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Executive highlights

Financial blues, membership down, many committees are active

APLA's fall Executive meeting, held in Halifax on October 29, dealt with a full agenda of 15 items, including the discussion of 26 executive and committee reports. The highlights:

Your money

Treasurer Jane Archibald reported that although cash on hand is more than \$3,000, and APLA's invested funds total \$20,000, the year's financial picture is not bright. **Bulletin** subscriptions were projected at \$2,000 and have reached only slightly over \$400, membership fees so far are far below the projected figure, and **Bulletin** expenditures exceed expectations. The projected deficit for this year is nearly \$4,000.

In Archibald's view the apparently substantial reserves APLA has on hand could lead to financial inattention; future budgets should be brought more into balance.

Based on a financial report prepared by Jean Sawyer, Treasurer for the 1983 APLA Conference, the Treasurer reported that the conference had revenues of \$13,829.27, and had spent \$12,871.97. Since some \$1,300 of the revenue reported was a loan and an advance to the conference from APLA, the actual cost of the conference itself was \$342.70.

Additional conference costs, including the printing of the **Bulletin** conference supplement, and the typing and printing of the proceedings, could amount to another \$1,100.

Membership

Membership Convenor Elizabeth Behrens reported that as of August 22, 1983, APLA has 299 members: 80 from New Brunswick, 42 from Newfoundland/Labrador, 14 from P.E.I., 143 Nova Scotians,

and 20 others. Of these, only 21 are new members; 102 past members have allowed their memberships to lapse. The provincial Vice-Presidents have been asked to contact former members to urge renewal.

Bulletin

The **Bulletin** Management Board noted that the **Bulletin** is a heavy burden on APLA's finances, and with subscriptions and advertising falling so far short of break-even, the Executive should soon address the question of how well served members are by the **Bulletin** in its present form. A number of suggestions for modification have been made, including making the **Bulletin** a quarterly, a major upwards adjustment in ad rates, and doing away with the cost of the pre-conference supplement by making the May issue a conference issue.

Library Materials Conservation

The APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials reported, through Convenor Rashid Tayyeb, that it now has members in all four Atlantic provinces.

Since the successful April 1983 workshop on preservation techniques and simple book repairs, there have been requests to hold similar sessions in the other provinces. Alice Harrison is taking the show on the road: on September 23 the workshop was held in New Brunswick, and it will be repeated in Newfoundland on November 3-4, and on November 18 in P.E.I.

The disaster manual is expected to be finalized before the next APLA Conference. Those wishing to volunteer help should contact Alice Harrison at the Atlantic School of Theology, in Halifax.



The committee has begun to plan the 1984 APLA Conference workshop. APLA members are invited to suggest topics of interest.

A British Columbia conservator is thinking of setting up a private conservation laboratory in Halifax. The Nova Scotia Provincial Archives is providing assistance, and the Committee will offer help and information as requested.

A bilingual bibliography, "Preservation and Restoration of Library Materials", by Edward Collister, Head of Documentation, Ministry of Energy, Quebec (Subject arranged, 10 p.), has been received. Anyone interested in the bibliography should contact the Committee convenor.

Library Instruction

Convenor Gwyn Pace reported that the Committee on Library Instruction now has 9 members, two of whom are new, and there are up to 5 additional members interested in joining.

The Committee is attempting to arrange a workshop topic for May 1984 in keeping with the Conference theme of 'Stress Management'.

Pace reported that more work needs to be done on last year's Library Instruction questionnaire. The responses are to be tabulated, and a report together with a directory of staff responsible for library instruction will be sent to all respondents. An article highlighting the evaluation of the questionnaire responses is also in the works.

Public Relations

Convenor Terry Tomchysn reported that the Public Relations Committee now has six members.

The **Directory of Library-Related Organizations in the Atlantic Provinces** has been revised, and is being printed. A pamphlet introducing APLA is also in the works; the final draft will be ready in January.

An ad calling for submissions for an APLA logo is being prepared.

The Convenor reported that she had given a talk to Dalhousie Library School students on the benefits of joining APLA.

Publications

The Publications Committee reported that 500 copies of **Atlantic Libraries and Archives: A Directory of Special Collections** have been printed, at a cost of \$946.50. So far, only 24 copies have been sold; \$124.50 has been realized.

Trustees

Bryce Merrill reported that the APLA Trustee Committee is planning a workshop, reception, and business meeting for the 1984 Conference. The workshop's topic will be, "Are Trustees Necessary?". There will be both a speaker and a panel.

Audio-Visual Committee

APLA's A/V Committee plans to have the **Directory of Institutions Holding Audio-visual Resources in the Atlantic Provinces** ready for publishing by the end of December. Some minor modifications remain to be made.

Convenor Frank Oram reported that the major task facing the committee in the coming months will be the preparation of a special study outlining the options for the production of a Union list of Audio-visual materials in the Atlantic Provinces.

Conference Manual

The APLA Conference Manual, in rough form, was submitted by Douglas Vaisey. This committee's work in the past five months has included post-conference discussion with those who organized the 1983 Conference, and an examination of past conference records. According to the Committee, APLA's past records—with the exception of the minutes and files from the 1980 conference in Corner Brook—are sparse.

The manual contains a timetable of the decisions and discussions needed to plan a conference. Other matters, such as sponsors and advice to various coordinators, are covered as well. The committee sees the need for some further work on the manual, and will forward revisions to the P.E.I. organizing committee.

Programme Committee

The 6-member Programme Committee reported that it has met twice, and is well into the planning of the 1984 conference programme for Charlottetown. 'Stress Management: New Challenges for Libraries' will be the conference theme. Convenor Diane MacQuarrie presented a proposed programme. The conference has been set for May 11-13, with a pre-conference workshop on crime prevention and library security planned for May 10. APLA committees have been invited to relate their programmes to the conference theme.

