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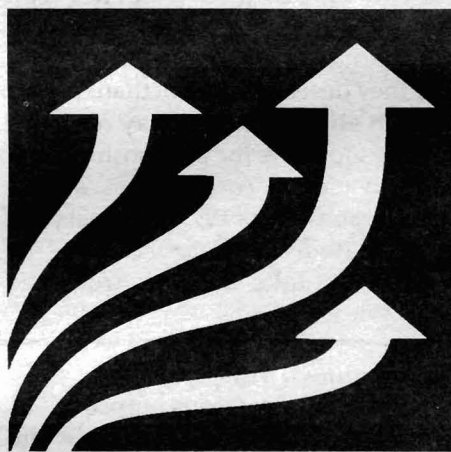
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## FREDERICTON HOSTS SUCCESSFUL APLA '93 CONFERENCE

**S**unny skies, warm temperatures, and a city a-bloom with flowering trees greeted the delegates to the 54th Annual Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association held from May 27-30 at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel overlooking the banks of the historic Saint John River. Final figures showed a total of 266 registrants, excluding volunteers and the 34 exhibitors. Under the general theme of *Lobbying for Libraries ... Lobbyisme pour les Bibliothèques*, 22 sessions and workshops were offered, ranging from practical, hands-on demonstrations on basic library skills and practices to esoteric sessions to help us cope with the "brave new world" of the technological changes already affecting our working and personal lives. A further two formal sessions were offered by vendors and there were on-going demonstrations of products in the exhibits area. Pre-conference activities featured a two-day workshop on Bookmending, a one-day workshop on Planning a Successful Conference,



and tours of the public, university, and government libraries in the Fredericton area.

New Brunswick shares a long border with the neighbouring State of Maine. In keeping with the tradition of co-operation in extending "hands across the border", two of the well-attended sessions were given by "Mainelanders"—Karl Beiser, Library Systems Coordinator, Maine State Library, and

Glenna Nowell, Director, Gardiner Public Library, Maine. The President of the Maine Library Association, Barbara Rice, was also in attendance. Suggestions were made to consider a future joint conference of the two associations.

Also in keeping with the location of the Conference within an officially bilingual province, although the sessions were predominantly English language, one session, on CD-ROM instruction, was offered in both English and French, and another session ("Le Pourquoi et le Comment d'un Plan en Cas de Désastre") was offered in French only.

"Of special interest were the three linked sessions on communications sponsored by the Microcomputer Interest Group ("Virtually Yours: An Overview of Communications Trends", "Different WAIS of Doing Things", and "Client-Server Technology and the Future of Library Networking"). These sessions had to be closed after registration passed the hundred mark.

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## MERIT AWARD PRESENTED TO IAIN BATES

**I**ain Bates, University Librarian at Acadia University from 1982 to 1992, was honoured with the presentation of the APLA Merit Award at the Merit Award Banquet on Saturday evening of the 1993 Conference. The Award, presented annually since 1975, is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces. In nominating Iain Bates for this year's Award, the Committee noted that "in both his career as library administrator and professional librarian, Iain has served as a role model for many of us in the Atlantic region".

Born in Perthshire, Scotland, and educated in Glasgow, libraries have always been home for Iain. As a lad, Iain realized that libraries were the place to be, as "they were dry and warm". This probably is more of a commentary on the Scottish climate and architecture than one of choosing librarianship by default!

Iain's professional career began in the early sixties at the University of Keele, Staffordshire, England, in the Cataloguing and Reference Departments. In 1966 he emigrated to Canada, starting in the Cataloguing Department of the University of Calgary

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## KEYNOTE ADDRESSES FUTURE OF LIBRARIANSHIP

**T**raditionally considered to be a "woman's profession", what is the future for librarianship and librarians in the technological revolution which is already well-advanced? Dr. Roma Harris, this year's Keynote Speaker, gave a hard-hitting, thought-provoking and, at times, disturbing picture of the profession as it now exists, under the title of "Professions That Thrive and Those That Don't: What's in Store for Librarianship?". Her training as a clinical psychologist has led her to examine the role of women in librarianship and to assess the impact of changes in the economy and in technology as they are affecting the profession.

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Keynote Speaker Dr. Roma Harris.  
(Photo: Margaret Pacey)

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# From The Editors' Desk

Either as individuals, or as a group, librarians seldom make headlines. In *Maclean's* issue of July 5 you won't find a librarian listed amongst the "100 Canadians to Watch", where "*Maclean's* celebrates tomorrow's bold and visionary leaders". Reasons for our non-inclusion in this list may well be rooted in the causes outlined in Roma Harris' Keynote Address to the '93 Conference. To be fair to *Maclean's*, they were aiming "to identify potential leaders of tomorrow, 100 Canadians to watch in the coming years". If, amongst the "eclectic mix of people, from athletes to astronauts, musicians to engineers, actors to activists" there is not a single librarian listed, representatives from amongst many of the other traditional professions are also lacking. Perhaps, as our outgoing President, Sue Sexty, pointed out in a humorous aside during the Sunday morning OGM, we

are a greying profession, and unable to absorb the growing numbers of recent graduates of our library schools and library technician programmes into our institutions. However, it is encouraging to note that APLA was able to help bring a new member to her first conference with the help of APLA's first "First Timer's Award". Trine Sholdan of Labrador City probably logged more air miles to attend than most of the other delegates, and she has written an engaging account of her experience elsewhere in this issue.

Librarians, however, are noted for their organizing abilities. The '93 APLA conference was a solid achievement for its organizers, whose year-long efforts paid off in the smooth running of all the sessions, the regular annual meetings of the Association and its Committees and Interest Groups, not to mention the social gatherings which add so much to the atmosphere and the pleasure of

renewing old acquaintances to exchange news and views since the last conference. At least eight of APLA's Past Presidents were present at the reception on Thursday evening, as well as other members of earlier Executives. In an era of ever-increasing ease of communication, there is no substitute for the personal contacts made at our annual conferences.

Only the Committee responsible for the local arrangements can appreciate the effort and time that went into the organization of the Conference, and they deserve a vote of thanks from all who attended. They may not have been responsible for the sunshine and warmth (scarce commodities in this Atlantic summer of 1993!) but everyone appreciated the opportunity—or excuse—to take a break from the

sessions and enjoy the sights of Fredericton, including the famous Saturday morning Boyce Farm Market, before the monsoon-like rain descended Saturday afternoon. Cape Breton hosts will, hopefully, to order up the same conditions (minus the rain) next year.

The Editors appreciated the opportunity at the Conference meeting many of the delegates and to express their thanks to all who took the time to send us reports on many of the sessions held. We look forward to receiving and publishing news and other articles from Interest Groups and all members of APLA throughout the coming year.

—Edith, Betty, & C

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Several other sessions approached maximum capacity, particularly the Saturday afternoon session by Glenna Nowell on "A Nowell Approach: Marketing Your Library in the Nineties". Accounts of these and many other sessions will be found inside this issue of the *Bulletin*.

The Conference was officially opened on Friday afternoon with greetings from the Province of New Brunswick brought by Vaughn Blaney, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour, and from the City of Fredericton by Tom Jellinek, Councillor. The keynote address followed, delivered by Dr. Roma Harris of the School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario. Interest was high in her topic "Professions That Thrive and Those That Don't: What's in Store for Librarianship?", resulting in a standing room only audience. An account of her address is given elsewhere in this issue.

Delegates to the Merit Award Dinner on Saturday evening dined on salmon and fiddleheads and were entertained by Robbie O'Neill performing his one-act play, "Tighten the Traces". This year's APLA Merit Award was presented to Iain Bates, former University Librarian at Acadia University.

APLA business was conducted at two sessions of the OGM, and the 1993/94 Executive installed at the conclusion of the second session. Further discussions on strategic planning for APLA, initiated at last year's conference, were held at a well-attended session,

"Setting the Course for APLA, Part on Saturday morning. Input from members at this session was welcomed by the new Executive in charting the course of APLA in the nineties. A particular note was a recommendation to form a Special Committee on Communications, to report back to the OGM at next year's conference. Details of this session and the mandate of the Committee are given on page 24.

As a preliminary to enhancing present communications among members, outgoing APLA President Sue Sexty announced plans for an establishment at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies, a listserv for members with access to Internet. Members already having a connection were asked to share listserv communications with others in the areas who were not yet connected.

The Local Arrangements Committee, convened by John Neill of UNB and ably assisted by Patricia Belier, Alan Burk, Leslie Cockburn, Muriel Daniel, Susan Fleiger, France Holyoke, Susan Lovenburg, Janet Margie Pacey, Linda-Ann Sturgeon, and Jocelyne Thompson, are to be congratulated on the smooth running of a successful conference.

Plans for APLA '94 were unveiled at the close of the conference. Entitled "Back to Reality: Serving Users in a Virtual World", members were invited to enjoy traditional Cape Breton hospitality at next year's conference, Baddeck, from May 26-29, 1994.

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# From The President's Desk

**R**eality has struck as I take over the Presidency from Sue Sexty who so ably led the organization through a number of critical areas last year. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to lead such a well-respected, effective organization as APLA. I am very excited about working with the new Executive. There are a number of new people, who will bring fresh ideas, as well as long-term members with years of involvement in APLA. I would like to let you know that the Secretary named at the OGM, Kathryn Arbuckle, will be replaced by Francesco Lai of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Library. Francesco brings to the Secretary's job experience with CASLIS, and I look forward to working with him.

The APLA Conference in Fredericton was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of the members of the Program and Local Arrangements Committees who did a first rate job. We were very pleased to have the President of the Maine Library Association as one of the conference attendees. Perhaps this informal relationship can be further developed. One of the first events of the Conference was an Executive meeting with Interest Group and Committee Conveners to discuss issues, ideas, things that worked, and those that did not. The meeting was well-attended and generated the following ideas:

- Interest groups get started too late in the year and have difficulty getting off the ground. Members are sometimes hard to find and it is difficult to communicate when people are scattered around four provinces.
- Conveners would like more contact with Executive members and clarity about what public relations image to promote. The goal of promoting the value of libraries keeps coming up.
- There was a suggestion that too much reliance is made on people meeting at the conference when, in fact, this is not the best mode of communication for everyone. One convenuee suggested organizing local groups within a geographic area to plan activities as a good way of increasing membership and beating the isolation blues. All APLA members are encouraged to connect with Conveners (listed in the APLA Directory elsewhere in this issue).

Several resolutions were presented at the OGM. One involved donating \$300 to Little Sisters Bookstore in Vancouver to help cover legal fees in their constitutional challenge. Discussion from the membership was lively and the resolution was defeated because members were concerned that they not establish a precedent for funding out-of-region interests,



*Members of the APLA 1993/94 Executive. Front (L. to R.): M. Pape, S. Sexty. Back (L. to R.): N. Cleaveland, L. Peverill, C. Cameron, J. Thompson, E. Haliburton. Missing: C. Mofford, F. Lai, L. Jantek, E. Benjamin. (Photo: Betty Jeffery)*

particularly in light of the APLA funding deficit. The Executive plans to discuss general policy guidelines on the broad spectrum of intellectual freedom issues at its Fall Executive meeting. I welcome your thoughts in this area.

Another Resolution was submitted and approved by the membership that gave the Executive an affirmation for a Special Committee on Communications. You will be hearing a lot about communications this year. There is room for improvement and a process

is being developed to ensure that this happens. Immediately following the champagne brunch, the Executive met and worked out the Terms of Reference for this Special Committee to be Chaired by the Vice President/President Elect. I expect that a Resolution will be brought to the 1994 OGM to establish a Standing Committee on Communications as a direct action from the Strategic Planning process. Strategic Planning has been on the APLA agenda for over two years and we are beginning to reach consensus on an action plan. See the related article in this issue of the *Bulletin* on Strategic Planning at this year's conference.

Good fiscal management will become an important requirement for 1993-94. Membership has decreased, as has revenue from advertising in the *APLA Bulletin*. The Executive has already begun to discuss methods of increasing revenues. One way you can help is to go out and bring in a buddy to join this very effective organization.

On another note, I will be representing APLA at PTLAC (Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council) in Hamilton and also at Information Summit sessions at CLA. There is a critical urgency for libraries to have a clear, unified voice in the area of information policy as a key ingredient of our success in the future.

—Marion Pape

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and moving to the newly-created post of Medical Librarian. In 1970 he moved to Ontario to become Chief Librarian, Algoma University College, in Sault Ste. Marie.

The lure of the Maritimes brought Iain to Nova Scotia in 1976 as Deputy Librarian at Acadia University and in 1982 to his tenure as University Librarian. In this region, Iain quickly became part of the fabric of the community, from his work as President of the Mermaid Theatre Society to APLA Vice President (Nova Scotia) in 1980 and member of the Programme and Local Arrangements Committees for the 1981 APLA Annual Conference.

Iain is properly best known to the library community through his professional activities. Besides sitting on many Acadia committees in his role as University Librarian, Iain has served on many national and regional library committees. He was actively involved

in professional associations throughout his career in Canada, including the Library Association of Alberta (Secretary 1968/69 and President 1969/70), and the Sault Area International Library Association (Chair 1971/72).

He has also served as an active member of the Canadian Library Association. As Chair of the Interlibrary Loan Committee (1979-84) he undertook the 1982 revision of the *ILL Telex Manual* and the 1984 *Directory of Interlibrary Loan Policies and Photocopying Services*. From 1985-87, Iain took on the onerous task of Treasurer and member of the Board and Council of CLA.

As a member of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Specialized Research Collections Committee from 1985-87, Iain was instrumental in bringing many grants-in-aid to the Atlantic Region.

His regional committee work has included the Kingstec Community College Library Technicians Advisory Board from its inception in 1987, the



*Iain Bates, recipient of the APLA '93 Merit Award. (Photo courtesy of Office of Information Services, Acadia University)*

Atlantic Association of Universities BNA Project, the Council of Nova Scotia University Libraries, and the Association of Atlantic Universities Librarians Council (AAULC), including acting as Chair.

Iain's career has been one of work and service. As he said on receiving the award, he views libraries "as people helping people".

—Chris Bull  
Kingstec Community College

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Dr. Harris, a member of the faculty of the School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario, since 1982, has been a frequent speaker and resource person at library conferences in Canada and the United States. With a doctorate in psychology, her research interests range from pay equity to wife abuse, from bibliographic instruction to career paths and professional competence. In 1991, with Patricia Dewdney, she was awarded the Jesse H. Shera Award by the American Library Association for the outstanding original paper reporting the results of research on library and information science. The author of *Librarianship: the Erosion of a Woman's Profession*, she was awarded a major grant by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to investigate "Deskilling and Canadian Librarianship".

Outlining what is to her an outmoded sociological theory of work, Dr. Harris noted that professions can be identified as having certain traits or characteristics. Included in these are a university education, a service ideal, an unique domain of knowledge, and autonomy in the practice of work. Occupations are included/excluded from those considered as professions according to whether or not they exhibit enough of these traits. In what she described as "female intensive fields", such as librarianship, social work, and nursing, attempts to adopt these traits may never result in full acceptance and recognition as professions by others.

An alternative way to understand professions would be to think of them as a complex set of procedures for control over the practice of work and the markets for it. In librarianship, while librarians may possess some of the recognized professional traits, they have no control over work, markets, and political status. For instance, librarians now do very little to exert control over information policy.

