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The Year of the New Library: Moving at the Atlantic Institution

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Because of changes within the Institution, the library space for the previous ten years was needed for offices. The construction and move into the new library next door, a renovation of the previous Parole Board area, was the challenge of 1998. It included preparing for the move, moving while construction was going on and adjusting to the new circumstances. It's effects continued throughout the year.

Construction began on March 9, 1998. Packing and weeding of the collection began at about the same time. About seventy-five boxes were packed before the move. Since only, approximately, half the collection could be kept, many books had to be withdrawn. Service was provided to the degree possible for as long as possible. Legal books were the last to be packed and moved in case inmates should need legal information, an important service provided at the Atlantic Institution. The library reopened in the new quarters on June 1.

In the weeding process, an objective policy was established for each subject area keeping in mind the reduced space and the previous use of each book. Most of the criteria are listed below:

- English hard cover fiction: discard if never borrowed or borrowed only once.
- English paperback fiction: keep everything.
- English paperback fantasy: keep everything.
- English paperback science fiction: keep everything.
- English mystery: discard all since the collection is rarely used.
- French science fiction: discard all since this collection is very seldom used.
- French fiction: keep Canadian books and translations of English language bestsellers; discard all others.
- Native books: keep entire collection.

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- Spanish books (a small collection): keep all.

The move was hectic since we were trying to give as much service as possible up to the last moment and construction was going on in both the old and new library as the move occurred. This meant that the time for planning was limited. In all that, only twenty-five books were lost. This loss was not desirable but with the pressure and quantity of books involved, the relocation of the collection was still a definite success.

Since maintenance staff could not provide assistance when needed because of an emergency in one of the living units, commissionaires helped in moving. The Institution owes a debt of gratitude to the two commissionaires who did not have to do this but generously volunteered.

Over seventy-five boxes of discarded books were shipped to the Canadian Book Exchange Centre in Ottawa as required by the National Library Act.

About twenty-eight boxes remained in the storeroom and were shipped later in another budget year.

After the new library opened and in the months following, there was not a single criticism of the weeding. Fortunately, the books kept did fit on the shelving available with some space left for new books.

Almost all of the shelving and furniture required was moved from the old library. The

only additional expense was wood for two newspaper racks and one area of book shelving needed because the metal shelving would not fit one wall space. All of the above were constructed by inmates in the Vocational Education program.

What did the Institution gain from the renovation and move?

- Cameras which cover the major portion of the library
- Visibility for the librarian
- Storage room
- Janitor's closet
- A bigger office for the librarian
- More space for newspapers: fifty newspapers are available to read at any one time.
- More useful collection: the books discarded were not missed.

What has been lost? Nothing except the paintings done on the walls of the old library. Through a combination of good luck and good management, the result was almost flawless. At least, it was good luck and good management on my part; in providing service right up to the move, it was not possible to plan everything. Who could have predicted that the contractor's foreman and I would work so well together? This made moving while construction was going on both in front and back of me much easier. Librarians, inmates and senior management should be happy with this facility for years to come.

An open house for inmates was held on June 1 and 3, 1998. In this particular institution, it

was not a great success; fifteen inmates and seven staff attended. Often, when I saw staff in the hall outside the library entrance, I asked, "Have you seen the new library?" Often, they were interested and came in; this worked better.

Short notes on the new library appeared in the August, 1998 issue of *Biblionet* (the newsletter of the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick) and in the September/October, 1998 issue of the *APLA Bulletin*, the magazine of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. Probably because of this, when I attended the annual conference of APLA in Saint John in May of 1999, a number of people asked me about my new library.

The project was an overwhelming success. With all the dust and pressure, it is best that it be a once in a lifetime experience.



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News from the President's Desk

What a busy summer we have had!

In June, your concerns were shared with members of PTLAC (Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada) at sessions at the CLA Conference in Edmonton. Associations across the country are faced with common challenges ... the greying of the profession, changing technology and its effects on the profession and the work place, job security, dwindling library funding, government policy and our public image. How we respond to these emerging issues will determine the fate of our associations.

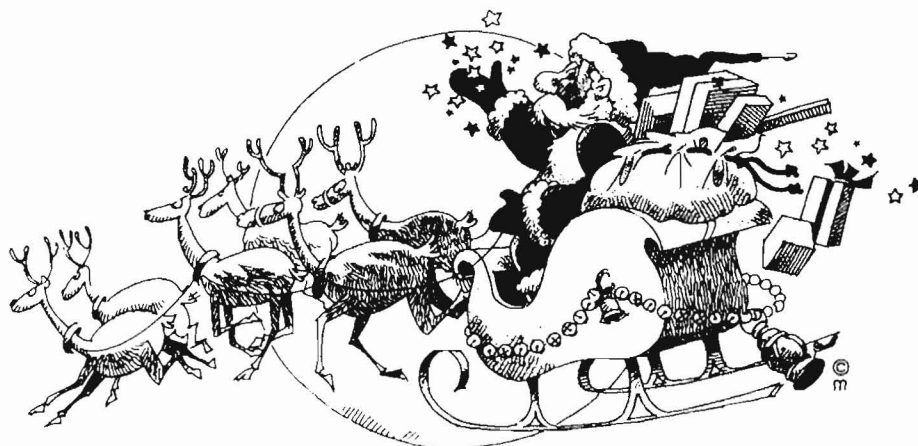
Many associations, CLA included, are in the process of "re-inventing" themselves. In September, Norine Hanus, VP/President Elect of APLA joined PTLAC members and the CLA Commission "Writing the Future" in Toronto for continued dialogue on these challenges.

