Macdonald Library. Patrons are encouraged to

provide comments and feedback as well as suggestions for the types of books to include in this collection.

Knitting Day in Support of #25000tuques

Submitted by Suzanne van den Hoogen and Laurinda Matheson

Inspired by our colleagues at CBU, the StFX Library hosted a Knitting Day on Friday, January 15th. This event was in support of #25000tuques, which helps support our Syrian Refugees with the gift of a warm hat to welcome them to Canada. Twenty-one items were crafted/donated during this event and several more are anticipated before the end of the month.



News from Dalhousie University Libraries



Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and Dalhousie University will collaborate in several key areas to share expertise, knowledge, research practices, technological developments as well as proactively facilitating outreach to promote Canadian documentary heritage.

The agreement was signed on October 15 by Librarian and Archivist of Canada Dr. Guy Berthiaume, and Dalhousie University President Dr. Richard Florizone.

“It is crucial for Library and Archives Canada to build enhanced relationships with respected, like-minded institutions across the country,” said Dr. Guy Berthiaume. “The partnership with Dalhousie will allow us, among other things, to build upon the presence of the LAC regional service centre in Dartmouth (part of the Halifax Regional Municipality) and upon an excellent School of Information Management at the University.”

“We are so very pleased to be the second university in Canada to partner with Library and Archives Canada,” says Dr. Richard Florizone, Dalhousie University President. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for us to share with one another the knowledge and expertise that will help support the innovative work our organizations are undertaking.”

Examples of collaborations made possible by this partnership include:

- Undertaking exchanges of expertise (ex. Through Interchange Canada) to support the development of specific skills;
- LAC hosting Dalhousie University students through formal work placement programs (Federal Student Experience Work Program and COOP) and tours of facilities;
- LAC and Dalhousie University sharing knowledge and expertise through training programs and workshops;

“This is an exciting initiative that provides an opportunity for Dalhousie University, through the Dalhousie Libraries and the School of Information Management, and Library and Archives Canada to work together and share expertise and resources that exist at both of our great institutions,” says University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson.

A coordination committee composed of four members from the University and four from LAC will recommend and evaluate possible projects on which to collaborate.

Wallace McCain Learning Commons Officially Open



Dalhousie's newest student study space, the Wallace McCain Learning Commons, officially opened for business on October 15.

Made possible by a generous donation by the McCain Family Foundation, the Wallace McCain Learning Commons features over 30 computers, a printing station, a quiet study area, Help Desk, librarian services, bookable study rooms, and a small classroom bookable through the Faculty of Science office.

The building was made available for students as soon as the grand opening ceremony concluded, and many made themselves at home right away (pulling out textbooks, binders and laptops) to get down to the business of studying.

In addition to the Wallace McCain Learning Commons, there are currently two other learning commons at Dalhousie - the Killam Memorial Library Learning Commons, and the Kellogg Library Learning Commons in the Collaborative Health Education Building, which opens January 4th. Eventually there will be a fourth on the Sexton campus.

Dalhousie celebrates Geography Awareness Week!

The Dalhousie Libraries was thrilled to celebrate Geography Awareness Week (GAW), which took place from November 15-21. Launched in 1987, this week provides a global opportunity for people and organizations to celebrate what geography is, what it can do, and how it helps us understand the world, people and culture, the environment, and the interactions among those features from a spatial viewpoint.

During Geography Awareness Week, GIS (Geographical Information Sciences) Day also took place (Wednesday, Nov. 18th.) GIS Day was developed in 1999 to support the aims of GAW and to focus attention on the role GIS and other spatial technologies play in developing solutions that are based upon spatial science and geographic understanding.

There was an added bonus to this year's celebration of GAW and GIS Day. The events took place during International Map Year (IMY). The theme for IMY is "We Love Maps", and the year has been endorsed by the United Nations and numerous national and international organizations, companies, government and not-for-profits. Led by the International Cartographic Association (ICA), IMY for 2015-2016 is being celebrated in Canada with the leadership of a number of key organizations, companies and governmental departments. (IMY for Canada can be found at <http://internationalmapyear.ca> or @IMY_CA).

Dalhousie Libraries has always played a role in promoting and celebrating both GIS Day and GAW, and this year joining in for International Map Year. Over the years, we have hosted special lectures, public displays, and events joining with other partners across organization with the support of the Geomatics Association of Nova Scotia (GANS).

With the support of the Libraries GIS Centre, this year we hosted fun and interactive map displays where students, faculty and staff from across the campus helped create our very own "Where is Dalhousie" web map. They were able to add in a place marker of where they came from, their hometown or city. This was a public display viewable by other people involved in GIS Day and GAW, and gave us a chance to show where our Dalhousie community comes from – no matter where in the world our hometowns are.

