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APLA Merit Award - Mr Alban Arsenault

The Merit award is the highest honour bestowed by APLA. This Honour is awarded annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces.

It is my pleasure and honour to acknowledge the contribution of one of the first Acadians to obtain a degree in Library Science. Since beginning his career in 1964 he has made significant contributions to the development of the Bibliotheque Champlain, and indeed within the region.

His colleagues describe Alban as a model of hard work, altruism, learning and above all he has always shown great competency in executing any and all tasks assigned to him.

Among his many accomplishments is the key role he played in the development of the Cataloguing Department at the Bibliotheque

Champlain. Beginning in 1964 with shoeboxes to hold the 3X5 cards, Alban began the process of cataloguing and classifying some 275,000 titles by 1978. In 1979 he accepted the assignment to lead the implementation of the UTLAS cataloguing system.



Mr Arsenault has made significant contributions to the development of library science in the Acadian region, the Atlantic and even at the national level through his work in associations. At various points in his career, Alban was a member of the Executive Council of the Association Canadienne des Bibliothecaires de langue francaise, Coordinator of a CLA membership campaign, president of the UTLAS users group for the Atlantic region and has been involved in many

APLA committees.

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Since his retirement from the Université de Moncton in 1989, Mr Arsenault has continued to be active as a volunteer in many organizations in the region. He is a volunteer at the Moncton Public library, delivering books to those who have difficulty visiting the library, a member of the Literacy committee sponsoring a literacy class. He also is a member of the Editorial Committee of the Contact of La Maison Nazareth in Moncton.

Everyone who has worked with Alban has been touched by his sense of professionalism and a remarkable spirit of cooperation and organization. He is remembered for his enthusiasm, good judgement and problem solving ability, and his willingness to help those around him.

I am very honoured to have this opportunity to present the 1999 APLA Merit Award to Mr Alban Arsenault.

John Teskey, University Librarian, University of New Brunswick

Il me fait extrêmement plaisir d'ajouter quelques mots sur Alban, au nom de mes collègues francophones de l'APLA.

J'ai eu la chance de travailler avec Alban pendant plusieurs années au Service du catalogue à l'Université de Moncton. Je ne suis pas la mieux placée pour lui rendre hommage, je ne l'ai connu malheureusement qu'en fin de carrière. Mais les histoires abondent sur les débuts de la Bibliothèque Champlain et je me suis vite rendu compte qu'Alban s'y trouvait souvent au

centre, et qu'en plus il avait toujours le meilleur rôle ! Mes quelques années avec lui ont suffi pour me faire comprendre pourquoi et à moi aussi il a laissé un souvenir riche et durable.

Il y a des gens qui font leur marque dans notre profession par leur forte personnalité et par leur implication dans des postes ou des projets à grande visibilité. Il y en a d'autres qui accomplissent autant mais qui le font sans grand éclat, dans un esprit de réel collégialité et souvent avec beaucoup d'humilité. C'est le cas d'Alban.

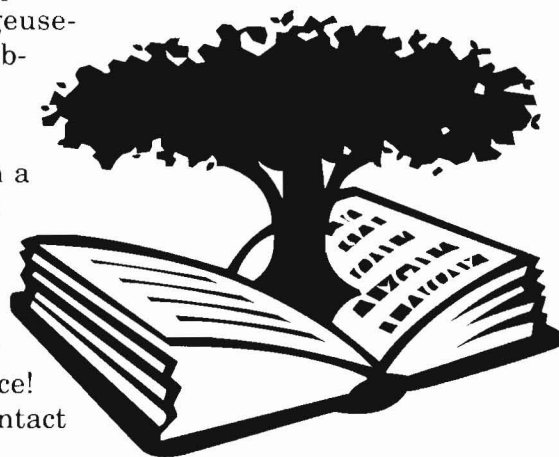
Je ne veux pas répéter les nombreuses réalisations d'Alban, mais j'aimerais souligner qu'il a fait beaucoup en tant que bibliothécaire pionnier à l'Université de Moncton, en établissant les bases d'un catalogue de langue française, qui, malgré des débuts modestes dans une boîte à souliers, a évolué sous son habile direction en une riche base de données. Alban a découvert au cours des années qu'il est toujours un peu plus compliqué de faire les choses en français, surtout dans un milieu minoritaire. Mais il a réussi à développer en Acadie des standards de qualité qui se comparent très avantageusement à ceux des autres bibliothèques de langue française au pays.

Malgré tout ce qu'Alban a accompli, c'est encore plus sa façon de le faire qui m'a marquée et qui m'inspire encore aujourd'hui. Alban a été mon premier patron - et quelle chance! Dès le départ, j'ai été en contact

avec quelqu'un qui aimait profondément son métier, et qui faisait preuve à la fois de doigtée, de professionnalisme et d'un grand respect pour ses collègues et pour tout le personnel. Alban avait aussi un sens de l'humour tout à fait unique et une façon bien spéciale d'approcher les gens qui motivait et donnait confiance tout en garantissant un solide support. Alban incarnait vraiment la composante y service y de notre profession. Depuis sa retraite, et malgré un horaire bien chargé, Alban vient nous voir de temps en temps. On est toujours flatté de savoir qu'il pense à nous, jusqu'à ce qu'on se rende compte qu'il vient vraiment pour vérifier une cote ou pour chercher une information dont il a besoin. Que voulez-vous, il a été, et sera toujours, un infatigable bibliothécaire au service des gens!

Pour son travail acharné et son grand humanisme, Alban mérite nos éloges. Au nom de tous ceux qui l'ont connu et aimé, je lui dis BRAVO et MERCI !