We'll be hearing more throughout the year, with follow-up sessions at the OLA 2001 Super Conference in Toronto in

February and at our APLA 2001 Conference in Prince Edward Island. The latest word on the spring conference is that the Local Arrangements group has had to change the date and location. Instead of the traditional end of May weekend, the conference will now be held from Thursday May 31 to Sunday June 3, 2001. The conference will be held in Charlottetown at the Delta Prince Edward. Now is the time to start thinking about the topics and sessions you would like to have presented at our conference. Please feel free to e-mail your ideas to me or to Norine Hanus. And don't forget to mark the date in your busy agendas!

At the fall executive meeting in October, we will be meeting with CLA representatives to discuss a 2002 joint CLA/APLA conference in Halifax. Please let your concerns about APLA traditions be known to me before this meeting. Please feel free to contact any executive member with your concerns.

- Pamela Stevens-Earle



NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



Summer is a difficult time to get news from the different types of libraries across the province. I sincerely hope that the various correspondents will forward more of their regional highlights upon their return from summer vacations. This report updates you on some of the events from the public library system.

New Brunswick public libraries have recently acquired \$10,000 worth of books and other material on the countries of the Francophonie. The purchases were made possible by a grant from the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs under the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement on the Promotion of Official Languages.

Lorraine Morehouse joined NBLIS as Technical Services Librarian on June 21. Lorraine received her MLIS from Dalhousie in 1998.

The provincial launching of the Summer Reading Club took place in the beautiful Sugarloaf Provincial Park in Campbellton, in keeping with the environmental theme of "Read: It's in Your Nature / Lire, c'est dans ma nature." Launchings were also held in each region. A Western theme was chosen for the Year 2001 with the York Region taking on the lead in coordinating

the Club.

Cette année encore, plusieurs bibliothèques participent au Programme ...change Jeunesse. Cet excellent Programme, qui comprend un volet d'échange entre les bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick, permet aux étudiant(e)s de vivre une expérience enrichissante dans un nouveau milieu linguistique, culturel et géographique. Ces étudiant(e)s ont participé à l'organisation de diverses activités dans les bibliothèques publiques durant l'été.

Dans le cadre du Programme d'alphabétisation offert dans chaque région de la province, des étudiants universitaires ont aidé un grand nombre d'enfants à améliorer leur capacité de lecture pendant l'été. Chaque région a offert une journée de formation pour les coordonnateurs de ce programme. Ce programme est également offert en anglais.

The Youth Exchange Program and the Literacy Program were very successful throughout the public libraries. These programs provide an excellent work experience for many students as well as helping out immensely the libraries along with improving the reading skills of young children.

The most recent addition to the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region's network of libraries – the Bouchtouche Public Library – celebrated its tenth anniversary in July. Greetings and congratulations were extended from the Mayor, the Department of Education and the Rotary Club, which was instrumental in the construction

of the library ten years ago.

The Moncton Public Library Childrens' Department took advantage of the current Harry Potter craze by hosting a "Harry Potter Party". Children were able to participate in a variety of activities including face painting, making a magic wand, following an obstacle course, and a "Who wants to be a Wizard?" quiz which featured questions about the popular books. The event was also an opportunity to display and publicly acknowledge the donation of four sets of Harry Potter books to the library by a local family.

SAINT JOHN LIBRARY REGION

With children as the future supporters and patrons of libraries, the Saint John Library Region, like all other public libraries in New Brunswick, began planning in early spring for the annual summer children's programs.

The literacy program for children at risk, started in 1994, continued this summer in library branches province wide. This program, which emphasizes the enjoyment of reading, utilizes the skills of university students studying to become teachers. This year the program was once again very popular with parents and children in the Saint John Library Region. Students and staff were also kept busy with the annual provincial Summer Reading Club where children are encouraged to read through the use of a stamp book, bookmarks and programming. It is truly amazing when travelling from one branch

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to another in the region to see how creative the staff and students are about programming around this year's theme of "Read, it's in your nature!" It is mind boggling when you think of all the different ways they can provide programming using one slogan. Naturally, the children love it.

The staff of the Saint John Library Region said a fond farewell to the first two employees, Marilyn Jolineau and Marie Wilcox, to take the offer of early retirement offered by the New Brunswick Provincial Government this past winter. Marilyn retired after 19 years working in the Saint John Free Public Library's branches, where the last decade or more was spent at the East Branch library in charge of the Talking Books Collection. Marie retired after 34 years in public service at the Main Branch of the Saint John Free Public Library, as assistant to the Adult Services Librarian and as circulation manager.

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ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Patrick Warner has been appointed Head, Lending Services at the Queen Elizabeth

II Library of the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Chris Dennis has been appointed Head, Collections Development at the Queen Elizabeth II Library.

Patricia Walsh-Warren will be joining the MUN Libraries on September 5 as the Library's development officer. Ms Walsh-Warren will divide her time between the library and the School of Graduate Studies.

Louise McGillis is Acting Associate University Librarian, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College (MUN), until August 2001 while Elizabeth Behrens is on sabbatical. Gillian Byrne is the new reference librarian at Grenfell.

The College of the North Atlantic libraries has welcomed several new librarians. Jeff Mercer is at the CNA Gander campus, Bonnie Morgan is at the Seal Cove campus, and Stephen Green-Dowden is at the Topsail Road Campus, St. John's.

Janet Fraser, librarian at the College of the North Atlantic's Prince Philip Drive campus has a new poetry collection "Long Girl Leaning into the Wind" which will be published by Killick Press in September. She will be reading from her book at the Word on the Street book fair in Halifax on September 24.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The provincial headquarters of the Public Libraries Board in St. John's (25 positions), along with the Western Regional Headquarters of the Provincial Library Board (six positions) will move to Stephenville.

