

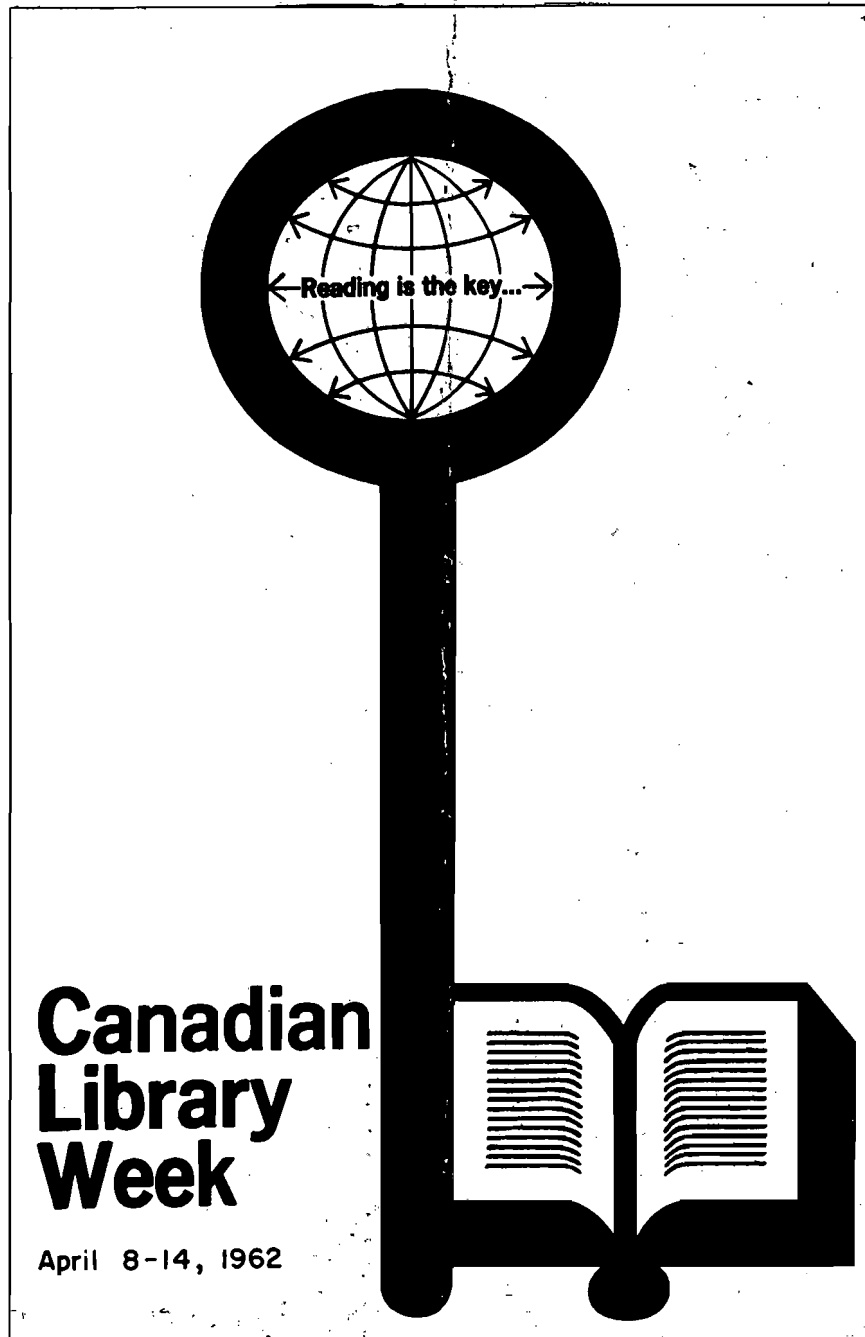
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