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## Planter Database Unearths Maritime Roots

In the 1759-1774 period over 8,000 New Englanders came to what are now the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. They were the largest group to respond to Governor Charles Lawrence's Proclamations of October 1758 and January 1759 inviting settlers to locate in the frontier British colony. Known as Planters, the old English term for colonist, they were among the earliest anglophone immigrants to the area of present-day Canada. This relatively peaceful movement of ambitious Yankee farming and fishing families has been largely neglected by scholars, who have chosen instead to concentrate on more dramatic events, such as the Acadian deportation and the later Loyalist migration. The Planters left an indelible mark on their new home in the form of representative political institutions, the concept of freedom of religion, and a fierce possessive individualism.

The Centre for Planter Studies was established at Acadia University in 1989 to focus scholarly attention on New England settlement in Nova Scotia prior to the American Revolution. One of its first projects was to produce an annotated bibliography of primary sources relating to the New England Planters. A Canadian Studies Research Tools grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council was obtained, one of the conditions of which was that the bibliography be accessible through "Information Age technology". The project's mandate was to identify and describe primary documents

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created by or about the Planters located in repositories in the Maritime Provinces and the New England States. Judith Norton, a graduate of Acadia University and the Atlantic School of Theology, was hired as Research Assistant to carry out this undertaking. At various stages during the project, Lois Loewen, Heather Davidson,

and Steve McNutt assisted in the data collection. Debra McNabb (Nova Scotia Museum of Industry, Stellarton) and Peter Philip (Drake Computer Training, Halifax) produced the computer software. The result is the *Planter Archive SysTem*, now available for searching on Acadia's PC network.

In addition to basic bibliographic information, the Database also has fields to record category and sub-category, dates, and the county and township relative to each entry. Pop-up windows provide space to record individuals named in each document. This field is used only for documents involving fewer than seven individuals, and is therefore not used for census records, poll tax lists, and similar documents which may include many names. Other windows record "Planter Keywords" and "Nova Scotia Standard Subject Headings Authority Keywords", used to create a subject index. Contents of each document are briefly described.

Currently the Database contains records for about 3,000 documents or collections of documents which have been located in 40 different repositories, about half in the Maritimes and half in New England. These include administrative papers created by three levels of government (provincial, county and township); Census and Tax lists; Court Records; Wills; Deeds; Church records; Business Papers and Ledgers; Maps, Pictures, and other Graphics; Personal Papers and Letters; and references to the emigration in American newspapers.

A list of Planter families was compiled in order to determine which documents had been created by or about Planters, especially in New England repositories. This was done by examining land grant documents, census records, poll tax lists, deeds, township books, etc. Windows

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## Recession Takes Heavy Toll On CLA

In an attempt to get control of an unacceptable deficit and still provide a national voice for the Canadian library community, the Canadian Library Association has been working on two parallel exercises since its annual meeting in June. The first exercise was to explore ways of containing the deficit in 1992 and establishing a viable financial base for 1993; the other, a re-organization of the CLA office by Past-President Marnie Swanson with the assistance of consultant Don Caplan and the staff themselves.

The following actions, outlined in a letter to CLA members by Karen Adams, Executive Director, will be taken:

*Within the CLA Office:*

- Space will be reduced by about 30 per cent.
- Voice-mail will be installed, with human intervention due to the fact that some members don't have touch-tone telephones.
- The number of departments has been cut in half from four to two.
- Four positions at the office have been eliminated; these were occupied by Jacqueline Easby, Richard Goodall,

Susan Rejall, and Terri Tomchyshyn. Remaining staff have been asked how best to implement a \$10,000 salary reduction for the remainder of 1992.

*Within the Membership:*

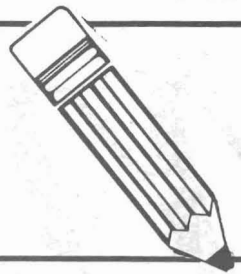
- The toll-free 800 line was terminated on October 16, 1992. Members may now leave a message on the answering machine by calling 1-613-232-9625 before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. (EST).
- Division Presidents will be taking an appeal to their fall executive meetings requesting that unused funds in 1992 be returned to the CLA budget before the

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## From the EDITORS' DESK

**T**he many submissions that have been received for this month's *Bulletin* show that the library world is alive and well in the Atlantic Provinces. Despite the recession and the unsettled times in which we live, library workers everywhere are coping in lively and innovative ways to continue to give the level of service which they feel is essential. Many specialized library associations in the regions have held their annual meetings and conferences and new organizations are being formed. We have included the reports received on many of these. If we have missed out on reporting activities from your association or area, please send your report directly to the *Bulletin* Editor, or through your provincial Vice President.

The Editors met for the first time with the *Bulletin* Management Board at the fall Executive meeting a few weeks ago. The Management Board is composed of the Editors and the Vice Presidents from the



*Bulletin Management Board meeting, October 17, 1992. Front Row: Susan Collins, Vice President (N.B.), Laura Jantek, Vice President (N.S.) Back Row: Betty Jeffery, Assistant Editor, Priscilla Ykelenstam, Vice President (P.E.I.), Edith Haliburton, Editor, Chris Bull, Advertising Editor. Missing: Elinor Benjamin, Vice President (Newfoundland).*

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four provinces. A fruitful exchange of ideas took place, and we hope you will see the results in future issues of the *Bulletin*.

On behalf of the Board, the Editors send all APLA members best wishes for the coming Christmas season and the new year.

—Edith, Betty & Chris

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end of December, as a one-time deficit reduction initiative. Councillors will be making a similar appeal to interest groups.

—While OLAM will continue, the purchasing service for hardware will be eliminated.

—The fall schedule for seminars will proceed. However, the 1993 offerings will be limited to those requiring specialized expertise unavailable locally.

—Publication of the *Canadian Library Journal* will be suspended following the October 1992 issue. This will permit CLA to reduce the projected 1992 deficit by some \$20,000, and will also reduce operating costs by \$75,000 to \$100,000 in 1993. *Feliciter*, *Canadian Materials*, and *School Libraries in Canada* will continue to be published through CLA. A Task Force has been appointed to explore options for the publication of peer-reviewed research articles and revisit the idea of merging *Feliciter* and the *Canadian Library Journal*.



## apla First Timers Conference Grant

Never been to an APLA annual conference?  
Want to go to Fredericton, but cannot afford it?  
Apply for APLA's First Timers Conference Grant.

Any person applying for the First Timers Conference Grant must be:

1. A personal member of APLA.
2. Residing in an Atlantic province.
3. Planning to attend her/his first APLA annual conference.

Applications should include name, business address, chosen means for contacting (mail, phone, Fax, electronic mail), estimated costs (travel, registration, accommodation, meals), and a signed statement acknowledging compliance with eligibility requirements.

Recipients will be expected to write a short report, for the APLA Executive and the *Bulletin*, summarizing their conference experience.

Grants will be allocated, consistent with general APLA guidelines, to meet conference related expenses: travel, general registration fees, accommodation, and meals. If more applications are received than can be met by the Fund, then money will be awarded by drawing from the names of all eligible applicants received by **February 28, 1993**.

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## Conservation Interest Group Meets

The Nova Scotia section of the APLA Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group met on September 18 at the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax. Twelve members were in attendance. The meeting opened with the showing of a new videocassette, *Providing A Future for the Past*. The video focuses specifically on preservation microfilming. This video was used as background information for the members as they reported on their own institutions' preservation activities. Alice Harrison used the Committee's input for a talk that was to be given at the CLA Seminar/Workshop on "Preservation Microfilming" held in Halifax on September 24.

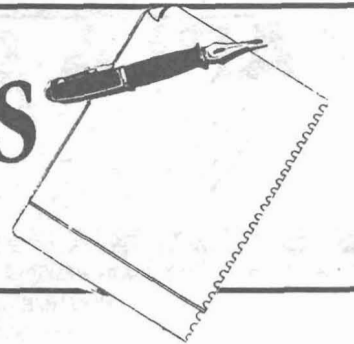
The APLA Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group (Nova Scotia) was one of three groups interviewed for the

original report prepared by John McIntyre for the Advisory Committee on Strategy for Preservation in Canadian Libraries (1991). This Advisory Committee was established by the National Librarian to advise the National Library on preservation initiatives. The Advisory Committee had as its mandate to discuss and make recommendations on policy issues and strategy options for a national programme of preservation.

The *National Strategy for Preservation in Canadian Libraries* has now been published. The Interest Group will study it at the next meeting.

—Alice Harrison  
Atlantic School of Theology

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Executive met the weekend of October 17-18 and managed to cover a good deal of Association business. It is not possible to report on everything in this column, but let me give you some of the highlights.

As the next step in the strategic planning process, we are organizing a session to develop an implementation plan. This session will be held in the new year in conjunction with the next executive meeting. You will be hearing more about this from Marion Pape.

It was quite evident during the meeting that most of what we do serves one strategic goal or another, and often more than one.

Although we don't usually think of our actions specifically as they relate to the goals, maybe we should. Let me give you some examples.

**REGIONAL VOICE ROLE:** We have been invited to attend the National Summit on Information Policy in December. At that time we will be presenting regional concerns such as: the disparity in communications costs; the higher than average degree of illiteracy; the costliness of rural delivery.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee is presently preparing media information to be used throughout the Region during Freedom to Read Week.

We are awaiting the report of the New Brunswick Library System Review Task Force so that we can respond to the issues in that province. We are communicating with persons, and groups, in each of the Atlantic Provinces on a variety of matters, from censorship to underfunding of libraries to qualifications for library personnel. To help us in these efforts we draw upon the experience of our membership throughout the Region.

Our efforts are often rewarded either directly or indirectly.

Recent efforts have been instrumental in causing the release of a book from Canada Customs and the reinstatement of a school

library position in New Brunswick. Even though success is sweet, and our goal, our actions have also reminded friend and foe that libraries and library workers are important.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Micro-computer Interest Group in its report has provided the groundwork for a communications network which should see APLA using technology in a most exciting way. That is just a teaser as there will be more about this later.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:** In addition to being the subject of our dinner meeting, the topic of continuing education provided the focal point for much of our business meeting. We are presently considering General Activities Fund grants for two requests to present workshops. As well, the Continuing Education Interest Group has been asked to review its mandate and consider ways of making continuing education a more integral part of APLA.