To achieve the necessary control, librarians will have to exercise "name protection", insisting on the use of the term "Librarian" to apply to fully-qualified MLS holders, and license admission to professional status. It needs to be recognized that qualified librarians are the appropriate people to carry out "information services" tasks.

Dr. Harris believes that librarianship is undermined by the fact that all female-dominated positions are not valued by society globally, just as women are not valued in society. In professions extensively dominated by women, development has been hindered by the practitioners themselves, who tend to place the blame for problems inwardly, rather than outwardly, and they tend to see in each other signs of weakness. Dee Garrison's book, *Apostles of Culture: The Public Librarian & American Society 1876-1920* (Macmillan, 1979), lists such perceived female characteristics as excessive cautiousness, timidity, poor business sense, over-compliance, service to the point of self-sacrifice, and self doubt.

Some librarians try to escape by using labels such as "information manager" or "information broker". Michael Gorman has stated that information science is librarianship practiced by men.

The acceptance of this perception of stereotypical female behaviour has resulted in senior administrative positions in libraries going to males, and frequently to males with no library training or experience. The Librarian of Congress, the Head of the New York Public Library, and the recently appointed Dean of the Michigan State University Library School (an electrical engineer) have all been male. In Canada, Marianne Scott is the first female to be appointed to head the National Library.

When members of a female profession wish to enhance their status by emphasizing the difficult aspects, they turn to administration and computer systems, and de-emphasize the so-called "easy" aspects, such as direct service to the public and cataloguing. This has happened with librarianship, as we have, for example, removed professional staff from the Reference Desk and replaced them with trained nonprofessionals. Users have become an abstraction for librarians. The amount and quality of interaction with patrons has decreased as more emphasis has been placed on systems. In the process, the profession has become less and less responsive to the client-base. This flies in the face of what we know from management literature about how to achieve a successful business, which is to rebuild links with customers and move as many resources as we can into service. De-emphasizing the service role of librarianship also threatens access to information for all. Expert advice becomes available for a fee, with service limited to those who can afford to pay.

Dr. Harris recommends moving as many resources as possible into direct service post-haste. It is ironic that, as librarianship abandons the core of our discipline and loses sight of the service ethic, our skills are those which are extremely high in demand. Computer science and engineering are incorporating information science into their programmes. The widespread use of the terms "information science" and "information management" legitimize the skills involved in classification and organization of knowledge. As librarians abandon the traditional core of the discipline and lose sight of the service ethic, the profession is shrinking. We need to embrace, rather than shun, the principles of librarianship, and recommit ourselves to the traditional skills—the ability to organize information and the capacity to assist those who need it. Because of the mixed membership of CLA, ALA, and APLA we have been unable to develop coherent employment standards and "gate-keep". We need to consolidate control over our own turf.

—Edith Haliburton and  
Betty Jeffery  
Acadia University

## CANADA COUNCIL CANCELS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS

**A**fter 15 years of bringing the joy of reading to thousands of Canadians across the country, the National Book Festival has fallen victim to budget cutbacks by the Canada Council. As well, the writers-in-residence program, which has enabled writers to share their talents and love of reading and writing, has been eliminated.

The National Book Festival program has provided the opportunity for Canadians to experience the best of this country's fiction and nonfiction first-hand from our poets, novelists, playwrights, illustrators, and nonfiction authors. Val Ross neatly summarized what this program has meant to people in areas such as the Atlantic Provinces:

For towns without bookstores, for communities whose libraries are underfunded, for schools where few Canadian children's books filter through, the Festival has acted as a living branch of the nation's nervous system, keeping Canada's geographic extremities in conscious touch with the greater organisms to which they belong.

On May 17, APLA's President wrote to Perrin Beatty, then the Minister of Communications, expressing the Association's opposition to the Canada Council decision. Copies of the letter were also sent to Paule Leduc, the Director of the Canada Council, and Paul Robinson, who was the Atlantic Provinces Co-ordinator for this year's Festival. The content of this letter is reprinted here for your information.

May 17, 1993

The Honourable Perrin Beatty  
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Dear Mr. Beatty:

I am writing to express our extreme disappointment and regret at the Canada Council decision to eliminate the writers-in-residence and National Book Festival programs. Elimination of these programs is particularly unfortunate at a time when Canadian publishers and writers are struggling to sustain the industry and to provide Canadians with a national literature. Not only will such a decision be detrimental to the publishing industry, but it will also serve as an additional obstacle for those who are working so hard in their attempt to eliminate illiteracy. When Barbara Tuchman said that "books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill," she was speaking of not only the production of these books, but also of the promotion of, and access to, them.

Both the writers-in-residence and the National Book Festival programs have provided readers, and more importantly potential readers, in hundreds of communities a opportunity to experience and to be awed by the written words of our national authors. During this year's National Book Festival week, 80 poet novelists, playwrights, and nonfiction authors visited over 200 communities in the Atlantic Provinces. While there are many stories of the wonders which these visits have brought to the individuals in these towns, one visit alone could serve to exemplify the significance of this festival.

The outpost of Davis Inlet Labrador, has recently been the subject of much attention due to problems faced by its young people. Imagine the positive feelings which must have been experienced when Rita Joe read there as part of her tour. What a role model this highly respected, eloquent woman must have presented as she related her experiences, emotions, hopes, and aspirations as a native Canadian. It is not necessary to have to imagine what the visit meant to Rita Joe for, in a CBC interview, she told of the profound emotion which she experienced when she observed the "eyes full of hope" that focused on her as she read. No one would suggest that such a visit could possibly cure all of this community's problems. However, how much more constructive to offer a positive experience to help these young people develop self-esteem rather than the painful experience of attempting to give this self-esteem through therapy. Without these two programs, communities such as Davis Inlet would never be able to share in the richness of Canada's cultural and literary heritage.

We urge you to reconsider the allocation of funding to the Canada Council and to support the continuation of the writers-in-residence and National Book Festival programs.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Sexty  
President  
Atlantic Provinces Librarians  
Association

[Editor's Note: Sue Sexty reported that she had received a non-committal reply from Mr. Beatty]

# ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS: Feedback from APLA's Strategic Planning Process

## BACKGROUND

With the last issue of the *APLA Bulletin*, members received a set of actions to meet the five strategic goals of the organization. These actions were developed at a retreat session in January 1993 by members chosen from different interests/areas of the organization. The participants worked intensively to determine methods by which the organization can take charge of the many challenges facing us. At the retreat, a very impressive list of ideas was generated and then presented back to the whole group. The retreat group members deserve a special vote of thanks for their commitment.

Elizabeth Mills, Executive Director of Voluntary Planning in Nova Scotia, was an excellent facilitator of the process. The actions from this workshop were then edited and released to members through the *APLA Bulletin* insert.

The suggested actions formed the basis for discussion at the Strategic Planning workshop session in Fredericton attended by over 75 participants. Each goal was discussed in separate groups facilitated by Sue Sexty, Andrea John, Ian Wilson, Donna Bourne-Tyson, and Laura Jantek. The group discussions were very lively, generating more ideas as well as prioritizing the existing action plan. Following is a brief synthesis of the results from each group.

Several group members said that they really like the opportunity to participate in these sessions. It was better than just being "talked at".

## STRATEGIC GOAL 1: REGIONAL VOICE ROLE

**Objective:** To structure and position APLA so that the Association can effectively serve its mandate as a regional voice.

### Actions:

1. Broaden the base and expand the capacity of APLA to function as a regional voice. APLA President should report to other Provincial Associations after each Executive meeting.
2. Establish a regular mechanism for information exchange with all other Atlantic library organizations. An introductory letter should be sent to Provincial Library Associations requesting information on Executive meetings, conferences, planning documents, publications, etc.
3. Develop partnerships with other associations to create a common front on key issues. Provide a forum at APLA annual conference for Presidents of Atlantic library associations to share concerns, interests, and opinions.

This group felt that it was very important that APLA does more outreach, for example, to trustee

organizations and to CLA, in order to strengthen the Organization.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 2: COMMUNICATIONS

**Objective:** To improve internal and external communication.

### Actions:

1. Set up a Special Committee on Communications with terms of reference to include:
  - implementing an APLA listserv for those on the Internet and considering alternatives for those who are not.
  - reporting on the need for a committee on advocacy for libraries.
2. Report back to the membership at the 1994 OGM.

This group felt quite strongly that the organization's energy should be focused on the Special Committee on Communications. There was affirmation given to the *Membership Directory*, although participants want it released earlier. Internal communication with members was of slightly higher priority than external. The issue of advocacy of libraries or the promotion of the value of libraries was consistently mentioned. A recommendation on this may come forward from the Special Committee on Communications.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 3: THE VALUE OF LIBRARIES

**Objective:** To promote the value and worth of the library and its workers.

### Actions:

1. Inform ourselves and others about what we do through individual initiative, as well as using all available communication vehicles. Ensure that current news gets distributed widely; use Provincial Vice Presidents, Committees, and Interest Groups.
2. Develop a shared vision of libraries in the Atlantic Provinces specifically under the themes of librarianship, professionalism, and promoting ourselves. This may be done by a Special Committee on Communications which will first report to the Executive at the Fall meeting.

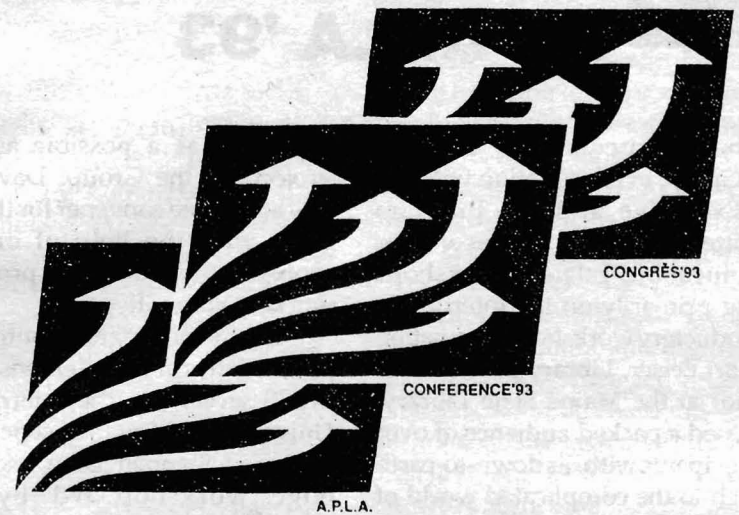
This group suggested rewriting actions to focus on a shared vision of who we are and what is common to all libraries. The work to define this shared value may need to be downloaded to a special committee, as was suggested in Strategic Goal #2 under the theme of advocacy.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 4: INTEREST GROUPS

**Objective:** To improve the effectiveness of the Interest Groups.

### Actions:

1. Promote visibility for Interest



Groups and Conveners by publishing their photographs, identifying Conveners to membership, and organizing a meeting for Conveners at the annual conference.

2. Recruit more members. This could include having a Co-Convenor to work with the existing Convener.
3. Improve communication with Interest Group members and APLA members at large. Actions include having the *Bulletin* editor contact each Convener to contribute articles for designated issues. The Terms of Reference for Interest Groups need to be reviewed, especially as they relate to structure and function. On a longer term, there needs to be a better framework for the creation of new Interest Groups.

This group expressed a strongly positive "feel" for the work of the APLA Executive and planning team which led to the preparation of the action plan. They also recognized that no matter what the plan said on paper, that keen Conveners and members are crucial to having anything happening. There was recognition of the vital importance of communication within and about the Interest Groups. Participants emphasized the need for Conveners to receive names of interested members more quickly. Interest Groups were affirmed as being of real benefit to APLA. Finally, there needs to be more information provided to Interest Groups about how to apply for funding for special activities, as well as for annual budgets.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 5: CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Objective:** To develop an effective continuing education program.

### Actions:

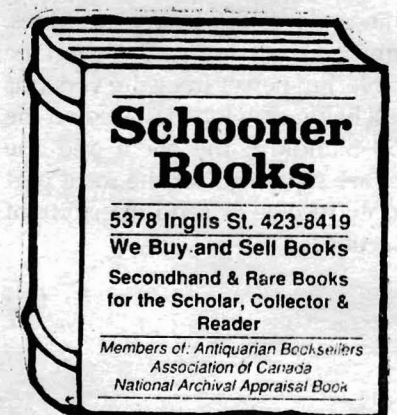
1. Change the Interest Group to a Committee.
2. Do a needs assessment/survey about continuing education requirements.
3. Investigate alternative methods for delivery of education opportunities.
4. Support the approach of cost sharing with other associations for conference attendance.

This group discussed a wide variety of ideas. There was a positive feeling expressed that there was a solution to all our problems if we could just get more organized and use existing or potential networks more.

## GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

There is some very real coherence that has emanated out of the group discussions. APLA members appear to be saying that they truly value their organization as it now functions, especially as regards the importance of Interest Groups and Committees. Two new committees seem to be recommended, Communications and Continuing Education. Mechanisms are already in place to carry the process for the formation of these committees forward. The theme of advocacy for libraries, and the status of our profession, were mentioned frequently. Networking with other library organizations to create a common vision certainly appears to be a strong recommendation. Finally, and of greatest importance, the membership feels very positively about our organization and its potential. Thanks to everyone who participated in the retreat and the workshop sessions. APLA is truly a vital organization because of the commitment of all of its members.

—Marion Pape  
President, APLA





## COMMUNICATIONS THEME DAY AT APLA '93

The Microcomputer Interest Group, in consultation with the Executive and the Program Committee, sponsored a series of three communications-related workshops focusing primarily on the Internet. In the introductory workshop, automation guru Karl Beiser, Library Systems Coordinator at the Maine State Library, entertained a packed audience of over 100 participants with his down-to-earth approach to the complicated world of communications and networks. Using accessible metaphors that likened the growth of the Internet to the biological equivalent of "pond scum" and using the Internet as being something akin to "trying to drink from a fire hose", Mr. Beiser's talk was a success with Internet pros and beginning network users alike.

The meeting of the Microcomputer Interest Group was held immediately following Mr. Beiser's session with approximately 20 APLA members in attendance. A request to ask the Executive to change the name of the Group to Computers and Connectivity Interest Group and modify the terms of reference was approved. The design and possible publication of a directory of computer expertise in Atlantic Libraries will be discussed with the

Executive as a possible association project for the Group. Dave Cumby will act as sole convener for the coming year, with the help of one group representative from each province as a working committee.

The theme program continued with an excellent on-line demonstration of WAIS servers on the Internet by the University of New Brunswick Systems Librarian, Stephen Sloan, and a cutting edge workshop led by Slavko Manojlovich, Head of Systems and Development, Memorial University, on present and future Client-Server technology as it relates to the Internet and future library systems. Both workshops played to full houses at the Assembly Room in the Fredericton Public Library.

Throughout the Conference, registrants had the opportunity to "take the Internet for a test drive" at an exhibit staffed by representatives of AccessNB (NBNNet).

Summaries of the above-mentioned Conference sessions are on pages 6 and 8, and the text of *An Internet Primer* leaflet distributed to Conference delegates is printed on page 17.

—Dave Cumby  
Eastern Counties Regional Library

## DIFFERENT WAIS OF DOING THINGS

Stephen Sloan gave an introduction to WAIS (Wide Area Information Server), which makes it possible to index information in various formats and make it available through the Internet.

WAIS indexes information which may be structured or unstructured, or ASCII files, or even image files. Indexes can be constructed for single or multiple files. Access to the indexed files is across the Internet via freeware software.