APLA Brief

The Executive discussed and approved APLA's submission to the Nova Scotia Committee on Post-secondary Education.

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APLA Bulletin

The *APLA Bulletin* is a bi-monthly organ of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. The Association seeks to promote library service through the provinces of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, to serve the professional interests of librarians in the region, to serve as a focal point for all those in library services in the Atlantic Provinces, and to cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual concern.

Individual annual membership in the Association is \$15.00, and includes a subscription to the *APLA Bulletin*.

The Executive of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, 1983-84

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The deadline for material to be submitted for the January issue is January 15, 1984



Alice Harrison, of the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, demonstrates conservation techniques at a workshop held at Memorial University in November. Mrs. Harrison has given similar sessions in each of the Atlantic provinces this year.



Ms. Janet Hattie

APA/CBIC APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR/MANAGER

LIBBY OUGHTON, President of the Atlantic Publishers Association and GORDON MONTADOR, National Manager of The Canadian Book Information Centre, are pleased to announce the appointment of Janet Hattie as Executive Director of the APA and Manager of the CBIC/Atlantic office. Ms. Hattie formerly was a teacher/librarian with the Bridgewater Elementary School. She replaces Angela Rebeiro who has moved to Newfoundland to pursue other interests in publishing.

Ms. Hattie's appointment becomes effective, December 1, 1983.

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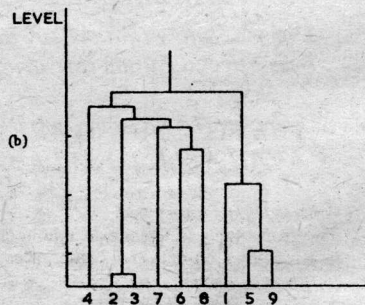
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Saturday, February 11, 1984

The Halifax Library Association is sponsoring a day-long workshop in survey development and data analysis for the beginner—a chance to find out what basic statistical terminology and methodology is all about, and to work through some examples.

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Atlantic Provinces Library Association
c/o Dalhousie School of Library Service
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Dear Atlantic Provinces Library Assn:

The Midwestern Regional Library children's subcommittee has undertaken the compilation of a list of Canadian Children's Classics in English and is seeking input from across Canada. We have defined Canadian Children's Classic as a work of lasting value which makes a significant contribution to the body of children's literature.

For the purposes of this list, classics shall be further defined as creative works published in the English language prior to 1974, including fiction, picture books, poetry, folklore, and books in translation, but excluding anthologies.

These works must have been written by a Canadian citizen or legal resident of Canada, including Newfoundland prior to 1949, and shall be for children from birth through elementary school age. Submissions should be sent by June 1, 1984 to:

Canadian Children's Classics in English
Midwestern Regional Library System
637 Victoria Street North
Kitchener, Ontario
N2H 5G4

We hope that your association will take part in this project by sharing this information with your members, and making a submission based on their recommendations.

Sincerely,

Mickie McClear
Children's Services
Consultant
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Do we get letters?

Atlantic Provinces Library Association
c/o School of Library Service
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Dear President:

The Resource Network Committee, one of three committees established by the National Library Advisory Board to advise on the development of a decentralized Canadian library network, has a mandate to recommend policies and proposals for resource sharing among Canadian libraries, and more specifically to "advise on aspects of resource-sharing activities such as resource collection surveys". The Committee has for some time recognized a need to draw together in a single source key findings of the numerous surveys of library collections which have been undertaken in Canada by a variety of groups, individuals and agencies. At its March 17 and 18, 1983 meeting, the Resource Network Committee decided to conduct such a "survey of surveys" with a view to developing two products: an annotated bibliography of existing collection surveys; and from this, a tentative checklist of notable collections in Canadian libraries identified in surveys since 1970. The Committee recognizes that such a checklist would be, of necessity, flawed and incomplete, due to the uneven quality and coverage of the surveys themselves. However, the Committee considers the project to be a necessary first step.

As Chairman of the Resource Network Committee, I would hope to engage your assistance in identifying and obtaining copies of collection surveys appropriate for inclusion in our study. The Committee is interested in surveys completed since 1970 covering library collections that support research

in all fields, and including surveys of single-library collections (such as the Association of Research Libraries' CAP—Collection Analysis Project—surveys) and printed materials describing special collections. Copies of any collection surveys you are able to locate may be sent to Hope Clement, Associate National Librarian and Secretary of the Resource Network Committee, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N4.

Any assistance you are able to give the

Committee in this matter will be greatly appreciated. It is hoped that this "survey of surveys" will go some way towards easing the interlibrary loan process, guiding researchers to needed materials, and fostering a degree of cooperative collections management among libraries.

Sincerely,

Brian Land,
Chairman,
Resource Network
Committee,
Advisory Board
National Library of
Canada

Newfoundland Archivists Assn. established

by Suzanne Sexty

The Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archivists was established on February 3-4, 1983 when over fifty archivists and collectors from all parts of the Province met in St. John's at the Colonial Building. The Association will provide a forum for communication between those involved in the collecting and care of archival material throughout the Province and will also act as a link between these people and other provincial and national groups. Credit for reviving an archival interest group in the Province goes not only to the founding members but also to the office of the Secretary of State which helped finance the founding conference cum workshop. In addition, there were the added blessings of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Culture, the St. John's City Council, the Provincial Archives and the Newfoundland and Labrador Telephone Company.

Among the officers elected were Memorial University's Folklore and Language Ar-

chivist Philip Hiscock as chairperson and Lawrence Jackson of the University's Labrador Institute of Northern Studies as vice chairperson. The Association publishes a regular newsletter and hopes to soon make available a directory of archival collections in Newfoundland and Labrador.