**INTEREST GROUPS:** I have already noted the work of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, and the Microcomputer and Continuing Education interest groups. Many of the Interest Groups are planning sessions for the annual conference and workshops for before then.

As I said, these are just some of the highlights of a very productive meeting.

I mentioned the National Summit on Information Policy. For those of you who have been following this, the organizing committee has prepared a summary of the 156 responses which it received to its original discussion papers. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please let me know. Please specify if you want the report in French or English.

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to extend to you the greetings of the Season and the best for the new year.

—Suzanne Sexty

## apla Call For Nominations

The Executive offices requiring nominations for 1993/94 are:

**Vice-President, President-Elect**  
**Vice-President for New Brunswick**  
**Vice-President for Prince Edward Island**

**Guidelines:**

1. No member of the Nominations and Elections Committee is eligible for nomination.
2. Any APLA member may nominate any other member for elective office.
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Please send nominations, postmarked no later than *February 28, 1993*, to:

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The Atlantic Provinces Library Association invites nominations for the Association's Merit Award. The Award is conferred on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces. Nominations, with the appropriate accompanying documentation of the nominee and her/his contribution(s), should be sent by *January 15, 1993* to:

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# APLA GRANT SUPPORTS WORKSHOPS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

**A** \$500 grant from APLA's General Activities Fund assisted greatly in helping Western Region Libraries to bring storyteller, Katherine Grier, from St. John's to Corner Brook, where she participated in a workshop for Western Region staff on September 11. Ms. Grier, formerly a teacher and early childhood educator in Toronto, moved to St. John's to accompany her husband, who is enrolled in Memorial University's folklore programme. In Toronto, she was a co-founder, with Celia Lotteridge, of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, and also worked in publishing. She is the author of the book *Discover: Mysteries of the Past and Present*, published for the Royal Ontario Museum by Kids Can Press, 1989, as well as several articles in OWL Magazine. APLA members who attended CLA in Halifax in 1988 may have had the occasion to hear Joan Bodger's session on the successes of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program.

A second workshop, entitled "The Power of Mother Goose", held September 12, was offered to daycare workers, nursery school teachers, and others interested in Early Childhood Education. This session was co-sponsored by the Western Region of the Provincial Public Libraries and the local community college, recently renamed from Fisher Institute to WestViking College. Twenty-six participants attended, coming from as far away as West Bay Centre on the



Storyteller Katherine Grier ponders a question at the Western Region Libraries workshop.

Port au Port Peninsula and Stephenville Crossing. Response to both workshops has been very positive. By sponsoring the second workshop at the college, the Regional Library, which has had no funding for staff training workshops since 1985, was able to reduce further the costs of bringing Ms. Grier to Corner Brook for its own workshop, as well as making her considerable expertise available to others for a modest registration fee. Ms. Grier was also featured in a public storytelling performance at the Glynmill Inn.

Both Elinor Benjamin, the Regional Librarian, and Dr. Wayne Eastman, Coordinator of the Daycare Education Program at WestViking, were extremely pleased with the number of participants and the positive response, and are hoping that this will be the first of more joint

ventures. The staff and Board of Western Region Libraries wish to express their thanks to APLA for its support of this very successful event.

—Elinor Benjamin  
Western Region Libraries, Newfoundland

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## General Activities Fund

### GENERAL ACTIVITIES FUND

- Provides funds for projects or activities which will further the aims and objectives of APLA.
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## Atlantic Trustee Receives CLTA Merit Award

**C**yril Reid, Guidance Counsellor at Amherst Regional High School in Nova Scotia, has received the 1992 Canadian Library Trustees Association Award of Merit for his distinguished service as a public library trustee. Reid was presented with the Award at the Canadian Library Association Conference in Winnipeg in June.

A member of the Cumberland Regional Library Board since 1978, and Chair since 1989, Cyril Reid has, in the words of Beverly True, Chief Librarian of the Cumberland Regional Library, "worked diligently to improve conditions for the Library and for the staff." During his years on the Board, three new branches and a bookmobile service have been added in the Region. A new library opened in Amherst in 1991. He was elected as an Amherst Town Councillor in 1981, and currently serves as Deputy Mayor.

Reid has also been involved at the provincial and national levels. He served as President of the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) in 1981/82, and has been a government appointee on the Nova Scotia Library Council since 1990. At the national level, Reid served as the President of the Canadian Library Trustees Association in 1984/85, previously holding the office of Vice-President for two years.



Cyril Reid joins three previous Nova Scotia recipients of the Merit Award—Katharine McLennan, of the Cape Breton Regional Library Board (1960), and Mrs. Stewart L. Gibson (1962) and M. Eileen Burns (1973), both Trustees of the Halifax City Regional Library Board.

## Commonwealth Relations Trust Fellowship Awarded

**M**ichael Marriott, in charge of the Hants East Rural High School library, has been awarded the 1992 Commonwealth Relations Trust Fellowship, Nova Scotia Education Minister Guy Le Blanc announced in a June 9 press release. The Fellowship is for a year of study at the Institute of Education, University of London, England. Established in 1987 by the Government of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union under a reciprocal agreement with the Commonwealth Relations Trust, the Fellowship is valued at 3,750 pounds sterling, or about \$8,300. As well, tuition fees, worth up to \$15,000, are waived.

Mr. Marriott received his Master of Arts in Education in 1983 from St. Mary's University in Halifax. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Drama from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He taught the "Developing Unusual Opportunities Program" at Hants East from 1976-1986, and was a research associate, assistant co-ordinator of the Lighthouse Learning Program, Atlantic Institute of Education, from 1973-1976. He is also a visiting scholar at the University of Leicester, England.

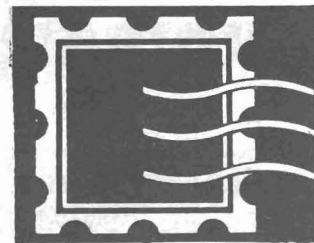
Mr. Marriott's research at the Institute will focus on the design of school library media centres for the global information age. In presenting the Fellowship, Mr. Le Blanc said, in part, "Those in the education field must have an excellent understanding of current and future technologies and be able to predict how these technologies will impact on and benefit our students. Mr. Marriott's Fellowship will certainly enhance his understanding of technology. Since part of his research will focus on sharing technology resources, his experience at the Institute will benefit the education system in Nova Scotia as a whole."

The Commonwealth Relations Trust Fellowship is open to teachers with at least five years experience in teaching or educational administration in the Nova Scotia public school/community college system. Successful applicants will have demonstrated exceptional academic abilities and the potential to play a significant role in the development of education.

Applications for 1993-94 will be accepted until January 15, 1993.

## User Education MAILBOX

Compiled by the APLA Special Interest Group on Library Instruction



### USER EDUCATION MAILBOX

Compiled by the APLA Library Instruction Interest Group

The following questions were submitted to the User Education Mailbox:

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**What are the benefits?**

**What are the disadvantages?**

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# Summary of Reactions to the '92 Keynote Address

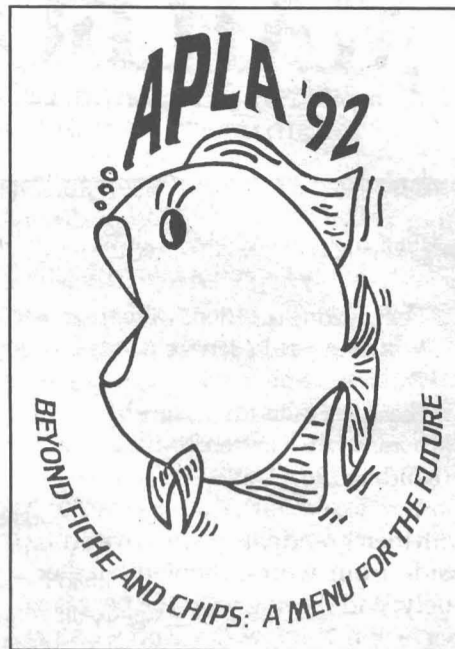
**There is No Future for Libraries; There Are Multiple Futures, by Dr. Blaise Cronin**

## School Libraries Discussion Group

**T**eacher-librarians seemingly have a strong sense of identity—they know exactly who they are, and who their clients are. That was the consensus of the participants in this group of about thirty people. Accordingly, the lively discussion of Dr. Cronin's talk moved on quickly to other issues. Major concerns were services and levels of services, educating the power brokers, and marketing what school librarians do.

Teacher-librarians have a slightly different view of their service aspects because they are not only deliverers or packagers of information, but they also have the responsibility to teach their patrons (teachers and, particularly, students) how to both access and assess the information.

With other APLA members, participants in this discussion group shared the common frustration that "We're never there when it's happening". Decisions that affect teacher-librarians and their services are always taken without their input. One teacher-librarian mused, "How do we talk to the top fossil?" This led to other questions: How do we institute change?



How can we communicate, and prevent administrators and others from distorting the message?

Members of this discussion group saw an urgent need to market themselves better. Teacher-librarians must demonstrate that they are the information/technology experts in the schools. It is the library that should be the Research and Development component of the school, but libraries need guaranteed funding to be effective; where else will students learn research skills and develop their learning and literacy?

Towards the end of the discussion, Dr. Cronin joined the group and gave great advice: "Go beyond local", he said. He recommended that teacher-librarians "map" the library and information resources of their areas and find the lines of interdependence. Teacher-librarians are hampered by both the redundancy of records and the lack of flexibility in transfer of information.

Some short and long term concerns raised by this group included: adequate and consistent funding, input into decision making that affected teacher-librarians, mapping the information resources, strategic planning—by whom and for whom?, a need to market services, a need for increased professional development provided by the School of Library and Information Studies, and a need for Faculties of Education at universities to educate student teachers and practising teachers about library research and the role teacher-librarians can play.