Charlotte Dionne Chef du service du catalogue, Université de Moncton



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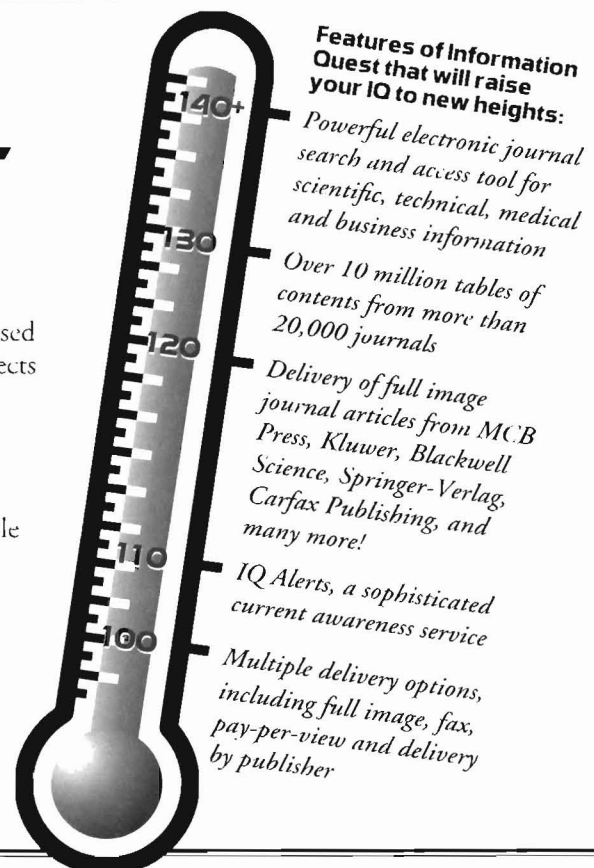
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From the Editor's Desk

As this is the inaugural issue of *APLA Bulletin* for a new editorial team – it seems appropriate that we introduce ourselves. We are an in-house crew from Mount Allison University – Ruthmary Macpherson, Head of Technical Services, Emma Cross, Cataloguing and Public Services Librarian and Brian McNally, Systems Librarian. While we intend to keep the Bulletin in the same format librarians across the Atlantic provinces have come to know and love – we hope we will also be able to add a little something special to this venerable publication.

Whilst our first issue has not been too painful to produce we must thank our predecessors John Neilson and Linda Hansen at the University of New Brunswick. We had many questions and concerns when we took on stewardship of the Bulletin and thanks to John and Linda the “transfer of power” from Fredericton to Sackville has been relatively smooth – mostly due to a desperate flurry of e-mail activity just before going to press. Although it will get easier with time, editing the Bulletin is a time consuming activity and we (on behalf of the Atlantic provinces library community) thank John and Linda for their time and energy in making the 1998/1999 season of the Bulletin a success.

The 1999/2000 year looks to be quite eventful and an obvious theme has to be the coming of the new millennium. If we could hazard a guess, it would be that our readers have already heard enough about the year 2000 to see them through to the next millennium. Impending global meltdown aside, libraries and librarians are facing very real issues and concerns with Y2K systems compliance, etc. The “dawn of a new age” (choke, gag) also presents an opportunity for the library community to take some time to think and philosophize about the current state and future direction of libraries in the region.

We must also take this opportunity to thank our contributors without which there would be no Bulletin. We appreciate the time, effort and talent it takes to write articles for publication and we ask that our readers remember that our e-mail boxes are always open to receive submissions. We invite all reader to share their knowledge and news with the rest of the community. Niceties aside – we need stuff so get moving!

We hope that you enjoy reading this edition of the Bulletin and we thank all who contributed, helped us, and bore with us during our maiden voyage.

Ruthmary, Emma and Brian

From the President

Summer is nearly over, and then I have to get organized.

But in the meantime, the APLA Conference 2000 program committee, under the able leadership of Jennifer Richard of Acadia University, is starting to think about programs for next year's conference.

As always, they will be looking to interest group conveners, and many others, for ideas to put together the kind of dynamic and well balanced program APLA conferences are well known for. If you haven't done it already, start thinking about conference sessions you would really like to see, sessions that would be important in your region or area of interest. Feel free to let me know what your ideas are, or drop Jennifer a line directly.

I myself want to see a well rounded discussion on the subject of eating and drinking in the library. For me, the old standard "No Food or Drink" policy is a thing of the past along with the sign reading "Absolute Silence Please". But there are several of my respected colleagues, who don't see it that way. A good timely topic which raises important issues about how we see libraries being used today? Just one more idea for a program committee who will have many to choice from.

I am always interested to read the information posted to the APLA list by the Continuing Education Interest Group. I often read quickly with my finger poised on the delete key, and not everything is relevant to me. But I find this a useful and painless way of keeping up. An exam-

ple of a continuing education posting which is generating some interest is the Mastering Web Searching course offered by the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto Library School. I hope others find these postings useful. To the Continuing Education Committee, and all who take the time to post good stuff, keep up the good work!

Another noteworthy development I've been made aware of recently is the Nova Scotia Cultural Network. This is a broad-based non-profit organization which represents the interests of arts and culture groups ranging from artists and musicians to museums and libraries.

This group has gone through a process to plan common goals and it presents common funding and policy needs to government. We in libraries often miss the fact that we are part of a larger arts community. This kind of common effort in the cultural community will have real benefits for us all. I would be very interested to hear if similar efforts are underway in other provinces. For further information:

"Mastering Web Searching" course - Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto
<http://fis.utoronto.ca/conted/bysubj/distance.htm>

Nova Scotia Cultural Network <http://www.culture.ns.ca>

Group Purchasing Arrangements for Electronic Materials Among Atlantic Canadian Libraries

By Peter Webster

At this Spring's APLA conference I was asked to write a summary of electronic materials license consortium arrangements among Atlantic libraries. What was asked for is a list of the libraries that participate in group purchases of different periodicals databases as well as other electronic materials. This sort of group purchasing is becoming an essential approach to controlling the high cost of electronic materials, while getting our users access to a wide range of these invaluable new products.

Below is a listing of current group purchasing arrangements in the Atlantic region. I will inevitably miss some, as in this rapidly changing environment, new arrangements are being agreed to all the time. Products individual libraries are purchasing through consortiums outside the Atlantic region are not listed. There are other important group efforts, such as the CFI (Centre for Innovation) national science e-materials project, which are not covered but I expect we will be hearing more about in the near future.

A follow-up to this summary

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GROUP PURCHASING (continued from page 5)

will inevitably be needed soon. Please let me know, and accept my apologies if I have missed a group arrangement you are involved in. Also feel free to let me know if you have any additional questions about any of the arrangements listed below.

I hope this list will be helpful in keeping everyone informed about the wide array of group purchasing arrangements that are in place.

UNB sponsored consortium.**Databases included :**

Agricola, Biological Abstracts, Biblio-graphy of Native North America, CBCA, Canadian Research Index, Chadwick Healey English Poetry, CINAHL, ECONLIT, ERIC, GPO, Medline, MLA, PAIS, PsycInfo, Sociological Abstracts, Sport Discus, New Brunswick Telegraph Journal, Wilson Humanities Index, Wilson Social Sciences, Wilson General Science Index, Wilson Applied Science Index.