WAIS was developed by Thinking Machines Corp. for UNIX machines. Commercial versions may soon be available, but newer freeware versions are still being developed. Based on the Z39.50 Standard, the client and the server are separated for the most part and only receive or send intermittent transactions.

WAIS may be obtained via FTP on the Internet from think.com and anonymous logon. There are DOS, MAC and WINDOWS versions. WAIS is also available from sunsite.unc.edu. FreeWAIS beta is available from ftp.cnidr.org/pub/NIDR.tools/freeWAIS-0.1.tar. To access WAIS without loading it as a client on your pc, telnet to quake.think.com and login as 'wais' or telnet to sunsite.unc.edu and login as 'swais'.

In the interests of resource sharing, Atlantic libraries are invited to submit files to Stephen Sloan for indexing. You can contact him at SLOAN@UNB.CA. UNB's WAIS server is currently jupiter.csd.unb.ca (131.202.3.10). The server may shortly move to deGaulle.hil.unb.ca (131.202.45.1) or as a completely separate server.

—Brian McNally  
Mount Allison University

## VIRTUALLY YOURS: AN OVERVIEW OF COMMUNICATION TRENDS

Karl Beiser stated that the Internet offers a library without walls and it's virtually yours. The Internet is virtually a reality, but there are problem areas. Access to, and exit from, the Internet must be made easier, and technical, financial, and political barriers to the Internet must come down.

There are approximately 1.3 million host computers and perhaps as many as 20 million Internet users in 80 countries. Commercial electronic services for e-mail, data transfer, and bulletin boards are available and sometimes are indistinguishable from the Internet.

Libraries need to know about the Internet because that's where the information is, but we must be aware that not all the information is there. We must adjust our services to accommodate what the Internet can and cannot do. We must become familiar with the Internet language and Internet services, which include electronic mail, listservs, file transfer (FTP), and logon to remote sites.

Among the major issues identified were: better finding tools (to find out who's out there), selective access (connecting similar messages, and weeding out the unwanted), time (playing the Internet game takes a lot of access (make it easier and cheaper), equity/fairness (even access for everyone), rebuilding (revision and restructuring of the whole Internet), commercial rivalry (public administration required?), and legal/ethical ramifications.

Final note: get an account, get on the Internet, participate in its evolution.

—Brian McNally  
Mount Allison University

[Editors' Note: Recommended reading for Karl Beiser for Internet novices is Robert Tennant and Anne Lippo's *Crossing the Internet Threshold: An Instructional Handbook*. Berkeley, CA: Library Solutions Press, c1993. ISBN 0-882208013.]

## TECHNOKIDS CLUB ... KIDS, COMPUTERS AND SCHOOLS

I came into this session believing that this would be another grab for the hearts and minds of children via games and flash. True, there was the flash of video-CDs, but not games. David Nielsen, a dynamic elementary/junior high school principal from Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick, has instituted, in addition to the regular use of computers in the classroom, an after-school program.

This program is somewhat different to many computer clubs in that membership is limited. Anyone can join, but the trick is that you cannot join part way through the term. This commitment on the part of the students was further underscored by the fact that they could advance at their own pace from one software package to another after having mastered the previous assignments. The computer programs are password protected and certain boundaries are set.

Using Claris Works and MacIntosh computers as the backbone of the program, Mr. Nielsen has built up an

impressive array of hardware and software. Much of the equipment from video-disk players to scanners has come from fund raising drives and help from the Home and School Association.

Students are encouraged to use all the avenues of multimedia at their disposal. Using Claris, they can "cut and paste" video stills into presentations. Using the Mac's QuickTime facility, snippets of real-time action can also be pasted into presentations. Besides learning the techniques, students are also taught production and post-production theory and practice.

The students are able to leave Keswick Ridge School with "real" computer skills and the knowledge that they can undertake and produce a professional quality product.

—Chris Brant  
Kingstec Community College

# FUTURE OF LIBRARIES IN CANADA:

## PANEL ON THE NATIONAL SUMMIT ON INFORMATION POLICY

**T**he three panel members each spoke about the Summit from their personal perspectives.

Mardi Cockburn, Trustee with the Fredericton Public Library Board, noted that the Summit was asked to look for areas of disagreement concerning information policy as well as consensus, and that no additional funding was to be sought. Topics discussed included preservation of public records, privacy and ethics, and the need for lifelong learning. The role for public libraries will be to manage information and contribute to lifelong learning and information literacy. There will be a more direct link between creators and users of information. Public libraries must ensure they do not close by forging new relationships and a new image for themselves.

David MacNeil, Director of Computing Services, University of New Brunswick, talked about computer applications for information seeking, such as database access (to library catalogues and sometimes to full texts of documents), personal news services, conferencing, electronic mail, software sharing, remote access to specialized resources, and graphics and image transmission.

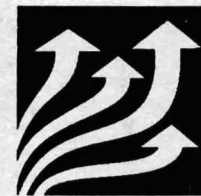
Karen Adams, Executive Director of the Canadian Library Association, brought us up to date on what has

happened since the Summit. The CLA Winter Meeting in PEI established a follow-up committee to study the issue of information policy from a library perspective. Three sessions on information policy were planned for the CLA annual conference in Hamilton. There were not a lot of consumers present at the Summit. People not directly involved do not see it as a compelling issue. Librarians need to educate the public, identify areas where leadership is required, and ensure that there is informed public debate on the questions of access and privacy. The objective is to promote understanding among various groups, move information policy issues higher on the public agenda, and identify strategies to build on what was achieved at the meeting.

Suzanne Sexty, APLA President and Panel Moderator, commented on APLA's activities, such as lobbying provincial governments and the National Library to develop means of getting public libraries on the "electronic highway", establishing awards to support research, and lobbying on issues of buying around, preservation, and freedom of access.

—Patricia Gallant  
Acadia University

# APLA '93: A FIRST TIMER'S IMPRESSION



**I** arrived in Fredericton late on May 26 as a well-seasoned traveller, having reached my destination from Labrador City via Sept-Îles, Quebec, and Montreal. I was immediately impressed by Fredericton itself, with its greenery and crabapple blossoms.

Having left behind the black and white world of the Labrador black spruce trees and grey rainy skies, I suddenly identified with Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz*, who opened her door to technicolour Munchkinland, as I stepped off the plane onto New Brunswick soil. Had I a dog with me, I certainly would have informed him that we were no longer in Kansas.

Thursday was a full day of library tours, organized to survey the public library system and historical provincial collections. Many thanks to the organizers who kept us on schedule, and to the host libraries, who received us with welcome and addressed any questions we had. Apart from the provocative keynote address by Dr. Roma Harris which provided plenty of food for thought, I benefitted most from the excellent session on "Approaches to CD-ROM End-User Instruction," and plan to implement at Labrador College various elements of the approaches discussed.

I was glad to see such a variety of sessions taking place at the Conference.

As well as attending technology-specific sessions, I enjoyed the presentation on native storytelling techniques and the reading by Stewart Donovan from his book, *Maritime Union: A Political Tale*. I was delighted to see the inclusion of such sessions, and hope that their place will be maintained alongside the vital discussions and demonstrations of emerging technologies.

The exhibitors provided valuable information concerning their products and services. The opportunity presented there was not to be underestimated.

I was delighted to renew old ties with a few colleagues from McGill's Library School. Thank you also to those APLA members who took time out to welcome me as a first-timer.

Anyone who visited the Boyce Market on Saturday morning can attest to its lively quality and charm. I also visited the Goya/Picasso exhibit at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.

The Conference seemed to end all too quickly, and it was time for me to return home to Labrador, which I did, feeling enriched with new ideas and contacts. It was sad to leave Fredericton, but after all, there's no place like home.

—Trine Schioldan  
Labrador College

First Timers Conference Grant recipient



APLA's G-5 Summit: Presidents grace the head table at the Merit Award Banquet. (L. to R): J. Head (APLA 91/92), B. Rice (Maine Library Assoc.), S. Sexty (APLA 92/93), M. Andrewes (CLA), M. Pape (APLA 93/94). (Photo: Margaret Pacey)



National Library representative Freda Taylor demonstrates ROMULUS database to Virginia Jackson of RPC Information Centre, Fredericton, and Margaret Pacey of the Legislative Library of New Brunswick. (Photo: Betty Jeffery)



Serious business at the Friday evening OGM. (Photo: Betty Jeffery)

## CLIENT-SERVER TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF LIBRARY NETWORKING

### ET call from home

Presently many of us who hear our academic colleagues throw around Internet terms and jargon and exchange e-mail addresses left and right are feeling as if we have been left out in the cold. If we are part of a larger organization which has a computer department or at least a "guru" who makes the institution's computers her/his charge, the Internet is often already on site. For those of us on the "technology cow-path" looking in from the outside on those on the "technology highway", we feel as if we have emerged on an alien landscape.

As an individual with a desk-top PC and a modem, you can get aboard the "highway". By means of Serial Line Internet Protocol (SLIP) and Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP), the power and flexibility of the Internet can be brought directly to your computer over a telephone line. For example in Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Technology Network (NSTN) for a \$100 installation fee, a \$25/month administration fee, a \$5/hr (0800-2000 hrs) or \$1/hr (2000-0800 hrs weekdays, all day weekends) will provide you with an e-mail address and single user dial-up access, in addition to technical assistance.

Much of the Friday afternoon presentation by Slavko Manojlovich focused on Gophers. Even experienced users faced with literally millions of

files residing in thousands of computers are at a loss to find or browse these files. Gophers act as an index to these files and services and they provide a common language so that computers can speak to each other (i.e., a user need not know several log-on procedures, etc.)

Like the traffic on perhaps the most notorious of highways, the Autobahn, the Internet has no speed limit. Change is happening at a break-neck pace. Gophers which have been in existence for perhaps only a year are quickly changing and transforming. With the gradual adoption of the Z39.50 protocol, users will soon be able with one set of commands to query any system or any file. This means that only one set of commands (the Z39.50 commands) would be necessary to address or talk with the Acadia University Library's OPAC, Novanet, or any other catalogue, whereas presently one must be familiar with the idiosyncrasies of the individual catalogues.

The Internet is changing to match the needs and interests of its clientele. It is making it easier for even the non-computer literate to become a user. It is most absolutely time for those of us on the cow-path to retread, to turn our wagon wheels into high performance tires.

—Chris Bull  
Kingstec Community College

## MYTH OF THE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY



Dr. William Birdsall, University Librarian at Dalhousie University, Halifax, challenged librarians to examine critically the myth of the electronic library and the political values that go with it. He began by comparing the myth of the electronic library with the myth of the library as place. The library as place is basically an American idea that has been with us for about a century. It is symbolized by images of public libraries, both large and small. The public library is the organizational base and has generated vision and support for all types of libraries. With the idea of the library as place, each library is primarily autonomous. The focus is organization of knowledge, and the emphasis is collection of material. Its political values are based on welfare liberalism, promoting informed individuals and an educational role for libraries.

The electronic library had its origins in the ideas of computer scientists like Vannevar Bush. Scientists would generate storage and retrieval of the human record, not librarians, and libraries would be bypassed. In the 60s and 70s these ideas coalesced into the myth of the electronic library, of which the organizational base is the special library. The library is a node on the information network, and its objective is provision of information. The social orientation is the information elite, and information is an economic commodity to be sold.

The message to librarians is to get out of the library and become information brokers instead. However, Dr. Birdsall proposed that librarians need to assess the political implications of the myth of the electronic library. The ideological foundation for public libraries has been liberalism, with its core values of individual rights over

collective rights, personal autonomy, intellectual freedom, intellectual development and education, and capitalism. The political ideology of the electronic library is conservative and elitist. It is market driven, with information being an economic commodity which the affluent purchases rather than retrieve from a library. The role of the librarian is information intermediary, providing information rather than teaching how to use it.

Many issues need exploring. Electronic library ideas have come from individuals mostly outside libraries. Canadian libraries have incorporated the U.S. myth and will probably adopt the electronic myth as well; it is important to view the myth from a Canadian perspective. Librarians must become more critical in accepting the myth of the electronic library and its political values. The role of librarians is not only intermediary, and it is a mistake to think that we will gain status by abandoning the library as place and advocating the electronic library entirely. Increasingly librarians, particularly those in academic libraries, are moving closer to this intermediary role. Dr. Birdsall feels this is a well-intentioned but self-defeating effort which will only result in undermining library self-esteem. Academic librarians are having to give up the role of teachers providing access to information rather than building collections. They risk convincing their community that the library is no more than an extension of the computer centre.

The challenge is to ensure that the library is responsive to technology but continues to serve the entire community.

—Patricia Gallan  
Acadia University

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### Continuing Education Interest Group

Is continuing education your interest for 1993/94? If so, plan to join the Continuing Education Interest Group.

Contact Judy Reade, Convener, APLA Continuing Education Interest Group, Dalhousie University, to join the Group, or to discuss topics of interest or concern.

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## APPROACHES TO CD-ROM END USER INSTRUCTION

**H**alina de Maurivez, CD-ROM/Online Co-ordinator, Morisset Library, University of Ottawa, spoke on the need for end user instruction, and how CD-ROM instruction is handled at her library. As a practitioner, she's become more and more convinced that the majority of users would benefit from instruction. As she said, "users can be computer literate, but not information literate". She related several anecdotes to illustrate her point, to which practitioners in the audience could have added.

She outlined three approaches to end user training: 1) one-on-one, 2) classroom workshops, and 3) search aids. The first method is costly and staff-intensive, but according to the literature, is the most effective method of instruction. At the University of Ottawa, group instruction takes place as part of the normal bibliographic instruction workshops, and includes discussion of search strategy, use of

thesauri, boolean logic, how to limit, truncation, parts of a record, and system information, as well as a comparison of CD-ROM databases and print sources. Attempts to hold voluntary workshops have met with a poor response. In terms of search aids (vendors' manuals, command templates, tutorials, on-screen help, videos, etc.), point of use guides have been found to be most useful, although they are fairly expensive to produce. Mention was made of the 1991 CACUL/CLA Library Instruction Interest Group *Instruction Checklist*, which lists point of use guides available for the asking from other libraries. It's important that staff be well-trained, knowledgeable, able to handle trouble-shooting, and have lots of patience. Administrators must recognize the amount of time which needs to be devoted to in-house training.

The session was sponsored by the Library Instruction Interest Group, and was also offered in French.

—Betty Jeffery  
Acadia University

## L'ENSEIGNEMENT DE L'UTILISATION DES CD-ROM: LES DIFFÉRENTES MÉTHODES

**D**e nombreux commentaires positifs et enthousiastes ont été émis par les participants à l'issue de la conférence présentée par Halina de Maurivez, coordonnatrice des services de téléréférence et de recherche sur CD-ROM à la Bibliothèque Morisset de l'Université d'Ottawa. Celle-ci était la conférencière invitée par le Groupe d'intérêt pour l'initiation à la bibliothèque au congrès de l'APLA à Frédéricton en mai dernier.

Madame de Maurivez nous présenta les trois différentes méthodes d'enseignement, soit: a) l'auto-apprentissage à l'aide de feuilles-guides préparées par la bibliothèque ou le producteur du CD-ROM, b) l'enseignement individualisé, et c) l'enseignement offert à un groupe ou à une classe. Elle parla d'abord de l'expérience de la Bibliothèque Morisset. La méthode la plus efficace demeure l'enseignement individualisé. Cependant, Madame de Maurivez

reconnaît que cette méthode d'enseignement coûte cher et exige beaucoup de la part du personnel du service de référence.