In collaboration with APLA and the Newfoundland Library Association, the Association conducted two conservation workshops on November 3-4. The workshops, which were presented by Alice Harrison of the Atlantic School of Theology, were held at Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library and were attended by forty-five archivists and librarians. After demonstrating a number of techniques which can easily be learned and should be used by those handling rare or fragile items in archival collections, Mrs. Harrison gave the participants an opportunity to try some new methods of paper repair and to discuss their individual concerns in the care of their collections.

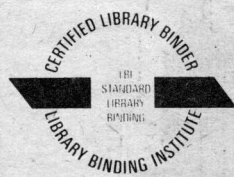
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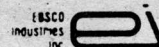
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Some history; an unresolved question

Dalhousie Occasional Paper Series

by Norman Horrocks

In the November 1982 *ALPA Bulletin*, pages 35-36, Professor Conway wrote a lengthy review of Occasional Paper 29 in the series issued by the Dalhousie University Libraries and the Dalhousie University School of Library Service. In his review he raised some issues which bear on the publication of the Series as a whole. This article is not to respond to any specific points in the review but rather to describe how the series has developed over the years since its inception and to outline plans for its future.

The first Occasional Paper was issued in 1972 by the Dalhousie University Library. Entitled "A Bibliography for Examination of Forms of Training for Scientific and Technical Work," it was prepared by John Howard Oxley in support of a report written by Louis Vagianos, then Director of Libraries at Dalhousie, for the Advisory Board on Scientific and Technological Information of the National Research Council. Arising from discussions between Vagianos and myself it was agreed that the responsibility for the Series would be transferred to the Library School with a joint imprint of the University Libraries and School of Library Service. I became Series Editor and decided to model the Series on that which has been operating very successfully for many years from the University of Illinois.

The next three papers were prepared with the assistance of Federal grants received by the School. Numbers Three and Four were the Proceedings of two workshops held at the School during the International Year of the Book. Publication costs were built into the funding for the Workshops; copies were supplied to all participants and with production costs covered we were able to print extra copies for sale, thus generating income for use in future publications. Our experience with Paper Number Two was rather different in that it was a bibliography compiled for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development of an area then under consideration for the location of a National Park. Publication was to have taken place when the Park was gazetted but this has never happened. Since the receipt of these three grants there has been no outside funding for the Series. All publication costs have been borne by the School which seeks to avoid losing money on the programme and, if possible, show a slight profit.

The next three Papers were again locally

based—two bibliographies based on collections within the University Libraries and a history of the Halifax Library Association based on its archives which had recently been deposited in the School. As a goodwill gesture to HLA, members' copies were sold to them at a token 50 cents each. A further goodwill gesture was made the following year when the proceeds from the sale of Dr. Morton's lecture at the School on public library history in Canada were devoted to the Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship Fund.

In 1971 the decision was taken to widen the scope of the Series from the purely domestic scene and include Papers which might appeal to a broader audience. Number Eight, dealing with the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, 1826-1864, was a London University thesis. Since then we have issued two other theses, one from Acadia University (number 27) and one from Ahmadu Bello (number 30). In 1975 a further expansion took place when arrangements were made for the sale of the Series in the United Kingdom under the imprint of the Vine Press. The Vine Press had been established originally by the father of Victor Neuburg who was a Summer School professor at the Library School in 1974 and 1975. As the Series became more established it was possible to pay royalties to the authors from 1976 onwards.

In the Summer of 1979 I spoke at a session on "The Library School and the Publisher" at a meeting of the Canadian Association of Library Schools addressing the topic "Should library schools pursue more actively in-house publishing programs?" Naturally I took the affirmative view. In the questions that followed the talk and later at the CLA Conference it became clear that operating as we then did, with the Series Editor making virtually all the decisions, negotiating with authors, editing the texts, etcetera, was not regarded favourably in academic circles. After some reflection and consideration I decided to establish a formal Editorial Board to whom I would report proposals and whom I would use as referees, although on occasion additional expertise is called upon from outside the Board's membership. We pay a very modest, token annual honorarium to Board members for their services and the present members are Dr. Beryl Anderson, Library Documentation Centre, National Library of Canada; Dr. William Birdsall, Dalhousie University Librarian; Professor Douglas Lochhead,

Mount Allison University; Dr. Douglas Myers, Director of Part Time Studies and Extension, Dalhousie University; Mr. Harold Smith, librarian and bibliographer, London, England, and myself as Series Editor.

Since the formal establishment of the Board in 1980 we have issued eight new papers and also brought out three new editions of earlier titles. At the time of writing we have other new titles in active preparation. For almost all of our titles issued to date we have used typescript which has then been photocopied and reproduced. In a few cases, and increasingly, we are using word processing. We would like to upgrade the appearance of our titles, but operating as we do without any subsidy, we cannot afford any very expensive processes unless, of course, we can increase our sales significantly. Good reviews help with sales as librarians well know. In recent months we have received favourable reviews and notices in a wide range of journals—*Canadian Library Journal*, *Library Journal*, *In-Cite* (Library Association of Australia), *Catholic Library World*, *Library Association Record*, *APLA Bulletin*, *Canadian Legal Information Centre Newsletter*, *Leads* (International Relations Round Table of ALA), *Public Libraries*, *American Libraries*, *Conservation Administration News*, *Australian School Librarian*, *Canadian Literature*, *Focus*, *Atlantic Provinces Book Review*, and *African Book Publishing Record*.

From Dalhousie University's viewpoint the Series can be considered a modest success in having made available so many well-reviewed titles which probably would not have found an outlet anywhere else in Canada. The American Library Association Committee on Accreditation wrote, after a site visit, "The School deserves credit also for the fine School of Library Service publications edited by the faculty. They serve as a channel of communication to students, alumni, and the profession at large." Dalhousie University Library and the School has benefitted by having these Papers available to use for exchange purposes with library schools, libraries and library associations in many parts of the world. In addition, Dalhousie has made donations of appropriate titles to new library schools in developing countries. The authors themselves, in addition to seeing their works in print, are now further rewarded by the payment of royalties.

