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## Public libraries losing out on free computers - two points of view

A disappointing response to a federal program has resulted in thousands of computers destined for public libraries across Canada going begging. The Computers for Schools and Libraries program of Industry Canada has delivered over 25,000 computers across the country. At least 2,500 of these should have gone to public libraries. Libraries have received just under 400.

Provincial committees which allocate the equipment report that libraries just haven't been asking. Only Prince Edward Island has gotten its share of the available equipment.

The situation in the other Atlantic provinces varies. Nova Scotia has made good use of the program by adding network cards and memory to some of the equipment and using the enhanced computers in its program to increase the communications and automation capability of libraries across the province. Last year in fact Nova Scotia received an award from Industry Canada for its innovative approach to recycled equipment. The numbers presented at a recent meeting in Ottawa show that Newfoundland has received about one third of the computers available under the program. In New Brunswick not a single one of the 65 computers which might have gone to libraries has been requested or delivered.

The program originated about three years ago with a decision to make surplus Government of Canada computer equipment available to schools. Libraries were added a short time later and allocated 10% of the equipment because Industry Canada believed that libraries could play a pivotal role in raising the information technology level of Canadians. Since the beginning of the program other groups, including several provincial governments and national corporations, have become partners. A key role is played by volunteers, many belonging to the Telephone Pioneer organization, who test refurbish, repair, and upgrade equipment before delivering it to schools and libraries. In the last few month several software companies have become active partners and now in addition to computers, printers and other hardware, software is also available for the asking.

Many libraries criticized the program its early years because of the low level and quality of computer equipment which was being declared surplus. The program was unable to assist libraries in their need for library automation and communications. During the past year the situation has changed considerably. Machines at the 386, 486 and even the pentium level are flowing through the system in most provinces.

Libraries have found that even lower level equipment unsatisfactory for Internet or automation use can be of benefit. In Prince Edward Island a number of libraries now have computer workstations available to the public for preparation of resumes, homework and other projects. Nova Scotia is looking at an innovative software program which will run on a 286 machine with limited memory but which provides a windows-like interface and a full suite of applications.

Another problem is noted by Pierre Gendron, manager of the program for Industry Canada. In some provinces libraries have not been active in the management of the program or on allocation committees. Where libraries have been made aware of the program and library needs have been made clear libraries have been able to get higher level equipment.

The program was late starting in some provinces and the low numbers may represent a start-up lag. Libraries may actually benefit from participating in the program at a later stage as the quality and level of equipment is now much higher than it was at the beginning of the program.

The computers for Schools and Libraries Program has set a target of 100,000 computers distributed by the year 2000. With a 10% guideline in place that should mean 10,000 computers for libraries - but only if they ask for them.

For further information, contact the provincial public library service in your province or check the SchoolNet home page on the web (<http://info.ic.gc.ca/ic-data/cfs/english/cfs.html>). It is

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entitled "Computers for Schools. You might also check the Community Access Project while you are on the Web (<http://cnet.unb.ca/cap/>).

— *Harry Holman*  
PEI Provincial Library Service

### Another Point of View

I would like offer a different point of view from that given by Harry Holman regarding Industry Canada's Computers in Libraries Program, and particularly to explain why New Brunswick libraries have not participated in this scheme to date. The reasons are three-fold: firstly, the thrust in New Brunswick has been to place the equipment obtained through the program mainly in schools; secondly, all of our 61 libraries have received hardware for running library applications through the Canada/New Brunswick Infrastructure Program; and lastly, other

programs such as the Community Access Program and NBConnect are serving to get public libraries connected to the Internet. Through these programs, our libraries have had access to some of the latest equipment and software, and every month, more libraries are getting connected.

We were amongst those who were leery of the Computers in Libraries Program at the outset because of the type of equipment that was being made available. It did not meet our needs, and although some of it might have been used for word processing and other applications, we were not in a position to actively pursue this project as well as the Infrastructure project that we were already embarked upon. The latter will lead to the networking of all service points which will be the means of providing online access to the provincial public library union catalogue, as well as automating acquisition

and circulation routines, among others.

We would not like the Atlantic library community to think that, in the technology field, New Brunswick public libraries are being left behind. On the contrary, we think that we are moving in the right direction, at least steadily if not as speedily as we might wish. We may revisit the Computers in Libraries Program now that the equipment being provided is of more recent vintage. Also, we are in discussion with Industry Canada, as are all other provinces, via the LibraryNet program, to make sure that we take advantage of all the opportunities presented to advance in the area of technology. In the end, it's important to remember that there's more than one way to skin a cat. □

— *Jocelyne Thompson*  
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## From the President's Desk

First of all, thanks. It has been an honour to serve as APLA's president and to represent the membership through some of the various issues and crises that have affected all libraries during the past year. I am so pleased to see that we have, once again, a slate of candidates for the office of Vice President/ President elect. I say this because I came into office by acclamation and although I was pleased to take on the job, I was saddened that an elec-

tion was not possible. But that time has past. We have new energy within the association and the St. John's conference will inspire and refresh us. I look forward to seeing you there.

The executive will be meeting by teleconference before the conference and I expect that there will be some additions to the annual reports that you read here. All things do continue...especially the work of APLA. Please bring your ques-

tions and comments to the OGM.

This will be the last issue of the *Bulletin* produced by Suzanne, Joy and Bernie. They have done a consistently excellent job and I want to thank them here for the huge contribution they have made to APLA as *Bulletin* editors.