This move is part of the government's plan to regionalize government services. On July 27, 2000, Premier Brian Tobin announced that approximately

275 positions in nine provincial government departments would be relocated to various communities outside St. Johns. It is intended that the moves will be completed by June 30, 2001. The full news release can be found at <http://www.gov.nf.ca/releases/2000/exec/0727n03.htm>.

Viking related activities at the St. John's Public Libraries included the 2000 Summer Reading Programme with the theme: "A-Viking We Will Go - To the Library". The Library invited children to become Viking raiders and plunder the library shelves over the summer. Young raiding readers who kept their promise received a loot bag with Viking related activities at the end of the six weeks. All who completed the Programme in each location had their name entered for a draw for a Viking Treasure Chest containing a Viking board game, a Viking ship, settlement map and stickers, a booklet for runic fortune telling, and a fantasy poster of Yggdrasill (Viking Tree of Life).

A Viking Storytime was held in two of the libraries in mid-July by Librarian Jewel Cousens, dressed in a replica Viking dress which she stitched herself. While August saw well known Newfoundland author Joan Clark conduct a Viking related programme at the Mews Library. In connection with the Newfoundland Museum's First Circle, First Contact Exhibit, local authors read Nordic children's literature at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library on two occasions in July.

The A.C. Hunter Library ran a "Name the Viking Artifact" contest while the Newfoundland Collection produced number 4 in its collection guide series:

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"Norse Discovery of Newfoundland: Selected Materials in the Newfoundland Collection"

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Annette Anthony has been appointed Client Services Officer at the NRC-CISTI St. John's Information Centre.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Literacy Development Council has awarded \$1000.00 to the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association to support Library Week 2001.

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ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Management Librarian Hired at Dalhousie

The Management Librarian Search Committee is pleased to announce that Joyline Makani has accepted the position of Management Librarian in the Killam Library. Joyline received a BA from the University of Zimbabwe in 1988, majoring in Economics and Economic History. Joyline then earned a diploma in Human Resources Training Management from the Institute of Personnel Management in Zimbabwe in 1990. Joyline graduated from the

Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies with a MLIS degree in 1994 and obtained a MBA from Dalhousie in 1997.

Joyline has been employed as an adult services librarian with the Halifax Regional Library since 1996. Between 1993 and 1996, while she was a graduate student on campus, Joyline worked in several part-time positions at Dalhousie.

Joyline is currently a Board member of both the Halifax Community Learning Initiative and the Chebucto Community Net. You will soon have an opportunity to welcome Joyline in person to the Dalhousie University Libraries. Joyline will begin her new position in the Killam Library on Monday, August 14, 2000.

New Gaelic Online Catalogue

The Gaelic resources of the University College of Cape Breton and of the Cape Breton Regional Library are now available for searching in a new online bilingual catalogue. The catalogue, known as *LeughSeo*, is searchable by author, title, and subject. The official launching of the catalogue took place on July 10th. This joint effort reflects the desire of both libraries to support and enhance Gaelic culture and tradition in Cape Breton. You can search *LeughSeo* by visiting <http://www.cbri.ns.ca/Gaelic/leughseo.html>.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

News from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Student News

AVRL was pleased to host Library Technician student,

Alisa Thorne, in her work placement from Kingstec Community College. Alisa had recently become employed with us as a branch substitute, so this opportunity gave her a chance to become familiar with administration procedures at library headquarters, spending a few days working in each of the Branch Services, Reference, Technical Services, and mobile branch departments. She spent the remainder of her placement working with staff in the three branches for which she substitutes.

We are fortunate to have several bright and enthusiastic students working for us over the summer. Through two HRDC grants, summer programming is taking place in Middleton and Port Williams branches where Robyn Murphy and Trudy Naugler are hosting story and craft sessions centred around the Summer Reading Program theme, as well as tutorials in reading, and computer help sessions. Summer CAP employees — Jennifer Crouse based in Bridgetown; Chris Wheeler in Kentville; Khanh Dong in Wolfville — are being called upon to host computer tutorials in eight branch libraries.

Bookmobile Involved in Accident

Our Mobile Branch East was recently involved in a traffic accident. Fortunately, none of our staff was injured but the bus suffered damages of about \$18,000. It is currently undergoing repairs and a van is being utilized to do school pick-ups, the seniors' housing, day care and nursery school visits. All books on hold for patrons have been mailed to them.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Health Information Programs Offered

Health information programs have been offered recently in our Kentville and Wolfville branches. Infotrac, the local Health Quest Centre, and the Health Promotion Clearing House were featured at the Wolfville event. Thank you to Mike Durkee for offering his expertise on the WHIP database at both events.

Smart Community Update

As you may have noted in recent news, the Western Valley Development Authority's Smart Community Project was one of 12 proposals chosen across the country. AVRL is a partner in this project and over the next few months/years, the western end of the valley will see benefits

such as : high-speed communication lines, email addresses assigned to each household, one hundred free- standing kiosks accessible by smart cards, technology recycling centres, etc.

NEWS FROM COLCHESTER-EAST HANTS REGIONAL LIBRARY

Nova Scotia Gates Library Initiative Launched

Nova Scotia's Gates Library Initiative was officially launched at the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library in Truro on June 28, 2000. Deputy Education Minister Dennis Cochrane and Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Board Chair Edith Patterson cut the ribbon to officially "open" the Gates Learning Centre for Electronic Information with its

public access computers and training labs provided by a grant by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Provincial Librarian Elizabeth Armstrong, municipal leaders from Colchester, East Hants, Stewiacke, and Truro, and Regional Library Director Janet Pelley joined Mr. Cochrane and Miss Patterson in applauding the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for its generosity and its recognition of the work of public libraries in helping people from all walks of life to acquire the knowledge and skills they need to conduct their lives. The Foundation granted \$855,300 to Nova Scotia libraries to provide 114 public access computers in 56 of the province's public libraries. As well, 3 other regional training centres have been established in Yarmouth, Halifax and Sydney. Local launches have also been held in various areas of the province.