—Bertram MacDonald

School of Library and Information Studies,  
Dalhousie University, with the assistance of  
Elaine Rillie, Discussion Leader, and Eve  
Williams, Rapporteur

## Special/Corporate Libraries Discussion Group

**T**he majority of the participants in this discussion group of about twenty-five work in stand-alone libraries in the public sector, and most work in libraries where there is only one professional librarian. At the moment a make-do atmosphere prevails. The information professionals in these libraries are frequently so busy dealing with current-day issues that they have no time to do anything about long-term matters. Such concerns as justifying costs to senior management, being cost effective in the delivery of service(s), and monitoring and determining the value of information are widespread. Today's economic climate only aggravates the situation.

The discussion in this group focused on the role of the librarian and how the expectations of the user can be met. The varied roles of the *librarian*, always present in the special library, now include the need for computer and business expertise. Job descriptions/functions are changing in the public sector special library where an increased need for subject expertise is now seen. Higher salaries for this added qualification are not frequently provided, however. The role of the special librarian is changing from a "doer" to a "coach". This change is having a direct impact on users. As management personnel increase their involvement with computers, this trend has made these individuals more aware of what librarians do, and can do.

Users are concerned with access to information. Depending on their needs they will decide if access is to be direct or through an intermediary. If special librarians don't challenge the users, and let them attempt to do things, they will challenge the librarian. If librarians don't respond and change to meet the needs of users, librarians will be bypassed. Librarians need to make their users more aware of their capabilities. One avenue is to plan meetings of users.

For both the short and long term, members of this group expressed fears that if information resources are networked, the special library will be bypassed as a source for information, much in the same way that end user searching may lead to libraries being overlooked.

—Bertram MacDonald

School of Library and Information Studies,  
Dalhousie University,  
with the assistance of J. Elizabeth  
Sutherland, Discussion Leader,  
and Mary Veling, Rapporteur

## APLA '92

### Résolutions

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTÉES PAR LA 53<sup>e</sup> ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ORDINAIRE, LE 10 MAI 1992

#### 1<sup>ère</sup> résolution

ATTENDU QUE la conférence de 1991 à Corner Brook, Terre-Neuve a généré des revenus; et

ATTENDU QUE les membres de l'APLA jugent à propos de fournir des fonds afin d'encourager des personnes qui n'ont pas suffisamment d'argent pour participer à une première conférence;

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ que l'APLA crée un fonds visant à offrir aux personnes qui veulent participer à une première conférence en investissant les revenus nets générés par la conférence de 1991 et que ce fonds soit géré par le Comité des finances.

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ que la présente résolution devienne un règlement de l'Association.

(S. Sexty, G. Whitford)  
ADOPTÉE

#### 2<sup>ème</sup> résolution

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ que l'APLA envoie une lettre à l'honorable Ed Roberts, ministre de la Justice de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador, exprimant notre mécontentement et notre désaccord concernant la censure du livre *Suffer Little Children* de Derek O'Brien. La vente de ce livre est interdite dans la péninsule d'Avalon de Terre-Neuve.

(L. Melanson, B. McNally)  
ADOPTÉE

#### 3<sup>ème</sup> résolution

ATTENDU QUE l'APLA travaille à l'élaboration d'un plan stratégique pour l'Association; et

ATTENDU QUE ce plan stratégique contient un énoncé de principe et des buts stratégiques;

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ qu'en tenant compte des objectifs légaux de l'Association tels qu'énoncés dans le Mémoire de l'association, l'énoncé de mission et les buts stratégiques suivants soient acceptés:

#### ÉNONCÉ DE MISSION

La Atlantic Provinces Library Association représente, promouvoit et appuie les intérêts et les préoccupations de tous les intervenants du domaine des bibliothèques des provinces de l'Atlantique.

#### BUTS STRATÉGIQUES\*

1. **PORTE PAROLE DE LA RÉGION**  
Structurer l'Association de façon à ce que l'APLA puisse être un porte parole efficace de la région.
2. **COMMUNICATIONS**  
Améliorer le réseau de communications interne et externe.
3. **VALORISER LES BIBLIOTHÈQUES**  
Promouvoir la valeur et la richesse des bibliothèques et des employés.
4. **GROUPES D'INTÉRÊT**  
Améliorer l'efficacité des groupes d'intérêt.
5. **ÉDUCATION PERMANENTE**  
Élaborer un bon programme d'éducation permanente.

\* Les buts sont énumérés à titre de référence seulement et l'énumération ne représente pas l'ordre d'importance.

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ que l'exécutif, par l'entremise du Comité des buts et objectifs, détermine les buts stratégiques pour ces objectifs et commence à mettre en oeuvre les buts et les objectifs; et

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ que le Comité des buts et objectifs donne un compte rendu des progrès de cette mise en oeuvre à la conférence de 1993.

(S. Sexty, G. Whitford)  
ADOPTÉE

#### 4<sup>ème</sup> résolution

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ que l'exécutif de l'APLA entreprenne une campagne (lettres et communiqué de presse) de protestation concernant le manque de financement du service provincial de bibliothèques publiques de Terre-Neuve qui a entraîné la proposition visant à fermer toutes les bibliothèques publiques et à renvoyer tout le personnel du service provincial des bibliothèques publiques pour une durée de deux semaines.

(G. Malone, P. Parsons)  
ADOPTÉE

(Quatre Abstentions)

#### 5<sup>ème</sup> résolution

IL EST RECOMMANDÉ que des remerciements au nom de l'APLA soient adressés à:

- (i) tous les conférenciers, les experts, les présentateurs et les modérateurs des ateliers et des sessions de la conférence de l'APLA de 1992;
- (ii) les organismes qui ont parrainé la conférence de 1992 et en ont fait un succès éclatant.

(E. Boychuck, E. Toms)  
ADOPTÉE

—Traduit par le Bureau de Traduction du Nouveau Brunswick



## Penney Honoured By CLA

**P**earce Penney, Provincial Director of Newfoundland Public Library Services, won this year's Canadian Library Association Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award. The Award, consisting of a scroll, plaque, and gift, was presented in June at the CLA annual general meeting, held during the conference in Winnipeg.

Penney acquired his MLS at Syracuse University, and began his professional library career as a cataloguer at Memorial University. He then became Head of Acquisitions and, in 1971, moved to a similar post at the University of Guelph. The following year he returned to Newfoundland, where he assumed his current position.



The Newfoundland Public Library Services have met their goal of regional development under Penney's guidance.

APLA members will recall that Penney won last year's Merit Award.

## EARLY BIRDS GET THE BARGAINS

**T**he Prince Edward Island Provincial Library held its first ever booksale on August 25. An extensive weeding of the branch and bookmobile collections had been carried out as a result of the reorganization of the library system and the impending relocation of the Provincial Library Headquarters. The Library sold over 10,000 books, and raised almost \$5,000.

The sale was a joint effort of library staff and volunteers. The

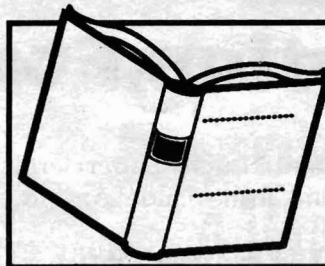
Confederation Centre of the Arts graciously provided Memorial Hall, at a significantly reduced rental rate, for the sale.

The sale was a huge success with the public. Although the doors did not open until 10:00 a.m., people began to line up at 7:30 a.m. In the week after the sale, the Provincial Library received over 100 calls, asking when the next sale would occur.

—Albert MacDonald  
P. E. I. Provincial Library



Islanders love books and bargains.



## Book Reviews

Wilson, Budge. *Oliver's Wars*. Toronto: Stoddart, c1992. 101 p. Paperback, \$9.95. ISBN 0-7737-5508-X CIP

**A**lthough *Oliver's Wars* is set during the brief Gulf War, it is the myriad of internal conflicts that plague Oliver which gives the book its title. When his father is sent to Saudi Arabia, Oliver, Jerry, and their mother leave Saskatchewan to stay with their grandparents in Nova Scotia. Aside from worry about his father's safety, and dealing with the pervasive media intrusion of the Gulf Conflict, Oliver must cope with the often painful adjustment to a new school, and with living in the tense household of his irritable grandfather and long-suffering grandmother. Oliver, who masks his sensitivity with a deceptive air of implacable calmness, is quite the opposite of his volatile twin. His mother and brother, unaware of his emotional turmoil, consider him "steady as a rock" and rely on his quiet strength. Oliver, however, considers himself a wimp for submitting to the taunts of the schoolyard bully, the constant derision of the gym teacher, and the false accusation of cheating. An understanding art teacher, who

recognizes that his moodiness is an expression of deep-felt fears, assists Oliver in handling his inner conflicts. By the end of the book, the bully becomes a buddy, the gym teacher has a change of heart (thanks to a chance remark of the school librarian), and Oliver disarms his grandfather's gruffness, opens up to his mother, and begins to enjoy life again. Much neater than life, but children who identify with Oliver will be encouraged by the promise of a peaceful future.

—reviewed by Alison Mews,  
Memorial University of  
Newfoundland

[Editor's Note: This book received a grant from the Nova Scotia Advisory Panel for Assistance to Established Writers. APLA is represented on this panel by Anna Fiander]



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# Library Association Formed In New Brunswick

The Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick/Association des Bibliothécaires Professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick held its inaugural meeting in Fredericton on October 3.

Approximately 30 professional librarians were welcomed by members of the Ad Hoc committee who had organized the meeting. Those in attendance, noted chairperson Margaret Wicken, were "from all regions of the province and worked in many different kinds of libraries—legal, medical, government, academic, school, and special libraries. This diversity," she observed later, "will be important to the Association as it confronts a variety of library issues in the future."

Eight motions were passed to govern the new bilingual Association during its first year. Its main objective will be to promote librarians and library services within New Brunswick.