It has been a pleasure to serve APLA and I wish the best of luck to the incoming president, John Teskey and the executive. □

— Sara Lochhead

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# NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



## Public

The Saint John Library Board is pleased to announce the appointment of **Pamela Stevens Rosolen** to the position of Regional Director, effective April 21. Ms. Rosolen received her B. A. and M. A. degree from the University of Toronto and her M. L. S. from the University of Western Ontario. Ms. Rosolen has spent the past 11 years with the Ottawa Public Library System.

An open house was held at the Saint John Free Public Library on March 23 in recognition of the retirement of the Regional Librarian **Eileen Travis**. Hundreds of citizens gathered to renew old friendships and exchange their stories of the past 37 years of Dr. Travis' term as regional librarian. C. William Stanley announced the establishment of the Eileen Travis Trust for KidMedia centres. The project will be administered through the board of the Saint John Free Public Library and will provide funding for KidMedia centres in libraries throughout the Fundy Region. Through these centres, in branches and on a travelling Cyberbus, youth in the region will have access to an ever-growing wealth of online information, computer programs and skills development opportunities.

The March Breakfast of Information for trustees and employees was held on March 11 and featured Regional Librarian Eileen Travis who spoke on the history of the Saint John Regional Library.

Acting Children's Librarian (Saint John) **Catherine Hoyt**, launched the first story-time for children which featured

sign language. This was a hit for the youngsters who quickly learned twelve signs to *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

Staff of the **Kennebecasis Public Library** hosted their famous Pancake Breakfast recently. This successful breakfast, served in the staff room of the central library, raises funds for the region's Employee Development Day, held in September.

**Ross Memorial Library** (St. Andrews) arranged for a well received Red Cross baby-sitting program during the spring school break.

The Black Women's Congress presented a donation of books to the central library in Saint John. All were good choices for the Black Studies Collection.

A collection of art works by New Brunswick craftspeople was on display at the **Saint John Free Public Library** from mid-February to mid-March and featured blown glass, pottery, wooden decoys, handpainted silk sachets, bowls and vases.

Saint John west branch members **Kim Hughes** and **Lorraine McSorley** coordinated a very successful "library time" at the Saint John Regional Hospital's annual "Teddy Bear Fair" in March.

LINK (Library Information Network) met at the Saint John Regional Library where **Cheryl Feindel**, from Simonds High School, brought members up to date with her work on resource based learning and local history.

The Saint John Regional Library Board announced the appointment of **Mary Beth Keirstead** to the part-time position at the **Sussex Public Library** effective April 15.

February brought the launch of NBTel's VIBE (Video Active Network) at the **Kennebecasis Public Library**. This high speed, broad-band network is paving the way for many new multi-media services.

A press conference and official launch of the **World Wide Web Resource Centre** from Fundy Communications was held at the **Saint John Free Public Library** on February 18. The launch marked the dawn of a new

era with the installation of four terminals with Internet access to the library's research offerings accessible to the public. There is no charge for access to this new service thanks, in part, to a three year commitment from Fundy Communications, who donated a dedicated business-class high-speed Internet connection.

The **Saint John Regional Library** joined with the **Ward Chipman Library** (University of New Brunswick - Saint John), the **Saint John Free Public Library**, **Enterprise Saint John**, and the **Chinese Cultural Association** to present a definitive collection of award winning children's books to the City of Shantou Library in China. The Mayor of Shantou, and his delegation of city staff and businessmen, were hosted by the Saint John City Council at a dinner where the books were presented.

**Jocelyne LeBel**, Director of the New Brunswick Library Service, was one of three winners of the 1997 **New Brunswick Information Technology Advancement Awards** sponsored by Fundy Communication. Ms. LeBel was recognized for her work on the application of information technology in automating New Brunswick libraries.

In March, the **Moncton Public Library** featured "**Young Sculptors**." The 22 sculptors are students and recent graduates from the visual arts program at the Université de Moncton and Mount Allison University. About 40 sculptures, using various techniques and materials, were on display throughout the library.

**Jeannette Murgatroyd** of technical services and **Lynne Eisner** of the Riverview Public Library presented a **workshop on mending books** to members of the New Brunswick Women's Institute at their annual meeting in Petitcodiac. The women were particularly interested in repairing older books.

Four trustees of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent region have received the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Certificate of Achievement in recognition of their service to their local libraries

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and boards. **Robert LeBlanc** has been on the Saint-Antoine Public Library Board since 1982, serving on various committees and providing excellent liaison with the village council. **Odile LeBlanc** joined the Shediac Public Library Board in 1979. Over the years, he has served in various capacities and has been particularly supportive of children's programs as well as being a "Good Will Ambassador" for the library. **Virginia Harries** began her association with the Sackville Public Library by stuffing envelopes for their building fund campaign in 1982. Since then she has served variously as vice chairperson, chairperson, and treasurer, often providing ingenious and practical solutions to problems and keeping close contact with town council. **Lynn Owen** has been a trustee on the Sackville Public Library Board for ten years, serving as the Sackville representative to the regional board for nine of those years. She has been both vice-chairperson and chairperson of the regional board, and is this region's representative to the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association. A librarian by profession, she has devoted much time and effort to library welfare and progress. As the last person to chair the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library Board, she has been a fierce opponent of the dissolution of regional boards.