Libraries participating:

University of New Brunswick, Universite de Moncton, University of Prince Edward Island, Mount Allison, Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, New Brunswick Library Service, Saint Mary's, University, Holland College, Memorial University, Dalhousie University, Acadia University.

Dalhousie University sponsored consortium.**Databases included:**

ABI Global Fulltext, UMI Research Library, Canadian Periodicals Index, Canadian Business and Current Affairs, CINAHL, Medline.

Libraries participating:

Acadia University, Dalhousie University, Mount Allison University, Mount Saint Vincent University, Saint Francis Xavier University, Saint Mary's University, University de Moncton, The IWK Grace Hospital.

Acadia sponsored consortium.**Databases included:**

MathSciNet, American History and Life, Historical Abstracts.

Libraries participating:

Acadia University, Dalhousie University, Memorial University, Mount Allison, Mount Saint Vincent University, Saint Francis Xavier University, Saint Mary's University, University of New Brunswick, University of Prince Edward Island.

Memorial University of Newfoundland consortium.**Database is:**

Current Contents.

Libraries Participating:

Acadia, Memorial University, Mount Allison University, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Saint Francis Xavier University, University of New Brunswick, Universite de Moncton.

Nova Scotia Provincial Library sponsored consortium**Databases included:**

InfoTrac General Reference Center, InfoTrac Health Reference Center, Books in Print, CPI.Q.

Libraries Participating:

Nova Scotia Regional Public Libraries, Nova Scotia Legislative Library, Western Regional Health Board, Nova Scotia Community College Barridge Campus.

New Brunswick Library Service**Databases included:**

Ebsco Canadian Master File, Electric Library, InfoTrac Health Reference Center, Repere.

Libraries Participating:

New Brunswick Public Libraries.

Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (Newfoundland)**Databases included:**

Electric Library, CBCA.

Libraries Participating:

Newfoundland Public Libraries.

Council of Atlantic University Libraries/ Academic Press**Database included:**

Academic Press, IDEAL Electronic Library.

Libraries Participating:

Acadia University, Memorial University, Mount Allison University, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Mary's, University of New Brunswick, University de Moncton, University of Prince Edward Island.



NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



College Libraries

Patrick Warner has accepted a position as College Librarian at the College of the North Atlantic's medical library at the Topsail Road Campus in St. John's. He had previously been working at Memorial Univer-

sity's Ocean Engineering Information Centre

Special Libraries

Steve Nolan, formerly on staff at Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library, is now working on a one year contract at the St. Clare's Hospital library in St. John's.

Public Libraries

The St. John's Public Libraries' Book Club was successfully launched on May 5. The Club meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month, including July and August. The first regular meeting, held on June 2, was attended by Kevin Major, whose book "No Man's Land", was under dis-

cussion.

Books selected for the months of July to November include "House of Hate" by Percy Janes, "Dry Spell" by Susie Moloney and "Stones from the River" by Ursula Hegi. There is particular interest in having Newfoundland authors present when their books are being discussed, as was the case with Kevin Major in June.

In other news, Carol Kelly, a storyteller and school librarian from Gloucester, Massachusetts, told animal stories to school-aged children on July 21 at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library in St. John's.

University Libraries

The Canadian Association of College and University Libraries bestowed its Award for Outstanding Academic Librarian on Memorial's University Librarian Richard Ellis, during recent Canadian Library Association meetings in Toronto. The award is given "to an individual member of CACUL who has made an outstanding national or international contribution to academic librarianship and library development." Among Mr. Ellis's achievements are his extensive service to the profession of librarianship through his work with APLA, the Canadian Library Association, and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries.

Another librarian from Memorial University of Newfoundland was also recently honoured. The Awards Committee of the Association of



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Canadian Map Libraries and Archives unanimously selected Alberta Wood as the recipient of the 1999 ACMLA Honours Award. This award is given to "an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of maps librarianship or curatorship or archivship."

Barbara Porrett has left her position as Government Documents Librarian at Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library. She is presently living in Ottawa, where she had been on sabbatical working at Statistics Canada.

- Steve Field
Vice President (Newfoundland)



New Brunswick Library Service

The summer and fall of 1999 will see the completion of several automation projects at NBLs. 52 of our 61 libraries now have automated circulation and the remaining nine should be finished by the end of October.

We are also completing a project that will see all branches given access to Microsoft Outlook. Currently, 42 of the 61 branches have access to email and it is hoped that this project will also be finished by summer's end.

NBLs has secured funding from Industry Canada and Connect NB Branché that allowed us to hire a technical support analyst in each of the regions. This is a wonderful opportunity to help staff acclimatize to the new resources they have been given in the past year, including Microsoft Outlook, several electronic resources and automated circulation and to have onsite staff who are able to troubleshoot IT problems as they arise.

The 1999 Youth Exchange Program, the largest ever undertaken by NBLs, wraps up at the end of August. The closing ceremonies were held at the Oakland Farm and Lodge in New Maryland on August 16, 1999.

Prix 1999 de reconnaissance des services exceptionnels aux bibliothèques publiques

Jocelyne LeBel, directrice de la Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean, s'est méritée le Prix 1999 de reconnaissance des services exceptionnels aux bibliothèques publiques. L'annonce de ce prix a été faite par Madame Wendy Newman, présidente de la Canadian Association of Public Libraries (CAPL).

Ce prix vise à reconnaître l'impact positif et durable sur les services de bibliothèque publique au niveau local, provincial et national et qui a été présenté dans le cadre de la conférence annuelle de la Canadian Library Association à Toronto, en juin 1999. Selon Madame Wendy Newman, "Jocelyne LeBel a toujours eu à coeur les intérêts des bibliothèques. Son style de gestion habile ainsi que sa détermination et son dévouement

soutenus envers les bibliothèques publiques sont bien connus et très respectés". Ses collègues la qualifient de "fier, ardent et inébranlable défenseur des bibliothèques, de leader remarquable et de travailleuse infatigable à plusieurs niveaux".

Félicitations à Jocelyne LeBel pour ce prix de reconnaissance!