The aim for the future is to continue the present series of Occasional Papers along existing lines of mainly conference proceedings, bibliographies and theses while seeking to include both Atlantic Provinces and wider material. Within budgetary limitations we are seeking ways to improve the physical appearance of the Series as Illinois has done.

What remains unresolved is one of the questions raised in the Conway review mentioned at the beginning of this article. In the case of certain compilations which are known to be incomplete but yet have reference value even in their imperfect state, should we publish? Outside funding to permit additional research prior to publication would always be welcome but when this is not available the decision has to be taken whether or not to publish. The advantage of so doing is that the information itself can be used by librarians and other researchers who can be asked to supply additional information to the compiler. An expanded and corrected new edition may then be possible. We are hoping that this will occur with Paper number 21 by Gertrude Tratt, "A Survey and Listing of Nova Scotia Newspapers, 1752-1957". We are also cognizant of the fact that in some cases there will never be a complete record of the subject matter being addressed so again the incomplete record may have value. This was the case in the decision to publish Charles Laugher's "Atlantic Province Authors of the Twentieth Century: A Bio-Bibliographical Checklist".

Recently we have received a book-length manuscript which will not fit easily into an Occasional Papers series. As a result we have entered into an agreement with Scarecrow Press, a well-known publisher in the fields of library science and bibliography, to publish this title in association with Dalhousie University. It is possible that other monograph titles may follow. In addition we are planning to issue a series of Checklists of Canadian copyright material housed in the British Library as a result of having been received by the then British Museum from 1895 to 1924. The background to this material was described in an article by John Ettinger, of this School, and Patrick O'Neill, of Mount Saint Vincent University, in the *Canadian Library Journal*, June 1983, pp. 143-145. As eventually the items listed will be re-catalogued by the National Library for inclusion in the National Union Catalogue, the purpose of the Checklists will be to make the information contained in the existing British Library records available speedily and inexpensively to scholars and librarians.

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Nfld. Libraries Act: Next year will be 50

Although it had previously been reported that the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board would be celebrating a 50th anniversary in 1983-84, the celebration has been delayed a year. It had originally been the Board's intention to celebrate the formation of a committee whose work ultimately led to the Public Library Act in 1935; however, it has now been decided that the celebration should more appropriately begin on the date of the first meeting of this committee and go through the year when the Act was promulgated and plans were made for the opening of the first library under the Act. While the celebration has been delayed until 1984-85, the enthusiasm for both the celebration and libraries has not diminished - it will just have to be held in check for awhile.

Suzanne Sexty

Two new libraries

Two new libraries in St-François and Kedgwick have been added to the Haut-Saint-Jean library system at the beginning of the fiscal year.

In St-François (Madawaska County) the service started on April 5, 1983, with the official opening on May 1st. The library is located in a bright new building of 1,600 sq. ft. One employee has been hired for 25 hours per week. Since opening the average circulation is 670 per week. In the first five months, 14,257 articles have been borrowed by the 467 registered members.

At the opposite end of the Haut-Saint-Jean region, the Kedgwick Public Library officially opened on May 22, 1983. Located on the main floor of an apartment building, the library occupies an area of 1,755 sq. ft. The employee keeps the library open 25 hours per week. An average of 900 articles have been borrowed every week since the opening. A total of 13,141 books have been borrowed by the 622 registered members in the first three months of operation.

The Grand Falls Public Library was finally relocated in new attractive quarters on August 15, after more than three years of discussions and negotiations. The building, leased by the town council, houses the library (on the main floor) and the historical museum (in the basement). Renovations were made under the auspices of the Grand Falls Rotary Club who set aside funds for this purpose and with the help of a Canada Community Development grant. The new facility is 1,777 sq. ft. which is about 150 sq. ft. larger than the previous location. Although a little crowded with the 15,000 books to be housed in the library, the new



Coulter appointed N.A.
director of IASL

HALIFAX—Shirley Coulter, Co-ordinator of School Libraries with the Department of Education in Halifax, has been appointed Director (North America) of the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) at its 1983 conference in Bad Segeberg, Federal Republic of Germany.

A resident of Dartmouth, she is also a member of the IASL public relations committee.

Previously she has attended the association's conferences in Aberystwyth, Wales, in 1981, and Red Deer, Alberta, in 1982.

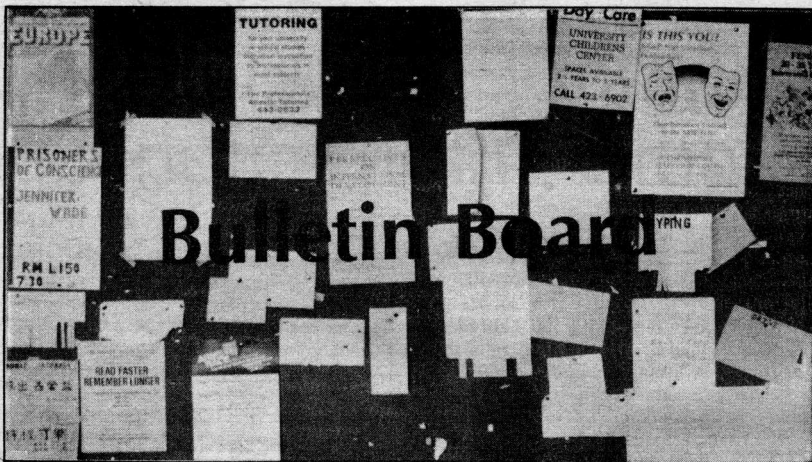
Miss Coulter, in her new IASL role, is looking into the possibility of the association holding its annual conference in Atlantic Canada within a few years.