Archives and Privacy within a Culture of Access": Talk by Archivist Michael Moir

On Tuesday November 17, 2015, respected archivist Michael Moir presented a talk on the theme of "Archives and Privacy within a Culture of Access":

Archivists, librarians, and curators face increasing pressure to preserve and share the documentary legacy of a generation of Baby Boomers facing retirement, domestic downsizing, and the end of their days. Archives become the means to commemorate their contributions to society, including events that can be quite recent. Such material often contains personal information about third parties who have no awareness that it

has entered the public sphere. Those tasked with managing such collections must find a delicate balance between the need for access to pursue knowledge (an activity that lies at the heart of the reasons we preserve archival records), and the ethical concern for the privacy of third parties.

The situation has become more complicated by European court rulings involving Google and the right to be forgotten, and the legal battle over access to interview recordings from the "Belfast Project" that were deposited at Boston College.

This presentation discussed how a project funded by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries reviewed news media, blogs, scholarly journals and government websites to track changing attitudes toward privacy and recorded information, and how these could influence practical aspects of stewarding archival holdings in terms of acquisition, description, reference, and outreach through digital initiatives.

Michael Moir is the University Archivist and Head of the Clara Thomas Archives and Special Collections of York University Libraries. He was the Director of Corporate Records Systems and City Archivist for the newly amalgamated City of Toronto from 1998 to 2004, and has served as an adjunct instructor and guest lecturer at the University of Toronto's iSchool. His research interests vary from the management of unique research collections, to Canadian shipbuilding during the Great War.

The talk was organized by the Council of Nova Scotia Archives.

Author Reading:

On November 10, the Dal Libraries were pleased to host Darren Greer, winner of the 2015 Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award, for a public reading.

Greer is the author of three novels and a book of essays. While at Dalhousie, he read from his book, *Just Beneath My Skin*.

He grew up in several towns in Nova Scotia, including Greenfield and Liverpool, and studied literature at the University of King's College, Halifax, as well as Carleton University, Ottawa.

Greer's first novel, *Tyler's Cape*, was published in March 2001 to critical acclaim and was on the bestseller list of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald. *Still Life with June* was nominated for the Pearson Readers' Choice Award at The Word on the Street, Toronto, in 2003 and is the Winner of the 2004 ReLit Award.

This public reading was sponsored by the Canadian Literary Collections Project

Non-traditional Library Material in a Small but Busy Engineering and Computer Science Library

Submitted by SARANIPTHA (SARAN) CROOS

INTRODUCTION

Traditionally, libraries have been providing information services whereby patrons can use or borrow various types of books, journals, magazines, newspapers and more, in a variety of formats in order to meet their informational needs. However, in recent years, many academic, public and special libraries have been offering more “non-traditional” library items and services, and this trend continues to grow as more people are participating in a shared economies. Non-traditional library items generally refer to items that patrons can borrow such as various tools, equipment and devices in addition to informational items and services. There are typically two types of libraries that provide these kinds of services: libraries that are dedicated entirely to non-traditional items such as the Toronto Tool Library, The Kitchen Library and the Calgary Tools Library; and traditional libraries, which provide non-traditional services in addition to providing informational services as their main mandate. The Engineering and Computer Science Library at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) is one such library which adopts the latter approach. As such, this article will discuss some of the new and exciting non-traditional library materials that have been introduced at the Engineering and Computer Science Library and how they are being used and perceived by our students, faculty and staff.

NON-TRADITIONAL MATERIAL AT OUR LIBRARY



As the name suggests, the Engineering and Computer Science Library serves both the Engineering and Computer Science faculties at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton campus. Our patrons include students, faculty, staff, alumni and on some occasions, the general public. In terms of the physical space we are small in size, but in terms of door count and space use we are per capita (per square feet) the busiest library on campus at UNB. In terms of non-traditional library materials, the library

offers a variety of tools, equipment and devices which are geared toward the needs of our patrons. They include: 3D pens, Arduinos, Raspberry Pis, hand tools, power drills, hand saws, levels, measuring tapes, calculators, computer mice, and chargers for phones, tablets, iPads and other types of devices. All of our non-traditional items are catalogued as Engineering Miscellaneous (ENG-MISC) and the loan period for each item ranges from 2 hours to 2 weeks.

3D Pens

The 3D pen is a simple to use, but complex device that allows our patrons to create simple 3D objects or complex 3D models, only limited by their imagination and creativity. For instance, using the 3D pen, our patrons have the ability to use custom stencils and therefore create various objects for their coursework or personal projects. The market currently offers many 3D pen types and brands, with a range of price points and designs. The library chose to purchase two 3Doodlers due to the level of affordability (approximately \$100), online reviews, testimonials and trade show recommendations. The 3Doodler is a 3D pen that works by extruding heated plastic that cools rapidly into solid rod like structures, allowing for the free-hand creation of three-dimensional objects. Most of the 3D pens use two types of plastic strands composed of Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) and Polylactic Acid (PLA) which we supply to our patrons along with the 3D pens and additional pen tips, depending on their needs. A package of strands usually costs approximately \$5.