Site Web de la Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean

Depuis mai 1999, la Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean possède son propre Site Web. Ce Site a été créé afin de répondre à deux objectifs :

- 1- Marketing : être plus visible
- 2- Recherche : offrir des outils de recherche pour les employés et le public. Voici l'adresse :

<http://www.francophone.net/bi b.hsj>

Ouverture du Centre d'accès communautaire à la Bibliothèque publique d'Edmundston

Le site Conway, poste satellite de CyberCité, situé à La Bibliothèque publique d'Edmundston a ouvert ses portes au mois de juillet 1999. Les services offerts au public sont : Internet, courrier électronique, traitement de texte et des cours d'informatique. Cinq postes d'ordinateur sont disponibles pour le public.

The Moncton Public Library has mounted a display of books on most of the countries which will be represented at the Francophone Summit to be held in Moncton in September. The display consists of over one hundred items, most of which were recently purchased. Representations of the flags of the member countries are "flying" in the library as well.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

A technical and library support analyst, Jason Dunn, has been hired, on a contractual basis, to deal with hardware and network problems in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent region, particularly in relation to the Inlex system but also including such things as evaluating all PCs for Y2K compliance and staff training in various areas relating to technology.

In late spring, Deputy Minister, Byron James, and Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for libraries, Humphrey Sheen, of the Department of Municipalities and Housing, paid a visit to the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional headquarters and the Moncton Public Library. They enjoyed a tour of the facilities and met many of the staff working in both libraries.

From Barbara Alcorn of the Hillsborough Public Library comes the following "pause for thought":

We have all heard the expression, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Last winter I experienced

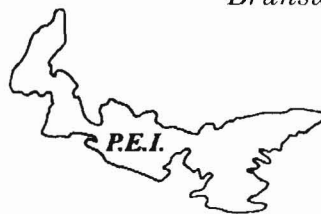
the truth of this saying at the library. Where else?

Each Tuesday morning we have a storytime for preschoolers. Among the dedicated parents attending each session was a nice young man with his little girl. He was a librarian's dream! He brought cookies and willingly participated in all events, as well as kindly assisting wherever needed, such as helping with crafts, coats, boots, mittens, runny noses and much, much more. Yes, he was everything a librarian looks for in a volunteer.

This past spring there was an armed robbery one night in the Hillsborough area. I turned on the radio the next morning and heard the name of the suspected thief now being sought on a Canada-wide warrant.

It was my volunteer!

— *Jeanne Maddix*
Vice-President (New Brunswick)



Public Libraries

The Department of Education has done some internal reorganization. The Division of Archives

and Libraries has been merged into the Division of Culture, Heritage, Recreation and Sport. Harry Holman is the Director of the new division and a new Provincial Librarian will be appointed.

The Rotary Regional Library in Summerside has undergone some interior renovations. The Friends of the Library group raised the money to repaint and place new carpeting in the library. The library was closed for two weeks for renovations. The library collection had to be completely removed from the building and all the shelving dismantled.

The Tignish Public Library has moved to new quarters. The community of Tignish built a new building to house the public library as well as the Tignish Museum and an Access PEI (government information) office.

Library Week on the Island is scheduled for the week of September 20-26. The theme this year is "Unravel the mystery/Percez le mystere" with many different programs being planned at the 24 public libraries across the Island.

The PEI Summer Literacy Program for Kids has stretched its limits again this year with 218 registered participants being offered literacy tutoring by 10 tutors in 20 branch library locations across the Island. This program has more than doubled from last summer's pilot project which clearly demonstrated the need to support student readers at risk. The list of referrals this year far outnumbered the stu-



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dents able to be accommodated. The success of this program has been the result of the willing collaboration of the partners, the schools and the staff who see the value of continuous and complimentary skill building efforts. Norma Collier of the Provincial Library Service helped to coordinate the program.

Academic Libraries

Holland College has opened a new resource centre for the Aerospace and Industrial Centre in Slemon Park near Summerside, P.E.I. Donald Moses has been hired to run the resource centre.

Three permanent track librarians were hired at Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island this past summer. Dawn Hooper was appointed to the position of Health Sciences Librarian. She previously worked at UPEI as a reference librarian with responsibility for veterinary medicine. The position of PEI Librarian was expanded to include University Archives and was filled by Simon Lloyd. Simon came to Robertson Library from the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. Betty Jeffery, formerly of Acadia University, has been appointed to the newly created position of Instructional Services Coordinator. Betty has an extensive background as an academic librarian and teacher and will be concentrating on developing an information literacy program for the university.

The noise and confusion of the summer has passed at

Robertson Library leaving a newly renovated library in its wake. The Periodicals Department is now completely located on the second floor. This places staff in the vicinity of both the current periodicals and the backfiles. The Media Centre has been enlarged and now includes space for the Dr. Ray Morrison collection for opera and the Listening Lab collection. An electronic classroom with space for twelve computers is now available to support the new Instructional Services Department. The PEI Collection and Archives is also in new quarters and includes a reading room and office space. Finally, librarians and staff are relocating to new office space. There are plans to renovate the entrance and circulation area next spring.

— Moira Davidson
Vice-President (PEI)



Academic Libraries

Acadia University News
Rare Music Book Made
Available on WWW

For her Music History independent study, a Bachelor of Music requirement at Acadia University, Marlene Murtonen chose to put Charles Burney's *A General History of Music from the Earliest Ages to the Present Period, Volume IV*, on the World Wide Web. Burney (1726-1814), an English musician and historian, published the book in 1789. The document belongs to a four vol-

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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

ume set that describes the development of music from its earliest use to the present day (at that time, 1789). It is one of the first accounts of music history ever written. Burney discusses the music of his lifetime, having met the musicians and experienced the musical events he speaks of, first hand. Burney travelled throughout Europe interviewing musicians such as Handel, Haydn, Arne, C.P.E. Bach, Hasse, Gluck, and Metastasio. Burney even heard Frederick the Great perform on the flute!

The book used for the project is owned by Dr. Gordon J. Callon, Associate Professor of Music at Acadia University. There are few copies of this book in existence and they are not available to the general population. By putting *A General History of Music...*, Volume IV on the Web this incredible history is now available to all interested in examining Burney's study.

The scanning of all 688 pages was completed with the assistance of David Sheehan, Multimedia Producer with the Vaughan Memorial Library's Educational Technology Centre. The project took seven months to complete.

A General History of Music from the Earliest Ages to the Present Period, Volume IV can be viewed at <http://ace.acadiau.ca/score/facsim3/>. Questions or comments can be forwarded to Dr. Callon via email (see site).

St. Francis Xavier Staffing News

Gordon Bertrand, a 1996 graduate of the University of Western Ontario, has joined St. Francis Xavier University in the capacity of Electronic Resources Librarian.