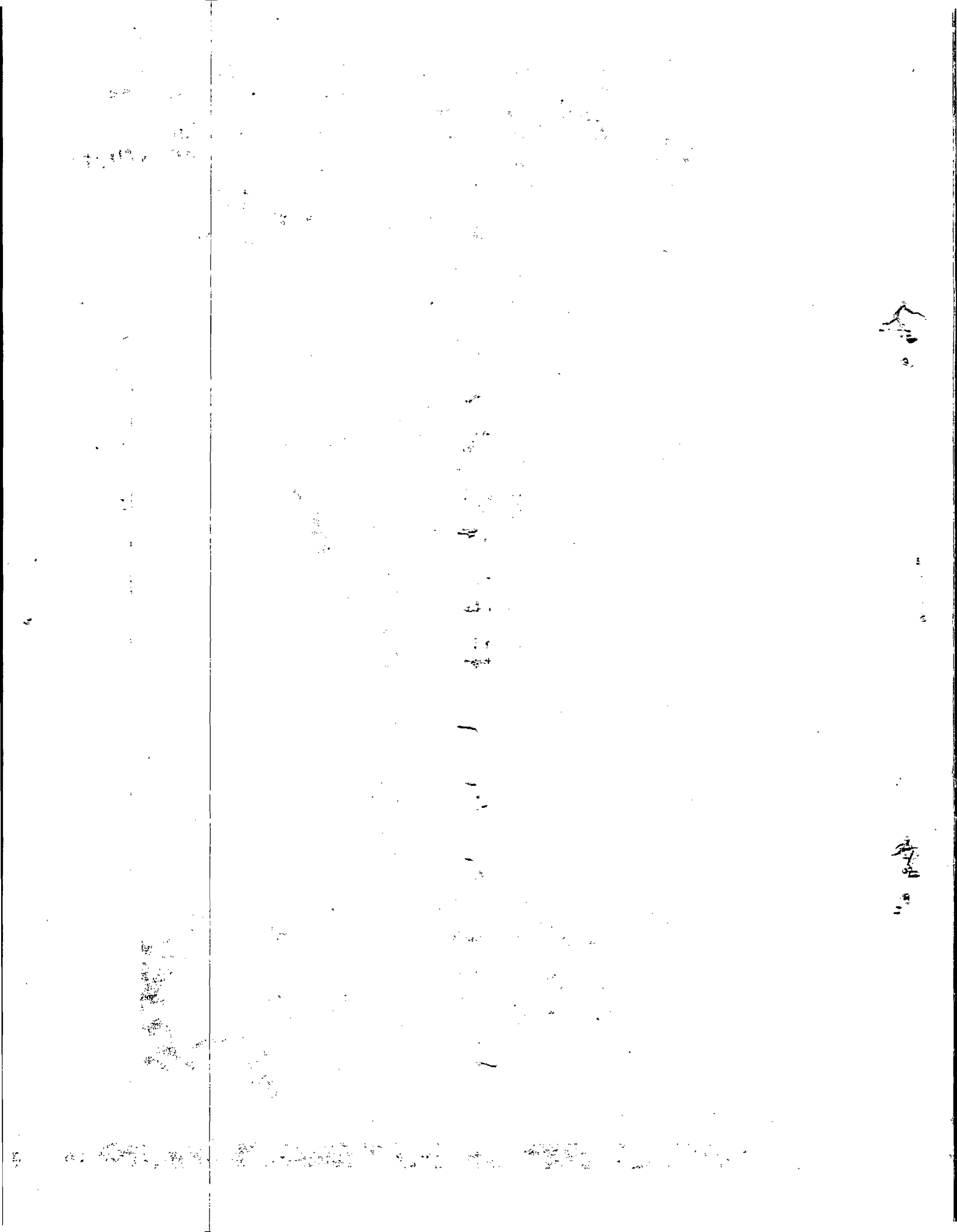