Arduinos

Another non-traditional item available at the UNB Engineering and Computer Science library are Arduinos. Arduinos are open source prototyping platforms based on an easy-to-use microcomputer development system (physical board). Arduinos can be powered by USB ports or DC power jacks. If powered by a USB port, the port also performs the serial programming and communication from your computer via Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) software which can be downloaded free of cost on the web. The physical board in combination with the IDE makes up the Arduino system, and also a breadboard with jumper wire kit set is very useful when working on various projects. Arduinos allow our patrons to perform various functions when prototyping including Outputs, Inputs, Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) and Analog Inputs. There are a variety of Arduino boards that are available on the market. However, the most popular is the Arduino UNO, which is the item that the library has as part of its collection, due to its popularity and reasonable cost - the entire system including the breadboard and other components costs less than \$100. In terms of borrowing, our patrons can borrow the Arduino UNO physical board and all of the other components that are required for their respective projects, except the IDE software which they would have to download via the web prior to using the Arduino system.

Raspberry Pis

The Raspberry Pi is a credit-card sized computer that plugs into a TV or computer monitor and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. It is a low cost computing device that is capable of performing desktop computer operations such as browsing the internet, playing videos, word-processing, and robotics. Raspberry Pis allow our patrons to learn how to program using programming languages such as Scratch and Python, and execute and experiment with various types of computing functions. Raspberry Pi runs on Linux (an open source operating system) via a SD card and is powered by a Micro USB charger. The library currently houses three Raspberry Pis with SD cards and Micro USBs in our non-traditional collection. In total, all of the Raspberry Pis, SD cards, Micro USBs and other components cost less than \$200 and are a very popular item in our non-traditional collection.

Hand Tools and Power Drills

Simply put, a “Tool Lending Service” at the Engineering and Computer Science Library is a service where students, faculty and staff can borrow tools at no cost for a period of 3 days. The library recently introduced this service due to the fact that through informal conversations with local, interprovincial and international students, it was apparent that the need for a tool lending service in libraries exists. A complaint often heard by new students at our library, is that students are often without the tools required to assemble, organize, and decorate their new university homes (whether it be a dormitory room, apartment or house). The tools typically used by students in order to arrange their new settings/homes are often expensive and usually fall outside of a student budget, given that these items are seldom used. This tool lending service is at its inception and we currently offer a limited number of hand tools to patrons. Our collection of hand tools include: various types of screw drivers, pliers, a hammer, a level, a tape measure, wrenches, two hand saws, two power drills and drill bit sets. Initially, this service was launched based on donations from our head librarian, and in the near future we hope to expand this service based on donations from the wider library community, as well as the demand from our patrons.

Chargers for Mobile Phones and Tablets

Chargers for Mobile Phones and Tablets are also available for loan from the Circulation Services Desk at the Engineering and Computer Science Library for a period of 2 hours. Currently, the library offers iPod, iPad, iPhone all-in-one connector, 30 pin Apple connector and Micro USB chargers. We introduced these charging devices due to continued faculty, staff and especially student demand and they continue to be one of our most popular and requested non-traditional library items. In terms of prices for these chargers, they range from \$10 to \$50 and for now, the library offers one of each type of charger for borrowing.

Calculators and Other Devices

Due to student demand, the library has also added 8 calculators with basic functions to our non-traditional library material collection. Patrons can borrow the calculators for a period of one day. Calculators are also a very popular non-traditional item due to the fact that although most students have calculators on their mobile devices, they are not allowed to use them for their tests, quizzes and exams as a deterrent to cheating. Another item that has been added to the non-traditional collection is computer mice which can be borrowed for up to 2 hours. This item was added based on numerous requests from patrons asking for a computer mouse which they can plug into their laptops.

OUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE

In terms of user experience and feedback, the library has conducted many informal one-on-one interviews with users in relation to our non-traditional collection. From those informal conversations, the library has received positive feedback with respect to non-traditional lending items. To elaborate, the users are often surprised to find out that the library would offer devices and tools and they appreciate the effort that the library has gone through to acquire such items. Our non-traditional collection appears to be very popular amongst our patrons, especially the calculators, chargers for mobile phones and tablets, hand tools and power drills. Overall, our non-traditional collection costs the library less than \$1000, particularly due to donations which supplemented our collection. We believe that based on the relatively low cost which has been invested in our non-traditional collection we provide a valuable service to our patrons. In the near future, we are hoping to conduct a more formal assessment of our non-traditional collection either via usage data or surveys in order to better understand our patrons' usage of the collection and in order to better meet their needs and demands.

MORE INFORMATION:

- Official for website for 3doodler: <http://the3doodler.com/>
- For more information about Raspberry Pis please visit: <https://www.raspberrypi.org/>
- Our tool lending service was possible thanks to a donation from our head librarian

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