The International Association of School Librarianship is a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession.

IASL works with other international bodies such as the International Reading Association, the International Board on Books for Young People and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

One of IASL's objectives is to effect close collaboration among school libraries in all countries, including the loan and exchange of literature, says Miss Coulter.

It also furthers professional career preparation of school librarians.



premises are a lot more functional and attractive.

A toy lending service, initiated and implemented by the local board, was launched at the St-Quentin Public Library on April 13, 1983. Aimed at children 2 to 5 years old the project was initiated through an initial donation of money from the Knights of Columbus. Thirty different toys are made available to the children of the community through their public library. The response is positive and interesting.

Gilles Chiasson
Regional Librarian
Haut-Saint-Jean Region
New Brunswick

The Canadian Federation of University Women is offering two Reading Stimulation Grants of \$850 each 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 in the process of becoming, a member of the Regional Library System directed by a qualified Regional Librarian.

Application forms will be sent when request is made to: Mrs. Denise O'Connor, 2162 Pashak Court, Mississauga, Ontario L5A 1H7. Please indicate whether forms are required in English or in French. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is March 31, 1984.

The Nova Scotia Health Libraries Association has produced, with financial assistance from the Canadian Health Libraries Association, "Hospital Libraries Directory of the Maritime Provinces."

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Hospital Libraries Directory of the Maritime Provinces

nova scotia health libraries association

\$5.00
This publication contains information elicited by a questionnaire sent to all hospitals in three provinces in 1982, and will allow the user to compare library services among hospitals of the same relative size and type.

Copies of the Directory are available, at a cost of \$5.00 (prepaid please) from:
Elizabeth Foy
Kellogg Health Sciences Library
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Halifax, N.S.
B3H 4H7.

People

Alberta Auringer Wood, former Head of Information Services at Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library, is now in charge of the Library's Map Division.

Karen Veitch, City Librarian of the Corner Brook Public Library, has resigned effective December 31, to return to England.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation has recently appointed Pat Wilson in charge of their Library. Pat, formerly with the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board as the Gander Regional Librarian, is replacing Cynthia Tanner who has returned to Halifax.

Suzanne Sexty

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The keynote: resource sharing

Labrador Institute of Northern Studies Information Centre opens

On September 20, 1983, the Labrador Institute of Northern Studies (Memorial University) began providing a new service to persons living or working in Labrador. Those attending the official opening of the Institute's Information Centre (LINSIC), were given an introduction to the collection which has been developed to support research in the areas of offshore resource development, environmental issues, fishing, mining and education in the North. Special emphasis has been given to identifying and indexing materials not readily available through either computerized bibliographic databases or commercial abstracting services.

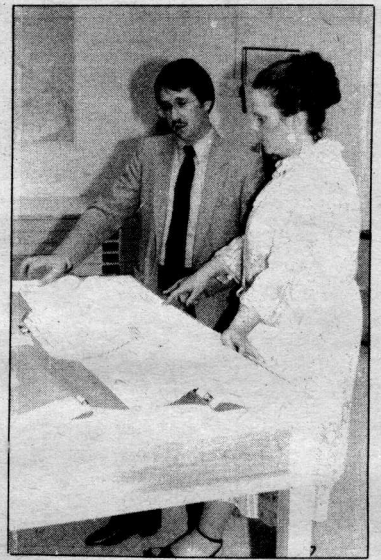
The idea for LINSIC took shape slowly and carefully, but the actual implementation of the idea was accomplished quickly. From the beginning of the Institute in May 1979, there had been a conviction that a resource centre was needed. In February 1982, Tony Williamson, the Institute's Director, requested that a survey be conducted to determine the extent of the existing collections in the Happy Valley/Goose Bay area and what, if any, resource sharing could be effected. This survey was conducted by Suzanne Sexty, a member of the Memorial University Library staff.

Based on the survey, the Institute felt that there was sufficient need for an Information Centre to support the activities of their own research staff, visiting researchers and also various groups within the community. An additional impetus was received when the Labrador Resources Advisory Council closed its operation and donated its extensive collection to the Institute. With the assistance of the University Library, especially the Systems Planning Division, a computerized KWOC index was set up and LINSIC became a part of the Library's interlibrary loan and computer search services. Thus the service was operational in June 1983, just 14 months after the survey was conducted.

The official opening, like LINSIC itself, was aimed at the overall community of Happy Valley/Goose Bay—the public library, government agencies, base officials, schools, and other community agencies. The keynote for the evening was resource sharing, which was evident from the communal preparation of the Labrador meal, of Arctic char, trout, and fresh berries, to the delivery of the after dinner speech. Mrs. Sexty delivered the speech in which she emphasized that the presence of the resources available at LINSIC should not cause other

libraries in the area to be less vigilant in their attempts to improve their own resource holdings, but rather that each group should work together to reinforce their individual strengths and thus create a better all around information system.

At the conclusion of the speech, Sadie Popovitch, Administrator of LINSIC declared the Centre opened. Most of the guests agreed that the information available through LINSIC would be of value in their work. The evening was not only the beginning of a new information service but also an opportunity for the community to have a true Labrador time.



Sadie Popovitch, LINSIC's administrator demonstrates how to use the KWOC index to a patron.



Carol Kennedy (right) of Memorial University Library's Systems Planning Division discusses the KWOC index with Sharon Sheppard, senior clerk with LINSIC.