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S. O. S.

TO ALL MEMBERS

You will notice that your Bulletin this time is a short one, filled with bits and pieces.

There are two reasons for this:

1. Members are NOT sending in material.
2. Your Editor does not have time to contact everyone.

I know that there are plenty of articles and short items just waiting to be published from all the libraries in these four provinces. If you want your fellow members to know what you are accomplishing in your area, please send the information along. Sit down RIGHT NOW and start an article or jot down notes. The deadline for the PRE-CONFERENCE ISSUE is April 15.

GET BUSY ! ! !

I would like all PROVINCIAL VICE-PRESIDENTS to send in a report for this issue.

Miss Evelyn Campbell, assistant editor in charge of production, would like some donations of paper for future issues. 20 pound bond is the type we use. Send donations to her at the Nova Scotia Research Foundation, Halifax.

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COMMENT FROM THE PICTOU COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY :

A library book is never as interesting as the letter that was left in it for a bookmark.

The Executive Meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association was held on Monday, January 8, 1962 at the Nova Scotia Research Foundation, Halifax, with six members present.

The Treasurer presented her report which showed the following balances:

General Fund: \$561.04
 Scholarship Fund: \$740.94, of which \$500.00 was to be paid to the 1961 scholarship winner, leaving an actual balance of \$240.94.

Miss Charlotte Allan was appointed Vice-President for Nova Scotia to replace Mrs. Anne Nyland who had resigned.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the CLA Recruitment Liaison Committee asking that a representative be appointed from A P L A to maintain contact with this Committee. This letter also expressed its intention of making contact with the Universities as part of its recruitment project. The Committee would make these contacts itself or leave it to the representative for the area, whichever is desired by the Association or its representative. Miss Allan agreed to serve as liaison with the CLA Recruitment Committee but asked that contacts with Universities in this area be made by the Committee

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ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Monday and Tuesday, May 21-22, 1962

PROGRAMME to be announced later.

ACCOMODATION:

Rates

Montgomery Hall,
 Prince of Wales College

\$5.00

Charlottetown Hotel

\$6.00 up (single)
 \$9.00 up (double)

Motels

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Tourist Homes

\$3.00 and \$6.00

A.P.L.A. SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Fellow Librarian:

At the Annual Conference in May 1962, the Association hopes to be able to award a scholarship of \$1,000 for the study of Library Science.

After paying the final installment of \$500 of the 1961 award to Miss Aleksandra Wawrzyszko, who is studying at the University of Toronto Library School, a balance of \$240.94 will be left in the Scholarship Fund.

At the meeting of the Executive on January 8, 1962, it was agreed that a sum sufficient to bring the present amount in the Fund to \$500 be transferred from the general account. This can be done without depleting the Association's finances.

It now remains up to the membership to make up the balance of \$1,000, which means we must raise \$500 before May 22. I am sure it is a matter of pride and satisfaction to us all to know that with such a small membership, we have awarded two scholarships, and that we have been able to help the careers of two good students.

The Association would be very much pleased if you would contribute any amount that you feel you can give. Please send your contributions to Miss Isabel Abernethy, Secretary-Treasurer, A P L A, Glace Bay Public Library, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn M. Campbell
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

- BULLETIN BRIEFS -

-NEWFOUNDLAND CELEBRATES YCBW- Quotes from the Regional Libraries Newsletter, Autumn 1961: BAR HAVEN - "We did everything we could to make the library attractive for Young Canada's Book Week. We had special displays of book jackets on walls and windows, and the school pupils made posters referring to books, education, and book week. The teachers co-operated by giving the children essays and other assignments dealing with books." BELL ISLAND - "Book displays and posters were arranged to make the library look attractive, and Mr. R. B. Butler, Secretary-Treasurer of the Library Board, notified teachers so that they could explain to their pupils the reasons and objectives of the Y. C. B. W. We had story telling periods, reading sessions, and instruction in library procedure.... Pictures appeared in the Evening Telegram." CARBONEAR - "... a film show for the children..." CORNER BROOK - "An essay contest from Grades IV to XI, the subject being "What the Library means to me" and "A short summary of a book recently borrowed from the Library". A prize of a suitable book was given for the best essay in each grade. A television programme over the local CBC station in which pupils from Grades I to III appeared. There was also a radio interview and a special book display." PORT ELIZABETH-- "Miss Loughlin reports that the Principal of the United Church School there co-operated with her in celebrating the week by having pupils of the school make suitable posters, the best of which were displayed in the library." POUCH COVE - "A special contribution from one of the teachers of the United Church School who is also CGIT leader was the offer on behalf of her group to adopt as a project for the winter the mending of library books." ST. JOHN'S - "An outstanding event was a Book Fair held at Macpherson Academy. It was sponsored by the Regional Council of Home and School Associations in conjunction with Macpherson Academy H. & S. Association, and was planned in co-operation with Dicks & Co. Ltd., booksellers. Mr. R. M. Donovan, Director of Public Library Services in Newfoundland, was invited to give a short talk, in which he stated that much benefit could be derived from such a Fair, for students are introduced to the right books and parents are given the opportunity to see and obtain the types of books that will better equip them to assist their children in their development, and guide them in their choice of reading. The book display at the Gosling Memorial Library was centered around the poster "Around the World with Children's Books".