Four committees were struck to offer membership services, to prepare a constitution for the Association, to organize special programmes for the members, and to oversee communications and public relations. As well, an executive was elected to serve until the 1993 annual general meeting. The new officers are: Marthe Brideau, President; Muriel Morton,

Vice-President; Lucie Laperriere, Secretary; and Jean-Claude Arcand, Treasurer.

For further information, contact:

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L'Association des Bibliothécaires Professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick/Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick tenait sa reunion de fondation a Fredericton le 3 Octobre dernier. Environ trente bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s furent accueilli(e)s par le comite ad hoc qui organisait la reunion. Margaret Wicken, presidente de la reunion, fit remarquer que les personnes presentes venaient de toutes les regions de la province et qu'elles travaillaient dans tous les genres d bibliothèques: legales, sciences de la sante, gouvernementales, academiques, scolaires, publiques et specialisees. "Cette diversite est tres importante pour l'association qui devra faire face a une variete de problemes dans l'avenir," de dire Mad. Wicken.



Social gathering at first ABPNB/APLNB meeting. In the forefront are Bill Geier, Jean-Claude Arcand, Linda Hansen, Sue Collins, Janet MacNeill.

Les membres se sont prononcés sur huit propositions qui seront en vigueur pour un an. L'objectif principal de l'Association des Bibliothécaires Professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick/Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick est de promouvoir l'avancement des bibliothécaires et des services de bibliothèques au Nouveau-Brunswick.

Quatre comités ont été formés: adhésion des membres, élaboration d'une constitution, programmation, communications et relations publiques. De plus, un exécutif a été élu et sera en place jusqu'à la reunion générale annuelle de 1993. Les membres de ce premier exécutif sont: Marthe Brideau, presidente; Muriel Morton, vice-presidente; Lucie Laperriere, secretaire; Jean-Claude Arcand, tresorier.

## NSSLA Meets In Middleton

The well attended 1992 Nova Scotia School Library Association (NSSLA) Conference was held October 22-24 at the Annapolis East Elementary School in Middleton, the theme this year being "Keeping Up".

The highlights of the Conference were a presentation by Bryan Savege, Chair of the Library Design Committee, on his final report, and a

talk by Sarah Ellis, the Vancouver-based author of *Pick-Up Sticks*, *The Baby Project* and *Next-Door Neighbours*, on her work.

Mr. Savege and his committee worked on the changing role of the modern school library and the variety of functions expected of it. He briefly went over the points covered in the *Final Report, 1992*, including functions and space requirements.

Ms. Ellis spoke on how her own life experiences influenced her work. She offered glimpses of how elements in her fiction reflected her own past experiences.

In addition to the two featured speakers, there were a number of workshops, ranging from CD-ROM demonstrations to stress reduction.

The AGM was held and the new slate of officers was installed. These include Jan Barkhouse, President; Alexis Little, Past-President; Sylvia Jacquard, Treasurer; Lillian Siminiuk, Secretary.

—Chris Bull  
Kingstec Community College

## NSLA Meets In Port Hawkesbury

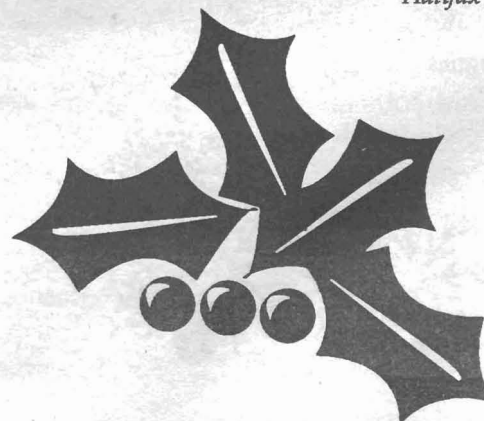
The 1992 Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) Conference was held September 25-26 at the Nova Scotia Nautical Institute in Port Hawkesbury. The conference theme was "Libraries & People: Learning & Growing Together". Host, Eastern Counties Regional Library, is to be commended for organizing a lively and stimulating conference. The programme featured celebrated author, Farley Mowat, who read from his latest book, *My Father's Son*, and led a frank discussion on environmental issues. Workshop topics included developing library programmes and materials for collectors, a writer's perspective on copyright, ergonomic considerations for libraries, and freedom of the press issues in the

Maritimes. Conference participants were treated to traditional Scottish music and dance at the reception.

A resolution to support the Strategic Planning Process for Nova Scotia Regional Libraries was passed at the Annual General Meeting. A resolution to promote affirmative action programmes in Nova Scotia libraries was also passed. The 1992/93 executive consists of: President, Kevin Crick; Past-President, Fred Popowich; Vice-President, Donna Bourne-Tyson; Treasurer, Darlene Beck; and Secretary, Elizabeth Johnson.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library will host NSLA's 1993 conference in Halifax.

—Kevin Crick  
Halifax City Regional Library



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## LBANS Meets At Pictou Lodge

The Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) held its annual meeting and workshops at picturesque Pictou Lodge on October 2-3, 1992. The theme of the conference was "Public Libraries—Planning Our Future". Hosted by the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, the Conference was attended by over sixty trustees and librarians.

Three stimulating workshops were presented. Margaret Law, author of *Friends for Small Libraries* (CLA, 1991) was guest speaker for the first workshop on "Friends of the Library". Ms. Law, at present Director, Parkland Regional Libraries, Lacombe, Alberta, spoke from her long experience of the pitfalls to be avoided and the benefits that can be derived from utilizing such groups in libraries. The second workshop, on "Literacy", featured Phil Davison, Community Literacy Facilitator, Northern Region [Nova Scotia]. Mr. Davison defined literacy in terms of whether people have the reading, writing, and math skills that they both want and need in order to get on with the rest of their lives. He outlined the many creative literacy

activities taking place in Nova Scotia at present and how libraries are linked in the process.

A third workshop was presented in the afternoon on "The Strategic Planning Process", with Lorne Ferguson, Facilitator for the Nova Scotia Library Strategic Planning Process, and Marion Pape, Provincial Librarian and Member of the Committee. They outlined in a general way the planning process and the necessity for libraries in this crisis period to be involved in their own planning processes.

At the Annual General Meeting on October 2, members debated and passed a number of resolutions and elected a new executive, consisting of President, Carol Gallant; Vice-President, Gary Archibald; Past-President, Ernie Slade; Treasurer, Linda MacQueen; Secretary, Aileen Lewis; Director 1992-93, David Witherly; Director 1992-94, Maria Cameron; Director 1992-95, David Brattston.

—Edith Haliburton  
Acadia University

## New CASLIS Chapter For Atlantic Provinces

With travel budgets even more restricted these days, many librarians are looking for professional development closer to home. This is one reason why a group of special librarians hopes to establish a CASLIS chapter for the Atlantic Provinces. The Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services currently has five active and dynamic chapters across the country, and their effectiveness is proven by the wide range of programme topics and involvement in professional issues.

The group, made up of six librarians from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, met in Halifax recently to begin planning the Atlantic CASLIS chapter. Discussion at the meeting focused on programme ideas, the benefits of a CASLIS chapter, and funding for a newsletter. A list of programmes and newsletters from other CASLIS chapters was also reviewed. It was felt that the time was right to begin actively organizing a CASLIS Atlantic chapter.

Over the next few months the group will be busy planning a programme for early spring 1993 and publishing an Atlantic Region newsletter which will focus on the benefits and usefulness of a chapter to Atlantic area librarians.

Members of the working group are: Susan Libby, Moncton Hospital Health Sciences Library; Christine Williams, Maritime Tel & Tel Information Resource Centre; Elaine Toms, School of Library & Information Studies, Dalhousie University; JoAnn Richling, Nova Scotia Department of Labour Library; Marie DeYoung, Nova Scotia Department of Attorney General Library; and Susan Dirani, Health Protection Branch, Health & Welfare Canada.

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## Computers In Libraries

**M**ore than 800 librarians, speakers, and automation vendors attended the increasingly popular Computers in Libraries Conference held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto, October 19-22. The more than 60 vendors of automation and professional services reflected current trends and offered a view of future innovations, and the 43 speakers from Canada and the United States contributed lively interpretations of those trends. Almost 25% of those who attended the Conference were from academic institutions, 20% represented government departments, 15% were from public libraries, 10% from schools, and the remaining 30% were from a variety of corporate, health, and other special libraries. Conference participants came from all ten provinces and a handful of American states.

While a variety of solutions to networking, electronic document delivery, and other more traditional problems in librarianship was addressed, a large proportion of vendors and sessions reflected the meteoric rise in the popularity of CD-ROMs. One of the most informative sessions featured a discussion about SIGCAT (the Special Interest Group on CD-ROM Applications & Technology), a free user group sponsored by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and started by USGS CD-ROM guru, Jerry McFaul. With more than 5,600 members, SIGCAT is an umbrella organization for specially focused groups concentrating on themes such as hardware, software, networking, and standardization. McFaul was interviewed in the September issue of *CD-ROM Professional*. For further information about SIGCAT, call (703) 548-4452.

In a session entitled "Public Access CD Workstations in Branch Libraries: Costs, Selection Criteria, and Service Levels", George Shirinian of the City of York (Ontario) Public Library reported on his library's experience with CD-ROMs. In addition to citing the reasons for adopting CD-ROM technology (to supplement journals, enhance staff capabilities, improve searching speed, introduce multimedia, and to minimize storage), Shirinian pointed out how the differences between the immediate needs of public library patrons and the long-term needs of academic library patrons determine the different types of databases held by different types of libraries.

Common problems in library technology were emphasized in sessions which concentrated on electronic networking and the convergence of communications, imaging, and machine-readable databases. The all-day session entitled "Local Area and CD-ROM Networks: Selection, Implementation, and Expansion" featured the sensible, hands-on approach of Vanderbilt University computer specialist, Martin Breeding, editor of *Library LANS: Case Studies in Practice and Application* (Meckler, 1992) and numerous articles on library automation.