Response has been very good to the latest initiative of the **Friends of the Fredericton Public Library** to provide books and support for the downtown library. They've started an adopt-a-book program, and now everybody's doing it, including Premier Frank McKenna. He's purchased *The Canadian Internet Handbook* for the library, and lent his name to the promotion of the project. A gala get-together for the adopt-a-book project will be held May 13 at Westminster Books, Fredericton, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner, hosted each year by the **library foundation**, this year raised \$2000 in support of the **Chipman Public Library**. While plans for the 1997 monies are still undecided,

last year the dinner proceeds purchased a new computer for the library and \$1000 worth of books.

Fundraising dinners will also be held this spring at the **Dr. Walter Chestnut Public Library** in Hartland and at the **Boiestown Community Library**. A professional auctioneer will speak at the Hartland dinner and fundraising auctions of donated materials will be held at both libraries.

Renovations have been the word of the day at the **L. P. Fisher Public Library** in Woodstock and at the **Minto Public Library**. At Fisher, the entire historical collection has been moved to make way for the renovations planned for the Raymond Room. At Minto, the library got ready to celebrate its fifth anniversary by having a face lift. They've enlarged and relocated their circulation desk and made way for three Internet stations. Beginning April 22, five days of special activities will mark the anniversary.

**Bibliothèque Pre Louis Lamontagne** in Newcastle has purchased copies of eighteenth century maps of the Miramichi area from the Université de Moncton. The collection will be available to patrons doing genealogical research.

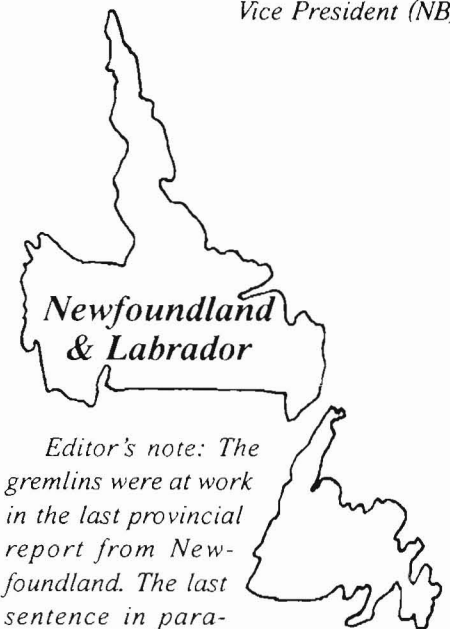
During Heritage Week in February, two full-sized canoes were on display at the **Plaster Rock Public School Library**. Bill Miller, of Miller Canoes, worked on one to show visitors how it was done. He also displayed a completed model. The activity was the hit of the week.

## Associations

*Bill 89*, just passed by the New Brunswick Legislature, makes some fundamental changes to the province's *Libraries Act*. It fulfills the announcement that was made about the elimination of the regional library boards. But, it also removes the definition of a librarian (i.e. a professional librarian) from the *Act*. And There's more. The New Brunswick Library System, and its director, are not mentioned anywhere in the new act. Sec-

tion 2.1 states: "The Minister shall appoint an employee in the civil service to be Provincial Librarian, who shall be responsible for the management of the public library system." That's all. None of these changes were proposed by the recent task force on libraries set up by the province. Nor was there very much consultation on the bill. The Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick/Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick is very concerned about this new development. □

— *Marilynn Rudi*  
Vice President (NB)



*Editor's note: The gremlins were at work in the last provincial report from Newfoundland. The last sentence in paragraph 2 should have read "Plans are in place to upgrade the catalogue to a Z39.50 compliant system and make it available to the general public in 1997." We apologize for getting Z39.50 wrong, but not for any chuckles that the other error might have occasioned. Printing complaint for compliant was undoubtedly more a Freudian slip than a spellcheck error.*

## Public

The **Provincial Public Libraries Board's operating budget** for 1997/98 is frozen at the 1996/97 level. This is in marked contrast to a year earlier when the Board received a 17.5% budget cut. Library boards and associations, commu-

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nity organizations, and individuals had mounted lobbying efforts in recent months aimed at the Provincial Government's Social Policy Advisory Committee and pre-budget consultation hearings.

The **Provincial Public Libraries Board** has instituted a provincial **finer policy** effective March 1, 1997. Fines and lost book charges are now uniform in all 98 public libraries. Fines for adult material apply to all borrowers, regardless of age.

The City of St. John's has awarded the **St. John's Public Libraries** a grant of \$10,000 for 1997 under its Grant and Subsidies Programme. The grant will be used to improve children's and young adult's collections and services in the Library's branches.

**Michael Kusugak** will be touring Labrador and Western Newfoundland April 21-29. Mr. Kusugak, an Inuit author, will delight children with his stories.

## Academic

Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, has acquired the **Lynn Verge papers**. Ms. Verge is former leader of the Progressive Conservatives of Newfoundland.

**Kelli Bellew** is temporarily filling the librarian position at the Topsail Road Campus, St. John's District (formerly Cabot College) of the Provincial College of Newfoundland.

In March the librarians from various campuses of the **Provincial College** were included in a two day workshop in Gander entitled: "**Where training and employment meet: defining roles and responsibilities.**" Guest speakers included, Dr. Ron Sparkes, College President, and directors from the Department of Education, Human Resources and Development Canada and the Department of Development and Rural Renewal. Also speaking were the Chair, Ontario College Career Educators, the Student Association President and the Provincial College's Director of Information Technology and Director of Programs.