APLA Merit Award

Call for Nominations

If you wish to recommend someone to receive the APLA Merit Award, please send your nomination (including documentation of the nominee's achievements) to:

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c/o Dalhousie School of Library Service
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4H8

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- a) This honour shall be awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution(s) to library service in the Atlantic Provinces.
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 - e) Nominations for the award shall be solicited through direct mailing to the Association's membership in the fall of each year for presentation and selection by the APLA Executive at the Winter meeting.
 - f) The Executive will act as a jury to select a nominee from among those recommended by members of the Association.
 - g) Names of persons previously nominated but not chosen may be resubmitted.
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 - leadership in library associations at the local, regional and provincial levels,
 - contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems,
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 - b) Life membership in the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.
 - c) The award shall be presented at the Association's annual conference.

Trustees' plans nearly complete

Arrangements for the Spring Conference of the Trustees Committee of APLA are in the final stages, according to Bryce Merrill, Vice-Chairman of the Halifax City Regional Library Board and member of the Planning Committee.

The conference will be taking place at the University of Prince Edward Island May 10-13.

The theme for the Saturday morning trustee program will be "Are Trustees Necessary?" with theme speaker, Mr. Harold Brief, President of the Canadian Library Trustees Association. A reactor panel including Rev. Don Harvey, trustee Newfoundland Public Libraries Board, Donald Scott, Provincial Librarian Prince Edward Island, Suzanne Sexty, trustee St. John's City Public Library and Mardi Cockburn, trustee St. John Regional Library, will argue for and against the necessity of library trustees.

Other events for trustees during the weekend will include a trustees reception on Friday evening and an annual general meeting of trustees on Saturday afternoon. All trustees in the Atlantic region are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Mr. Bryce Merrill, 10 Laurentide Drive, Clayton Park, Halifax, N.S. B3M 2N1, 443-2161.

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Health Information From The Public Library: Some Questions and Some Answers

Part two: What shall we Provide?

by Barbara Prince

Barbara Prince, formerly with the Kellogg Health Sciences Library at Dalhousie University, is Head of Information Services with the Dartmouth (N.S.) Regional Library.

Selecting health materials can be quite a challenge. Public library readers range from the highly educated to the barely literate and all their needs must be considered. A wide range of materials is needed to cover student needs, directory-type questions, general health topics and specific disease-or drug-related inquiries. Information should be relevant, up-to-date and authoritative. Reviews are not always available and popular books may be in heavy demand long before a review appears. Then there is also the cost . . .

BOOKS

There are many good general health books for the layman reviewed in the library literature. It is wise to select them with care, noting reviews, publishers and the author's credentials. Does he/she have a Ph.D. in some unknown science from some unknown college? However, public libraries must respond to public demand, and it is inevitable that some books circulated are not up to the standard we might wish.

Fashions in diseases, diets, drugs and modes of treatment are always evolving and changing. New treatments and drugs are developed, while problems may be identified with others, so that weeding the health collection is very important to keep it relevant and as safe and up-to-date as possible. Many health books should go after five years and most after ten.

Items for a basic health reference collection require careful selection and balance. A good medical dictionary is an essential start for many questions. Terminology is often intimidating for both staff and users. Canadian health care contains elements of both the American and British traditions, spelling as well, Celiac vs Coeliac for instance, so it is necessary to remember this when using dictionaries. A good dictionary is often all you need to answer health questions and should be updated every five years.

Selection of medical texts for reference use in the public library is somewhat problematical. They are expensive, and many users (and staff) find them far too complicated and technical to understand. It is best to

choose those directed at medical students, nurses, or general practitioners. There is a classic text for just about every medical specialty. The best general text, at a reasonable price, is the *Merck Manual*. It comes in two volumes, which may be bought separately, I. General Medicine; and, II. Obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, genetics. The manual is designed for the use of medical students and new doctors and so it should not be beyond the comprehension of the average educated layman. The two volumes may be purchased in paperback and cover a wide range of disease states as the text is intended for worldwide use. Coverage includes symptoms and signs, diagnosis and treatment, etiology and prognosis and cover a wide spectrum of common and unusual diseases.

Texts should be balanced with quality titles intended for the general public and most of these also circulate well. There are several reasonable general health encyclopedias and there should be more than one in the collection as most are weak in one area or another. To update these the *Medical and Health Annual*, which reviews the year's events and summarizes the year's advances and changes in medicine, makes a good addition on standing order.

The number of books that can be made available as reference sources on specific health topics needs only to be restricted by budget and space. Some classics should be included, for example, LeBoyer's *Birth Without Violence*, as well as coverage of topical subjects like herpes and AIDS, and continuing high profile disease states such as cancer and high blood pressure.

Information is continually requested on prescription and non-prescription drugs. The basic Canadian authorities in this area are the "C.P.S.", and its complement *Canadian Self-Medication: A Reference for the Health Professions* which has full and often fascinating information on over the counter drugs available in Canada. It is good for student projects too as it discusses topics like vitamins in detail; unfortunately, the first edition has not yet been updated. The *Merck Index* is a useful encyclopedia of chemicals and drugs and gives complete coverage containing generic names, chemical formulae, tables of radioactive isotopes, and will answer a wide range of questions. Sax's *Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials* covers the effect upon humans of products like potassium permanganate, explosives, starchdust, and radium as well as

the more fashionable and complex chemical compounds.

The federal and provincial statutes are the basic source to answer questions about health law. Two books which expand upon and explain these laws are the *Canadian Patients Book of Rights* and *Legal Sex*. Lorne Rozovsky, the author, is a Halifax lawyer and well known as a witty speaker. The books are very readable and suitable for reference. Chapter headings include controversial topics like rape and sexual assault, wrongful birth and life, and sex change.