The Conference also provided the Meckler Corporation, the conference organizer, the opportunity to display its many journals and monograph publications on library automation, including titles such as *CD-ROM Librarian*, *Library Software Review*, and *Computers in Libraries*. Meckler also organizes more than a dozen other information technology conferences in the U.S., Canada, and Britain. Computers in Libraries Canada '93 is scheduled to be held next October in Toronto.

—Martin Dowding  
Saint Mary's University

## Public Legal Education Society Of Nova Scotia

**T**he Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia (PLE) is celebrating its tenth year of working to help Nova Scotians understand their legal system. Services include the publication of over 60 free and low cost publications on legal topics, a Speakers Bureau of volunteer speakers on the law, and a toll-free province-wide telephone information and lawyer referral service.

So far in 1992, over 4,000 questions about the law from across the Province have been answered through the telephone information service. Many libraries use the service for questions about legal materials and resources, as well as for general information.

In July, a lawyer referral service was added to the telephone service. Now, in addition to the general information provided, callers can be referred to a private lawyer in their area who practices in the area of law they need. Lawyers participating in the service agree to see clients for an introductory one-half hour appointment for a fee of \$20.00. This service was operated for many years by the Nova Scotia Barristers Society. PLE took over the service when the Barristers Society was forced to discontinue it due to funding cuts. PLE is pleased to be able to continue this very important and long standing public service.

PLE's Speakers Bureau will arrange over 100 classes, lectures, and other events on legal topics this year. A wide range of community groups use this service, from service groups to special purpose citizens groups. This year PLE has helped arrange speakers for seven library events. Libraries interested in arranging speakers on legal topics or law-related issues are encouraged to contact PLE.

PLE relies on a variety of funding sources, including the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia, the Federal Department of Justice, the Nova Scotia Attorney General's Department, and the Nova Scotia Barristers Society. In these very tight financial times, PLE needs to rely more and more on donations from the people who use and benefit from the services. This October and November PLE is beginning its 10th anniversary fund raising campaign.

There is a Public Legal Education organization in every province, working to make the law understandable and accessible. For information on PLE services and materials available in your province, contact:

Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia,  
1127 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3H 2P8  
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Legal Information and Referral (toll-free in Nova Scotia): 1-420-9779

Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick  
P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1  
Phone: (506) 453-2668

Community Legal Information Association of Prince Edward Island  
P.O. Box 1207, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7M8  
Phone (toll-free in P.E.I.): (902) 892-0853

Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland  
P.O. Box 1064, Station C, St. John's, NF A1C 5M5  
Phone: (709) 722-2643

—Peter Webster  
PLE Nova Scotia

## New AST Library Under Construction

**C**onstruction of the new three-floor library for the Atlantic School of Theology began in July, and it should be ready for use in the autumn of 1993. One of the main features will be a beautiful reading room overlooking Halifax's North West Arm. The present library, located in the original Pine Hill Building erected in 1898, had an intended capacity of 20,000 volumes with no allowance for audio visual equipment or other modern training accessories. The Library now holds 65,000 volumes

and boasts the largest, most comprehensive collection of its kind in the Region. Users include clergy from all denominations, university and college students, and the general public. The new 20,000 square foot library will provide for anticipated growth while serving the educational needs of the School and as a major resource for regional ministry.

The Library and Renovation Capital Campaign has reached 80% of its goal. In appreciation of community generosity in giving to the Campaign,



Architect's drawing of the new AST library building.

the AST Development Office and the Friends of AST for the Library Campaign sponsored two concerts.

The first, an "Afternoon of Sacred and Secular Music", was held on January 26, 1992 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. The second, an afternoon of Chamber Music, was held on October 25, followed by a reception at the home of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon MacDermid, President of the Atlantic School of Theology.

—Alice Harrison  
Atlantic School of Theology Library

# A Fresh Look At Publishing

**A** keen, blustery wind swept the habitually stale air of Killam Library, when Lesley Choyce spoke eloquently and hilariously about his varied career as a writer and publisher. The founder of Pottersfield Press spoke on October 16 at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies Lecture Series.

As an escapee from the horrors of American metropolitan life, Mr. Choyce chose an old farmhouse at Lawrencetown Beach, on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia, for his life of writing, year-round surfing, and publishing. His main goal has been to avoid making money, because in his American life he had noticed a direct correlation between the amount of money people had and how unhappy they were.

He wrote his first book while still spending summers only in Nova Scotia. He put his graduate school experience of reading and researching to excellent use by reading up on plant life in our local libraries and then living free off the land with the knowledge he had gained. The mimeographing of 300 copies of *Edible Wild Plants of Nova Scotia* gave him such a heady feeling that it led to his addiction for "having to do another book".

It was really poetry that appealed to him in the early days, however. What better way to avoid making money than to publish other people's poetry? He also wrote his own, and again avoided making money.

Mr. Choyce sketched, with the skill of a cartoonist, an image of himself desperately seeking insight into the processes of 'perfect binding'. The thrills of editing enraptured him also. What more pleasant sight than rows of galleys hanging to dry in the breeze?

Selling the final product is just as much fun for Mr. Choyce as editing or binding. He was immediately delighted when the National Citizens Coalition complained loudly and publicly about a book of quiet nature poems by Allan Cooper, published by Pottersfield Press, entitled *Poems Released on a Nuclear Wind*. The book had not been selling at all well—until then.

Mr. Choyce's writing career has moved from poetry to short stories, novels, non-fiction and more recently to Young Adult novels.

His decision to write these novels developed from his time touring schools and libraries in small-town Atlantic Canada. He dubbed librarians "a race of incredible beings" for the work they do "promoting literary culture for whole communities". He chose his YA audience with care— young teens who hate to read. To cater to them he had to learn how to write short, snappy sentences rather than long complex ones.

Mr. Choyce is modest about his accomplishments as writer, publisher, talk-show host, speaker, part-time Dalhousie professor, and guest on 'Morningside'. He is proud, however, of his YA novel *Skateboard Showdown*, which the Danes have translated for their own Young Adults. Mr. Choyce read a brief passage, with small-boy delight in the fact that neither we nor he could understand a single word.

Writing and publishing are, for him, about breaking down barriers. The "real life-blood of literature in any country is coming first from small presses". He became a publisher in part because of self-doubt—if he couldn't make it as a writer, perhaps he could as a publisher. His audience agreed that he has succeeded in both, and if he can pry himself away again from his farmhouse with its view of a "pristine blue lake, a voluptuous green and gold

marshland, and beyond that sand dunes and the Atlantic Ocean"<sup>1</sup>, there is a ready audience waiting at Killam to hear more.

—Fiona Black  
MLIS student,  
Dalhousie University

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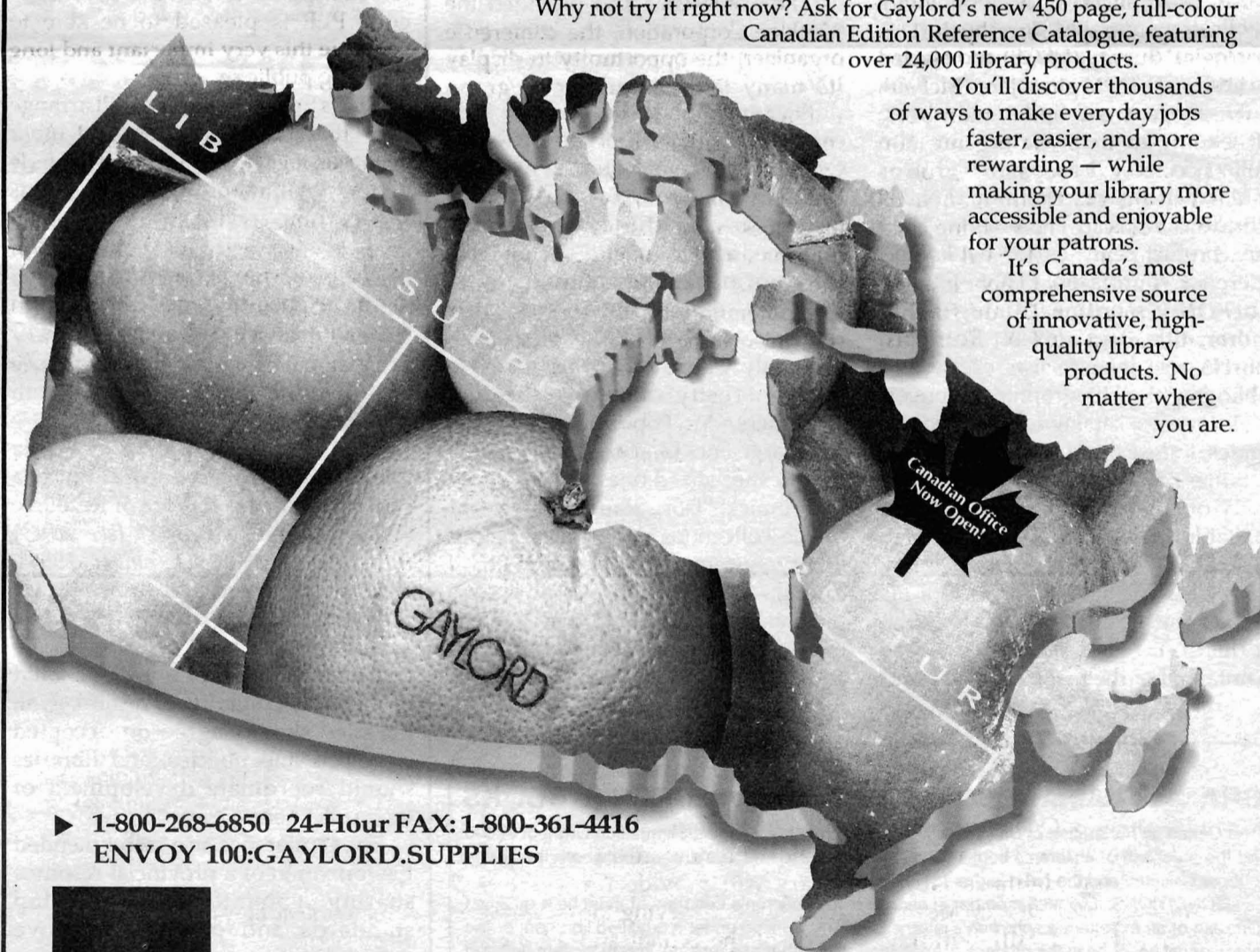
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# CHILDREN'S LITERATURE GROWING LIKE KIDS

The Children's Literature Collection at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is growing—like the proverbial youngsters the books in it serve—by leaps and bounds.