-TEACHERS LIBRARY, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, N. S. - Miss Shirley Coulter, Supervisor of School Libraries, visited Sydney recently to attend a meeting of the Library Committee of the provincial Home and School Association. This Committee is at present working on a project in connection with the improvement of school libraries in the Province. While in Sydney, Miss Coulter visited libraries in the Sydney Academy, Whitney School, Ashby School, Colby School and Park Junior High School.

- N. S. PROVINCIAL LIBRARY - Miss Alberta Letts, Director, has returned recently from a trip to Toronto and Montreal, where she visited the Library Schools to interview prospective librarians for Nova Scotia.

- PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - A talk entitled "Good books are true friends" won first place for Miss Donna MacDonald in a public-speaking contest at Queen Charlotte High School recently. A representative from each of the five Grade 10 classes spoke at a meeting of the Home and School Association, and Miss MacDonald was declared the winner by a panel of three judges.

- HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY - Some questions asked in the Reference Library during the past year: Meaning of the labour term "Moon-lighting"; Names and addresses of popcorn manufacturers; How to interview a person suspected of committing a crime; How did the seedless orange get started?; Names of companies with contracts for heavy construction in the Canadian North; How to thank an honorary pallbearer; Arguments for building the Chignecto Canal; What is France's stand on the recognition of Red China?

- WINSOR JUNCTION, HALIFAX CO. - At long last a wish of many people in this community has now been realized. A library has been opened in the school for students and grown ups as well. It is a young library, having sprung from a suggestion brought forward at a Home and School meeting in the spring of 1961. The suggestion was to start a library with second-hand books rather than to try to buy all new ones as only a small amount of money was available. Twenty dollars was voted by the H. & S. for purchase of books and work began. By the fall of 1961 128 books had come in - fifty purchased and the balance donated. Once the H. & S. sponsored the idea, the news spread and many more books were donated. By this time the project was progressing so well that the principal suggested the library work should be done properly and the books catalogued. The H. & S. agreed to finance this part of it. A library committee was formed and the Supervisor of School Libraries asked to instruct its members in a modified form of cataloguing suited to a small collection. By the end of January 1962, 347 books had been catalogued. On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the library was open for the first time to the pupils. Each Tuesday from 2 to 4 books may be borrowed and returned. The collection is also available for use during school hours by the different classes. Actual borrowing time is limited because those in charge are volunteer workers. In addition to library hours for pupils, there will be time once a month for adults during the half hour preceding each Home and School meeting. With 347 books the library committee feels a good start has been made. However, it took just one library period to show the lack of suitable books for the lower grades. It is hoped that in the future a grant may be made available for school library purposes so that the collection may be built up.

-HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY- Annual reports of the library board and staff revealed a decline in the use of library services said to be due to the inadequacy of present facilities to meet the demands. Unsuccessful attempts to establish branch libraries in the city has resulted in failure to extend service, a curtailment of existing services and a reduction of growth in the circulation of books and the number of borrowers. A. L. Caldwell, chairman of the Halifax Regional Library Board, said deferment of a decision regarding proposals for a branch library was due in large part to the time involved in working out the city's redevelopment plan, but that the library board believes an early decision for a branch library in the redevelopment area would be a step forward, not only for library services, but for the redevelopment program. Miss Mary Cameron, Chief Librarian, said that although a drop in the number of books borrowed for home use in the adult circulation department was predicted three years ago when the loan period was extended to three weeks with no renewals, the added factor of more selective book buying made necessary by space limitations was also contributing to the decline. The decline in the use of the Children's Department circulation was noted in the report of Children's Librarian, M. Kathleen Currie. She placed the reasons for the decline on the location of the main library which puts it out of reach of many children in remote city areas, and on deterioration of the book stock. With a decreased budget for books in this department last year, almost no purchases had been made in the latter half of the year. In contrast, both adult and children's reference departments saw increased use made of the facilities, but Chief Reference Librarian, Ellen Webster, reported on the extremely serious problem - the complete absence of space for expansion.