Comme le groupe qui assistait à la conférence était peu nombreux (8 participants), l'animatrice invita les personnes présentes à exprimer leurs besoins. Cette façon de procéder a été particulièrement appréciée par les membres de l'auditoire et la discussion fut très animée. Plusieurs en étaient à leurs premières expériences avec les CD-ROM ou préparaient l'implantation de ce service dans leur bibliothèque.

Des questions techniques telles la protection des CD contre le vol lors du prêt et le contrôle des dépenses/gaspillage (papier et ruban d'imprimante), la durée du prêt, l'installation d'un réseau, les feuilles de préparation furent également abordées.

Cette conférence a aussi été présentée en anglais.

—Lorraine Julien  
Université de Moncton

## WORKSHOP ON MICROFILM STANDARDS AND FILMING OPTIONS

[Editor's Note: A two-part workshop on microfilming was held on Saturday. Reports of the two sessions follow.]

### PART A

**J**anet Phillips, Reference Librarian at the University of New Brunswick, opened with an overview of the state of preservation and filming of New Brunswick newspapers. Although the University of New Brunswick has filmed 33 weeklies over the past twenty years, a vast amount remains to be filmed and is steadily deteriorating in the meantime. Shortages of staff and money contribute to the current microfilming crisis. Ms. Phillips pointed out that preparation of files for filming is an essential process, generally more time-consuming than filming itself; that filming priorities need to be determined on the basis of risk level, rather than date, of the original; and that the use of microfilm serves the public more effectively than the use of fragile originals, and also saves originals from further deterioration.

Harold Holland, Conservation and Preservation Manager, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, gave a highly detailed presentation on microfilming standards, illustrated with a sobering slideshow which showed examples of inadequate disaster planning, "measles" and other blemishes, and microfilms that fail to meet resolution standards. In some cases, commercially-done microfilming has led to unpleasant surprises over the years: originals have not been prepared according to archival standards; quality control was monitored by commercial technicians rather than by archivists or librarians; master negatives were damaged, due to inadequate storage facilities. Echoing the first speaker, Mr. Holland pointed out that forty percent or more of the total cost of filming newspapers is devoted to the physical preparation of originals.

This session was sponsored by the Newspaper Interest Group, and moderated by Charles Cameron of the Newfoundland Provincial Reference and Resource Library.

—Lynn Murphy  
Halifax City Regional Library

### PART B

This section of the Microfilming Workshop began with a practical demonstration of the preparation of materials for microfilming. Harold Holland of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick showed the group some problems—wrinkling, etc., of paper—and then demonstrated the materials and procedures needed to correct the situation.

Next, Janet Phillips, Reference Librarian at the University of New Brunswick, with the assistance of overheads and handouts, addressed the subject of microfilming standards. She also gave an account of step-by-step procedures in the filming process and described Quality Control in the library.

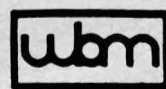
Harold Holland then showed the participants a number of tools and other materials useful in the care and preparation of paper materials for filming. He followed this with information concerning drycleaning and humidification, drying after humidification, and other types of paper cleaning. He also covered precautions to take and a brief look at procedures he did not recommend.

Finally, Thomas Parker of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick spoke on the subject of co-operative preservation microfilming. He noted that, in the Maritimes, finding suitable facilities is the greatest area of difficulty. Standards and procedures are being developed for this work. He then gave an overview of the facilities and operations of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick with respect to microfilming.

The speakers were uniformly knowledgeable in their fields and gave a most instructive session. Many helpful handouts were available for those in attendance.

This session was sponsored by the Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group, and moderated by Susan Harris, Convener.

—Susan Harris  
Dalhousie University



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## FREEDOM FROM THE PAGE: THE ART OF STORYTELLING

**Y**ou have accepted an invitation to participate in a storytelling festival. You have never told stories to an audience before, but equipped with your favourite storybooks you are fearless. To your dismay you discover that none of the other storytellers are using books to tell their stories. Joan Meade, Coordinator of StoryFest '93 and speaker at the conference session on "The Art of Storytelling" gives a similar account of her storytelling debut. The incident sparked Meade's awareness of the profound difference between storytelling and reading aloud, and prompted her to pursue the art of storytelling.

When a story is read aloud, the book becomes the centre of attention for the audience and the storyteller. Book illustrations often prevent us from imagining the characters and settings. Without the physical distraction of the book, a closer bond is formed between the storyteller and audience. The audience's attention is focused on the storyteller's delivery of the story. The storyteller and the audience can focus more on intonation, gestures, and expressions. Each member of the audience may have a different mental image of a story's characters and settings.

Joan Meade asserts that everyone has the potential to be a storyteller. When we relate events from our lives we are in essence storytelling. The trick

is to use our natural storytelling ability to tell other's stories. To help make other's stories our own Meade advocates memorizing stories from text. Storytellers should create a mental 'video' of a story, so that they can see their way through the sequence of events. For the novice storyteller Meade suggests selecting stories that are proven. Meade asserts the need to be true to the written text's language, and cautions the storyteller in choosing stories to be aware that good literary language does not always make for good oral language. The impulse to downgrade difficult words, or soften story endings, should be resisted. Meade argues that difficult vocabulary and real endings are part of the learning process. The self-censoring storyteller can deprive children of an opportunity to learn difficult words, and feel the spectrum of emotions.

Practice helps transform storytelling into an art. Meade warns us not to be too judgmental when we see someone walking along, talking to her/himself—it may be a storyteller practising. She unabashedly admits to rehearsing in the car, the kitchen, the shower—wherever there is little fear of undue speculation.

Meade demonstrated her art before an enraptured audience with two stories: *The Emperor and the Nightingale* and an Irish folktale.

—Kevin Crick  
Halifax City Regional Library



Local Arrangements Committee, APLA '93. (L. to R.): Linda-Ann Sturgeon, Conference Coordinator Janet Moss, UNB, Muriel Daniel, UNB, John Neilson, UNB, Fran Holyoke, UNB, Susan Lovenburg, NB Library Service, Susan Fleiger, Assistant Conference Coordinator Margie Pacey, Legislative Library of NB. Missing: Jocelyne Thompson, NB Library Service, Pat Belier, UNB, Leslie Cockburn, York Regional Library. (Photo: Margaret Pacey)



President Sue Sexty draws a winning name, assisted by Jocelyne Thompson of the Local Arrangements Committee. (Photo: Betty Jeffery)

## "THIS IS THE COLLECTION THAT EILEEN BUILT"

**A**t the session sponsored by the Collections Development Interest Group, Doris Rauch, Collections Librarian, and Andrew Pope, Head of the Education Resource Library, spoke on the development of the children's literature collection at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. This is the only such special collection in the Maritimes.

Children's literature is enjoying a new status that goes beyond literary and artistic merit. It has become clear that these materials provide important sources for social historians, artists, teachers, and storytellers. It is the purpose of UNB's special collection to serve as a resource for researchers, to function as a repository for local writers, and to preserve classics and out-of-print materials. In order to fulfil these purposes, a special collection cannot censor or restrict material based upon our own society's standards of behaviour.

Special collections can bring a certain status to an institution. They attract researchers, whose published works bring further recognition to the collection, which in turn bring in more donations of money and materials.

This has happened quickly at UNB. In 1988, Eileen Wallace, retiring professor of children's literature at UNB, donated her private collection of some 2,000-2,500 works to UNB on the condition that they be housed as a separate collection and that they be non-circulating. This donation necessitated the formation of an independent committee to govern the development and management of the new collection. Right from the

beginning, the committee decided that the new collection would emphasize content over form (i.e., the acquisition of rare books or first editions would not be a priority) and that the focus would be on English language materials.

The Collection enjoyed good fortune quickly. Shirley Coulter, the retired Director of School Libraries for Nova Scotia, donated another 2,000 books. New faculty at UNB brought knowledge of new sources and new researchers. Other libraries learned to refer donations of children's literature to UNB if the donations did not complement their own collection. As Andrew Pope remarked, "success breeds success": in under six years, the collection has grown to 10,000 items.

There were many lessons to be learned at this talk. The first was to capitalize on your opportunities. Doris Rauch confessed that they had been warned that the economic times were not right to begin such a project. Her point was that if the opportunity presents itself, then it is the right time. Secondly, building a new special collection requires flexible guidelines—you must have a general policy to keep things under control, but you must also be able to adapt to other opportunities as they present themselves. Furthermore, the successful management of such a collection requires knowledgeable staff who can care for the existing collection, give it publicity, and plan for future developments through budgeting and grant applications.

—Barbara Duffin-Bates  
Acadia University



Convivial times at the Merit Award Dinner with Andrea John of the NS Provincial Library and John Neilson of UNB. (Photo: Margaret Pacey)

## INCLUSION/EXCLUSION: POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AS A RED HERRING

**D**r. Robert Martin, Chair of the Philosophy Department at Dalhousie University, Halifax, began by warning that the term "political correctness" is a misnomer, which may be used by the right as a sneer at the left. Libraries may, and should, contain a variety of materials which are offensive to many people, he said. Even so objectionable an item as a Ku Klux Klan pamphlet represents a point of view which is important to our cultural history and provides access to Klan viewpoints for those wishing to prepare refutations. Attempts at censorship may backfire by polarizing support for extremist groups who argue that their right to free expression has been infringed upon.

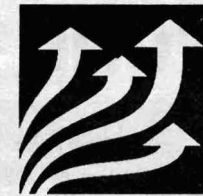
Bradd Burningham, former editor of the *APLA Bulletin* and President of the New Brunswick Writers' Federation, spoke on the issue of voice appropriation. The Federation's attempts to organize a panel on this topic were unsuccessful; many non-minority members were chary of tackling the topic, while minority members were either busy already or reluctant to be seen as token speakers. On the other hand, the Writers' Union of Canada, in cooperation with a committee of writers who were members of racial minorities, were able to issue a statement which championed an author's right to write in any voice he/she was able to adopt convincingly. At the same time, the statement noted the responsibility to consult with, and

give credit to, members of the groups represented. Heather Jones, doctoral candidate at McMaster University, saw the anti-censorship position as an outgrowth of classical liberalism with its construct of the "universal man", which she argued is a false universal that ignores the way in which race and gender contribute to the definition of the self. A true understanding of how experience is structured by power relations must lead to a re-examination of how the classic liberal position affects persons who do not fit into the pattern of the false universal; for example, women and people of colour. Tracey Jones, Head of the North Branch of Halifax City Regional Library, differentiated between librarians' rights as individuals to find certain materials offensive and their responsibilities as professionals to provide access to these materials. Collections work that ensures representation of minority viewpoints can help to shift the focus of complainants from excluding negative items to including positive material, and consultation with minority communities can help to ensure that materials representing their viewpoints are readily available.

The session was sponsored by APLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, with the panel moderated by the outgoing convener, Lynn Murphy.

—Lynn Murphy  
Halifax City Regional Library

## A NOWELL APPROACH: MARKETING YOUR LIBRARY IN THE NINETIES



**G**lenna Nowell, Director of the Gardiner Public Library, Maine, gave an interesting account of her success in marketing her library. She stated that marketing is everything you do that tells people about your library and gets them to use it. Nowell highly recommended *Guerilla PR: How You Can Wage an Effective Publicity Campaign...Without Going Broke* by Michael Levine (Harper Business, 1993, ISBN 0-88730-608X). This book is filled with advice, techniques, lists, and addresses that result in good public relations for very little money, and Nowell stated that whatever successes she has had in public relations are detailed in Levine's tactics. She advised us to think about public relations so that it becomes second nature. Some of the PR tips she shared with us were: use and promote community businesses, offer to speak on library services, issues, etc., co-sponsor activities with other non-profit groups to build cooperation and mutual understanding, use memos regularly to explain issues and policies, join local organizations and boards for exchange of information, make use of

volunteers and recognize them for their efforts, engage a graphic artist to design a library logo and be certain that all library mailings reflect the image you wish, build relationships with schools and reporters, survey your public and implement their good ideas, and don't put a sourpuss on the front desk.

Although much of her advice was, of course, geared to public librarians, there was food for thought for those of us in the audience from other types of libraries. She urged us to watch for opportunities to promote the library. Support comes from those who believe your philosophy and appreciate your services. She recommended promoting an area of success while looking for help with another.

Readers may know Glenna Nowell as the compiler of the successful "Who Reads What?" list. The 1993 version is the sixth annual edition, and includes recommendations from Erma Bombeck, Hugh Hefner, Lee Iacocca, Robert Redford, Mike Wallace, and Chuck Yeager, among others.

—Betty Jeffery  
Acadia University



APLA delegates enjoy the annual Champagne Brunch at Conference end. (Photo: Betty Jeffery)

## FUND RAISING: PROCESSES FOR SUCCESS

**T**he key to organizing a successful fund raising campaign is to have a quality product. The speakers at the conference session sponsored by the Continuing Education Interest Group assured participants that libraries do indeed have a good service and program foundation upon which to build effective fund raising campaigns.

D. Ray Pierce, Fund Raising Consultant and Executive Director of the Canadian Paraplegic Foundation, Nova Scotia, opened the session by outlining the general principles underlying the fund raising process. He described the three essentials of a successful campaign. The first is to outline the urgent case for support. As he suggests, it is important to personalize this process. Direct mailings are too costly, and letters generally are not an effective strategy. Although arduous, the personal contact—the “eyeball to eyeball” approach—is the most effective and flexible technique. The second component to launching a fund raising campaign is to publicize the cause—to familiarize your target audience with your service and programmes. Thirdly, people give to the image, so it is vital to raise your profile and to present an honest and correct image. Details are important. To be successful, you need to know what the donors’ interests are in your service or product, what their



prospective resources are, how to reach them, and what specific process they follow for fund raising contributions. The key is to research and to ask.

Susan Montague, Director of Development and Public Relations at the University of New Brunswick, presented a case study of a successful

“Adopt a Book” fund raising campaign launched by the 1993 graduating class at UNB. This student project demonstrated the importance of personalizing the fund raising process, and of using a combination of techniques, such as direct mailing, followed by telemarketing, launching an intensive publicity campaign, and building an annual tradition.

Fund raising involves getting the most resources from every prospect. In

a time of increasing financial restraint, lobbying for libraries through effective fund raising campaigns will be instrumental in ensuring the survival of key programs and services.

—Linda-Ann Sturgeon  
MLIS, Fredericton



APLA '93 Conference T-shirts on sale in the Conference Office. (Photo: Betty Jeffery)



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# 1992/93 APLA ANNUAL

# REPORTS

## Report of the TREASURER

Financial Statement:  
Fiscal Year ended 31 March 1993

The Association's accounts did better than anticipated due in large part to the success of the 1992 conference held in Halifax. Some of the excess conference revenue was transferred to the General Activities Fund to support the Strategic Plan Implementation Workshop held in January 1993.

Revenues from the *Bulletin* and Memberships were down. The Executive is considering strategies for increasing memberships and *Bulletin* revenue. The amount of interest generated was not as much as expected. The Conference was responsible for producing total revenues in excess of the amount budgeted.