DalTech University

Best wishes to Mark Bartlett as he readies to leave Nova Scotia to make a new home in Phoenix Arizona. Mark's last official day at Daltech was August 5th.

Public Libraries

Halifax Regional Library

The Bylaws of the Halifax Regional Library Board have been approved and circulated to all Nova Scotia Regional Library Board Chairs and CEOs.

At its Annual General Meeting, Councillor Robert Harvey was appointed Chair of the Halifax Regional Library Board, and Betty Thomas, Vice-Chair. The Information Technology Strategy charting the library's information technology directions over the next five years was approved by the Library Board. The 1998/99 Annual Branch Profiles and Executive Summaries have been updated.

Proposed goals for 1999-2000 have been developed to continue to address the Library's Strategic Directions. Using the Strategic Plan as a reference point, updates and revisions were made as necessary and new goals identified which will allow

the library to move forward in achieving the Strategic Directions identified in the Plan.

Provincial Library System

Western Counties Regional Library

The Western Counties Regional Library hosted their first Friends of the Library function on Saturday June 5th. The very successful reception was well received with 32 individuals attending. WCRL plan on making the Friends of the Library reception an annual event.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Eastern Counties Regional Library is celebrating 30 years of service in Guysborough County with festivities throughout the summer in Canso, Mulgrave and Sherbrooke. After a busy summer and an active Summer Reading Program, our aim for the fall is to promote web-based outreach services to our remote areas. As well, after launching our new patron card in August, library staff are gearing up for the launch of the automated circulation system early in the year 2000. Eastern Counties Regional Library is currently, thanks to a LibraryNet grant, updating, improving and augmenting its web page. Check out our new look in the Fall!

– Cathy Chisholm
Vice-President (Nova Scotia)



APLA Conference Reports

INTERNET POLICIES AND ISSUES - PANEL

The Internet may have "...already reshaped and changed our world..." as Carroll/Broadhead/Cassel exclaim in their 1998 Canadian Internet Handbook, but its global success has made more work for libraries. Not only have library budgets suffered from the burgeoning need for more hardware and software and staff training sessions have increased and enlarged to cope with more pressing user demands, now libraries must face the task of initiating new policies or fortifying present ones to handle the crop of problems and issues arising from Internet usage.

The APLA AGM session on Internet Policies and Issues offered timely and helpful advice on how to go about establishing relevant and effective Internet policies. Both Ellen Fairley, from New Brunswick Library Service (NBSL), and Michael Colborne, from Halifax Regional Library, have firsthand experience in preparing such a policy and consequently both could boast a finished product which they distributed to session participants. To assist others in preparing such a policy, the speakers provided a list of 23 issues to consider when drawing up a policy framework.

These issues covered all aspects of Internet service: staff and public training, allocation of computer time, charges, privacy issues, acceptable use, licensing, and of course filtering and an "absolution" statement, ie., a statement releasing the library from any responsibility for Internet content. In both policies,

special mention was made for the protection of children, both stating that ultimately it was the duty of the parents to monitor their children's Internet use. Filters were specifically mentioned in the NBSL policy statement along with an explanation as to why they were not used. The Halifax Regional Library also does not install filters, however, they did not mention them per se, but did acknowledge in their staff guidelines that "people are free to look at whatever they like."

Filters, as was expected, commanded a fair share of both the presentation and following question period. The speakers outlined the pros and cons of applying filters in public libraries. The pros; they protect children from viewing inappropriate content, libraries are safe places, off-sets liability, prevents a potential loss of credibility. The drawbacks of filters are: they do not work very well, good sites are denied while bad sites slip through, they are a violation of intellectual freedom (the first amendment in the U.S.), libraries are places of inclusion, not exclusion.

The speakers summed up with a review of what is happening around the region in public libraries and public access sites. Newfoundland has a filtering system, Cyberpatrol, but blocking is taken off for those over 19, and for those under 19 with parental permission. Prince Edward Island public libraries do not have filters, but parents must sign a policy for children under 18 and must accompany children under 6. All Community Access Centres (CAP) sites in New Brunswick have filters as do school libraries,

a situation further complicated given the number of school/public libraries in the provinces.

- Pat Johnston

UNB Libraries - Fredericton

DISCOVERING OUR CULTURE: CANADIAN CD ROMS FOR SCHOOLS

The APLA workshop Discovering our Culture: Canadian CD ROM's for Schools was presented by Alison Mews from the Faculty of Education, Memorial University. Ms. Mews had the computer set up for visual and sound effects so we could go through each product as she discussed it. She also distributed a list of Canadian CD ROM discs produced in the last three years for schools across Canada.

The first three CD ROMs discussed were of Maritime origin. L'Acadie or Acadia produced by Portage Technologies has just been translated into English and made available as of June 1, 1999. The CD ROM includes a time-line done by decade and century. Within this time-line are vignettes of re-enactments with full motion videos and photographs. The articles are lengthy with good content. Acadia also includes a visitor's guide to historic sites; virtual reality tours of various museums; current music information with sound clips; a genealogy section; folklore; a dictionary of 100 Acadian words; the poem "Evangeline"; and the entire text of the book Acadia of the Maritimes produced by the University of Moncton. This is an excellent CD ROM both for entertainment and in-depth research - a helpful addition to any Maritime library.

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In contrast, the CD ROM Anne of Green Gables/la Maison aux Pignons Vert seemed very slight. It is a condensed version of the book, reduced to 61 pages, and was produced in Fredericton by Renaissance Interactive. The CD ROM is really only an introduction to Anne. Although it includes little vignettes, is bilingual and has a glossary, it is basically text and illustrations from the book.

The third CD ROM reviewed was Cabot; the Discovery of a New World produced by Media Touch Technologies of St. John's, Newfoundland. This CD ROM includes interactive games; an encyclopedia portion; and 192 pages of a beautiful teacher's guide which can be printed out.

The next two CD ROMs we reviewed very quickly. We did try out some of the questions on Exploring Canada's Electoral System, which is a good introduction to our electoral system and is available to libraries free of charge. We also glanced at The Great Canadian Adventure; a CD ROM designed more to give general geographical information to the public than as a teaching tool.

As our allotted time had raced by, Alison Mews offered a brief commentary on each video remaining on the list. Ms. Mews gave a very interesting and informative session.