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NEWS FROM THE WESTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Adopt-a-Book Campaign Surpasses Goal

Western Counties Regional Library ran out of room on its bookmetre, used to record the progress of the recent Adopt-A-Book campaign. The goal was to have 1000 books adopted on June 30th. On closing day 1253 books were adopted. This number represents \$24,189. in book purchases.

Adopt-A-Book, sponsored by CJLS, is held every two years. The first campaign, held in 1996 resulted in 1153 adoptions, worth \$20,952. The bookmetre proved inadequate once again for registering the 1536 books

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adopted in 1998. The value of this campaign was \$22,750.

The campaign which was launched on April 7th, received tremendous support from library patrons, Friends of the Library groups, businesses, community groups and organizations in Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties.

Along with the steady stream of adoptions from individuals, significant increases occurred on the bookmeter when Friends of the Library groups would host an event in support of Adopt-A-Book. The bookmeter also took a leap after major donations were made from the Shelburne County Chapter of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. The Pubnico branch received support from the estate of Clara and Edgar Hamilton. Another memorial donation was made by the Tri-County District Labour Council in honor of Yarmouth branch staff member David Glover.

Friends of the Library Day

The second annual Friends of the Library Day is scheduled to take place at HQ on Sat. Sept 9th. The guest speaker will be

Val Marshall, former national president for Friends of the Library. FOL day is a welcome opportunity to exchange ideas, meet Friends from other communities and enjoy the hospitality of Yarmouth.

September is Library Card Month

The third annual Library Card Month will be taking place in September. The goal is to have a 5% increase in membership. Other supporters for Library Card Month are CJLS radio station and Tusket Sales and Service.

Gates Computer Lab Opens in Fall

The library's regional computer training centre, the *Gates Computer Lab* will officially open on Monday, September 25th. The training centre is one of four in the province, the others being located in Sydney, Truro and Halifax, made possible through funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Six WCRL branch libraries have also benefitted from the Foundation with new computers and software. Automation trainer Verna DeViller has been training staff

members in preparation for the opening.

New CAP site Opening

A new bilingual CAP site was officially opened at the Pubnico library on Wed. July 5th. This brings to seven the number of CAP sites across the region. An application made to the Nova Scotia Technology & Science Secretariat & Industry Canada for a CAP site for the Clare branch in Meteghan has recently been approved. With these two new additions, eight of our ten branches will be CAP sites.

NEWS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

Nova Scotia's Summer Reading Program Update

The Summer Reading Program 2000, Sail Away with Books/Cap sur La Lecture, had its official "Kick Off" the week of June 26. The Nova Scotia Provincial Library joined forces with the Halifax Regional Library on June 28 by sponsoring a children's tour aboard one of the Tall Ships, the Concordia, to promote the start of the program. Heather MacKenzie, Youth Services Coordinator for Alderney Gate Branch Library, brought some young readers to tour the ship with Nigel McCarthy, Shipboard Director and academic instructor. The Concordia hosts Class Afloat, a co-educational academic program which offers a full year of study at the grade 11 and 12 level, and junior college level.

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Coordinator of User Services, will leave the Provincial Library September 1st to assume the position of Director of Learning Resources at Douglas College in New Westminister, BC. Carole has contributed a great deal to the Provincial Library over the past several years. We wish her well in her new career.

Merideth Fletcher, Cataloguer, who has been on leave of absence working as a music cataloguer at the National Library of Canada, has resigned her position at the Provincial Library. She will continue her work with the National Library on a permanent basis.

NEWS FROM DALHOUSIE'S FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT, LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

Bertrum MacDonald Awarded Marie Tremaine Medal

Dr. Bertrum MacDonald was awarded the Marie Tremaine Medal during a reception held in his honour at the recent CLA Conference (Edmonton). Regarded as the highest honour awarded by the Bibliographical Society of Canada, the award recognizes Dr. MacDonald's extensive work in the area of bibliographic control over Canadian scientific and technical literature.

Heidi Julien Receives SSHRC Research Grant

Dr. Heidi Julien has received a three-year research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada in the amount of \$29,756.00. Dr. Julien's research

will focus on "Success Factors in Effective Information Literacy Instruction".

- compiled by Cathy Chisholm -
Vice-President (N.S.)



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The library system at Holland College continues to centralize its collections. Most of the library collections from the Royalty Centre campus have been moved to the downtown Charlottetown campus. This includes material in the areas of computer studies, architecture, civil engineering and electronics. Joanne MacDonald, who formerly looked after the Royalty Centre collections, has also relocated to the Charlottetown campus. Other staff, Andrea Stewart and Donald Moses, have been working on creating WebCT-based learning modules on information literacy for Holland College students. These should be in place by September.

At UPEI, Robertson Library is celebrating 25 years of service in the Robertson Library Memorial Building on Sept. 14th. Over the past 2 years, the library has undergone an extensive facelift incorporating more space for circulation, the media centre and the creation of a "Library Learning Lab". In addition, Special Collections, which includes the PEI Collection, rare books and university archives, have all been amalgamated into a room devoted to their preservation and ser-

vice. The staff at Robertson Library took time last spring to brainstorm and plan for future directions. From this came a strategic plan that emphasizes user-learning in the library and which serves the overall mission of UPEI to enable critical and creative thinking. One of the objectives that arose from this process was the introduction of a more proactive level of instructional services, co-ordinated by Betty Jeffery. This past year has seen the instructional services programme expand in breadth and depth. Instructional programs were provided for UPEI colleagues and students as well as to members of the broader library community including the Provincial Library staff. In addition, the librarians have become more active teaching partners by instructing in database and online searches both in class and in the computer labs. In January 2001, Suzanne Jones will partner with Dr. Terry Pratt to teach an English research methods course. "This will be a first for us," says University Librarian Lynne Murphy who extends a cordial invitation to all "to join us for our celebration in September."