Expenditures were lower than anticipated due in part to a number of unexpended items in the Standing Committees and Interest Groups. The expenses for Publication's *Membership Directory* and the fee for the Student Assistant were not incurred until after the fiscal year. The cost for producing the *Directory* was \$1,364.25, and the Student Assistant fee outstanding was \$125.00. These expenses were carried to the next fiscal year and are reflected in the proposed 1993/1994 Budget. The Association's deficit was less than the budgeted deficit of \$7,666.71—amended to \$11,727.65—even when the outstanding items are taken into consideration.

Because our revenues are still below the \$30,000 threshold we continue not to require GST registration nor to claim eligibility for rebates on tax paid.

—Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Crick

## Report of the FINANCIAL EXAMINER

Elaine Toms was appointed as Financial Examiner for the 1992-1993 budget year. When she moved out of province, I was asked to take over the responsibility of examining the financial records. I have studied the statements supplied by the Treasurer and, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I believe them

to be an accurate account of the financial status of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association for the period April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993.

The APLA budget was set with expected revenue of \$22,900.00 and expected expenditure of \$34,627.65 and thus, an expected deficit of \$11,727.65. The actual deficit as of March 31, 1993 is \$2,987.47. This figure was calculated using actual revenue for this fiscal year of \$24,687.64, and actual expenditures for the period of \$27,675.11, the difference being a deficit of \$2,987.47.

Addressing the revenue side first, in the *Bulletin* Fund, advertising revenue was 26% lower than expected, and Back issues and Royalties provided no income. Although Subscription revenue was up 12%, the revenue from the *Bulletin* Fund as a whole came in at \$1,266.38 under the budgeted amount.

The one bright spot on the revenue side is the Conference Fund which brought in \$5,060.94 more than was expected. Corporate donations, budgeted at zero, actually brought in \$4,270.00.

In the General Fund, Membership fees brought in \$1,547.25 less than expected, and the Interest account came in at \$647.42 less than budgeted, both accounts perhaps reflecting these economic times.

Overall, on the Revenue side, APLA brought in \$1,787.64 more than budgeted.

On the Expenditure side, the *Bulletin* Fund was underspent by \$1,671.19 with print and postage and shipping costs coming in at less than budgeted.

In General Fund account, there were increases in the Presidential Travel Costs account in part as a result of the National Summit on Information Policy in Ottawa in January. The Executive agreed at the January 31 meeting to increase this budget by \$560.94.

Office Expenses are generally in line with budgeted amounts. Expenditure for the Student Assistant show only \$125.00 paid out. The remaining \$125.00 owing will be charged to next year's budget. The Executive Committee accounts were also generally in line with budgeted amounts.

The majority of the Standing Committees did not expend the budgeted amounts. This accounts for \$4,222.63 non-expenditure. One account to note in this section is the Publications account where an outstanding bill for \$1,364.25 was not received in time to be paid out of the 1992/93 budget year.

Overall on the Expenditure side, APLA paid out \$6,952.54 less than

expected. This may be considered an artificial surplus. When the two outstanding bills for the Student Assistant and the Publications Account are factored in (a total of \$1,489.25), APLA paid out \$5,463.29 less than the amount budgeted.

Some of the revenue from the Halifax Conference was used to offset unexpected expenses. At the October 18 meeting, the Executive Committee agreed to transfer \$3,000.00 of the revenues to cover the strategic planning session. At the January 31 meeting, the Executive agreed to transfer a further \$500.00 from conference revenue for the same purpose. It was agreed to increase the Presidential travel account by \$560.94 at the same meeting.

Financial assets of the Association as of March 31, 1993 include Savings in a Super T-Bill Account at Central Guaranty Trust (now Toronto Dominion Bank) of \$2,837.81; savings in the chequing account of \$1,375.04; Central Guaranty Money Market Fund of \$14,720.78 (growth of \$950.91 over the past year); and two GIC's totalling \$10,000. This results in an accumulated surplus of \$28,933.63.

Thanks go to Kevin Crick who accepted the difficult and time-consuming task of Treasurer and kept an accurate account of the Association's finances for this year.

—Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Logan  
May 28, 1993

## INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

### Committee

1. APLA's concern for intellectual freedom was highlighted by two press releases sent to daily and weekly newspapers in the Region during Freedom to Read Week. The first release mentioned instances of bans or challenges in Canada against which APLA has spoken out. These include the court ban in Newfoundland on *Suffer Little Children*, the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs' inquiry into *The Valour and the Horror*, Canada Customs' seizure of a review copy of *Gay Sex* bound for the Halifax gay/lesbian monthly the *Gazette*, and attempts to have *Madonna's Sex* withdrawn from Dartmouth Regional Library

and Halifax City Regional Library. The second release held suggestions for parents on how to encourage their children to read widely and critically, and to resist censorship attempts.

2. Following consultation of Committee members who approved preparation of draft letters, the APLA Executive wrote the following letters:
  - To Minister of National Revenue Otto Jelinek protesting the seizure by Canada Customs of a review copy of *Gay Sex* bound for the *Halifax Gazette*.
  - To the same official urging him to admit the justice of a Constitutional challenge by Little Sisters Bookstore of Vancouver, arising out of Canada Customs' seizures of gay and lesbian material ordered by the store.
  - To the chairs of the library boards of Dartmouth Regional Library, Halifax City Regional Library, and Vancouver Public Library, commending their decisions not to remove the controversial bestseller *Sex*, by Madonna, in spite of public pressure to do so.
  - To the Newfoundland Minister of Justice, protesting the continued ban on the sale of *Suffer Little Children* on the Avalon Peninsula.
  - To the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, expressing grave concern at their investigation of *The Valour and the Horror*.
3. The Committee recommended letters on three further issues, but these were deferred by the Executive:
  - A call to the Standing Committee on Urban Safety and Crime Prevention Federation of Canadian Municipalities, by Mayor Moira Ducharme of Halifax she asked for a ban on the importation of Serial Killer collector cards.
  - Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's signing of a petition which called for a law against television depictions of violence: the Prime Minister also said he might introduce such legislation.
  - Frequent bans on publication of evidence brought out during trials in Nova Scotia law courts. Each of these incidents involved

Item	1992/1993 Budget	1992/1993 Actual	Subtotal	Subtotal
<b>I. Revenue</b>				
<b>1. Bulletin Fund</b>				
1. Advertising	5,500	4,082.31		
2. Back issues	0	0		
3. Royalties	50	0		
4. Subscriptions	1,700	1,901.21		
			7,250	5,983.52
<b>2. Conference Fund</b>				
1. Receipts	0	790.94		
2. Seed grant repayment	1,500	1,500.00		
3. Corporate donations	0	4,270.00		
			1,500	6,560.94
<b>3. General Fund</b>				
<b>1. Membership fees</b>				
1. Personal	9,500	8,227.75		
2. Institutional	2,850	2,575.00		
			12,350	10,802.75
<b>2. Other</b>				
1. Interest	1,800	1,152.58		
2. Miscellaneous	0	187.85		
	1,800	1,340.43		
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>22,900</b>	<b>24,687.64</b>		
<b>II. Expenditures</b>				
<b>1. Bulletin Fund</b>				
1. Packaging, supplies	700	249.43		
2. Printing	7,450	6,954.37		
3. Postage, shipping	4,250	3,525.01		
<b>2. Conference Fund</b>				
1. Expenses	0	0		
2. Seed grant	1,500	1,500.00		
	1,500.00	1,500.00		
<b>3. General Fund</b>				
1. APLA Prize		300	300.00	
2. Executive travel				
1. APLA Executive	5,000	4,729.99		
2. Presidential travel (1,2)	2,060.94	2,967.59		
			7,060.94	7,697.58
3. Registration, memberships		250	25.00	
<b>4. Office expenses</b>				
1. Postage	250	98.77		
2. Student assistant	250	125.00		
3. Supplies, telephone	1,200	918.55		
			1,700	1,142.32
<b>5. Executive committees</b>				
1. Aims & objectives	30	0		
2. Bulletin Management Board	30	0		
3. Membership	375	381.69		
4. Merit Award	100	68.93		
5. Nominating/Elections	135	125.00		
			670	575.62
<b>6. Standing committees/Interest groups</b>				
1. APLA Memorial Awards	30	0		
2. Intellectual freedom	30	0.45		
3. Publications	3,500	4.68		
4. Community colleges	50	0		
5. Conservation	30	0		
6. Trustees	30	0		
7. Library instruction	30	0		
8. Library technicians	30	0		
9. Collections development	150	172.24		
10. Microcomputers	30	0		
11. Francophone	30	0		
12. Continuing education	30	0		
13. Newspapers	30	0		
	4,000	177.37		
7. General Activities Fund (2,3)	6,500	5,250.00		
8. Miscellaneous		130		161.70
9. Transfer to Memorial Awards		116.71	116.71	
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>34,627.65</b>	<b>27,675.11</b>		
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(11,727.65)</b>	<b>(2,987.47)</b>		
<b>III. Accumulated surplus</b>				
1. Savings	0	4,212.85		
2. GIC		10,000.00		10,000.00
3. Investments	4,394.98	5,812.28		
4. First time Conference Grants Fund Principal	8,908.50	8,908.50		
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,303.48</b>	<b>28,933.63</b>		

**NOTES**

- (1) Increased by \$560.94, Executive meeting, 31 January 1993, 12.3 (p.8).
- (2) Increased by \$3000.00, Executive meeting, 18 October 1992, 9 (p.5).
- (3) Increased by \$500.00, Executive meeting, 31 January 1993, 12.3 (p.8).

the actual or projected intervention of government in public access to information, which the Committee considers a legitimate concern of persons or organizations wishing to uphold intellectual freedom. The Committee rejected a proposal to write to the Minister of Employment and Immigration questioning the arrest of Holocaust revisionist author David Irving. These unadopted recommendations have given rise to questions regarding the mandate of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, and the extent to which it should recommend action in cases which do not directly involve libraries. It has been proposed by Suzanne Sexty that this topic be addressed by the Executive at the fall 1993 executive dinner meeting.

- The Committee's program for the APLA Conference is "Inclusion/Exclusion: 'Political-Correctness' As a Red Herring". The wide-ranging debate on 'political correctness' and its possible application to library collections will be addressed by a panel consisting of: Robert Martin, Chair of the Philosophy Department at Dalhousie University; Bradd Burningham, author, librarian, and President of the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick; Tracey Jones, Branch Head, North Branch, Halifax City Regional Library; and McMaster University doctoral candidate Heather Jones.
- As noted in the minutes of the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Committee, Stephen Field has agreed to be nominated as Convener for 1993-94.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Murphy, Convener  
May 27, 1993*

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Interest Group**

Chair Carole Compton-Smith and Judy Reade met during the fall and winter to outline a proposal to have the Interest Group become a permanent committee. In January, a discussion document was drawn up outlining the terms of reference for a proposed committee to be a "permanent Committee of the Executive", with a chair appointed by the Executive. Also included in the discussion document was a proposed structure for a further education programme with some recommendations for funding.

It was intended that the establishment of the new committee be proposed to the membership at the annual conference in Fredericton. However, the development of an effective continuing education programme is one of the Strategic Goals

(#5) set by the membership at the 1992 annual general meeting. The Strategic Planning Group under Vice President Marion Pape met during the winter, and a workshop was planned for the annual conference in May 1993. Prior to the Conference, Ms. Pape suggested the proposal for committee status not be placed before the membership at the annual conference but be pursued through the Strategic Planning process.

Subsequently, the Strategic Planning workshop was held in Fredericton and the strategic goals were discussed in detail, including the results of the winter Strategic Planning sessions. A firm recommendation from the workshop was that the Continuing Education Interest Group be made into a permanent committee of APLA. The Strategic Planning Group will continue its work with the input from the workshop and it is hoped the Interest Group will be given committee status through this channel.

*—Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Pearl, Member  
June 1993*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Committee**

During the past year the Publications Committee oversaw the publication of the 1992-93 Atlantic Provinces Library Association's *Membership Directory and Handbook*.

A session with Joyce Cameron of the Public Relations Department of the University of New Brunswick to provide an evaluation of APLA's publications was scheduled during the APLA Conference in Fredericton. A report of this session will be sent with the next Publications Committee Report.

*—Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Cunningham, Convener  
May 1993*

**APLA '93**

**Resolutions**

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 54TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, MAY 30, 1993 / RESOLUTIONS ADOPTÉES PAR LA 54e ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ORDINAIRE, LE 30 MAI 1993**

**Resolution #1 / Résolution #1**

Resolved that APLA donate \$300.00 to Little Sisters Bookstore in Vancouver, B.C. towards the legal costs of their constitutional challenge relating to the seizure of lesbian and gay materials by Canada Customs.

(L. Murphy, S. Field) DEFEATED  
*continued over...*

There was a motion to table the resolution until the next OGM (R. Lewis, C. Kowalczyk) so that more information could be presented. It was also defeated.

Résolu que l'APLA fait don de 300\$ à la Little Sisters Bookstore à Vancouver (C.-B.) pour aider à défrayer les frais judiciaires encourus lors de leur contestation constitutionnel relatif à la saisi par Douanes Canada de matériel lesbien et gai.

(L. Murphy, S. Field) REJETEE

Une motion a été présentée selon laquelle la discussion serait reportée à la prochaine réunion ordinaire annuelle. (R. Lewis, C. Kowaczuk). A ce moment, on pourrait apporter plus de précisions sur le sujet. Cette motion a également été rejetée.

#### Resolution #2 / Résolution #2

Resolved that the membership instruct the Executive to form a Special Committee on Communications.

(M. Pape, L. Jantek) CARRIED

Résolu que les membres de l'association chargent l'exécutif de former un comité spécial sur les communications.

(M. Pape, L. Jantek) ADOPTEE

#### Resolution #3 / Résolution #3

Be it resolved that the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to:

(i) the speakers, panellists, presenters, moderators, and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of the 1993 APLA Conference; (ii) the sponsors who have contributed in many ways to the success of the 1993 Conference.

Résolu que des remerciements au nom de l'APLA soient adressés à:

(i) tous les conférenciers, les experts, les présentateurs, les modérateurs et les facilitateurs de tous les ateliers, les séminaires et les sessions thèmes du congrès de l'APLA de 1993; (ii) les organismes qui ont parrainé le congrès de 1993 et en ont fait un grand succès.

Teana Pickles, New Brunswick College of Craft and Design

Karen Burk, Mudlark Pottery

Sandra Maynard, A Tisket a Tasket

Wayne Knorr, Fredericton Visitor and Convention Bureau

City of Fredericton

Lord Beaverbrook Hotel

Ken Legault, Freeman Decorating Ltd.

New Brunswick Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing/Ministère des Municipalités, de la Culture et de l'Habitation du N.-B.

Jocelyne LeBel, New Brunswick Library Service/Service des bibliothèques du N.-B.

Laurette Mackey, York Regional Library

York Regional Library

New Brunswick Library Service/Service des bibliothèques du N.-B.

Bill Molesworth, Fredericton Public Library

Legislative Library of New Brunswick / Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée Législative du N.-B.

Department of Archives and Special Collections, University of New Brunswick

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick / Archives provinciales du N.-B.

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Anne Crocker, Gerard V. La Forest Law Library, UNB

Eszter Schwenke, Science and Forestry Library, UNB

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Anne Smith Creations

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Elizabeth Hamilton, Government Documents, UNB

Government Documents Department, UNB

Linda Hansen

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Eric Swanick, Legislative Library of New Brunswick / Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative du N.-B.