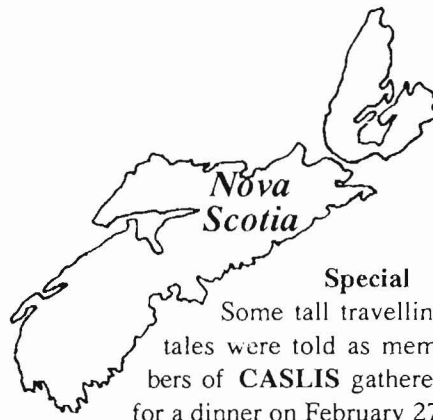
The new name for the Provincial College will be announced shortly.

## Special

**Norma Jean Richards** has retired from her position at the Legislative Library of Newfoundland. **David Davis**, Provincial Archivist, took early retirement. The position is to be filled.

**Elizabeth Duggan** retired from the Library at the Grace Hospital March 31, 1997. **Sandra Halliday** commenced that position immediately. Sandra fills that position in the mornings. She is working afternoons at Environment Canada. In this short-term contract she has been creating a library. □

— *Beverley Neable*  
Vice President (NF)



Some tall travelling tales were told as members of **CASLIS** gathered for a dinner on February 27. Members from all types of libraries were in attendance to share their adventures in travel and to beat the winter blues. On March 20 **CASLIS** co-sponsored with the Council of Federal Librarians the 'Future for Librarians' video conference. The session generated some very interesting discussion from the audience, with the focal point being that librarians must strategically position themselves within their organizations in order not to just survive but to thrive. It was stressed that the impact of new technology must be used as a tool and not as a threat to the existence of libraries.

**CASLIS Atlantic** will be celebrating Special Librarians Day on April 17, 1997. The afternoon will begin at 4:30pm with an open house at the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture Library. Mary Veling, Information Serv-

ices Manager, InNOVAcorp, will lead a seminar discussion on going from InMagic Plus to DB/TextWorks.

The **Department of Fisheries and Oceans** is closing its two buildings on Lower Water Street in downtown Halifax. The **Halifax Fisheries Library** collection and staff will be moved and merged with the collection at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography Library, with some parts of the aquaculture collection moving to St. Andrews Biological Station Library and the Gulf Fisheries Centre Library (Moncton). The move has been in the planning stages for over a year now, with the final components of the move expected to take place in October 1997.

The **Nova Scotia Women's Directorate** and the **Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women** merged, effective August 30, 1996, into one organization under the Advisory Council name. Both organizations had libraries, and the two Resource Centres are in the process of merging. Both collections are housed at the Advisory Council offices in Halifax. Since the two organizations were using different classification schemes, the merger will include re-classifying some of the materials. Although there is some collection overlap, the merger of the two collections will result in a broader range of materials than either library had before. **Christine Corston** and **Gillian Salmund** share responsibility for the Resource Centre.

The Halifax Chapter of **ARMA International** held a workshop on April 3. The workshop was entitled *The Document Management Success Framework* and was presented by Dan R. Barney. The half-day seminar covered topics such as critical planning, analysis and installation elements needed to successfully implement an Integrated Document Management System.

## University/Community College

The **Library Technician Program** at the Halifax Campus of the **Nova**  
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**Scotia Community College** plans to increase the number of courses offered via distance education. Currently there are about fifty students from around the province and, now, from New Brunswick, who are involved in taking these courses. In addition to these courses the instructors of the Library Technician Program will also arrange customized training sessions: one day workshops, short-term courses, etc. Anyone wishing to arrange a training session can phone 902-424-7215. The current graduating class, June 1997, had the advantage of a 3-5 month co-op session during 1996. They have also recently completed a second, shorter work experience session. Many are working part-time and gaining an understanding that much of the work in libraries today is casual, term or contract work.

The curriculum of both the Kingstec and the Halifax Campus Library Technician Programs is being revised so that there will be a match of course titles and course offerings. There are also regular meetings of the Program Advisory Committee established to provide further review of the programs from the point of view of the library employer. Lorraine McQueen, University Librarian, Acadia University, is the chairperson of this committee.

The next phase of planning and renovation for the Acadia University **Acadia Advantage Project** will begin immediately after exams are over. It is expected that construction (and turmoil!) will be ongoing over the summer. However, all will be well by May 1998 when Acadia welcomes APLA '98!

## Public

The **Cape Breton Regional Library** recently submitted an Automation Grant application. Active implementation of the automation process will begin when their recon project approaches completion.

The 1997 edition of the *Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries* is now available. This annual publication is the most current and comprehensive listing of more than 180 libraries and archival institu-

tions in Nova Scotia. Entries provide comprehensive data, including subjects collected, hours, key staff names, mailing addresses, telephone, fax, and e-mail addresses where available. This new edition also includes URLs where applicable and ILL charging information. Copies are available in print and on diskette (3.5" or 5.25") in WordPerfect 4.2, 5.0, 5.1/5.2, 6.0 and 6.1 format. All copies are \$10.00 and may be obtained from: Judy Naugler, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 4X8. (Phone 902-424-2454; Fax: 902-424-0633). Further information regarding the Directory can be obtained by contacting Frank Oram at 902-424-2480; e-mail: foram@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

On March 12, Katherine Miller of the National Library of Canada facilitated a workshop at the Provincial Library called the *Accessible Canadian Library II*. The workshop focused on ways that libraries can be more accessible to people with disabilities. Ms. Miller used a number of techniques to illustrate difficulties faced by some people when they use the library. Among the problems discussed were difficulties reaching upper and lower shelves by people using wheelchairs, stack layout and placement, bathroom accessibility, and signage. Some of the latest advancements in adaptive technologies were also addressed. Most of the 25 attendees were from the Halifax Regional Library and the Provincial Library.