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Summer Reading program attracted large groups of children at many branches across the Island - the branch in Alberton has over 50 children registered for the program. Between the program and computer camps run by various CAP sites which are located in libraries, the summer is proving to be a very busy time for the public libraries and circulation for the period between April and

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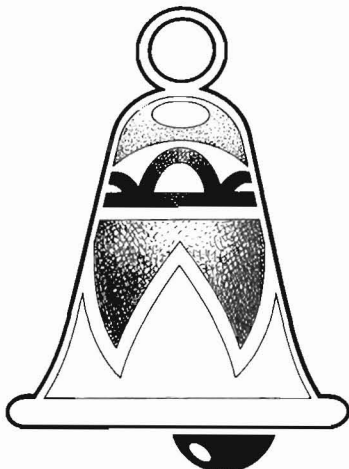
July is up by 4% over the same period last year.

The roll-out of equipment received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is almost finished for Prince Edward Island locations. Only one PC remains to be installed when the wiring is in place for it. The mobile training lab received under the grant has been used for 10 training sessions for staff so far, held in locations from Souris in the east to Tignish in the western end of the province.

The Provincial Library Service has been moved from the Dept. of Education to the newly-named Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs. The book budget also received an injection of \$50,000 from the latest provincial budget.

The Provincial Library Service is pleased to welcome Wendy Collett as the newest branch technician. Wendy will be running the branch library in Borden-Carleton. Also, Lori Sheidow has assumed the invoicing/receiving duties at library headquarters in Morell.

*- compiled by Moira Davidson -
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A Call for News: What is Happening at YOUR Library

If you have exciting events happening at your library - please share it with the rest of the Atlantic provinces library community. Promotional material for upcoming library events and library newsletters are also most welcome!

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**Conference Reports: APLA 2000 Conference
St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS
May 25-28 2000**

Is Your Work(station) Bending You Out of Shape?

Presented by: Jeremy Rickards

Ergonomics is “a scientific discipline which focuses on the health, safety, productivity and well-being of humans through research, design and technology applied to their interface with a created environment”. As the conference program says, Jeremy Rickards is a consultant with more than 35 years of experience in ergonomics. On Saturday morning, he shared his knowledge of the health risks associated with computer-based work and demonstrated strategies that can be used to prevent workplace injury. He started with some global statistics about work-related deaths and injuries: for example, worldwide every year 800 workers are killed ‘going to work’ and 1,100,000 are injured. Further, on top of personal loss, the cost to society is enormous, and in Canada alone the figure per year in lost productivity, treatment, and compensation is about \$80,000.00 for each injured worker. As Rickards explains, the list of hazardous occupations is expanding not shrinking, and into the injury column are the group of workers who spend anywhere from 2-3 or as much as 4-5 hours a day in front of a video display terminal (VDT), often sitting at “one size fits all” workstation. Included in this group are librarians, library technicians, and library support staff, most of whom work in an environment that can be physically

stressful. In Rickards’ assessment this form of work is often regarded as passive but requires enormous concentration and is potentially trauma inducing. In short, anyone who works in a library and has experienced neck, shoulder, arm, or back-pain or suffers from headaches may be the victim of an ergonomically deleterious work environment.

As an example, Rickards uses a swivel chair to show the not-so-obvious fact that the human body is not designed to sit and work in a chair. Poised upright, he demonstrates that ‘simply’ sitting takes muscle power (or “static exertion”), and is complicated by the fact that the spine compresses as it bears the full weight of the upper body. He goes on to explain that the human head weighs roughly 14 lbs. (here, he passes around one of his many props, ‘Yogic’, a smiled-faced soccer ball filled with the requisite amount of sand) and add to this the full weight of the torso, and the potential for muscle strain is quickly apparent. While good back support and a well-designed seat platform are important, other elements of the workstation have a role to play. For women and men who are between 5’ 1” and 5’ 11” tall, the height of the desk should be no more than 24” to 27” (most desks are a standard height - 29 or 30”), and the VDT should be between 24 and 36 inches away with the monitor directly in

front and the top of the screen just below eye level (10 to 15 degrees). If your desk, chair, and monitor are not within these specifications, you could be looking at a serious injury.

Poor ergonomics, extended over time, leads to persistent muscle trauma and a host of upper-body musculoskeletal disorders such as Tension Neck Syndrome or Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. These conditions, which can be just as debilitating as injuries sustained doing manual labour are, however, seldom recognized by compensation boards as work-related injuries. It is part of Jeremy Rickards’ ‘crusade’ to enlighten both employers, employees, and governments to the benefits of ergonomically sound practices in the workplace, and to explain what costs may be incurred if they are ignored. If this session was anything to go by, Jeremy Rickards’ lessons will assuredly make their way back to many libraries in the Atlantic Region.

For more information on ergonomics in the workplace contact Jeremy Rickards at *Selby Associates Inc. - Human Productivity Consultants* at <selbyinv@nb.sympatico.ca> or New Brunswick’s Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission publications link at <<http://www.whscc.nb.ca/>>

*– Report by: John Neilson,
UNB Libraries*

Digitization of Library and Archive Collections

Presented by: Karen Turko,
Head of Preservation Services,
University of Toronto

With the current hype surrounding "electronic libraries", straight talk on the realities of digitization can be difficult to find. On May 25, however, a small but attentive group - drawn from a variety of public, academic, and special libraries - heard Karen Turko deliver a remarkably frank and insightful assessment of the challenges facing libraries and archives contemplating digitization projects. Given Turko's experience with the University of Toronto Library's digitization initiatives and her tenure as Project Director for *Early Canadiana On-line*, it would be fair to say that there are few information professionals in Canada as well qualified as she to convey such a message.