(S. Sexty, M. Pape) CARRIED / ADOPTEE

# ABPNB/APLNB TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association des bibliothécaires professionnelle(s) du Nouveau-Brunswick / Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick will be held on October 2, 1993 at Howard Johnson's, Fredericton. The speaker will be Norine Hanus, President of the PEI Professional Librarians' Association. Stephen Sloan, Systems Librarian at UNB, will conduct an Internet Workshop.

For further information, contact: Marthe Brideau (Tel: 862-4247, Fax: 862-4256) or Jean-Claude Arcand (Tel: 453-2338, Fax: 453-7154).

L'assemblée générale annuelle de l'association des bibliothécaires professionnelle(s) du Nouveau Brunswick / Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick aura lieu le 2 Octobre 1993 au Howard Johnson's, Fredericton. Conférencière: Norine Hanus, Présidente de la "P" Professional Librarians' Association. Atelier sur Internet avec Stephen Sloan, Bibliothécaire-Analyste à l'UNB.

Contactez: Marthe Brideau (Tél: 862-4247, Téléc: 862-4256) ou Jean-Claude Arcand (Tél: 453-2338, Téléc: 453-7154).

## User Education MAILBOX

Compiled by the APLA Library  
Instruction Interest Group

The following question was submitted to the User Education Mailbox:

Quelles seraient les méthodes d'évaluation les plus efficaces pour évaluer les bienfaits d'une session "unique" et "spécialisée" d'initiation à la bibliothèque offerte à un groupe?

What methods are appropriate for evaluating "learning benefits" gained by all parties involved in a one-time subject oriented instructional session?

Please forward responses to this question, or any additional questions related to user education, to:

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# DEALING WITH SEX IN DARTMOUTH

**W**ith its publication last fall, Madonna's book, *Sex*, created wide interest and considerable controversy across North America. In Dartmouth, a petition to remove the book was presented to City Council, who requested that the Library Board review the staff decision to purchase the book for the Library. At a Board meeting last February, Dr. Larry Amey of the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies made a presentation in defence of keeping the book. A local woman, although not a Dartmouth resident, spoke on behalf of the petition to have the book removed. No decision was made until the March meeting, when the Board unanimously endorsed a staff report recommending that the book be kept in the collection. Highlights from the Report follow:

## Rationale for inclusion of the book in the collection

- *Sex* was purchased in accordance with the Library's Selection Policy of making "available" ...recorded ideas of contemporary interest, representing varied points of view, some of which might be controversial".
- The purchase was also in keeping with the Selection Policy's criterion of popular demand.

## Legal considerations

- The book was not declared pornographic by Canada Customs or the wide number of police departments who examined it.
- The 'Adults Only' designation on the wrapper had no legal significance.
- There are no Canadian laws which restrict access to print materials by age.

## The Question of Open Access

- The Library Board has adopted the CLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom which supports access to library materials by people of all ages.
- The Library's Selection Policy states that parents have the responsibility for what their children borrow.
- The book is housed in the Adult Collection and is not unduly accessible to young children.
- To restrict access to the book by age would set a strong precedent for individuals to challenge other materials they deem unsuitable for other people's children.

## Librarians' Viewpoint

- *Sex* is one book among many in the collection. Other titles represent other viewpoints, such as those expressed by the petitioners.
- Any individual item on sexuality will never generate total agreement but nor will it be the sole influence on the formulation of an individual's opinion or behaviour.
- The library must make more of an effort to inform the public of its role. With its broad mandate, the public library should not be considered a "safe haven" for children. Rather it should be perceived as an access point to "all expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity including those which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular, or unacceptable", as described in the CLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom.

## Follow-up

The Library Board unanimously adopted the two staff recommendations presented in the report. The first was to retain the book and the second was that library staff devise strategies to better inform the public regarding its position on intellectual freedom and the responsibilities of parents for their children's reading and viewing materials.

In keeping with this motion, the Children's and Young Adult Department redesigned its Guide to include a special note to parents stating that children have access to all collections and that the responsibility for limiting borrowing rests with the parents. A new permission slip to be signed by parents is also included.

Media coverage about the Board's decision was not nearly as extensive as the initial coverage about the Library's purchase of the book. When the controversy arose, there were numerous radio and television interviews, opinion polls, and sensational newspaper headlines. In contrast, the Board's decision was greeted with very little fanfare. An article in the weekly paper, *The Patriot*, did provide some positive publicity by focusing on the Library's position regarding parental responsibility for their children's borrowing.

As for the book itself, it is still in one piece and demand is as high as ever. It circulates on a three day loan basis with no further protest to date.

—Linda Hodgins  
Dartmouth Regional Library

# apla Microcomputer Interest Group

## AN INTERNET PRIMER

### WHAT IS INTERNET?

It is a worldwide "network of networks" (there is no single entity that is Internet) consisting of approximately 750,000 host computers, with an estimated 20,000,000 users (1992 statistics). The growth rate of user access was calculated to be 11% monthly and is increasing dramatically!

### WHO ARE THE MAIN USERS?

First it was U.S. government researchers, followed by academic and commercial users in countries around the world, and now it can be anyone—schools, libraries, the general public.

### WHY USE INTERNET?

Because, on Internet, you can share ideas with colleagues; get/give help in solving everyday job-related problems, such as help answering difficult reference questions; read the Free Trade Agreement; and connect your patrons with experts who can help them.

### WHAT IS APLA DOING?

After last year's conference, the Executive asked David Cumby (Co-Convener of the Microcomputer Interest Group) to study Internet as it related to Strategic Goal #2; Communications. His report outlined various initiatives including the following which are being acted on:

- 1) Provide Internet access for executive members, Committee and Interest Group conveners and set up a listserv;
- 2) Lobby provincial government to get all types of libraries on the Internet;
- 3) Work with CLA and the National Library to encourage a co-ordinated plan for networking.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO USE INTERNET

The minimum equipment required is a telephone line, microcomputer, modem, and an industry standard communications software package. Since Internet uses telephone lines, you will have to pay long distance charges if you are not within local calling distance of an Internet node. Check with your provincial Internet representatives (list follows) for details.

### WHAT SERVICES CAN YOU GET?

**Electronic Mail:** Allows you to send messages to Internet users worldwide. E-mail is about 75% of the activity on networks.

**ListServ:** Allows system users with a common interest in a topical or

professional area (e.g. library administration or government documents) to communicate with each other. One way to view Internet is as a massive bulletin board service. (Soon there will be an APLA Listserv).

**File Transfer (FTP):** Besides having the ability to E-mail, you can also send and receive other machine readable files such as those containing graphics and sound images.

**Remote Log-in (Telnet):** Provides the user with a connection to computers across town, or around the world. Allows the user to search on-line databases, including over 300 library catalogues, as if they were local.

**More advanced services:** With the phenomenal growth of this network has come the development of a myriad of tools to better organize and access information on the networks. Archie, Veronica, Gophers, WAIS and World Wide Web (WWW) will all help you to make better use of Internet.

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### GETTING CONNECTED IN ATLANTIC CANADA

For information on how to connect to the Internet, and at what cost, contact your provincial Internet office.

**Access New Brunswick (AccessNB)**  
David Macneil (506) 453-4573  
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Jim Hancock (902) 566-0450

# TRAVELLING THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY

**D**alhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies and Academic Computing Services co-sponsored an Internet Workshop for Public Librarians on April 30, 1993. Participants included 27 librarians from all eleven of the Province's Regional Library systems, including representatives of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library.

Jane Beaumont of Beaumont & Associates of Ottawa opened the workshop with an overview of the "Information Highway". Ms. Beaumont traced the history of information sharing from the microphotography of the 1950s to the networking possibilities of the 1990s.

This historical context led to a description of the current Canadian network with its regional and national backbones, including NSTN (Nova Scotia Technology Network) and CA\*net, which is developing into CANARIE.

Ms. Beaumont described how the Internet can and will be used to deliver information services, such as information retrieval, interlibrary loan, electronic document delivery, and SDI. Technical services supported through the Internet include shared cataloguing, retrospective conversion, acquisitions, collection development, and serials control. Bulletin boards, electronic conferences, and freenets were described as applications well

sued to the Internet. Ms. Beaumont's presentation included some discussion of the Internet technology, "netiquette", and an introduction to the basic Internet tools of remote login (telnet), FTP (File Transfer Protocol), electronic mail, and listserv.

Elaine Toms of Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies took participants on an "Exploration of the Byways of the Information Highway". Ms. Toms went "online" to visit sites and to give examples of the kinds of information available through the Internet. The librarians were introduced to particular sites for sources of bibliographic records, full-text records, specialized services, and network news. The participants enjoyed an opportunity to view the use of Internet tools with such interesting names as Archie, Gopher, Veronica, WAIS (Wide Area Information Server) and WWW (World Wide Web). Ms. Toms fielded an interesting discussion of the current problems of accessing the information available through the Internet.

Natalie Pass of Dalhousie's Academic Computing Services led the afternoon session, when workshop participants moved to a hands-on laboratory setting to experience the Internet first hand. The afternoon was spent logging onto remote computers using telnet, transferring files using FTP, locating files with Archie, and searching gopherspace using Veronica. The Internet highway was explored using various gophers: WAIS, and WWW.

Sue Hunter and Elaine MacLennan, students of Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies, along with workshop presenters, were available during the afternoon session to lend a hand to Internet travellers looking for directions or seeking new avenues for exploration. Workshop participants were enthusiastic concerning the possible uses of the Internet in their individual systems.

—Elaine MacLennan  
MLIS student, Dalhousie University

## APLA MEMORIAL AWARDS FUND NEEDS SUPPORT

**O**ver the years, the APLA Memorial Awards Fund has provided funds in support of many worthwhile library projects. It is important to be aware of the history and intent of these awards, to take pride in the accomplishments of the recipients, and to foster support for future research.

The APLA Memorial Awards grew out of the Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship, which was established by the Atlantic Provinces Library Association in 1974 to honour the memory and considerable contribution to the library profession of Alberta Letts. Alberta Letts served as Provincial Librarian of Nova Scotia from 1954 until her death on November 3, 1973, in a tragic highway accident while returning from a library meeting.

The original Fellowship was established as a travelling fellowship to be awarded to a senior librarian actively engaged in library work in Canada. Alberta Letts believed strongly in the benefits, both personal and professional, of foreign travel resulting in contact with librarians in other countries. She herself visited libraries in many countries, and in 1958/59 was chosen to spend a year in India to advise the Indian government on libraries in that country. Later, she was part of a delegation of librarians who travelled to West Germany as guests of the German Government. The Alberta Letts Fellowship Trust continued until 1983. In its 1982-83 annual report the Fellowship Committee outlined the history of the Trust to that date. Excerpts from that report follow:

*The 1974 Annual General Meeting authorized the APLA Executive to set up the Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship as a trust so that it qualified as a "Registered and Charitable Organization" within the meaning of Section 149-1 of the Income Tax Act. This was done, and contributions were solicited in Alberta Letts'*

*name with a specific goal of awarding a travelling fellowship to an established librarian.*

*Those members of the Association who knew Alberta Letts personally and who solicited the funds in her name wished the fund to eventually be dispersed while Miss Letts was still personally remembered. Other members of the Association wished the Fund to continue as a worthwhile continuing education opportunity and recommended that the Association itself contribute from its surplus funds...*

*In 1976 Alice Harrison was awarded the first fellowship. In 1980 the second fellowship was awarded to Lorraine McQueen.*

*In November, 1981 Atlantic Trust notified the Committee that its fee to administer the trust would be increased to \$500.00 per year. This was unacceptable, as it represents over half the yearly income of the trust. In order to cope with finding new trustees and to reconcile the conflicting views on the future of the trust the committee asked for, and received authority from, the Association (Motion, AGM, 1982) to take the necessary action to change the trust agreement and terms of reference for the Award.*

*It was decided to award fellowships for the years 1981, 1982, and 1983. These fellowships would use up all those monies contributed in the name of Alberta Letts and would represent the last Alberta Letts Fellowships. The trust agreement would then be modified to change the name of the trust to the APLA Memorial Awards Fund and monies could then be solicited for a general memorial fund. Future fellowships would be from this new fund and would be called the APLA Memorial Awards. The lawyer...recommended that the Finance Committee become trustees of the new fund...*

*Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowships were awarded as follows:*

*1981—Pat Rahal, to study the organization, role, and function of community college resource centres in Canada with particular emphasis on Ontario and Alberta.*

*1982—Linda Harvey, to do a follow-up survey of regional services provided by the libraries of the Royal College of Nurses and the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to users outside the metropolitan area.*

*1983—Eric Swanick, to attend the Columbia University School of Library Service summer courses on the 19th Century Book, and Comparative Historical Book Bindings and their preservation.*

*With these fellowships all monies contributed in Alberta Letts' name have been dispersed.*

In 1983 the Fund was changed to serve as a general memorial to deceased APLA members. The contribution of many of these individuals to the field of library work has been recognized over the years in various issues of the *APLA Bulletin*. Members of the library community whose deaths have been mourned in recent years include Agnes O'Dea (1993), former Head, Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Memorial University, and Newfoundland bibliographer; Barbara Burns (Smith) Shaw (1991), librarian, artist, children's author and editor of publications for the Nova Scotia Museum and the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia; Sister Margaret Flahiff (1991), former Head Librarian at the Atlantic School of Theology; Carin Somers (1990), former Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian; and Professor Clement Harrison, Dalhousie School of Library Service (1989). While the awards are not named specifically for individuals, the service of each individual is honoured in this general memorial.

APLA Memorial Awards are given annually for projects which will contribute to the professional development of the recipient and which will benefit the library profession as a whole. A list of award winners by year is included in the *APLA Membership Directory and Handbook*. Funds

have been given to defray the expenses of many worthwhile projects over the years. These have included research for a book about the changing concept of the library (Dr. William Birdsall), a guide to sources of information on Atlantic Canadian literature in English (Marilynn Rudi), study of public information services in university libraries in the United Kingdom (Oriell MacLennan), and attendance at a National Newspaper Colloquium (Arthur Smith).

For 1993 only slightly more than \$800 is available for the awards compared to \$1500 in 1992. The amount of money available to be awarded each year is dependent upon investment income, and the changing investment climate has negatively affected this income significantly in the past year. APLA contributes annually to the principal of the fund from its surplus operating expenses, and donations in memory of APLA members are also received. However, the recession is eroding the ability of the Fund to offer significant assistance to researchers. The present economic climate makes it imperative that the principal in the fund be increased.

Contributions to this important fund which supports library research may be sent to the Treasurer, Atlantic Provinces Library Association, c/o School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, B3H 4H8. Your continued support guarantees commitment to excellence in libraries.

—Marguerite Jones  
Memorial University

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CANADIAN COPYRIGHT LAWS SHARE THE STAGE

The first of 1993's Friday Lecture Series organized by Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies brought a pair of distinguished guest speakers to address two very important issues facing today's librarian. Margaret Beckman spoke on the changing relationship between information technology and the role of the librarian. Graham Hill delivered an informative lecture on the current copyright laws existing in Canada and the United States.

The message of Margaret Beckman's thought-provoking lecture, entitled "Technical Directions in University Libraries", was loud and clear: if librarians fail to broaden their vision and keep up with the rapidly advancing pace of technology, then the entire library profession is in jeopardy of being pushed off to the margins of society. As end-users become more sophisticated with computer technology, coupled with increasing competition from the private sector to deliver fast, quality information service, librarians are currently facing some crucial challenges to their role in society.