The fourth annual **Information Rights Week** will be celebrated across Canada from April 21-27, 1997. Once again, the **Nova Scotia Provincial Library** has invited other libraries, organizations and associations who have an interest in protecting information rights in Canada to join in requesting that the Minister of Education and Culture, the Honourable Robbie Harrison, proclaim April 21-27, 1997 as Information Rights Week in Nova Scotia.

This year's sponsors include the Association of Records Managers and Administrators (Halifax Chapter), Atlantic Publishers Association, Canadian

Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, Chebucto Community Network, Halifax Library Association, Nova Scotia Federation of Community Networks, Nova Scotia Government Employees Union, Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council, Nova Scotia Legislative Library, Nova Scotia Library Association, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, Nova Scotia School Library Association, and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

Sponsored by the Canadian Library Association, Information Rights Week provides an opportunity to increase the public's awareness of information rights issues, such as the impact of information technologies in areas of confidentiality of personal information and access to government information. Libraries are encouraged to promote events that increase public awareness of libraries and information rights during that week.

The **Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library** is participating in an Industry Canada Community Access Project involving the River John Library. Monies from the grant will allow for extended library hours for the residents in the River John area to access the Internet. The project uses volunteers who assist the public with surfing the net in the library. The CAP grant also provides for additional computer equipment, including a scanner for home page development. Look soon for a River John Home Page!

## School

The **Barrington Municipal High School** is in the process of automating using Eloquent Librarian. It is planned that the recon of the 7000 book collection will be completed by June, with circulation up and running by September.

## Other

The **Cobequid Community Network** held a Volunteers meeting in March to establish the necessary committees to get the network off the ground. If all goes

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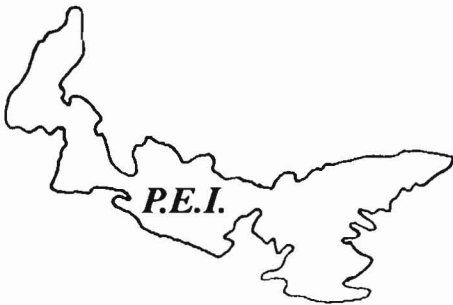
# NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

well they hope to have a server up by the end of April.

The **Nova Scotia Reading Association** held its spring conference April 25-26 at St. Francis Xavier in Antigonish. The focus was on children's literacy and included lots of interesting workshops.

The **Nova Scotia Library Association** held a Board Meeting on March 21 at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. □

— *Faye Hopkins*  
Vice President (NS)



## Public

Library automation in the **Provincial Library System** has taken a big step forward. Bar coding has been completed throughout the province. Staff have been given training on the circulation module which is expected to be operational in Charlottetown and Summerside by June

1. Branch libraries will be wired through the spring and summer allowing the entire system to be operational by the autumn of 1997.

**Barb Kissick**, Confederation Centre Children's Librarian, has announced another very successful series of **Armchair Travel** on Sunday afternoons. A guest speaker from a different country was featured each week. The speaker spoke about his/her country. This was followed by making a representative craft of the featured country. Countries travelled to this year included Morocco, Lithuania, Japan, Austria, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Finland.

During the school March break, the Children's Department featured new videos and popcorn. This delighted children from preschool age and up.

## Academic

A **Friends of the Robertson Library** has been established under the leadership of former Circulation Librarian, **Susanne Manovill**. The group is currently recruiting members and getting itself organized. One of its first projects is the organization of a book sale which will be held in September. Robertson

Library has found itself in the unhappy position of having to cut 30 per cent of its periodical titles. They have also embarked on a full acquisitions study to examine the impact of continuing book and periodical price inflation on the library's ability to support specific courses and academic programs and to explore alternative opportunities for obtaining information. Robertson Library will be facing an as yet unspecified cut in its operational budget. This cut will include the loss of one professional position.

## Associations

The **P. E. I. Professional Library Association** organized **Internet cafes** at the Holland College Royalty Centre and the Charlottetown Media Centre to promote and celebrate Library Week on Prince Edward Island. Organizers Andrea Stewart and Moira Davidson reported that both cafes were well attended by people who were not only interested in learning how to use the Internet but wanted to talk about the issues surrounding the Internet. □

— *Norine Hanus*  
Vice President (PEI)

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## CACUL Workshop Incentive Grants

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- to provide financial assistance for local workshops.

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## CLA's Position on Public Library Boards

*Editor's note: Given the situation with library boards in the Atlantic provinces, it would be possible to substitute any of the Atlantic provinces for Ontario in CLA's action. Karen Harrison will be at APLA '97 both as a speaker and as an attendee.*

The Canadian Library Association (CLA), at its winter meeting in Montreal, has reaffirmed its support for the librarians, trustees and free public libraries of Ontario.

After discussion of the major legislative changes proposed in Ontario, the Association's Executive Council examined its current position statement on public library boards and voted to reaffirm it:

The Canadian Library Association, as a national body with two divisions (the Canadian Association of Public Libraries and the Canadian Library Trustees Association) devoted to the promotion of library service, maintains an advocacy position in affirming the role played by existing public library boards (municipal, regional and provincial) in developing effective library service in Canada.

Council members noted that Ontario was a leader in developing library service in Canada, and that the earliest model for free public library service has included governance by a citizen board, and this practice was emulated by other Canadian provinces.

Because the Canadian Library Association has a long history of commitment to universal access to information, the Council also voted to support free public library service:

CLA opposes user fees for library services as a detriment to universal and equitable access to information.