While Turko was emphatic that she was not trying to discourage those present from undertaking digitization projects (the remarkable success of *Early Canadiana On-Line* provides eloquent testimony to the potential of digitization), she sounded a strident note of caution regarding the difficulties such projects entail. The challenges begin with the very technology which enables digitization - the inherent instability of the digital environment, where yet another round of hardware and/or software obsolescence always seems to be looming, is bewildering for those accustomed to the low-maintenance longevity of microfilm or good paper. Furthermore, such circumstances make it unlikely that the rigorous standardization which information professionals were able to develop for other preservation technologies - especially microfilming - will ever be achieved for digitization, although Turko was able to point to

some emerging best practices, including the Research Libraries Group's new publication *Moving Theory into Practice: Digital Imaging for Libraries and Archives*.

In light of all this, it is perhaps not surprising that the enthusiasm for digitization, while widespread and ever-growing, is not unanimous. Turko cautioned that there may be some opposition to digitization proposals, and even where there is support in principle, this may not translate into the requisite funds. Librarians and archivists will have to be bold and imaginative when advocating for project approval and even more so when seeking funding. Turko suggested that professional fund-raisers be used for larger digitization initiatives, although the actual approach to prospective funding agencies should always be made by the librarians/ archivists coordinating the project.

The mention of "larger digitization initiatives" is somewhat misleading, since Turko argued that the effort and expense inherent to any digitization effort made small "test" projects inadvisable. Furthermore, since digitization offers the opportunity to transcend physical location and format, consideration should be given to creating a collection incorporating materials in a variety of formats, drawn from the relevant holdings of a number of institutions. A significant corpus of material should be selected for any digitization project, with the ideal being to convert the core literature in a given scholarly discipline/ area of study into electronic format. Materials which are uncatalogued/ undescribed, lightly-used, restricted-access, and/ or over-sized all make poor digitization candidates, and material which is not yet public-domain should also be approached with caution.

Turko persuasively demonstrated that scanning was the only feasible technology to be used in digitization, but she cautioned against the false economy of inexpensive scanners and provided handouts with detailed guidelines for scanner selection. Optical character recognition (OCR) software is also required to make the text on scanned pages searchable, and the extraordinary labour entailed in fully editing OCR text has led most digitization projects to accept "dirty" OCR, which provides about 85% accuracy in rendering text. Furthermore, metadata must be provided for all digitized files, with SGML being the preferred standard in libraries. Given the resources which such a process requires, Turko recommended that vendors be used for the "scanning and storing" phase of a digitization project, but she noted that a detailed request for proposal (RFP) is essential, as is a careful testing process, so as to ensure that the vendor can deliver what is required. In-house expertise and relatively inexpensive software, such as the University of Waterloo-developed *MultiText*, may be used for developing a search engine and interface.

The above summary provides only a taste of Turko's detailed and instructive presentation, which was greatly enhanced by voluminous hand-outs, video clips, a *Power-Point* introduction to *Early Canadiana On-line*, and plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. Anyone contemplating a digitization project should consider hearing from Karen Turko as a well-nigh essential first step.

- Report by: Simon Lloyd,
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Special Collections Librarian,
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**The University of New Brunswick invites applications for the position of
Head of Bibliographic and Collection Services in the Ward Chipman Library
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Qualifications required: Masters degree in library or information science from an ALA accredited institution. Successful management or supervisory experience; knowledge of automated/integrated library systems, knowledge of business and accounting practices. Academic library experience in technical services is preferred. Must have excellent skills in interpersonal relations and written and oral communication, have a strong service orientation, and demonstrated ability to work cooperatively with colleagues, faculty, staff, and vendors.

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The Atlantic Provinces Library Association has awarded the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship of \$2608.00 to Julie Lefrançois of St. Basile, New Brunswick.

This scholarship will assist Ms. Lefrançois in attending her second year of the Masters program in library science at McGill University in Montreal. As a single mother of a young boy, she pursued her first year of studies solely with the financial assistance offered by the provincial government's loan and bursary program. She did well academically, enjoyed the program, and so wanted to finish the degree. Knowing she would need further financial assistance,

she applied to APLA, and was thrilled to learn she was the recipient of this scholarship.

Ms. Lefrançois said she is convinced that "people need information professionals to assist them in their research and their quest for the right kind of information that best suits their needs". Her goal, she said, is to be one of those professionals.

Carin Alma E. Somers was the Provincial Librarian for Nova Scotia from 1974 until 1987. She began her professional career as a librarian in 1958 when she worked for the Halifax Memorial Library. She was employed there before and after attending library

school at the University of Toronto. She became chief librarian of the Halifax County Regional Library in 1967 and oversaw the growth of that region. During her term as Provincial Librarian 100 per cent of the population of Nova Scotia became served by public libraries. She was a tireless supporter of public service, libraries, and library associations, including APLA and the Canadian Library Association. She died in 1990. In 1996, the APLA Bulletin stated that the terms of her bequest demonstrated her interest in people, and in the profession which she chose.


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Online Audiovisual Cataloguers Inc Awards Research Grant

Online Audiovisual Cataloguers Inc. has awarded its Research Grant to Jean Weihs for a study of general material designations in the twenty-first century. It may be that general

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future? Weihs invites all technical services and public services staff to visit the website at www.modpublishing.com/Survey/GMDSurvey.htm to find out more about this survey and to register their opinions and comments. (Please note that this URL is case-sensitive.) If you prefer to send comments by fax or mail, there is a print version that can be accessed from this website. The survey will be available until April 30, 2001.