"The Collection has quadrupled since it was established in 1988," said Andrew Pope, Head of the Education Resource Centre which houses the Collection. "The Collection has grown rapidly because of the tremendous support it receives. Publishers and private individuals, as well as funding agencies, provide assistance in a variety of ways."

A great boon to those doing research in the area of children's literature, the Collection attempts to preserve children's books of literary, artistic, or historic merit for scholarly purposes. In addition to being available to researchers in the Region, the materials in the Collection are available to scholars nationwide through interlibrary loan.

The U.N.B. collection, which is the largest of its kind east of Toronto, got its start three years ago with a donation by Eileen Wallace, a U.N.B. Education professor who specialized in children's literature. Her donation of 2,000 books served as a core of books useful to the academic study of children's literature. The Collection now numbers 8,000 publications and has developed both historical depth and contemporary breadth.

Researchers will find a wide range of exemplary materials in the Collection located on the second floor of Marshall d'Avray Hall atop U.N.B.'s hillside campus in Fredericton. They can conduct searches for books and reference sources on PHOENIX, the University's online catalogue, by author, title, and subject. Reference sources also include lists of awards, bibliographies, biographical sources, book reviews, catalogues, handbooks, guides, indexes, and abstracts.

Some 1,500 books and theses on the study of children's literature are also available in the Education Resource Centre. Microreproductions of many rare children's books and periodicals supplement the printed materials in the Collection. Subscriptions are maintained of the major scholarly and

reviewing journals in the area. A grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada in 1989 enabled the acquisition of three microform sets of historical children's books. These include all of the items in the Rosenbach Collection of early American children's books, and what has been produced to date of two British collections—the Opie collection from the Bodleian Library at Oxford University and the Chadwyck-Healey collection from the British Library.

Books about children's literature, as well as extensive holdings in American, British, and Canadian literature, can be found in the Harriet Irving Library, the main library on the Fredericton campus. The Government Documents collection contains materials produced by government agencies, such as the Library of Congress, the British Library, and the National Library of Canada.

"Donations from numerous sources find a protected environment for children's literature in the Collection," Mr. Pope explained. "Margaret Maloney, Curator of the Osborne Collection in Toronto, is a friend and patron and has directed potential donors in search of a loving home for their special books." In recognition of her contributions, U.N.B. conferred an honorary degree on Dr. Maloney at its graduation exercises in the spring of 1992.

A grant from the Wu Fund in 1989 enabled the purchase of the Taylors of Ongar collection of historical material. Anne Taylor wrote *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* and the Taylor Family published a huge quantity of children's literature in the 19th century.

"The development of the contemporary part of the Collection—especially Canadian—owes much to the generosity of many different publishers," Mr. Pope said. They range from large ones like Scholastic Canada Ltd. to specialized ones like Kids Can and Annick. "Doris Rauch, who works in the collections department of our library system, deserves much credit for developing connections with publishers," added Mr. Pope. "She is the one who corresponds with them and negotiates for the books we want in the Collection."



Students of the Literature of Early Childhood course with Education Professor Lissa Paul make good use of U.N.B.'s flourishing Children's Literature Collection. (Photo courtesy of U.N.B. AV Services.)

Many others have helped, and continue to contribute to, the Collection's growth. Gifts have been received from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and the Magee Fund of the New Brunswick Department of Education. One donor, the late Margaret Vaughan Eller, not only donated books from her own collection, but also purchased a collection of representative historical children's books from an antiquarian book dealer for the Centre's collection.

Mr. Pope was responsible for creating the physical place—the shelving and cataloguing and all the other details that keep it accessible. He acknowledges Hayden Leaman, a recently retired U.N.B. Education professor, for "bringing everyone together to create the collection. We're grateful for everyone's assistance and hope our supporters and users continue to appreciate the Collection and keep it flourishing."

## RESOURCE SHARING IN NOVA SCOTIA LIBRARIES

"Today, libraries are faced both with economic restraint and growing demands from clients for information in all forms," says Marion Pape, Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian. "Therefore, libraries and library professionals recognize the importance of working together to coordinate both collections and catalogues."

In April, 1991, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library organized a conference on the "Future of Resource Sharing in Nova Scotia" [see *APLA Bulletin*, November/December 1991]. Delegates accepted four principles for resource sharing among libraries: access to information should be equitable, all types of libraries should be involved in sharing of resources, all libraries should agree on accepted standards and policies, and libraries should coordinate development of their collections.

The Conference also recommended the formation of a provincial resource sharing committee to develop standards and policies, improve delivery of documents, and build up a library information network.

The Provincial Library has now initiated the proposed Nova Scotia Resource Sharing Committee which is discussing a vision of resource sharing,

some technologies for communicating among libraries, and the development of methods to promote the maximum sharing of information and collections among Nova Scotia libraries.

The National Library of Canada has invited Nova Scotia to join Ontario, British Columbia, and Manitoba as official members of the Canadian Resource Sharing Group. This group will consider topics such as the Canadian Inventory of Resource Sharing Projects, the Out-of-Province Interlending Findings Report, the Ca•Net system and document delivery.

The Nova Scotia Resource Sharing Committee is chaired by Marion Pape, Provincial Librarian. Members representing the following organizations include the Council of Nova Scotia University Libraries (Lillian Beltaos and Bill Birdsall); Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies (Elaine Toms); Federal Government Libraries (Anna Fiander); Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council (Marie DeYoung and Margaret Murphy); Nova Scotia Provincial Library (Wendy Duff); Nova Scotia School Library Association (Jane Thornley); and Regional Public Libraries (Aileen Lewis and Reay Freve).

### GRANT AVAILABLE FOR BUYING CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Canadian Federation of University Women is offering a Reading Stimulation Grant of \$2000 for the purchase of children's books for public library use in areas in Canada where the library budget is limited and the need is great.

CONDITIONS: The staff member in charge of the children's department must be a qualified librarian or an experienced children's library assistant, working under a qualified librarian; or the library must be, or be in the process of becoming, a member of a regional library system directed by a qualified regional librarian.

Application forms are available from:

Kathryn Dean  
506-333 Wellington Crescent  
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# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU- BRUNSWICK

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Summer Reading Club with its theme of "Blast Off with Books/En orbite avec les livres" was very successful. In connection with this, the **Nackawic Library** wrote to Roberta Bondar and the children there received a response from her. Tina Miller from Sussex had her name drawn as the winner of the lucite "Challenger" prize donated by New Brunswick Library Service.

In September, the Regional Directors, as well as the Director of the New Brunswick Library Service, attended a strategic planning session of the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. For the Library Systems Review, librarians and library boards have submitted briefs and been interviewed by members of the Task Force. A draft report is to be prepared by the end of October, with a final report and recommendations to appear in mid-November.

The **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library** recently met with the Minister and Deputy Minister of the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing to discuss a variety of concerns, including funding for public libraries. The **Shediac Public Library** was invited by the Strathmore Library in Alberta to join their "Who reads across Canada" Pen Pal Club as a Canada 125 project. Six young readers in Shediac joined immediately and soon letters, posters and craft ideas began travelling between the two libraries. They even exchanged videos of their activities. To top it all off, a vacationing volunteer from the Strathmore Library made a surprise visit to the Shediac Library. The Regional Library also participated in a campaign to promote reading in French called "La Fureur de Lire". This has been taking place in France for a number of years and is jointly sponsored by all those involved in publishing and distributing books. Thousands of activities take place in schools, bookstores and libraries. This is the second year "La Fureur de Lire" has been celebrated in Moncton. Several workshops took place in the **Moncton Public Library** including a visit by French author Rollande Causse and various book launchings.

The **York Regional Library** has reported that a new public library opened in **Minto** in the Spring and new buildings were opened in **Newcastle**, in June, and **Chipman** in August. The **Woodstock** and **Fredericton** libraries participated in the Student Exchange Program with **Edmundston** and **Shediac**. With the reorganization of the school districts, the York Regional Library Board has three new school district representatives this Fall. **Penny Reid** now has the position as Upriver Supervisor and Managing Librarian at **LP Fisher (Woodstock)**.

The **Saint John Regional Library** reports that the central library mounted a display and presented readings at the Literacy Festival held by the Saint John Learning Exchange on September 21. The **Campobello** and **Saint John Free Public Libraries** were featured in a CBC television feature story, and the **Sussex Public Library** was awarded a prize for their window display during the Town's Annual Country Living Days. The Region hosted the September meeting of New Brunswick Regional Librarians September 28-29 and welcomed Assistant Deputy Minister Jim Morell and Jane Mackin, Human Resource Officer from the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. The Regional Librarian and trustees from the Saint John Free Public, Kennebecasis and St. Croix libraries attended the Annual Meeting of the **New Brunswick Library Trustees Association** held in Fredericton on October 3. Lynne Swanick, Chairperson of the York Regional Board, gave a pertinent presentation on strategic planning. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the **West Branch Library** was observed on November 3. This branch recorded a circulation of 93,474 in the 1991-92 budget year and was the first branch opened when Saint John joined the New Brunswick Regional Library System.

La **Région Chaleur** rapporte que le point saillant pour la période en cours fut la "Journée des employés" tenue le 14 septembre 1992 au Parc Atlas à Pointe-Verte. Cette journée qui réunissait tous les trente-cinq employés de la région, s'est déroulée dans un milieu des plus favorables: édifice avec salles de réunion et terrasse extérieure surplombant un ravissant lac. En fait, une partie des ateliers a eu lieu dehors, par une journée splendide.