CLA President Karen Harrison declared, "The role of the public library as information safety net for both traditional library materials, and now for Internet access, is jeopardized by user fees. Many Canadians have no other source for print and non-print items." She also noted that the government's proposal to end its operating grants to libraries not only will make libraries more reliant on user fees, but also will lead to the closing of libraries in smaller communities.

CLA stands ready to work with its provincial counterpart, the Ontario Library Association (OLA), to oppose these changes and to defend its members in Ontario.

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## ANNUAL REPORTS — EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### President

The 1996/97 year has been a challenging one for libraries in the Atlantic region. The APLA executive and membership helped to fight the good fight against implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax on books and journals and also raised their voices in support of the exemptions for libraries outlined in Phase II of the Copyright Legislation, Bill C-32. That issue is not yet resolved at the time of this writing.

On an operational level, the executive met in Moncton in early November at the Moncton Hospital. Thanks are due to Susan Libby for hosting us there. That executive meeting was also the occasion of the first snow fall of the season. At the meeting, the executive supported a motion from the Finance Committee to target institutions who have not joined or renewed their memberships. This was followed up with a letter and information campaign that went out to the heads

of libraries which did not have institutional memberships.

The executive also voted to support the Advocacy Now! program and to promote it in the region. This should be an on-going project of the executive.

There was a careful follow-up of motions passed in the previous year through the Aims and Objectives Committee regarding the importance of addressing the continuing education needs of the membership and a number of workshops were held, sponsored by APLA, and open to all APLA members.

APLA has also, through the work of the vice president/president elect and the four provincial vice-presidents, established the terms and application procedure for the Carin Somers Scholarship. The first recipient will be announced at the May OGM.

As part of my responsibilities as APLA president, I have represented

APLA at the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council, I spoke on "Maritime Noon" against the application of the HST on reading materials and I attended the Government of New Brunswick briefing on the HST on behalf of our association.

APLA has always been fortunate to have dedicated and hardworking executive members. This past year was no exception and I wish to thank them all. We will be welcoming new executive members as Susan Libby, Marilynn Rudi and Norine Hanus leave us at the end of their terms after the May OGM. Thanks you so much for your time, your concern and your hard work. I would also like to thank Anita Cannon, APLA secretary for her good work and good humour throughout the year!

It has been a pleasure to serve APLA this year. □

— Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Lochhead

### Past President

Nominations for the APLA Merit Award were solicited in two issues of the APLA Bulletin, and nominations were received before deadline. I anticipate a presentation at the conference banquet in St. John's.

The Nominations and Elections Committee found candidates for all executive positions that are to become vacant, and election ballots were mailed with a *Bulletin* issue to save costs. As of this writing approximately one-third of the ballots have been returned, with more arriving every day. Results of the election will be announced at the OGM in St. John's.

The *Articles of Association* have been indexed, and revisions to the *Standing Orders* and the *Procedures Manual* are under way.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank APLA members, and particularly the executive members with whom I have served, for giving me a most interesting three years. I appreciate the honour of being chosen to serve an organization like APLA. □

— Respectfully submitted, Susan Libby

### Vice President - New Brunswick

The past year saw sweeping, fundamental changes to the New Brunswick public library system. All 5 regional library boards will be replaced with a single New Brunswick Public Libraries Board. Fortunately, no lay-offs have resulted from this change. Other amendments to the *Libraries Act* (now known as the *New Brunswick Public Libraries Act*) include the deletion of the definition of "librarian", to the consternation of the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick (APLNB). The *Act* now reads "The Minister shall appoint an employee in the civil service to be the Provincial Librarian, who shall be responsible for the management of the public library system."

It will be interesting to see how these changes are implemented and their impacts on New Brunswick's public libraries over the next few years. Provincial library associations, such as APLNB and the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association, are monitoring the situation closely.

In another piece of legislation, the Province has created The New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation. Private donations to the fund will be matched by government money, up to a maximum of \$100,000 a year. The fund will be used to augment library collections in the province, with monies allocated to the community where raised.

The province received another 1.3M from the Canada/New Brunswick Infrastructure Program to continue library automation in public libraries. About 80% of the recon project is now finished, with automated circulation the next step in the process. The CD-ROM version of the public libraries' OPAC, "Vision.Disc", is available on the Web through the NetLearn site; about 35% of public libraries in the province now have Internet connections.

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### Vice President - Newfoundland

As in previous years, the library community in Newfoundland continues to cope with ever dwindling financial resources. In the previous year's provincial budget the Provincial Public Library Board (PPLB) suffered a 17.5% cut in their operating budget. As a result, some branches closed. In other instances there has been merging between/among small branches. Likewise, many smaller branches have entered into joint services library agreements with local school libraries to the benefit of both client bases.

This year's provincial budget maintains the Provincial Public Library Board's operating budget at the 96/97 level. This past fall library boards and associations (including APLA), community organizations and individuals made verbal and written representations to the provincial government's Social Policy Advisory Committee hearings. Without question, this lobbying effort met with success.

In 1996/97 the University Library System of Memorial University of Newfoundland lost 7% of its operating budget. To accommodate this budget

shortfall, materials acquisitions budgets were reduced and positions vacated by early retirements were not all filled.

1996/97 budgetary savings were accrued within the (then) regional colleges when some campuses were closed. However, although campuses closed, programs delivered there did not cease. Instead they were transferred to other campuses. The libraries' serial and book acquisitions budgets for these programs were not likewise transferred. The province's recent budget statement affirms that the Provincial College will be funded at the 1996/97 level; losses will be evident the next and following years.