– Barb MacKay

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANS

One of the presenters of this session was Dr. Bertrum MacDonald, director of the School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, who taught research methods while I was attending Dalhousie

University in 1991. Along with getting a chance to see him once again and catch up on what was going on at the school, I was particularly interested in distance education and any new avenues that Dalhousie University might be looking at in the future.

The panel consisted of Dr. MacDonald; Barry Cull, a 1998 graduate from Dalhousie; and Marie DeYoung from the Nova Scotia Community College.

Mr. Cull's segment was very interesting. As a recent graduate, and having worked at the Harriet Irving Library for the past year, he looked in retrospect at the strengths and weaknesses of Dalhousie's Library School curriculum. The training he received in the information sciences proved invaluable and has allowed him to feel comfortable taking on any task which involve systems and databases.

The areas which lacked strength, however, were 1) basic teaching methods, as he found that a lot of his work involved instruction; 2) business skills - ie, presenting plans and budgets - the practical aspects of working in a library environment were not addressed; and finally 3) basic management and personnel skills. Overall, he felt that the school provided an excellent foundation in librarianship and feels that it is up to the individual to continue to fill in the gaps by seeking courses and seminars pertinent to his or her individual career needs.

Ms. DeYoung's segment was helpful for librarians who were in search of employment, giving tips and suggestions on which non-traditional sectors to search for positions and how to promote

one's skills.

Sometimes the question periods following the sessions can be most informative if one's particular issues are be addressed. One attendee asked Dr. MacDonald what services are available for librarians who have been in the workforce for some time, but have not kept their skills up to date. The response was that Dalhousie is working on some intense 'certificate programs', for perhaps one term, in which the employee would take a leave from his/her position to take an intense course on, say, database management. With technology changing as rapidly as it does, in the future more and more staff will need to seek course work in order to meet the demands of the field.

– Kim Hughes
Saint John Free Public
Library

STANDING FOR SOMETHING: PATRON RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In a thought provoking presentation, Linda Hansen drew our attention to the ethical issues facing libraries and librarians by exploring the relationships between the law, library policy, and personal and professional ethics. The main issues are privacy, censorship and intellectual freedom.

Privacy: bureaucratic efficiency and inefficiency are both impediments to privacy. Libraries possess private information about patrons through the records they keep and through knowledge of the use patterns of the patron. Patrons should be made aware of and give consent to the information the library is collecting and maintaining about them. As libraries enjoy a posi-

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tion of trust, patrons will supply to libraries information that they might not give to other entities. This information must be protected and not used for purposes other than that for which it was collected.

Libraries should insure against the unintentional release of patron information. The most common leaks are staff discussing a patron's use of the library or leaving patron information showing on circulation screens.

Censorship is most often exercised through collection development policies and practices. Libraries should strive to acquire and make available the widest variety of materials and resist all efforts to limit the exercise of these responsibilities. Collections should be balanced with all sides of an issue being represented.

— *Brian McNally*
Mount Allison University

PUBLIC LIBRARIES MEAN BUSINESS

Fourteen people attended the session that was designed to teach us how to set up and operate a business information service in a public library. Ms. Tripp began the session by pointing out that the main users of business information are job searchers, investors, students and business people.

According to Ms. Tripp the most important resource when offering a business reference service is staff. Staff must be experts on business sources and resources, must have knowledge of business jargon, realize that users want answers and know that time is money. She also pointed out the importance of

practicing L.B.W.A.. - Librarianship By Walking Around. Her experience is that people only ask for what they need 5% of the time. A perfect example of this is the patron who asked for the Fortune 500 listing and was trying to find work as an electrical engineer.

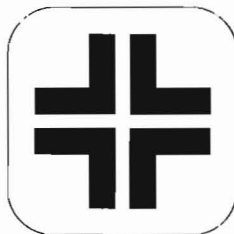
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The second part of the session

was devoted to marketing. To market inside the library you must provide professional mediation, emphasize what you have, offer sources they don't ask for, develop current awareness for your heavy users, target specific groups, and develop promotional materials. Learn the basics of selling and sell the benefits of using the library. You should sell the expertise of the staff, not the collection! Understand that it's our job to find the answer, not the users. In your promotional literature use business-like terminology and use some sample questions that have been answered successfully.

Marketing outside the library could be as simple as joining the Chamber of Commerce. Sit on committees, in the phone book have a listing under the Chamber of Commerce, have a booth at local business shows, write articles for local business publications, and speak at local business clubs with a focus on skills. Most importantly network, network, network. Remember that business people are the most politically influential people in the community.

— *Daphne Flanagan*
UNBSJ



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Newfoundland date and location: TBA

Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies – Highlights from the 1998/99 Academic Year

Bertrum H. MacDonald
Director, School of Library and
Information Studies

The Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies maintains an active presence in the Atlantic region, and readers of the APLA Bulletin are among our most energetic supporters. Thus it is a pleasure to use the venue of the Bulletin to report on recent highlights.

Accreditation Review

Last summer we received the welcome news that the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association had approved continued accreditation of the Master of Library and Information Studies programme for a full seven years. The next review is slated for 2005. The COA credited the School for "developing a high quality, personalized program that is characterized by strong collegiality among the faculty and the student body."

Students

The success of the School hinges, in large measure, on the number and quality of the students that register in the MLIS programme. While the quality of the students in 1998/99 remained high, the numbers dropped. Increased recruiting efforts over the past year has led to a return to normal intake for the 1999/2000 year.

Students bring credit to the School in a number of ways:

- the employment record for graduates is very strong. Dalhousie graduates are courted by employers throughout North America in industry as well as the public sector. This year several graduates received multiple employment offers.
- students continue to undertake

projects that are linked to the information and professional communities, providing them with excellent experience. The website developed by students in the Marketing & Public Relations course for the EcoResearch Centre in the Burnside Industrial Park in Halifax, and the usability study of the Dalhousie website by students in the Human Computer Interaction class are only two examples.

- students who have chosen the thesis option for the MLIS degree have presented papers at national and international conferences. Andrea Talbot won the best research paper award at the Medical Library Association conference in Chicago. Teresa Johnson presented a paper at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Sherbrooke in June, and Ellen Crumley gave a paper at the Canadian Library Association conference in Toronto.
- students continue to compete successfully for scholarships outside the School. For example, Ian MacIntyre received the Carin Somers Scholarship awarded by the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.
- via the Students' Association, our students have been involved in a variety of outreach events: Word on the Street in September, and fund raising for the Ann Conner-Brimmer Award in the winter term.