Ms. Beckman is an expert in library automation and her name is synonymous in Canada with the subject. Beginning her lecture by reviewing developments in library automation over the last thirty years, she stated that automation has served the library profession well, improving the more tedious internal tasks of the library's circulation, cataloguing, and acquisitions departments. The next wave of automation, however, must be directed outwards, towards meeting the public's ever-growing demand for

quicker and more efficient means of information service. Because of this, Ms. Beckman stressed that the concept and definition of what a library means today is rapidly changing. Instead of functioning as stand-alone institutions, libraries, in particular public and academic libraries, are quickly becoming libraries without walls. She presented to her audience several different library scenarios of the future, including the "virtual library". Imagine in a few years' time, users accessing the library's wealth of information from their home computers, reading full-text documents as if they were sitting in the periodicals room, and ordering their computers to print out a hard copy right at home. Inherent in this futuristic view, however, is the danger of the traditional library becoming a museum, or worse, an extinct dinosaur.

Several concerns were raised from the audience as to whether books as we know them will disappear from library shelves in the future or if actual discrimination based upon "information haves" and "information have-nots" will be the end result of the recent technological advances. Ms. Beckman acknowledged these issues as both important and quite possible. She pointed out, however, that another possible consequence of technological change will be the actual forfeit of the library as the primary mechanism of information in society. To avoid this potential disaster from occurring, librarians, she said, must broaden their vision, keep pace with technology, and use both of these qualities to effectively anticipate and respond to patron's needs.

The second lecture of the afternoon, entitled "Copyright Legislation in Canada and the Difference between U.S. and Canadian Copyright Law" was given by Mr. Graham Hill. An acknowledged expert in the field of copyright, Mr. Hill has served on many important copyright committees in his career, including the Federal Department of Communications Consultative Committee on the Library Uses of Copyright. His discussion clarified many of the contentious issues involved in copyright matters in Canada.

From the outset, Mr. Hill painted a humorous picture of the complexities and concerns of Canadian copyright legislation, likening it to a full-blown soap opera, full of jingoist nationalism, starving artists, bureaucratic ineptitude, and corporate greed. In reality, however, copyright law affects everyone involved in the use and dissemination of information: authors, publishers, booksellers, researchers, scholars, teachers, and, of course, librarians. Copyright law, Mr. Hill pointed out, is of prime importance to librarians because its existence affects the library's desirability to maintain ready, low-cost public access to information, as well as to provide minimal interference in the exchange of ideas and other information. Librarians would certainly agree with Mr. Hill's observation that an "unreasonable burden is being thrown on the consciences and amateur legal expertise of all librarians" as they try and figure out a way to deal with the knotty problem of copyright and photocopying protected works.

Mr. Hill outlined the principal events that have taken place in copyright legislation in Canada, emphasizing, however, that copyright law does not possess a high priority on the political agenda and little activity has in fact taken place in Parliament. On the other hand, he stated that U.S. copyright legislation is more stringent and defined as compared to Canada's, providing provisions under law for the concept of fair dealing, fair use, and single copy exemption. Mr. Hill drew the interesting analogy of copyright law being a three-legged stool, with creators, publishers, and users equally making up the three legs. Canadian copyright, he said, continues to teeter on two legs, the general attitude from Ottawa being, "Don't worry—we'll get it to work sometime".

Librarians as a whole, Mr. Hill stressed, do indeed want to see authors and publishers fairly rewarded for the use of their works. He explained that the Canadian Reprography Collective, better known as CanCopy, was formed to provide easy legal public access to copyrighted material by issuing blanket licenses to Canadian libraries and universities. Although a convenient mechanism for paying a fee for photocopying multiple copies of copyrighted works, CanCopy, Mr. Hill pointed out, is currently in a general state of disarray and still has much to be resolved. Mr. Hill ended his discussion by saying that librarians are aware that the well-being of each part of the community of authors, publishers, and users of information affects the well-being of every other part. He also noted, however, that librarians are adamant in their defence of the principle of fair dealing in copyright law, a principle that recognizes the importance of keeping access to information as equitable as possible for all Canadians.

—David Veinot  
1993 MLIS graduate, Dalhousie University



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# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU- BRUNSWICK

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The New Brunswick Library Council was abolished in the spring, after a year-long review of boards, agencies, commissions, and other such bodies funded, in whole or in part, by Government. The Minister responsible for the public library system, the Honourable Marcelle Mersereau, has promised to continue consulting with stakeholders in matters affecting libraries. She plans to hold her first meeting, in the fall, with the regional library board chairpersons and the regional directors.

The Commission on Excellence in Education released its final report in January of this year. The report underlined the important role of the public library in the area of adult education and literacy, and encouraged partnerships between public libraries and community-based academic and continuing education programs to better facilitate lifelong learning and literacy.

The public library system has received a second instalment in the amount of \$50,600 from the Environmental Trust Fund to build special collections on the environment in each of the five library regions.

The provincial Summer Reading Club (SRC) was launched in Saint John on June 17 in the presence of the Honourable Marcelle Mersereau. The theme of the SRC this year revolves around pirates and treasure and the slogan is *Claim the Treasure/Réclamez le trésor*. Patricia Tingley of the Saint John Region designed the poster, button, bookmark, logbook, and certificate of achievement which make up the SRC kits.

Gilles LeBlanc, formerly of the New Brunswick Community College in Campbellton, joined the Technical Services Department of the New Brunswick Library Service in May.

La Bibliothèque publique-scolaire de Tracadie, dans la région Chaleur, déménagera en 1994 dans l'édifice municipal et deviendra uniquement une bibliothèque publique. Des plans préliminaires pour les nouveaux locaux sont maintenant tirés.

La région Chaleur a également reçu les plans de l'édifice municipal où logera la bibliothèque régionale. L'espace disponible constituera une nette



Colourful poster promotes the Summer Reading Club in New Brunswick Public Libraries.

amélioration sur les bureaux actuels et on y retrouvera un garage pour le bibliobus. Le déménagement est prévu pour cet été.

York Regional Library Board held its annual meeting on May 13. A new executive was elected consisting of Chair, Paul Richard; First Vice-Chair, Clarence McKibbon; and Treasurer, Mardi Cockburn. Frank Jean is Past-Chair and Laurette Mackey serves as Secretary to the Executive.

La Bibliothèque Dr Marguerite Michaud a organisé un «dessert musical» le 22 avril pour ramasser des fonds pour l'achat de vidéo cassettes.

Hartland Public Library held its annual dinner and fundraiser on March 27. The theme of the evening was Heritage Proud.

The Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, presented a Canadian flag and standard to the Saint John Free Public Library. The Canadian Citizenship Court is held regularly in the Library's multipurpose room.

Grants from the Dr. Norman S. Skinner Continuing Education Fund helped to send eight staff and trustees

from the Saint John Region to the APLA 1993 Conference. The same fund provided financial support for Patricia Tingley to attend the Atlantic Children's Literature Round Table Conference, and for Kim MacKinnon-Lemon to pursue studies at the Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies.

About 75 people of all ages attended the Riverview Public Library's fifteenth anniversary celebration. In addition to greetings from representatives of all three levels of government, the programme featured a volunteer and a library patron who spoke about their experiences at the Library. Following this, prizes were presented to the winners of the essay and poetry contests held in local schools as part of the anniversary activities. The three first place winners read their entries aloud. Attractive bookmarks, designed for the occasion, were distributed as a memento. In all, it was a community event for a community-oriented library.

In May, the Extension Department held a workshop for the employees in

the libraries under its supervision. The day included a presentation on the Employee Assistance Program and the annual employee recognition luncheon. Several employees were given certificates and mementos, in recognition of ten, fifteen, or twenty years with the Albert-Westmorland Kent Regional Library.

Ruth Mitchell, Assistant Regional Librarian, Albert-Westmorland-Kent Region, recently completed referral agent training for the Employee Assistance Program of the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Peter Higham, Music Librarian, Mount Allison University, will begin a year's research leave in July. His sabbatical project will focus on an annotated bibliography of music for guitar by Canadian composers and further study of the music of Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

Moira Davidson, Cataloguing Librarian, also of Mount Allison University, has been granted a deferred research leave for 1994/95. Her research proposal involves a study of the effectiveness of name authority records on the searching of an automated public-access catalogue.

### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The Legislative Library recently acquired the PC-based multiLIS system. Training for the OPAC took place at the end of March.

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The Library Council of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association pleased to announce that the Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators in New Brunswick has been presented to Raymond Woodward, principal of Fredericton High School in District 1. This award is presented annually to a school administrator who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the school library programme of schools under her/his administration.

Mr. Woodward was nominated by teacher-librarian Cynthia Losier who cited the candidate's long-term commitment to the school library during his 10 years as principal at F.H.S.

As principal, Mr. Woodward supported the grade 10 Library Orientation Program. He also increased teacher supervision in the Library during noon hour, thereby freeing library staff to concentrate on more specialized and service-oriented work. The net effect of this was that students asked for more help, expected the library to have the resources the

needed, and expected staff to have the competencies to guide them in their research. An in-house "Archival Dig" held in September 1988 enabled F.H.S. to assemble the records which qualified the School for National Archives of Canada funding to create an archives. Mr. Woodward perceived the historic and research value such a collection would have for "Canada's Oldest English Grammar School". His championship, over a two year period (1986-88), of the Library's request to use an "Archival Dig" as a "legitimate" float day activity is the real reason the F.H.S. Library Archives now exists. The installation of the Library's electronic security system in 1991 brought to a conclusion six years of negotiating such difficulties as data collection, planning, staffing, and cost factors. The success of this long-term project was due in large part to Mr. Woodward's advocacy and leadership.

Mr. Woodward is the eighth winner of the Distinguished Service Award for School Administrators in New Brunswick.

#### ASSOCIATIONS

The annual meeting of the **New Brunswick Library Trustees Association** was held in Fredericton on Saturday, April 24. Frank Jean of York Region was re-elected President of the Association.

Georgio Gaudet, Deputy Minister, Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing, attended the meeting. Among other things, he announced that there would be no new positions in the Public Library System. At the same time, he spoke of the Department's commitment to the System, referring to the 1993-94 budget which saw a slight increase in funding for books and automation. Mr. Gaudet was quick to point out that, although the increases were not dramatic, many divisions of the Department, and Government as a whole, had experienced cutbacks, thereby making any increase a cause for rejoicing.

In December 1992, the **New Brunswick Library Trustees Association**, with the help of the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing, undertook a study of the Association's effectiveness in meeting the needs of its membership. As part of the exercise, all trustees were polled by means of a questionnaire. More than 50% of members responded and the feedback is being analyzed at present. The study will be completed in the fall.

#### OTHER NEWS

The Report of the **New Brunswick Library Task Force**, *Strengthening Partnerships, Sharing Resources*, was tabled in the Legislature on May 20, 1993. The Task Force examined public libraries, school libraries, and community college libraries in the Province to determine whether their functions could be more closely integrated. The Report discusses the mandate, roles and responsibilities, and

financing of each type of library, and makes recommendations in the areas of literacy and life-long learning, management/ coordination, facilities, staffing, programmes and user services, collections development, and cataloguing and classification systems.

This report is an important contribution to the literature of library reform in New Brunswick. To obtain a copy of the Report, contact:

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—Jocelyne Thompson  
Vice President (New Brunswick)

## NEWFOUNDLAND

#### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The position of Director of Public Libraries, vacant since the retirement of Pearce Penney, has been advertised and, it is hoped, will be filled before much longer. **Donna Brewer**, the accountant seconded from Treasury Board to help the Public Libraries Administration improve on its accounting procedures, will finish her appointment at the end of June.

The Call for Tender for a contract to provide library materials has been advertised and all concerned hope that a contract will be awarded quickly so that ordering may resume. No new books have been ordered since the end of March.

The Public Libraries Board has forwarded a budget reduction proposal to the Minister responsible, and has been advised that no reductions resulting from this recommendation can be implemented until September, so libraries will be operating in "budget limbo" for the first half of the fiscal year.

The Public Libraries Board has recommended the relocation of the **Cape St. George Public Library** from the Town Council office to the Notre Dame du Cap School in Degrau on the Port au Port Peninsula, where it will be operated jointly by the school and the library board.

#### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

**Memorial University of Newfoundland** is in the unenviable process of having to reduce its operating costs by \$11,400,000 but it is hoped that the Library will be maintained at current levels wherever possible.

Major renovations have taken place at the Library of the **West Viking College, Bay St. George Campus** in Stephenville. A Career Centre has been established, and Librarian **Valerie Furge** is in the process of setting up a Reading Centre which is designed to support the Adult Basic Education programme. It will contain a professional collection as well as a

collection of literacy materials. The College's collection is now accessible through Memorial's ELIOT catalogue and it is hoped that the collection at the **Fisher Campus** in Corner Brook will also be available through ELIOT. According to Librarian **James Carter**, with these two collections added to the database, other community colleges seeking cataloguing copy from ELIOT find a much larger percentage than they did previously.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The Department of Education has abolished the position of Learning Resources Consultant for the Province. When contacted, Wilbert Boone, Manager of Curriculum at the Department of Education, advised that the responsibility for school libraries was to be de-centralized and now rested with the school districts. The responsibility for implementing resource-based learning, and establishing standards is now under the "ownership of the individual principals", according to Boone. It is understood that at least one school district has also abolished its Library or Learning Resource Consultant.

#### ASSOCIATIONS

The **Newfoundland Library Association** held its Annual General Meeting in St. John's on May 21. The new executive for 1993 are: President, John White; Vice-President/President-Elect, Valerie Benson; Secretary, Dianne Taylor-Harding; Treasurer, Bill Tiffany; and Past-President, Pam Morgan.

The guest speaker for the evening was Bernice Morgan, author of a recent novel, *Random Passage*, published by Breakwater, which depicts the lives of several early settler families in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. Ms. Morgan chose to talk of her experiences with libraries, especially her childhood recollections of the old Gosling library in St. John's. The talk was indeed a morale booster to many members of the audience who have been living through a year in which the value of libraries has not always been recognized.

The Association's first *Directory of Libraries in Newfoundland* since 1990 should have been published by the time this column hits the press.

—Elinor Benjamin  
Vice President (Newfoundland)

## NOVA SCOTIA

#### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The new system at the **Nova Scotia Provincial Library** was unveiled by the Minister of Education, John MacEachern, on June 30. The multiLIS system, which will eventually connect the 73 public libraries to the Provincial Library and with each other via Internet connections, is now in place at

Provincial Headquarters. In his introductory remarks, Mr. MacEachern stressed that libraries are now a place to make connections and not an end in themselves.

Prior to the unveiling, there was a flurry of excitement over the impending automation. Terminals were in, networked, and loaded with the new software. Staff attended a variety of training workshops in preparation for the new system. Workshops included "Travelling the Internet Highway: An Internet Workshop for Public Librarians", "Managing Change", "LAN Troubleshooting", and workshops for various software applications. Staff also attended a series of lunch-time video presentations on microcomputer hardware and software, and LANs. A training and communications plan is being developed to introduce Provincial Library staff and Regional Library staff to the Internet and the new automated system.

The Provincial Library would like to extend best wishes to several well-known Nova Scotia librarians who are retiring this summer: **Kerstin Mueller** of **Eastern Counties Regional Library, Mulgrave**; **Reay Freve** of **Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, Truro**; and **Barbara Prince** of **Dartmouth Regional Library**.