L'idée principale de cette journée était de permettre à tout le personnel de se rencontrer et d'échanger. Le matin on discuta en plénière et en groupes les questions suivantes: "En nommant les cinq services les plus importants, comment décriveriez-vous d'une part une bonne bibliothèque publique, et d'autre part une bonne bibliothèque

régionale". En après-midi trois responsables de bibliothèques, dont une employée de la région Haut-Saint-Jean, informèrent l'assemblée des programmes qu'elles avaient mis sur pied avec succès. Cette expérience inédite dans la région Chaleur fut, sans contredit, un énorme succès.

Cette année, le Club de lecture d'été a vu le nombre de participants augmenter, à tel point, que la région a du produire d'autres certificats. La seule ombre au tableau fut qu'en raison de la chute des étudiants alloués par le projet JET Stream (15 demandés et 5 acceptés), les responsables de petits points de service ont subi un surcroît de travail.

Dans le cadre du 125<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du Canada, la **Bibliothèque de Campbellton** sera jumelée à la Bibliothèque John Ayaruaq de Rankin Inlet dans les Territoires du Nord-Ouest.

La région affiche actuellement dans les médias un offre d'emploi afin de trouver un Assistant-directeur en charge des points de service. La **Bibliothèque Népissiquit de Bathurst** sera administrée dorénavant par **M. Jacques Filiatrault**. Celui-ci a obtenu une Maîtrise en bibliothéconomie de l'Université McGill et travaillait à la référence et à l'acquisition à la Bibliothèque de Pointe-Claire.

L'étude des réseaux des bibliothèques s'est déroulée à travers la région Chaleur. La commission régionale des bibliothèques pour la région a, en plus de fournir des répondeurs, envoyé un mémoire car beaucoup de commissaires croyaient que le questionnaire n'était pas suffisamment explicite. Le seul endroit où la commission voyait une collaboration, c'était dans le catalogage et l'informatisation des collections. Pour ce qui est de partager le personnel et les installations, la Bibliothèque publique-scolaire de Tracadie constitue, dans notre région, un échec éclatant de cette formule.

La commission régionale des bibliothèques Chaleur trouvait également contradictoire de mener une étude afin de "rationaliser les services", tout en laissant les bureaux administratifs de la région dans des locaux insalubres et avec un budget de livres dérisoire.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

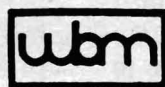
The **Ralph Pickard Bell Library** at **Mount Allison University** has installed the Acquisitions and Serials modules of the DRA system. Some staff members from University of Prince Edward Island, which also uses DRA, visited Mount Allison on October 9 for a demonstration of these modules.

A search committee has been struck to advise the Mount Allison University President upon the appointment of a University Librarian. The Committee has arrived at a short list, and it is hoped a decision will be announced in the near future. **Ruth Miller** is serving as Acting University Librarian until the appointment is made.

The **University Archives** has recently produced a 12-page booklet, *Selected Sources for Genealogical Research in the Ralph Pickard Bell Library*, to provide a list of commonly used sources in the Library.

The **Rogers Memorial Library** of **Bethany Bible College** in Sussex has begun the automation of its systems. Inmagic software has been adopted, and retrospective conversion will rely heavily on a CD-ROM database supplied by Bibliofile. Full automation is the goal, including on-line public access catalogue, circulation, serials and acquisitions. The whole collection of 20,000 volumes was inventoried and bar coded over the summer with the help of students under a Challenge '92 grant. **Howard Cogswell** is the Director of Library Services at the College.

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## SCHOOL LIBRARIES

In September the provincial government announced that it would spend \$6.1 million during the next four years to implement 72 wide-ranging actions to improve public school education in New Brunswick. The initiatives were announced in response to the Excellence in Education Commission's recommendations, and included in the plan is \$1.6 million for library books, reference books, audio and video tapes and educational kits.

## ASSOCIATIONS

The **Association des bibliothécaires professionnels(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick/ Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick** was formed this fall. [Editor's Note: See the separate article on page 8.]

—Susan Collins  
Vice President (New Brunswick)

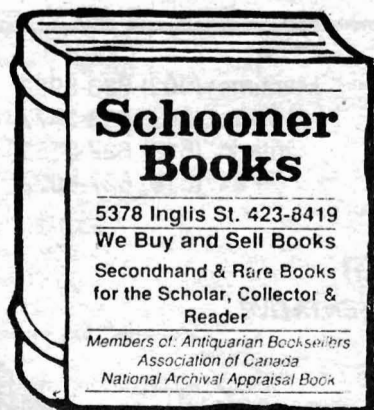
## NEWFOUNDLAND

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**Judy Anderson** is the new Deputy Director of the **Provincial Public Libraries Service**; she had previously been librarian at the Mount Pearl Public Library. **Deirdre Tiffany** has begun her tenure as Head of Technical Services with the Provincial Public Libraries Service.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

At **Memorial University's** Queen Elizabeth II Library, **Anke Tonn** has been appointed Foreign Languages/Music Cataloguer. She graduated from Dalhousie (MLIS, 1990) and has held a variety of positions in libraries, including the Bedford Institute of Oceanography and Saint Mary's University. **Slavko Manojlovich** has been awarded a \$800 research grant by the Canadian Library Association. He is examining the client server model as



one-stop access to a variety of information resources using a common user interface. His research will take him to libraries across the United States, including participation on library/computing centre committees at Stanford University.

### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

**Patricia Tilley** is the new librarian at **Forestry Canada**, replacing the recently-retired **Kay Philpott**. She had previously worked at Agriculture Canada, Western Memorial Hospital Library, and Memorial University.

[Editor's Note: The news from Newfoundland is brief in this issue, not because there isn't enough to report, but rather because the Vice President (Newfoundland) is recovering from surgery. Get well soon, Elinor!]

## NOVA SCOTIA

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The **Nova Scotia Provincial Library** is now in its new facility. Although staff endeavoured to keep operations going throughout the move, some unforeseen circumstances made this impossible. User Services experienced the greatest upheaval due to problems relocating and reinstalling the Datapac lines. One positive feature of the new location—besides the clean, bright, open, modern environment—is the separate professional collection room where professional materials can be consulted. A Novell area network has been installed. The network will link the existing eight workstations, allowing staff to access all software, common files, printers, and communication devices from any workstation. The Request for Proposal for the automated system is ready to go, and the tender should have been advertised by the time you read this.

**Lynne McCulley**, a graduate of the Library Technicians Programme, has joined the Acquisitions Unit. She will be doing acquisitions half-time and working on the Reception Desk the other half of the day.

An exciting acquisition at the Provincial Library is Joyce Barkhouse's award-winning book, *Pit Pony*, which is now available on cassette through Interlibrary Loans.

**Western Counties Regional Library** and **Annapolis Valley Regional Library** have jointly submitted a Request for Capital Funding to the Nova Scotia Provincial Government for automation in the two regions.

The Digby County Hospice Society donated 150 books and audio tapes to the Digby Library in **Western Counties**. This donation, made possible through a grant from the N.S.

Department of Community Services, is intended to help people who may not wish direct assistance from the Hospice but are looking for materials on suicide, bereavement, death of a child, and other similar topics. A promotional campaign for the Readers Friend program will take place throughout the Region during Readers Friend Program Week, November 9-14. This is the third year for this program, which allows the regional library to coordinate volunteers who deliver books to home-bound library patrons.

**Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library** hosted the 1992 Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia Conference at Pictou Lodge on October 2 and 3. [Editor's Note: See the separate article on page 9].

The **Halifax City Regional Library** is pleased to announce the appointment of **David Hansen** as a reference librarian at the main library. He replaces **Holly Bureaux** who now supervises public services in the Reference Department.

Oops! While the **Friends of the South Shore Regional Library** worked very hard to raise money for library materials, the sum raised was, alas, \$1,400, not \$140,000 as reported in the previous issue.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The Senate of **Mount Saint Vincent University** has unanimously awarded the title of Librarian Emeritus to **Lucian Bianchini**.

**Penny Marshall** is the new University Librarian at the **University College of Cape Breton**. She was formerly with the Regina Public Library.

During the summer two students were hired, through "Challenge '92", at the **Atlantic School of Theology** to begin barcoding the monographs as an initial procedure upon joining Novanet. **Alice W. Harrison**, Head Librarian, spent a six-month sabbatical visiting 28 libraries in both North America and Europe, conducting a survey of 15 theological schools in Canada, and is completing work on a bibliography. The topic for her research was the "Globalization of Theological Education", with reference to library resources. Part of her research dealt with feminist theology. An APLA Grant of \$400 enabled her to travel and do research in libraries in Oxford and Manchester. On her return from leave, she participated as a speaker for the CLA Seminar/Workshop on "Preservation Microfilming" held in Halifax, September 24. She gave a talk entitled, "Overview of Regional Preservation Activities".

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

At the CLA Annual Conference in Winnipeg, **George Ronald Henaut**, Supervisor of English language arts in Pictou District, was the recipient of the

**Canadian School Executives Distinguished Service Award** for School Administrators. Henaut was honoured for his leadership and support for the development and implementation of school library programmes.

## ASSOCIATIONS

The new executive of the **Halifax Library Association**, headed by President **Debbie Costello** (N.S. Community College, Halifax Campus) has been busy preparing workshops and tours for 1992-93. The first tour was of the N.S. College of Art & Design on November 2. On December 1 there will be a tour and reception at the new facilities of the N.S. Provincial Library. The first Collection Development meeting sponsored by HLA will be held November 26. This meeting will brainstorm on the format and plans for future meetings to discuss sharing information on metro area collections. Everyone from the library community is welcome to attend HLA meetings; contact Debbie Costello for more information.

The **Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council** has revised its Guidelines and Objectives. They are presently being considered by the membership, and will be ratified at an upcoming Council meeting. A workshop is planned for the fall. It will be a review of what is available in the local marketplace (commercial and noncommercial) for modem users. At the September meeting, the Council unanimously approved the draft of the Nova Scotia Resource Sharing Committee's mission statements, goals and objectives. The NSGLC is very pleased to be co-chairing the Common Library Systems Committee formed by Management Board. This committee is reviewing the current state of library service provided to Government and exploring areas where libraries can be instrumental in making government information more accessible.