Special libraries, all government run, continue to be hit, either through layoff or bumping, as there are losses of civil service positions.

A budgetary concern common to all libraries though is the reduction in the buying power of acquisitions budgets resulting from the Harmonized Sales Tax. Although libraries will not have to pay the tax on books, the full 15% will apply to journals, with more than 5% advertising content, newspapers and directories.

In a more positive strain, great strides have been made on the technology front at the Provincial Public Libraries Board. With an Information Technology grant a student was hired to develop home pages

for numerous branches. The National Film Board collection, acquired in 1994, has been mounted on the Public Library's Home Page. Library sites, known as Community Information Resource Centres, contain videos, audio, CD-ROM resources and Internet access. They have become a boon for business and individual library users alike.

The Central Division of the PPLB and Gander Campus of the Provincial College entered into a joint venture and obtained a grant to establish a Literacy Resource Centre at the Gander Public Library. Information is being gathered on the literacy resources presently in the province and the nature of the need for such. It is interesting that the topic of the recent Provincial College workshop: "Where Training and Employment Meet" is related to the above mentioned initiative.

Last year the Queen Elizabeth II Library outlined its strategic goals in "Strategic Directions of the Queen Elizabeth II Library". This year, as the new Provincial College develops, the Resource Centres/Libraries will be preparing its analysis on the myriad of issues related to coordination of operations. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
*Beverley Neable*

### Vice President - New Brunswick...

This is my last report as VP for New Brunswick. My two year term has gone by very quickly and I can't say enough good things about my hard-working and dedicated colleagues on the APLA executive. Working as I do at a special library in a very small town, I don't often get to meet with and contribute to the library community at large; it's been a terrific opportunity for me to serve and represent New Brunswick's libraries and library workers. A special thanks to all the contributors of news for my "News from New Brunswick" column; I never had to worry about having too little to submit! □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
*Marilynn Rudi*

### Vice President - Nova Scotia

The past year has been filled with many changes and developments for libraries throughout Nova Scotia. Through the Department of Education and Culture's Wide Area Network (EDNET) all public library branches in the province now offer public access to the Internet. This service has proven very popular, as have the introductory courses offered by several of the regional libraries. A number of public libraries have also received funding for public Internet access workstations through the Community Access Program.

Many libraries have improved and increased access to information this year through various automation projects. Regional public libraries throughout Nova Scotia are in various stages of automating their library catalogues and moving towards implementation of the modules which will allow for more timely and efficient delivery of services. SIRSI is being implemented at Acadia University. The Vaughan Memorial Library at Acadia has also been heavily involved with the Acadia Advantage project, and has experienced a number of changes as a result. Dalhousie University introduced a new service, the Dalhousie Electronic Library (DELI), for faculty and students. This serv-

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## ANNUAL REPORTS — EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### Vice President - Nova Scotia...

ice allows access to a wide variety of electronic resources. Dalhousie's Killam and Kellogg Libraries entered into an agreement with SwetScan - CISTI's Electronic Table of Contents Service. This will allow for increased access to journal titles and timely delivery of documents. The Barrington Municipal High School is in the process of automating their library using Eloquent Librarian.

The Nova Scotia Government Library Council is working towards the adoption of a standard format for bibliographic records. Such a standard is necessary to forming a special libraries union catalogue for resource sharing purposes.

Amalgamation has affected several libraries throughout the province this year. The Halifax Regional Library came into existence April 1, 1996, as the result of municipal amalgamation. The new region combines the former Dartmouth Regional Library, the Halifax County Regional Library, and Halifax City Li-

brary. Halifax Regional Library is now the largest regional library in Atlantic Canada and serves a population of 350,000. The system is using Dynix for the library catalogue. The Cape Breton Regional Library Board was downsized from 18 members to 9, as a result of the amalgamation of eight municipal units. The Halifax Fisheries Library will be moved and merged with the Bedford Institute of Oceanography Library collection, with the final steps planned for October 1997. Staff members will also move as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans offices currently located in downtown Halifax are being closed.

The Yarmouth Community Net was launched in October and the Cobequid Community Network expects to have its server up in the near future. This brings to four the number of community networks in the province.

Many of the regional public libraries continued fundraising efforts during the year, through such means as Adopt-a-

Book campaigns, cards for memorial gifts, selling T-shirts, and submitting applications for available grants.

Several libraries benefitted from upgrades to facilities during the year. These included the Killam Library, Dalhousie University, which saw the completion of a 1.5 million renovation; the Sackville Public Library, now located in new premises shared with the Halifax Regional Municipality offices; new and enlarged premises for the Musquodoboit Harbour Branch; and the opening of a new library branch in Digby.

As APLA Vice President for Nova Scotia I attended the Fall Executive meeting in Moncton, wrote regular columns regarding library activities in Nova Scotia for the *APLA Bulletin*, and kept in contact with provincial associations and colleagues throughout the province. I extend a sincere thank you to all those who contributed information and news to the "News from NS" column during the past year. □

— Respectfully submitted,  
Faye Hopkins

### Vice President - Prince Edward Island

The past year has seen a number of changes on Prince Edward Island. In the Public Library System, the big news has been the selection and installation of the Dynix library system. The cataloguing and acquisitions modules are operational and, with bar coding now complete across the province, circulation modules are expected to be in place and running by the end of the year.