-TEACHERS' LIBRARY, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, N. S. - A large number of book displays have gone out from this library in recent months to various parts of the province. They include books on geography and the teaching of geography displayed at the Seminar held in St. Patrick's High School, Halifax; books for Grades 3, 4, 5 and 7 for the Education Week meeting of a Home & School Association in Sydney Mines; professional books to the West Colchester High School teachers' study group and the Cornwallis District High School teachers' study group. Book displays were also used in connection with talks by the Supervisor of School Libraries to teachers at Greenvale School, Dartmouth, and West Kings District High School, Auburn, to the Home and School Association, Greenwood Air Force Base, and to supplement a panel discussion at the University Women's Club of Halifax.

-KING'S COLLEGE LIBRARY - Members of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Authors Association met recently at the University of King's College to hear the story of the Library and its rare books. The speaker was Prof. H. S. Granter, librarian and Dalhousie-King's professor of history, who also arranged a display of antiquarian books.

-HALIFAX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - Programmes for the Winter meetings were: January - Full-length film entitled DESK SET, shown at the N. S. Technical College Library; February - Panel discussion: A look at library co-operation in the Halifax area, held at the Halifax Memorial Library; March - The humane use of science, a talk by Dr. Hope-Simpson, given at the Halifax County Regional Library.

-PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - Miss Ida Cecil Moore, author of Lucky Orphan, died at Montague, P. E. I., on January 25 in her 75th year. Her book, which tells an appealing story of an orphan lamb on a Prince Edward Island farm, has been popular with nine-to-twelve-year-olds.

-SCHOOL LIBRARIES, NOVA SCOTIA - In a GREENWOOD school, older children are used as library monitors. The principal discovered that these monitors were giving library patrons lines for misbehaving in the library - and the patrons were doing them! -- A Cape Breton boy was so impressed by the plight of school libraries outlined by the Supervisor during a Sydney television programme that he insisted his mother donate their set of encyclopedia to his school and was very perturbed when his mother declined. -- Miss Lena Reinhardt, an enthusiastic and enterprising science and mathematics teacher at WEST KINGS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL, was very disturbed by the lack of books in the school library to supplement her courses. Deciding to do something about the situation, she approached the widow of a doctor who had practiced in that area suggesting that a small memorial library be set up in the doctor's name. The kind lady agreed to help and thus was created the nucleus of a fine science library for students at junior and senior high school levels. Over a number of years donations have been received from many interested people in the community both in the form of books and of money. The library is situated in Miss Reinhardt's home room and the books are administered by her. All students in the school are allowed to use the library during spare periods when possible and to borrow books for home use. -- During the past few months the Supervisor has been sending a questionnaire to all schools in the Province asking for information on their libraries. Answers are coming in rapidly and it is hoped that the information contained in them will be put into some organized form very shortly.

NOTES ON THE FACILITIES OF SOME OF THE LIBRARIES IN THE
NEW BRUNSWICK MUSEUM

by Eileen C. Cushing, Assistant Archivist

In the Fall issue of the APLA Bulletin, "Notes on the Libraries of the Department of Canadian History", New Brunswick Museum appeared. However, these notes told just part of what library facilities are available in this institution.

Two very important libraries were not mentioned -- those of Natural Science and of Art. Each of these support and enlarge the scope and function of the galleries of the Department to which they are attached. Mr. W. Austin Squires, Curator of the Department says, "the major part of the Natural Science Library was inherited from the Natural History Society, whose library came into existence in 1862. This library deals with the natural sciences and is unusually fortunate in having beside its books, long runs of the publications of scientific societies, museum and government publications on geology, biology and agriculture of Canada, Britain and the United States. It has been the custom, in recent years, to put the emphasis on biology, and especially on ornithology and botany, with the result that important additions have been made in these fields. An important feature of this library is that it contains a complete or almost complete series, of such journals as: Rhodora, Journal of Mammalogy, Canadian Field Naturalist, The Auk, The Wilson Bulletin, and Bird Lore."

This library, and the Department of Canadian History Libraries, are Research Libraries. The student must work there for except on rare occasions when a book may go out on inter-library loan, they are non-circulating libraries.

The Art Library, in charge of Mrs. Huia Ryder, Acting-Curator of the Art Department, has a unique opportunity to serve the public for any citizen of Saint John may borrow books from it. There are 4,000 titles from which to choose books on silver, paintings, glass, china and furniture. These books provide specialized information on these subjects and render a great service to the people of the community. There are also 3,000 reproductions which may be borrowed. It is believed that this is the finest Art Library in the Atlantic Provinces.