2001 APLA Merit Award

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 his/her contribution(s) should be sent by December 31, 2000 to:

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Sharon Munro Appointed Researcher-in-Residence at Dalhousie for 2000-2001

The School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, is very pleased to announce the appointment of Sharon Munro as the Researcher-in-Residence for the 2000-2001 academic year. Ms. Munro is on sabbatical leave from her position as Reference/Collections Librarian at the Leddy Library, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario. During her sabbatical Ms. Munro is undertaking research on information literacy instruction, particularly with regard to web-based methods. Among the projects that she will be pursuing is the development of several online tutorials for the Leddy Library's website. In addition to interacting with students and faculty over the course of the year, Ms. Munro will give a lecture in the School's public lecture series in the 2001 Winter term.

Prior to joining the University of Windsor in 1993, Ms. Munro was the librarian at the Cancer Resource Library for Patients and Families at the Nova Scotia Cancer Centre in Halifax. At the University of

Windsor her responsibilities include reference work at the Reference Help Centre and the Curriculum Resource Centre within the Leddy Library, extensive involvement in bibliographic instruction, and collections development for nursing. Since 1998 she has been responsible for the library component of information and computer literacy workshops offered through the Information Technology Services Department at the University of Windsor.

Ms. Munro is an active member of professional associations and has organized sessions and given workshops and presentations in Ontario and Atlantic Canada. Her publications have appeared in a variety of refereed and professional journals. She writes a regular column for Access Magazine, published by the Ontario Library Association. Ms. Munro is a graduate of Trinity College, University of Toronto (B.A.) and Dalhousie University (B.S.W. with Distinction, M.S.W., and M.L.I.S.).

Noted individuals in the information field, well known

authors, or others who are on sabbatical leave or traveling on a research grant, are often invited to the School of Library and Information Studies as Researchers-in-Residence. This temporary appointment offers them the opportunity to work and study in an academic and professional environment. In return, a Researcher participates in the School's lecture series and workshops, and is available to students, faculty, and the community for in-depth interaction. Further information about the programme can be obtained by contacting the School.