PERIODICALS

A selection of periodicals is necessary in a health collection. Some professional journals interest the general readers such as *Canadian Nurse* and the *Canadian Family Physician*. Quality medical journals like *Lancet* and the *New England Journal of Medicine* should be included in larger collections. *Medical Self-Care* is one of the best health magazines for the layman. It offers a view of natural and alternative treatments and an added bonus is good book reviews for selection purposes. *Health Facts* and the *Harvard Medical School Health Letter* are also good choices. The *University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Health News* is a welcome new Canadian publication. The early issues have been very informative and readable, presenting factual, up-to-date, medical opinion on various health topics very much in the style of the newsletter from Harvard.

Many general magazines such as *Readers Digest* have done some very good factual series on health problems and articles can be located through *Canadian Periodical Index* and *Readers Guide*.

PAMPHLETS AND CLIPPINGS

Information files of clippings and pamphlets answer student and other needs. A lot of good, free materials are available for these from government and other agencies. A balance of viewpoints between groups such as those for and against abortion for instance, should be maintained. Addresses of agencies from which materials may be obtained can be found in general titles like the *Canadian Almanac and Directory*. The *Canadian Hospital Directory* is a good source also as it lists health agencies by subject. As well as providing information on Canadian hospitals, it also includes details of training programs for many types of paramedical personnel, as well as doctors and nurses, descriptions and comparisons of provincial medical/health service plans and a buyers guide to a wide range of health equipment.

ON-LINE

Even a well-rounded and balanced health collection will not always be sufficient to answer every question. The interests of public library users are so diverse that it is impossible to anticipate and provide for all their needs. On-line searches and interlibrary loan can fill the gap. The *MEDLARS* data base produced by the National Library of Medicine in Maryland is the prime data base for all health topics from drugs to patient care, but the level of citations obtainable is not always appropriate to the needs of the layman. The Kellogg Health Sciences Library will do on-line searches for any registered health professional in the Atlantic Provinces, and will do searches for a fee for other requestors (usually these are drug companies or lawyers with a medically-related case). Access to *MEDLARS* is available to Nova Scotia public libraries through the Provincial Library. The University of New Brunswick Library, the Health Sciences Library at Memorial University and the library at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown also have a search capability for the system. Often an on-line search of a date base such as *Magazine Index* will provide more appropriate references as it provides access to citations from magazines directed towards the general public.

SELECTION AIDS

Library Journal, *Booklist* and the *Wilson Library Bulletin* all review health books (and occasionally magazines) for the general public. *Library Journal* also includes a list of new medical books in the November 1st issue each year. *Medical Self Care*, because of its emphasis on the individual's responsibility for his own health, presents reviews from a less conventional perspective and so is useful for selecting books and pamphlets which provide a balance and alternatives to established medical approaches.

Professional texts are best selected by either consulting a health sciences librarian or one of the recognized lists such as the *Core List for Family Medical Centres* compiled by Dorothy Fitzgerald, the librarian at the Canadian Library of Family Medicine, *Selected List of Books and Journals for the Small Medical Library* by Alfred N. Brandon, which is published in the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* each time it is updated, or the lists published by the Ontario Medical Association and the Manitoba Health Libraries Association.

The first article of this series, "Who comes to us and why?", was published in the *APLA Bulletin* of July, 1983.

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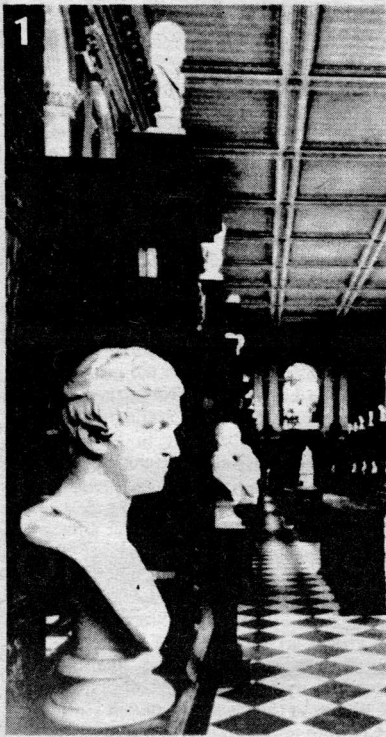
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- Consumer education in health matters and the presentation of choices and alternatives is the main thrust of this excellent newsletter. It covers topics ranging from hearing loss to x-rays, exercises and arthritis.
- Medical Self-Care. Quarterly. \$15.00 yr.*
- This magazine offers responsible, well-documented medical information, on a wide range of topics. Each issue concentrates on one main health subject as well as offering a range of articles on anything from pap smears to silver fillings in the teeth.
- University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Health News. \$9.00 yr.*
- This is a brand new newsletter (1983) which bills itself as "Your Authoritative Guide to Current Health Issues". The August issue, for example, covered headaches and hay fever and gave a very good over-view of the two subjects at a level suitable for the general public.