NEWBERRY AND CALDECOTT AWARDS - 1962

From the American Library Association release:

For the first time in the history of the awards, the American Library Association has named two previous winners as recipients of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals which are presented annually for the most distinguished children's books published the previous year.

The John Newbery Medal, given annually since 1922 for the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" went to Elizabeth Speare for The Bronze Bow, published by the Houghton Mifflin Company of Boston, Mass.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal, awarded since 1938 to the artist of the year's "most distinguished American picture book", was won by Marcia Brown for her Once a mouse... published by Charles Scribner's Sons of New York.

Elizabeth George Speare, a native of Melrose, Mass., always wanted to write books but with several years of teaching, then marriage and a family to raise, she contented herself with magazine articles and two one-act plays. In 1957 her novel Calico Captive was selected by the Children's Services Division as a Notable Book, and her book the following year, Witch of Blackbird Pond, set in Wethersfield, Conn., where Mrs. Speare now resides, was named the winner of the 1959 Newbery Medal.

The Bronze Bow is the story of Daniel Bar Jamin, a Galilean youth consumed by hatred of the Roman conquerors. In the beginning, Daniel is part of the outlaw band whose leader promises to drive the invaders from the land. The death of his grandmother and the need to assume responsibility for his sister force Daniel to give up the outlaw life and return to town. There, he gradually gains perspective and, through a series of encounters with Jesus, comes to understand that only love can bend the bow of bronze. The universal message of love as the source of life's strength is combined with power writing, rapidly moving action and excellent characterization. This is a book that will speak to young people of all nations, the committee announced in making the selection.

The Caldecott Medal winner, Marcia Brown, distinguished author and artist, has written and illustrated many delightful books for children. A number of her books have been "Runners-up" for the Caldecott Medal, and her Cinderella was awarded the 1955 Medal. The daughter of a minister, Miss Brown was born in Rochester, N. Y., and at 13 had already selected her career as an artist. While attending the State College for Teachers at Albany, she spent two summers as a scholarship student at the Woodstock School of Painting. She taught English and dramatics following college, but succumbed to the urge to paint and came to New York to work in the New York Public Library and to paint and learn how to make books. She studied painting at the New School for Social Research under Kuniyoshi and Stuart Davis and has since worked on color wood block prints under Louis Shanker.

With action, humor and warmth rarely achieved in woodcuts, Marcia Brown's Once a Mouse... is a perfect picture book, the committee said in making the announcement of the award. The old folk tale of the mouse who becomes a too proud tiger takes on added dimension through the poetic text and vigorous pictures. The story and pictures flow from page to page with unity and ease, creating for young and old a genuine artistic experience. Once a Mouse... was previously selected as one of the ten best illustrated books of the year by the New York Times jury.

Runners up for the Caldecott Medal are: Peter Spier for The Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night, Doubleday; Maurice Sendak for Little Bear's Visit, Harper; and Adrienne Adams for The Day we saw the Sun come up, Charles Scribner's.

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BOOK NOTE

Lawrence, D. H. Lady Chatterley's Lover.

The vicarious existence of a crippled war veteran in a colliery town is memorable because of the devoted aid of his wife and servants.

R. M.

NEW SIA NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PUBLICITY AWARD

Special Libraries Association has instituted a new National Library Week Publicity Award to be granted for the most effective National or Canadian Library Week project carried out by a North American library represented in the membership of the Association.

A first prize of \$75 and a second prize of \$25 will be awarded to the Chapters of which the special librarians submitting the winning entries are members. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company has contributed the \$100 award for the publicizing of the important work done by special librarians in industry, business and other fields during National and Canadian Library Week, April 8-14, 1962.

Special librarians wishing to compete should submit six copies of a two-page, double spaced written description of their project, its objective, coverage, procedures used, audience(s) reached and results achieved to their Chapter Presidents, who will forward all Chapter entries to the Association's Public Relations Director by May 1. Single copies of additional documentary material, such as glossy photographs, newspaper clippings or special items prepared for distribution, may also be included.

All entries submitted will be displayed at the Association's exhibit at the Washington Convention and will become the property of the Association. The winners will be announced at the Convention banquet, May 29, 1962.