Annual meetings of the **Nova Scotia Library Association**, the **Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia**, and the **Nova Scotia School Library Association** were held in September and October. [Editor's Note: Reports of these are given elsewhere in this issue.]

## LIBRARY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

**Elizabeth Frick** has been promoted to the rank of full professor at the **School of Library and Information Studies**, Dalhousie University. **Liwen Qiu** joined the School in November of 1991 as Assistant Professor. **Ray Klapstein**, Associate Professor in the School of Business Administration, is teaching the required course in management.

A Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in honour of **Evelyn Campbell** and other librarians who have served the Atlantic Region. Once

the Fund has grown large enough, scholarships will be offered to deserving incoming students.

A new full-time instructor, **Marlene Mortimore**, has joined the teaching staff of the **Library Technicians Program** at the **N.S. Community College, Halifax Campus**. Marlene has most recently worked in the Reference Department of the Halifax City Regional Library.

—*Laura Jantek*  
Vice President (Nova Scotia)

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

### PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

Approval has been received to hire an employee for a four-month period to start work on the implementation of the new Public Libraries Act.

A retirement reception was held in the Officers Club on October 2 to honour two long-time employees. **Kathleen MacDonald**, Library Technician III with the Branch Libraries in the Headquarter's Office, completed 35 years of service. **Muriel Allen**, Library Technician IV, who transferred to the bookmobile when it started in 1973, completed 27 years. Both employees have made an enormous contribution to the Provincial Library, and were recognized by the staff, dignitaries and friends present. The Deputy Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs presented the retirement gifts. The new retirees entertained the crowd with anecdotes and stories from their past years in the System.

In October, **Barb Kissick**, Children's Librarian, presented a workshop with an associate of Read Canada P.E.I. on "Reading Quality Books" at the annual conference of the P.E.I. Early Education Association.

**Hank Becker**, Library Technician I, has transferred from his position in Technical Services, Headquarter's Office, to one with the **Confederation Centre Public Library**. **Mary-Lou Hansen** left this position to accept the one funded by the city of Charlottetown, a Library Technician IV, with responsibilities in periodicals and children's services.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

At the University of Prince Edward Island, **Ed Hanus**, Acting University Librarian, reports that enrollment is up by approximately 150 students this year. Combined with the declining dollars available for library services, this is a cause for concern. On the other hand, there are bright spots. A recent donation from an alumnus will allow the library to replace one or two of the OPAC terminals on a yearly basis.

The newly purchased CD-ROM

product, ERIC, has been up and running since September. Funds for this and other materials have been provided through the Extension Department of Saint Mary's University. They are sponsoring a Master's Program in Education at U.P.E.I.

The Search Committee for the University Librarian has not met this fall, as one membership vacancy remains to be filled.

Retrospective conversion into the DRA system continues at a slow pace. Current estimates are that it will take four years to input the approximately 100,000 remaining records.

### OTHER NEWS

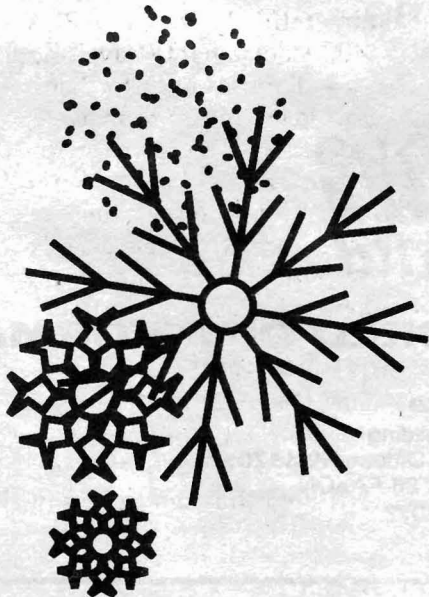
The P.E.I. Professional Librarians Association has set up a committee to work with the Canadian Library Association in organizing the 1993 **CLA Winter Meeting** and Professional Development Day, to be held in Charlottetown on February 5-6 at the Charlottetown Hotel.

The Friday Professional Development Day will focus on the topic "Advocacy and the Librarian: Gaining and Managing Support into the 21st Century". A keynote speaker will give an overview, talking about advocacy and/or lobbying in general. This will be followed by sessions on "Friends for Library Groups" and "How to Lobby For Support of Libraries". A number of informal round table sessions on varying topics will be held on Saturday morning. Opportunities to meet informally and socialize are also being planned.

The P.E.I. Library Committee is looking forward to hosting the CLA Winter Meetings and invites library personnel from the Atlantic Region to join us. For further information, please contact:

Professional Development Officer,  
Canadian Library Association,  
200 Elgin Street, Suite 602,  
Ottawa, ON K2P 1L5.

—*Priscilla Ykelenstam*  
Vice President  
(Prince Edward Island)



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provide fields to record information including a list of entries in which the Planter was named; Marriage history; Children with their birth and death dates; and Government offices or positions held in Nova Scotia. The Database was expanded to include fields recording more information about the Planter, including occupation, church affiliations in New England and Nova Scotia, whether the individual was known to be able to sign her/his name, university education, military background, and known involvement in the American Revolution.

Entries can be accessed according to County/Township, according to Category/Subcategory, by repository, and by Planter, and Nova Scotia Subject Headings Keywords.

The Planter Studies Database is an invaluable resource for anyone studying the history of the Maritimes in the pre-Loyalist period, and is a welcome tool for genealogists, and those of us assisting them.

For further information on the Planter Studies Database or the Centre for Planter Studies, contact Dr. Margaret Conrad,

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## University of Prince Edward Island University Librarian

Applications and nominations are sought for the position of University Librarian, to commence duties on July 1, 1993. The appointment is without term, subject to formal review every five years.

The Robertson Library collection comprises more than 450,000 books, 1,700 subscriptions to journals and other periodicals, and 90,000 pieces of microform, films, sound cassettes, and slides. A staff of 28 provide services to 2,600 full-time and 900 part-time students and 180 faculty members in four Faculties (Arts, Science, Education, Veterinary Medicine) and two Schools (Business Administration, Nursing). Installation of the DRA Integrated Library Automation System is well underway. The Library recently (May 1992) underwent an external review and the incoming University Librarian will be responsible for further evaluation and implementation of recommendations as deemed appropriate.

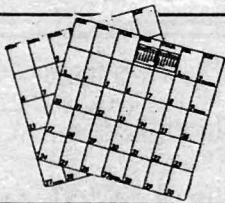
The University of Prince Edward Island supports employment equity, inviting applications from all qualified candidates. Reporting to the President, the successful candidate will have a Master's degree in Library Science from an accredited program and proven administrative skills acquired and utilized in an academic library setting. Significant qualifications also include leadership and management skills within the library, ability to represent the Library within and external to the University, appreciation of the importance and role of the Library within and external to the University, and knowledge of and familiarity with advances in library automation.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications or nominations, including a curriculum vitae and names of three referees, should be sent by March 1, 1993 to:

Dr. R.J. Cawthorn,  
Chair, Search Committee for University Librarian  
Department of Pathology and Microbiology  
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine,  
University of Prince Edward Island  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.,  
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Fax (902) 566-0958

*In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed in the first instance to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.*



# Upcoming Events

**CAUT Librarians' Conference (Academic Librarians: Perceptions and Realities), November 26-28, 1992, Citadel Inn, Halifax.** Registration fees (including reception, beverage breaks and Saturday lunch) are \$175. Student fees are \$100. For two or more registrants from the same faculty or librarian association the registration fee is \$125. Contact your local faculty or librarian association, or Robert Moore or Nancy Gordon at the CAUT office.

**Online Information 92 (16th International Online Information Meeting), December 8-10, 1992, London, UK.** Full delegate registration fee is 481.75 pounds. Academic delegate registration is 240.88 pounds. Contact: Learned Information Ltd., Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford OX1 5AU, UK. Phone: +44 (0)865 730275/Fax: +44 (0)865 736354.

**CLA Winter Meeting and Professional Development Day, February 5-6, 1993, Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.** Contact: Professional Development Officer, CLA, 200 Elgin St., Ste. 602, Ottawa ON K2P 1L5. Phone: (613) 232-9625/Fax: (613) 563-9895/Envoy: CLA.PUBS.

**Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL), 1993 Conference (Making Waves), May 17-19, 1993, Sheraton Halifax Hotel, Halifax.** Featured speakers on the Criminal Justice System will be Bruce McFarlane, Assistant Deputy Attorney General (Criminal Law) for the Federal Department of Justice, and Anne Derrick, counsel for Donald Marshall Jr. and Robert Syliboy. The Conference will also include sessions on Crown Copyright and Health Law, as well as a range of additional topics. Social activities will include a harbour cruise and a lobster feast.

Contact: Margaret Murphy, CALL 1993 CPC Chair, c/o Legislative Library of Nova Scotia, P. O. Box 396, Halifax, NS B3J 2P8. Phone: (902) 424-5932/Fax: (902) 424-0574.

**APLA '93, May 27-30, 1993, Fredericton, Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.**

**Children's Literature Association, 20th Annual International Conference (Literature for Children in a Post-Literate Age), June 3-6, 1993, University of New Brunswick/St. Thomas University, Fredericton.** Contact: ChLA Conference c/o Andrew Pope, Education Resource Center, P. O. Box 7500, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton NB E3B 5H5. Phone: (506) 453-3516/Fax: (506) 453-4596/Internet: CHLA@UNB.CA

**Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference (History of the Book in Canada), June 16, 1993 (tentative), Hamilton, Ontario.** Contact: Eric L. Swanick, Legislative Library, P. O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1. Phone: (506) 453-2338/Fax: (506) 453-7154.

**CLA Annual Conference, Hamilton, Ontario, June 17-20, 1993.** Contact CLA, 200 Elgin St., Ste. 602, Ottawa ON K2P 1L5. Phone: (613) 232-9625/Fax: (613) 563-9895/Envoy: CLA.PUBS.



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