Late in May, the **Wolfville Library** of the **Annapolis Valley Regional Library** moved to the newly-renovated Dominion Atlantic Railway station. The official opening will take place later this year.

#### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

**Lillian Beltaos**, University Librarian, **St. Francis Xavier Library** will take up the post of Assistant Academic Vice President/University Librarian at **Mount Saint Vincent** effective September 20. **Donna Richardson**, formerly of the **Defence Research Establishment Library** in Dartmouth, took over as Chief Librarian at the **Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS)** on July 1. **Drake Petersen**, Acting University Librarian at the **University of Kings College** since July 1991, has been appointed University Librarian effective July 1. After an unsuccessful search at **Acadia University**, **Andre Guay**, Head of Technical Services and Acquisitions and Acting University Librarian since January 1, 1993, was appointed University Librarian for a two-year term, effective July 1. A search for a University Librarian has been authorized to begin during the 1994/95 academic year.

The Nova Scotia libraries which are partners in **Novanet** are looking for a replacement system for their present GEAC 9000. Under consideration are Dynix, GEAC advance, and Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Each of these three vendors visited the Novanet sites and set up demonstrations for various groups within Novanet. These demonstrations lasted from two to four

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days. Recommendations as to a final choice are scheduled to be made in July.

The Nova Scotia Community College Libraries Group (NSCC-LG) is undertaking the first steps in a needs assessment to choose an automated system which could link the Province's Community Colleges.

The Special Collections Department of the Angus L. MacDonald Library, St. Francis Xavier University, has announced the acquisition of a number of rare items for the Celtic Collection which were purchased with the assistance of the Support to Specialized Research Collections programme of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The items are: *The Annals of the Four Masters* (Dublin, 1856), *Hitchin's History of Cornwall* (1824), and a pamphlet of Scottish Gaelic confessional prayers for children.

#### LIBRARY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

In recognition of his work with the Library Technicians Advisory Board from its inception in 1987, the Department of Education awarded Iain Bates, former University Librarian at Acadia University, a medal and Certificate of Appreciation at the June 16 convocation of the Kingstec Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College.

#### ASSOCIATIONS

The Halifax Library Association held six programmes over this past year. These included various library tours, collection development discussion groups, and workshops in InMagic and WordPerfect. At the May annual

meeting the new executive for HLA was announced: President, Mary Jean Kickie; Vice President/President Elect, Janice Fralic-Brown; Secretary, Gillian Webster; Treasurer, Loretta Young; Membership, Darlene Bezanson-Tan; Councillors, David Hansen and Stephen Murray.

—Laura Jantek  
Vice President (Nova Scotia)

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

#### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

As a result of government reorganization, the Provincial Library has been transferred to the Department of Education and Human Resources. This is a going home of sorts, as the Provincial Library had been part of the Department of Education prior to its transfer to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs in 1990. The division of the Provincial Library has been combined with the section of Public Archives and Records Office. Albert MacDonald, formerly Acting Director of the Provincial Library, has accepted a permanent position as the Director of Planning and Administration in the Department of Provincial Affairs and Attorney General. Harry Holman, Provincial Archivist, has been appointed Acting Director of Library Services pending the confirmation of the organizational structure of the Department.

The budget address was presented on June 17. Although not all details

have been released, it is known that the bookmobile service will discontinue. At present, there are two bookmobiles operating on a three-week schedule, with over 140 stops. The rationale given for the decision to terminate the service includes the elimination of duplicate services and the saving of money. The budget for the bookmobile service in 1992-93 was \$130,000.

Long-time employee, Joan Ricketts, has resigned her position with the Provincial Library as she and her family are relocating to Halifax.

The Friends of the Confederation Centre Public Library Inc. was incorporated on May 10, 1993. The first fund-raising endeavour was a book sale held on June 15, 1993. Preparations for the Summer Reading Program are well underway. This year's theme is "Claim the Treasure". A series of activities is planned for many of the public libraries in the Province.

For the second year, an exchange student from Quebec is working at the Confederation Centre Public Library as part of an inter-provincial cooperation agreement between the two provinces.

#### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Interviews are continuing for the position of University Librarian at the University of Prince Edward Island. Interviews will be completed by the end of June.

Training in the acquisitions and serials modules of the automated computer system has taken place. The public will now be able to determine periodical holdings and the status of orders.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The long-awaited report by Albin Fogarty on reform of the education system was released in late June. Public meetings are planned for early July to discuss the proposals. Once approved the implementation process will begin in August.

#### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The Agriculture Canada Library has recently received a pilot version on CD-ROM of AgriCat. This union catalog of the holdings of Agriculture Canada libraries contains 110,000 bibliographical records and may be searched in both official languages.

#### ASSOCIATIONS

The P.E.I. Professional Librarians Association (PEIPLA) held their semi-annual meeting in May. Eighteen people attended the meeting held in the library of School Unit 3 Board Office. Among the items on the agenda were plans to amend the constitution of the organization and plans for continuing education of the membership.

PEIPLA's Library Week project "Islanders Choose Their 'Influential Titles: A Selective Bibliography'" was released. Congratulations are extended to Suzanne Jones and Sharon Clark for the fine job done in the preparation of this document. The local CBC radio supper-hour show "Mainstreet" interviewed several of the contributors to the publication during Library Week.

—Nichola Cleaveland  
Vice President (Prince Edward Island)

## BRIMER BOWLING FOR BOOKS FUNDRAISER A HOWLING SUCCESS



The Nova Scotia children's literary community and friends gathered on Saturday, March 27, at Wheby's Bolodrome

in Dartmouth amid much fanfare and hoopla. The object of this meet was to raise more than \$3,000 for the Ann Connor Brimer Children's Literary Award. Bringing 95 book people together, out of their normal context, made for a wonderful opportunity to socialize and to show, in a concrete and often humorous way, how we support Atlantic children's books and their writers.

Nineteen teams from libraries, booksellers, writers' groups, publishers, literary journals, children's literature roundtables, and literacy groups were sponsored to bowl two strings, one of which required them to bowl under

handicapped conditions like "hop, skip and jump—bowl!" These contortions, as well as some of the more outrageous team uniforms, made for some priceless moments. We won't soon forget Wozzles 'Wild Things' prancing in with their ghetto blaster; the gum-chewing, tacky Children's Writers' workshop; the colourful Halifax County Library teams; the outrageous antics of Frog Hollow and Atlantic Books Today; the supportive Budge Wilson and her crutches; or the serious competition between the Nimbus and Brimer teams, only to be beaten by the high-scoring and erudite Dartmouth Regional Library!

Special thanks go to publishers Nimbus, Ragweed, Four East, Penguin, Formac, Lancelot, Breakwater, Pottersfield, and Goose Lane, as well as Hornblower Books, Empire Theatres, Wozzles, Atlantic Books Today, and the Halifax County Regional Library for generously donating prizes.

The enthusiasm and support of everyone involved made this event a wild and crazy, not-to-be missed, we-



Brimer Bowling for Books winning team. (L. to R.): Larry Amey, Dalhousie School Library and Information Studies, Linda Hodgins, Cindy Cassidy, Linda Winham, all from Dartmouth Regional Library, Budge Wilson, author, and husband Alan Wilson.

must-do-this-again-next-year, great time. And a feasible way to raise money to boot! Rumour has it that Frog Hollow Bookstore is already working on a

uniform and theme song for next year. Next Year! Do this again? See you there!

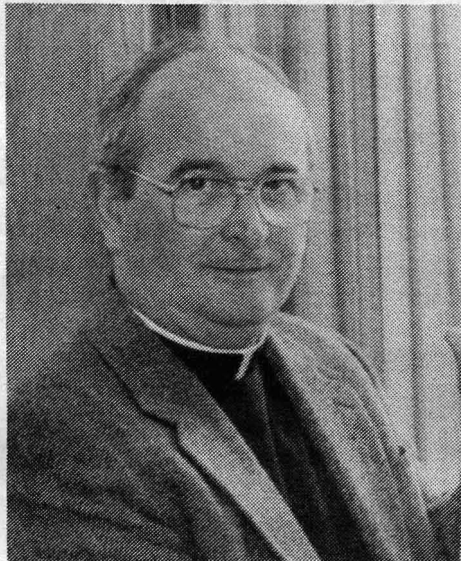
—Linda Hodgins  
Dartmouth Regional Library

## CHARLES G. BREWER, 1930-1993

The Atlantic library, academic, and religious communities were saddened to hear of the death of the Reverend Charles G. Brewer, former Chief Librarian at St. Francis Xavier University, at the Sydney Community Health Care Centre on May 27, 1993, at the age of 62.

A native of Ingonish, Cape Breton, he received his early education there, and later studied at Boston College. He was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University (B.A. 1955), University of Toronto (B.L.S. 1966), and the University of New Brunswick (M.A. 1972). He attended Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, and was ordained to the priesthood in Antigonish in 1959. Joining the teaching staff of St. Lawrence College, Quebec City, in 1959, Reverend Brewer held the positions of Dean of Men and Professor of History.

In September 1966 he was appointed Chief Librarian at St. Francis Xavier University, a position he held



Reverend Charles Brewer, 1930-1993.  
(Photo courtesy of St. Francis Xavier University Archives)

until his retirement from the University in 1991. Under his direction and guidance the Angus L. Macdonald

Library was built and later expanded. As an historian he took special interest in building up the University's Archives and Special Collections to help preserve the University's history and to promote the local history of the region, in particular Celtic history and culture. He served on numerous University committees and played a significant role in the Chaplaincy services at St. F.X. He was active in the Association of Atlantic University Librarians Council.

Throughout his priesthood, Father Brewer provided pastoral service as an assistant in several parishes. After his retirement as Chief Librarian he returned to parish work in River Bourgeois, Cape Breton.

Speaking at the Bible Vigil held for Father Brewer on May 30, Reverend Malcolm MacDonnell, former President of St. Francis Xavier University, noted that Charles Brewer "... was truly a strong man. He had the talent of energy. He had the talent of enthusiasm. He

had a great talent for organizing, whether running a library, ministering to a parish, celebrating someone's jubilee or coordinating a festive dinner. And all were done with a genuine Christian concern for people and always with great good humour..." At the Funeral Mass for Father Brewer on May 31, another former President of the University, Reverend Dr. Gregory MacKinnon, noted that "while fulfilling his demanding duties at the Angus L. Macdonald Library including planning and executing a major expansion, [Charles Brewer] sought out, in his leisure time, the sick... the aged and infirm... the illiterate... the inmates of Antigonish jail. All of these people saw in him a caring priest who respected them, joked with them, and brought the love and compassion of Christ into their lives..."

Father Brewer will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

—Edith Haliburton  
Acadia University

## NSLA/LBANS JOINT CONFERENCE OCTOBER 22-24

This year the Nova Scotia Library Association and the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia are holding a joint conference in Halifax at the Halifax Hilton Hotel. The host library is the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and the theme is strategic planning. The three conference co-conveners are Hope Bridgewater, Suzanne Huett, and Andrea John. Highlights include a keynote address by management consultant Harvey Silverstein; readings from authors Silver Donald Cameron, Janet Kitz, and Harry Thurston; a plenary session on strategic planning; tours of the Provincial Library and the Dartmouth Regional Library; a walking tour of Halifax; a Friday night reception; and a Saturday night banquet and entertainment.

As keynote speaker, Harvey Silverstein has impressive credentials. He has a special interest and expertise in helping organizations plan, change, and cope with complex problems and new technologies. His twelve years of professional management consultant experience in Atlantic Canada have included developing and managing consulting practices for two of the largest professional firms in Canada as well as successfully operating his own

practice. His clients have included several Federal and Provincial government departments, industry associations, and private companies, where he has directed large and small projects in organizational change, strategic planning, and the international assessment and transfer of technology.

Harvey has completed his Ph.D. and M.A. Degrees in Science, Technology, and International Studies at the University of Denver. He has held fellowships specializing in technology and organizations at Harvard, M.I.T., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He has served, or is serving, on the Board of Directors of *Innovations Magazine*, Software Industry Association of Nova Scotia, Information Technology Association of Nova Scotia, Trade Council of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia/P.E.I. Chapter of the Canadian Exporters Association, Neptune Theatre, Mount St. Vincent University Business Program, Ashburn Golf Club, and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Workshop topics at the Conference include: information overload; first step towards automation; workplace in the

year 2000; future of governmental funding; Internet; marketing the library; friends of the library; lifelong learners; Nova Knowledge; intellectual freedom; race relations; competition and cooperation; and the place of literature in the information age.

Any member of APLA may join NSLA by sending \$10 to Joanne Head, Western Counties Regional Library, 405 Main Street, Yarmouth, NS B5A 1G3. Phone (902) 742-2486/Fax (902) 742-

6920. Your membership will last until October 31, 1994.

If you have any inquiries about the Conference, please contact any of the following:

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Since the beginning of APLA's strategic planning process, the need for effective communication has been a major issue. The Mission Statement and Strategic Goals approved at the May 10, 1992 Ordinary General Meeting, either explicitly or implicitly require this communication if they are to be fulfilled. In order to better understand the present effectiveness of APLA's communications, and to plan for future activities, the Executive has established a Special Committee on Communications with the following terms of reference:

1. **Name/Status:**  
Special Committee on Communications.
2. **Purpose:**  
To recommend terms of reference and an implementation plan for activities for a Standing Committee on Communications.
3. **Goals:**  
Investigate all current APLA communications activities. Analyze recommendations from the strategic planning process.

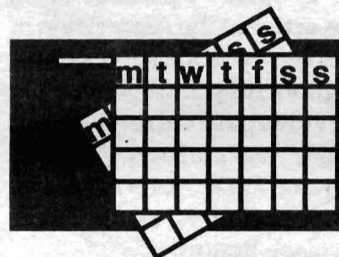
Write specific terms of reference and an implementation plan with timelines.

4. **Relationship to overlapping activities:**  
Bulletin Management Board.  
Vice Presidents of each province.  
Publications Committee.

5. **Composition:**  
Chaired by the Vice President (President Elect) with membership consisting of the provincial Vice Presidents, the Past President and other representatives as the Committee deems necessary.
6. **Term:**  
May 1993 to May 1994.
7. **Funding:**  
Funding will be arranged by applying to the General Activities Fund.

8. **Reporting structure and mechanism:**  
Vice President (President Elect) a spokesperson to submit preliminary written report to the Fall Executive meeting. Final draft of recommendations with priority areas of activity for the Standing Committee to be presented to the Executive for approval at the Winter meeting.

Please contact Charles Cameron, Vice President (President Elect) if you want further information or want to make suggestions to the Committee.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Computers in Libraries, 4th annual CIL Canada '93, September 21-24, 1993, Sheraton Centre, Toronto.** For further information, contact Meckler Conference Management, 11 Ferry Lane West, Westport, CT 06880. Phone: 1-800-632-5537/ (203) 226-6967/ Fax: 1-800-858-3144/ (203) 454-5840/ Internet: Meckler@jvnc.net  
**The Art of the Book '93, September 15- November 12, 1993, Killam Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS.** A

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**Association des bibliothécaires professionnelle(s) du Nouveau-Brunswick/Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick, Annual General Meeting, October 2, 1993, Howard Johnson's, Fredericton, NB.** [For further information, see page 16.]

**Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA)/Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) joint conference, October 22-24, 1993, Halifax Hilton Hotel, Halifax, NS.** [For further information, see page 23]  
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