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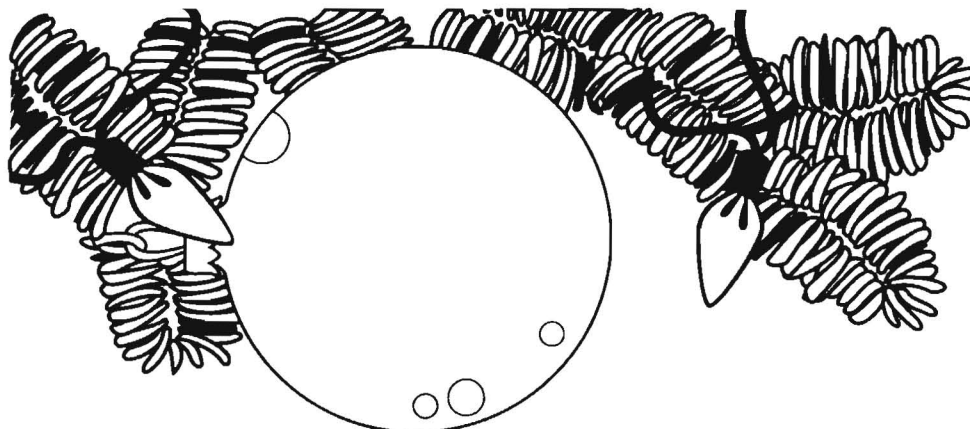
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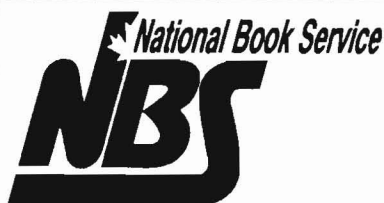
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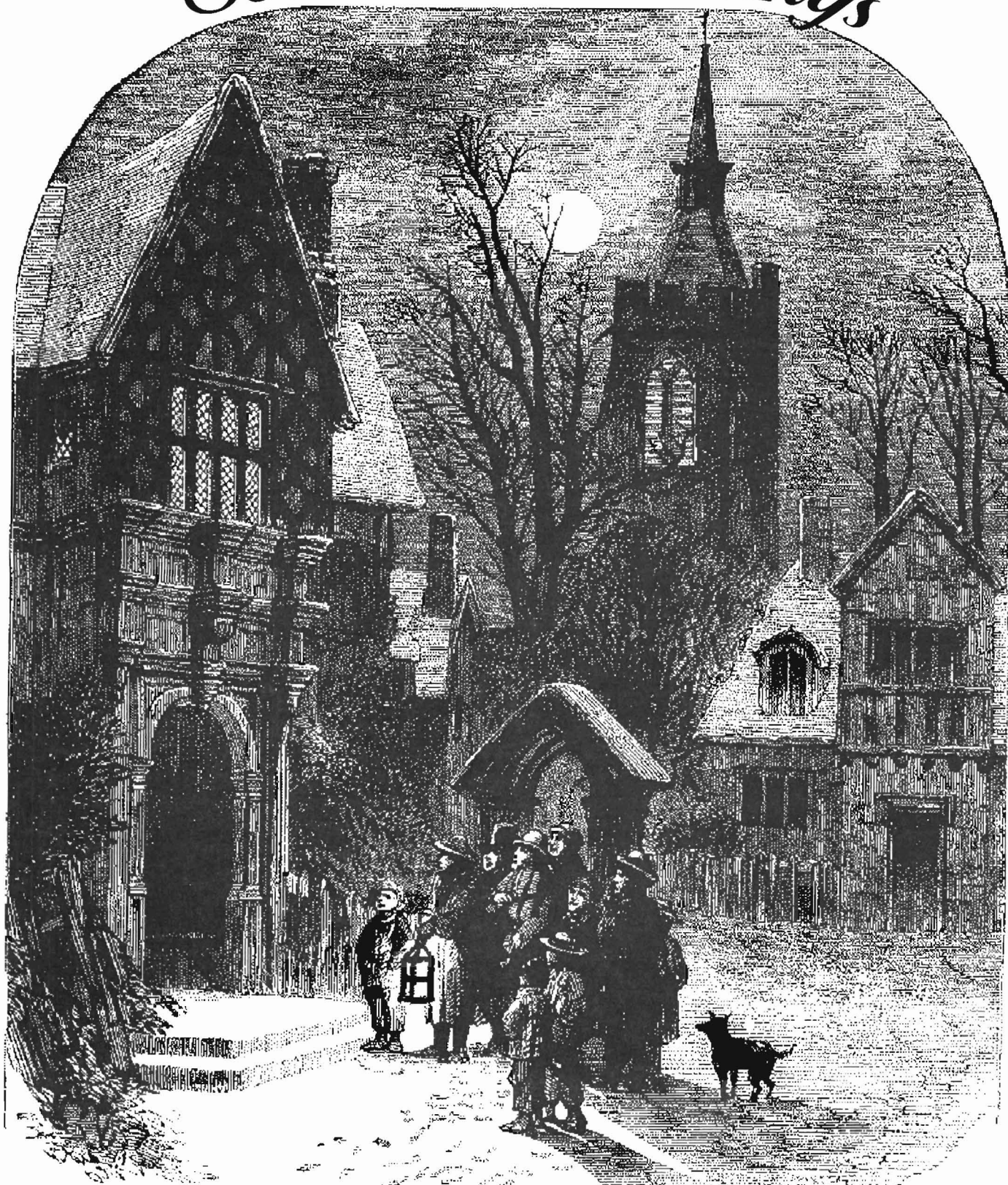
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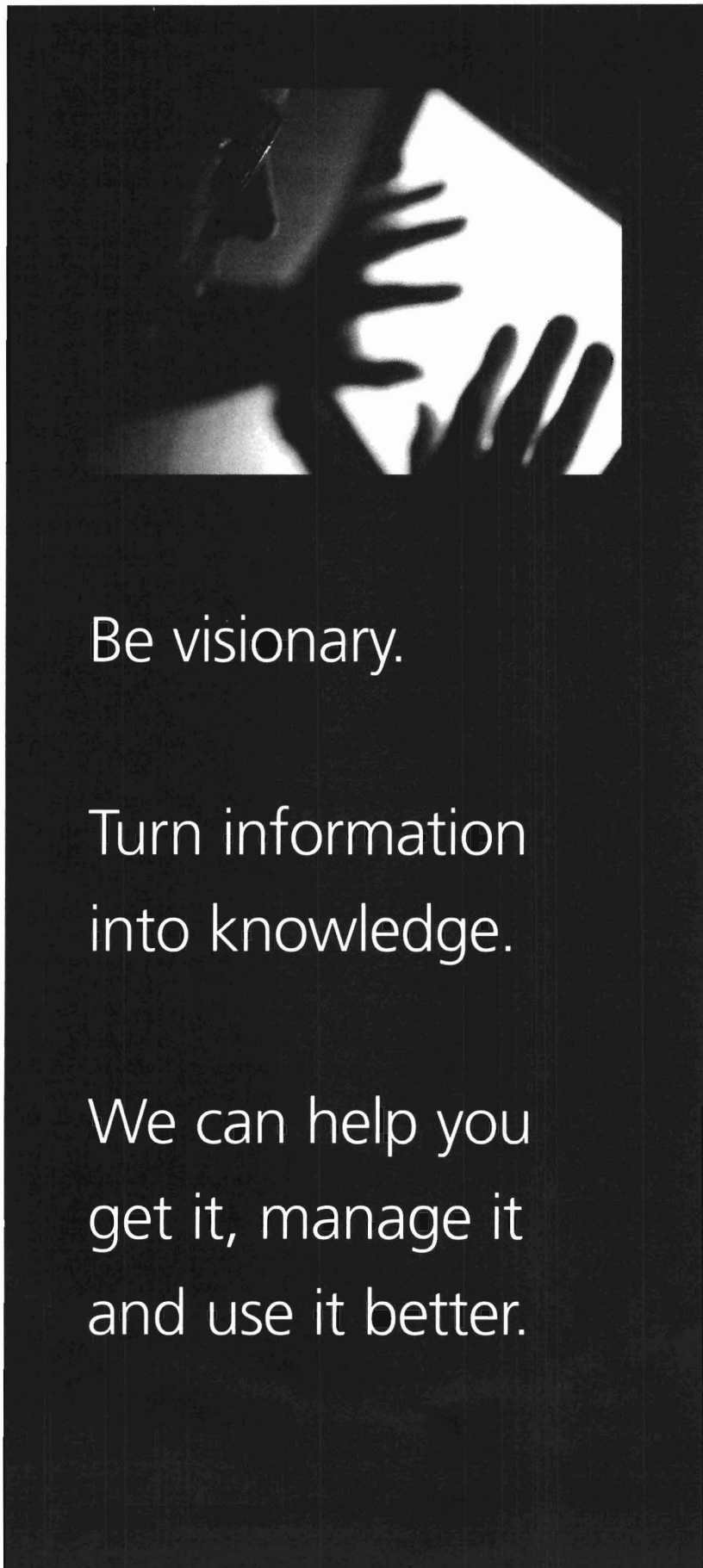
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