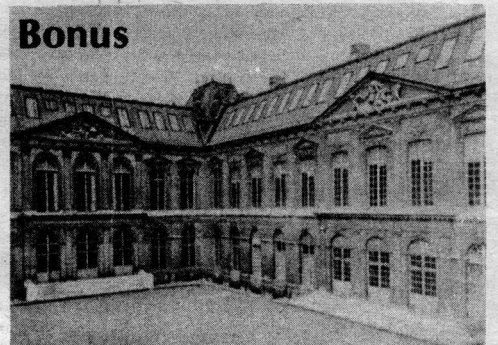
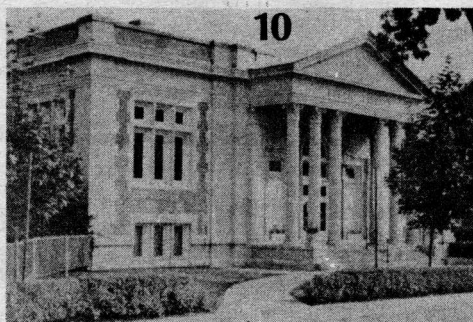
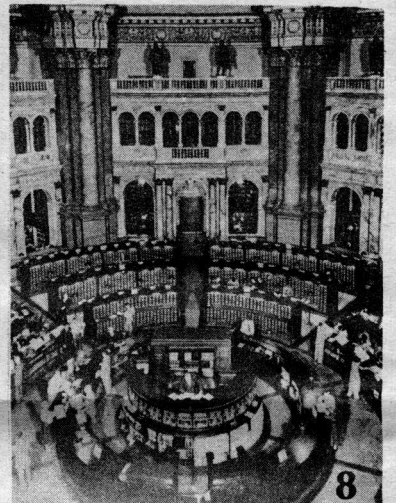
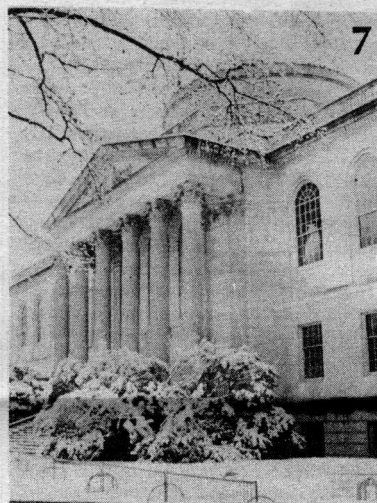
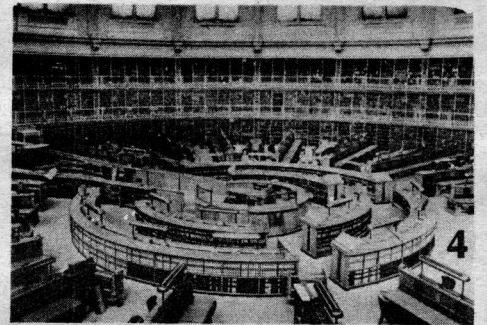
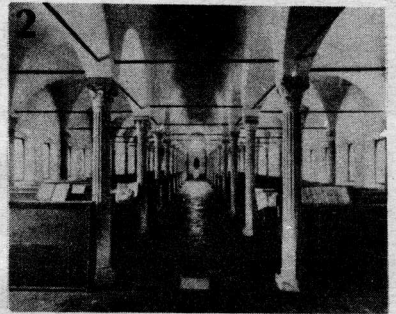
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Report on Baffle No. 2

Seven and Up: the list of lists of lists

Off to a commanding lead is Information Services of the Dartmouth Regional Library with 17.5 points. Is there no one to stop this intrepid crew?

In Baffle 2, you were provided with ten (10) categories, each containing seven or more items. Those who submitted Santa's Reindeer in place of Snow White's dwarfs were wide of the mark.

For your edification, here are the correct numbers and responses with at least one verifiable source.

- 7 DEADLY SINS: Pride, avarice, wrath, envy, gluttony, sloth and lust. (*Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*)
- 7 DWARFS: Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Sneezy (*The Trivia Encyclopedia*)
- 7 AGES OF MAN: Infant, Schoolboy,

Lover, Soldier, Justice, Pantaloon (retirement) and Second Childhood (sans everything) (Shakespeare, *As You Like It*, Act II, Scene VI, lines 140-166)

7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD: You may choose between the traditional seven and a later variation.

TRADITIONAL: Colossus of Rhodes, Pyramids of Egypt, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Lighthouse (Pharos) of Alexandria, Mausoleum of Halicarnassus (tomb of Mausolos), Statue of Zeus by Phidias at Olympia, and the Temple of Diana of Ephesus.

VARIATION: Coliseum of Rome, Catcombs of Alexandria, Great Wall of China, Stonehenge, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Porcelain Tower of Nanking, Mosque of San Sophia at Istanbul. (*Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*)

12 MOONS OF JUPITER: Io, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto, Amalthea, Leda, Himalia, Lysithea, Elara, Ananice, Carme, Sinope, Pasiphae.

(*Whitaker's Almanack*; those who only found the first four could be equally correct since the *American Ephemeris* lists only Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto, and labels the rest "Satellites VI through XIII).

7 PARTS TO THE TRIVIUM AND THE QUADRIVIUM; TRIVIUM: Grammar, Rhetoric, and Dialectic; QUADRIVIUM: Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy (*Munroe, Cyclopedic of Education*)

12 SIGNS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC: Tiger, Hare (Rabbit), Dragon, Snake (Serpent), Horse, Sheep (Goat), Monkey, Rooster (Cock), Dog, Pig (Boar), Rat and Ox. (*Sun, The Asian Animal Zodiac*)

7 SEAS: North and South Atlantic, North and South Pacific, Arctic, Antarctic and Indian Oceans. (*Encyclopedia of Nautical Knowledge*)

Full marks to the Dartmouth Library, which also offered the 7 ancient seas: Indian Ocean, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Black Sea, Sea of Azov, Adriatic Sea

and Caspian Sea.

9 MUSES (although some argue 12): Clio, Melpomene, Thalia, Calliope, Urania, Euterpe, Terpsichore, Polyhymnia, and Erato, The debated additional three muses are Melete (muse of Meditation), Mneme (muse of Remembrance) and Aoide (muse of Song). (*Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*)

COUNTIES: New Brunswick (15); Albert, Carleton, Charlotte, Gloucester, Kent, Kings, Madawaska, Northumberland, Queens, Restigouche, St. John, Sunbury, Victoria, Westmorland, York.

Newfoundland (0)

Nova Scotia (18): Annapolis, Antigonish, Cape Breton, Colchester, Cumberland, Digby, Guysborough, Halifax, Hants, Inverness, Kings, Lunenburg, Pictou, Queens, Richmond, Shelburne, Victoria, Yarmouth.

Prince Edward Island (3): Kings, Prince, Queens.