Faculty and Staff

The composition of the full-time faculty changed significantly with the arrival last summer of two new faculty members: Dr. Heidi Julien and Dr. Louise Spiteri. Prof. Haidar Moukdad will join the School for the upcoming academic year. New faculty bring new strengths and ideas,

which enhance the vitality of the School.

Several part-time and Adjunct Faculty members fulfil important roles in the School. Jane Beaumont organized another Brown Bag Lunch series, which brought a number of professionals to the School to discuss career options, and employment seeking strategies. We were very pleased when the university appointed Dr. Norman Horrocks to the rank of Professor Emeritus. Brian Speirs, Nova Scotia Provincial Archivist, continued to teach in the School, and Sean Sears and Greg O'Malley, Halifax-based systems experts, were engaged to teach the Systems Analysis course. Vivian Howard has been appointed to a lecturer position to teach in both Master of Library and Information Studies and the new Bachelor of Management programmes. In the upcoming academic year additional part-time faculty will be assisting with this new undergraduate programme.

Faculty were busy with research activities throughout the year. Proposals to two major SSHRC grant initiatives have passed the first hurdle in the approval processes. The full proposals in both cases have been invited by SSHRC for these joint ventures with faculty at other Canadian universities. Individually faculty were successful in obtaining a number of research grants to support their work: Elaine Toms: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, conference development grant for Digital Libraries Institute, that will be held later this fall; Don Wicks: Research Development Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies for a study on the information needs of seniors; Heidi Julien: Research Development Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies for a content analysis of the information behaviour literature in Library and

Information Science; Louise Spiteri: Research Development Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies for a user-based evaluation of Internet search engines; and Bertrum MacDonald: a Geographic Information Systems software grant from Autodesk, Inc and a Research Development Fund, Faculty of Graduate Studies grant for a geographic analysis of print culture in nineteenth-century Nova Scotia.

Faculty members continue to take a very active role as participants in conferences either as speakers or organizers at local, regional, national, and international levels. For example, three faculty members (Spiteri, Toms, & Wicks) presented papers at the Canadian Association for Information Science conference in Sherbrooke in June, and another faculty member (MacDonanld) had three speaking engagements in the U.K. (Napier University, Edinburgh; British Library, London; and Mansfield College, Oxford) in early May, the APLA conference in St. John in May, and the international conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing in Madison, Wisconsin in July. In areas of professional activity, Heidi Julien was selected to participate in the Kaliper Project, a Kellogg Foundation supported project concerned with curriculum analysis based at the University of Michigan, and she was also selected to attend a professional educators conference in Charlottetown.

Website

(<http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis>)

During the current summer term, Andrew Darby, a second-year student, was hired to redesign the Schools' website. The new site was launched in mid-July with a variety of new features, including a section for alumni e-mail addresses and websites.

Associated Alumni Association

The alumni of the School continue to remain very supportive and this year approved the guidelines for

an Outstanding Alumni Award. Numerous alumni gatherings and class reunions have been held over the past several months: gatherings in Washington, DC, Ottawa, Philadelphia, Detroit, Toronto, New Orleans, Chicago, and London; reunions of the classes of 1974, 1979, and 1989 in Halifax in May.

Computing Lab and Other IT Resources

This past year we made a major alteration to the Computing Lab, by consolidating two rooms into one, and adding additional computers. This work was made possible by donations from alumni and revenue received through our publications programme. This summer the hardware in the lab will be completely reconfigured, and additional utilities are being added.

Public Lecture Series and Continuing Education

Eleven lectures were given in our public lecture series this past year on a range of topics (details on the School's website). Speakers came to campus from locations in Canada and Scotland. A continuing education workshop offered in the Winter Term, with Dr. Lynne McKechnie as the instructor, was sold out. A very successful public Showcase was held on 7th April, which highlighted research and project work of students and faculty.

Publications Programme

Three new titles were published in the School's Occasional Papers Series during the past year:

Lise L. Hackett. *Midwifery in Canada, 1980-1997: A Brief History and Selective Annotated Bibliography of Publications in English* (Occasional Paper, # 60)

John Bell. *The Far North and Beyond: An Index to Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy in English-Language Genre Magazines and Other Selected Periodicals of the Pulp Era, 1896-1955* (Occasional Paper, # 61)

Karen Adams and William Birdsell, ed. *Understanding Telecommunications and Public Policy: A Guide for Libraries* (Occasional Paper, # 62, co-published with the Canadian Library Association).

Curriculum Revision and New Programming

Over the past academic year considerable effort was devoted to reviewing the curriculum of the Master of Library and Information Studies programme, and to the consideration of new programmes. Revisions to the MLIS curriculum will be implemented beginning this fall.

In conjunction with the other three Schools in the Faculty of Management, a new Bachelor of Management will be launched this September. Information management, one of the areas of concentration in this new degree, will be offered by the School. In a manner similar to the already existing MLIS/LLB programme, new combined programmes with the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Public Administration degrees have been proposed beginning September 2000. In the latter case students could complete either the MLIS/MBA or MLIS/MPA combinations in three years as opposed to four years if the degrees were taken separately. Discussion about joint programmes in Health Informatics is underway including the development of a new undergraduate degree in Health Information Management.

Dawson Print Shop

The operation of the Dawson Print Shop has been revitalized by an interuniversity steering committee. Credit and non-credit courses and workshops are being offered on a regular basis and the Print Shop has been promoted in displays in the Atlantic Computer Show, Word on the Street, and a national printing convention held in Halifax. A

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New Curator Finds Joy in Children's Literature



The first thing Catherine Hoyt did as curator of the Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection at the University of New Brunswick's Fredericton campus was head straight for the stacks to search for her favourite picture book, *It's the Bear* by Jez Alborough.

"Of course, it was there. The collection is wonderful. It's one of the most extensive children's collections in Canada," says Catherine Hoyt, who recently became the collection's curator.

"I'm still getting used to it. I was an avid reader as a child. So many of these books I've read. But there are so many I've never had the opportunity to touch," she says, bubbling with enthusiasm for the task of organizing, maintaining and promoting the unique collection housed on the fourth floor of the Harriet Irving Library.

Ms Hoyt, who was raised in Fredericton and Sussex, has a Master's degree in library sciences and information studies from Dalhousie University and a bachelor of arts from St. Thomas University.

She has worked in children's literature at public libraries in Saint John and Sussex.

The only one of its kind east of Montreal, the UNB collection focuses on Maritime and Canadian books, but also includes British, American, and some French titles. It was founded in 1988 when retired UNB education professor Eileen Wallace donated 2,500 books.

Today the collection contains more than 15,000 titles and includes everything from contemporary books by Sheree Fitch and Robert Munsch to more historical works like *The Arabian Nights* or *Just Mary* by Fredericton storyteller Mary Grannan.

In some cases, the collection contains more than a dozen different editions of books like *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Ms Hoyt delights in the little discoveries she finds in the collection, like a series of postcards based on *Lorna Doone* by R.D. Blackmore or

the yellowed pansy she recently found pressed into the pages of a Pansy series book from the 19th century.

"It's interesting to compare what kids were interested in during the 1800s and what they read today. Parents come in to show their kids the books they read. Sometimes it's stuff you just couldn't see in a public library," says Ms Hoyt.

Books in the Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection can't be signed out, but Ms Hoyt hopes children will come to read anyway. She wants the collection to be used by both children and by researchers who study children's literature.

Starting September 14th, there will be a weekly storytime for children ages 3-6 years old at the library. Storytime will begin each Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

"We want to get as many people as we can to discover what's here," she says.

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Friends of the Dawson Print Shop society will be established in the upcoming year.

Challenges Ahead

Like all university units the School faces a number of on going challenges. In the coming year we are increasing our student recruiting activities, and readers are encouraged to advise prospective students to contact the School. Financial con-

straints mean that we juggle options regularly to ensure efficient use of resources. Donations to the annual fund are essential for maintaining costly upgrades to our IT resources. Even given these challenges, multiple opportunities confront the School on a daily basis. Furthermore, we know that our graduates do very well all across the continent and further afield.

From St. Jerome's Den

Here it is the beginning of a new year - for school and academic librarians anyway. This is the time when students are returning to the classroom, and the library, refreshed and ready to absorb the wonders of learning and the joys of information seeking. And here we are, also refreshed and more than willing to direct them as they seek the information. The information which, to reverse the thoughts of T. S. Eliot, becomes the knowledge that grows to wisdom. So for some thoughts on this thing variously called: library instruction, bibliographic instruction, user education, information

literacy, let us look to the wit of the past.

St. Jerome (just a reminder, September 30 is my name day)

If ever I am a teacher it will be to learn more than to teach.

Madam Deluzy

...that we but teach
Bloody instructions, which
being taught, return
To plague the inventor. This
even-handed justice
Commends the ingredients of
our poison'd chalice
To our own lips...

Macbeth, Act II, Scene 3

*(with thanks to a Mount Allison
librarian who used it as a signature)*

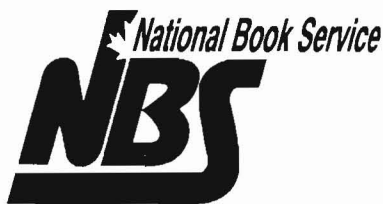
We must view with profound respect the infinite capacity of the human mind to resist the introduction of useful knowledge.

Thomas Lounsbury

But then, "The wise man does not give the right answers, he poses the right questions."

Claude Levi-Strauss

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Haidar Moukdad Appointed to Dalhousie

The School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University is very pleased to announce the appointment of Haidar Moukdad to the full-time faculty, effective 1st August 1999. Prof. Moukdad comes to Dalhousie from the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at McGill University.

Prof. Moukdad will teach courses relating to applications of information technology, and will introduce a new course on Multimedia Systems in the upcoming academic year.

Prof. Moukdad is completing his Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies at McGill University under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Large and Dr. Jamshid Beheshti. His dissertation is entitled, "The Effectiveness of English-Language Information Retrieval Algorithms for Arabic-Language Databases." He holds a B.A. (History) from

Lebanese University, Beirut, a M.A. (International Relations) from Boston University, and a Master of Library and Information Studies Degree from McGill University. During his studies at McGill he has been the recipient of Graduate Assistantships, and a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Grant. He was the co-researcher for two research projects, one concerning web searching behaviour of primary school students, and the other concerning the development of a multimedia CD-ROM. He has taught courses in the MLIS programme at McGill on Online and CD-ROM Databases and Multimedia Systems.

Prof. Moukdad's publications have appeared in the Proceedings of the Canadian Association for Information Science and the Proceedings of the American Society of Information Science. A CD-ROM

(Treasures of Islam: Art and Design in Islamic Manuscripts), which he is co-authoring with Drs. Jamshid Beheshti and Andrew Large, will be published this fall. His most recent conference paper was presented at the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science in Sherbrooke, Quebec in June. He has a forthcoming paper to be presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Information Science in Washington, D.C. in November.

Prior to beginning his doctoral studies Prof. Moukdad obtained professional experience as a network coordinator at the McLennan Library, as a member of the reference staff of the Blackader-Lauterman Library of Architecture and Art, and as an archivist with the Black Watch of Canada Regimental Museum and Archives, all in Montreal.

Andrea Talbot Wins Medical Library Association Best Research Paper Award

The School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University is very pleased to announce that Andrea Talbot, a thesis student in the Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) programme, was named the 1999 winner of the Medical Library Association Research Section Best Research Paper Award at the recent annual conference of the Association in Chicago. Ms. Talbot won this significant international award for her paper, "Information Behaviour of Pediatric ER Physicians", which she presented at the conference.

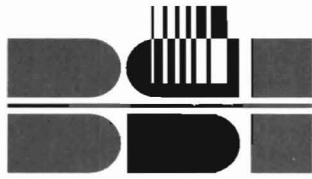
Ms. Talbot is completing the Master of Library and Information Studies degree at Dalhousie via the thesis option. Her thesis research, examining the information behav-

our of pediatric ER physicians employed in the emergency department of a tertiary care pediatric hospital, has captured considerable attention, particularly since the information behaviour of this group of health care workers has not previously been studied. Ms. Talbot tracked and analyzed the clinical questions that physicians raised while examining patients during selected shifts in the emergency room.

Ms. Talbot has an outstanding record at Dalhousie. She has obtained a Faculty of Graduate Studies research grant and a travel grant to support her research. Ms. Talbot was admitted to the Master of Library and Information Studies degree programme on the basis of a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree from Bristol University. Prior to

beginning studies at Dalhousie, she was employed as a legal researcher and a medical research assistant; in the latter case working on a number of papers that were published in such journals as the *Canadian Journal of Pediatrics* and the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

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