Staff changes and financial uncertainty have been the dominant themes at the Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island. Two librarians retired in 1996 with an additional three leaving in 1997. A lack of any increase in the collections budget for the past three years has resulted in the library having

to cut 30 per cent of its journal titles. The library has also been asked to take a cut in its budget. At the time of the writing of this report, the exact percentage had not been determined. This will be known when the provincial budget has been released. However, all scenarios included the loss of one professional position.

School library positions have remained stable although the Resource Based Learning consultant position is in jeopardy for next year due to government budget cuts. The P. E. I. Teacher-Librarians' Association continues to be strong, publishing two issues of the *School Library Advocate* and sponsoring professional development for its members.

The P. E. I. Professional Librarians' Association arranged two workshops. A one day workshop entitled Library Advocacy and You! was given by Penny Marshall and sponsored in cooperation with APLA and the P. E. I. Teacher-Librarians' Association. "Tripping into the Millennium: the Promises and Pitfalls of Cyberspace." a half-day workshop, was given by Mark Leggott.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed news and information for the "News from PEI" column in the *APLA Bulletin*. Serving as VP for Prince Edward Island has been enjoyable and I have learned much from the people that I met serving on the executive. □

— Respectfully submitted,  
Norine Hanus

## ANNUAL REPORTS — EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### Vice President - Membership

Most of this membership year was spent familiarizing myself with the various duties of the Vice-President and learning to use the software of the membership database. Overall the membership stands at 247. A breakdown is presented in the following table.

PROVINCE	NB	NF	NS	PEI	Other	Total
Personal	73	37	73	15	12	210
Institution	4	2	4	2	1	13
Subscriber	2	-	-	-	21	24

APLA attracted 22 new members this year. While this is welcome news, the membership numbers, as in previous years, continue to be an area of concern. In 1995/96 membership stood at 315. In addition to the regular efforts to encourage memberships, institutions were sent individual letters itemizing the benefits of APLA membership. Response so far has been lukewarm. Efforts to boost membership will continue to be a priority next year. A membership form is available in this issue of the *Bulletin* and memberships will be collected at the 1997 APLA Conference.

I wish to thank fellow executive members for their help, advice and timely provision of information throughout the year. □

— *Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Browne*

### APLA Bulletin & Bulletin Management Board

It was easier to write this report last year when everything was new. Not that the past year hasn't been without its challenges, but putting the *Bulletin* out did become a little less hectic after the first year. We did try something new this year with a colour centrefold on art in Atlantic libraries which appeared in v. 60, no. 2. To the best of our knowledge, this was a first for the *Bulletin*. This effort was made possible through the cooperation of Ingrid Jenkner (Director, Art Gallery, Mount Saint Vincent University), Paula Teasdale (Art Gallery, St. Francis Xavier University), and Elizabeth Behrens (Librarian, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College). Thanks to the National Library of Canada we were able to run a six part series on adaptive technology in libraries. We also reprinted and/or reformatted information from a number of groups including: CISTI, (NB) Provincial Library Forum Subcommittee on Staff Training, the National Literacy Secretariat, Canada's Coalition for Public Information, and Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies.

We continued to be gratified by the response that we received from the membership whenever we asked them for anything - from a bit of information to a full column. In the past year we have had to ask less frequently because more articles have been volunteered. Thank you to all who have contributed to the content to the *Bulletin*. A special thanks to the provincial vice presidents and the president none of whom ever had to be reminded that their columns were due. The provincial vice presidents continue to make their expertise and guidance available through the Bulletin Management Board.

Thanks also to our advertisers. We have truly appreciated their cooperation in assuring that their copy was in on time and that their bills were paid promptly. There were a total of 40 advertisements from 15 advertisers. Advertising and subscription revenues covered 60% of the *Bulletin* expenses which is about the norm for recent years.

Personally, I would like to thank Joy and Bernie for making the job of editor

### Secretary

The duties of the secretary, as in previous years, included helping with the preparation of agendas, recording and mailing minutes, receiving and forwarding APLA correspondence, and updating directories.

At press time the second of two executive meetings for this term was still in the planning stages. The fall executive meeting took place at the Moncton Hospital. Thanks to Past-President Sue Libby for taking care of the arrangements.

The task of mailing agendas and dealing with correspondence was considerably eased by the president's use of electronic mail. A large number of letters were received from the many politicians the president and various other APLA executive wrote regarding the HST. The success of this lobbying effort was gratifying to see.

Many thanks to Ruth Mitchell, past secretary, for passing on her advice and well-organized files, and to Sara Lochhead, President, for entrusting me with this position. I had heard about APLA and the good work it does while still living in Ontario. It has been a real pleasure to meet and work with the people responsible for that reputation. □

— *Respectfully submitted, Anita Cannon*

seem so easy. Joy has a talent for remaining unflappable no matter what is happening around her - unless it looks as if we will be late mailing the *Bulletin*. Bernie has that certain touch when it comes to acquiring advertisers - of course, if you have ever heard her sales pitch you would understand how she does it.

In summary, in 1996/97, six issues of the *Bulletin* were published in a timely manner and within budget. □

— *Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Sexty  
APLA Bulletin Editor*

## ANNUAL REPORTS — EXECUTIVE/STANDING COMMITTEES

### Committee on Aims and Objectives

Three topics consumed the meeting held November 3, 1996. The committee discussed Advocacy Now, regional education programs, and the Carin Somers Scholarship.

- **Advocacy Now** - There was a very positive reaction to the possibility of organizing speaking engagements within the region. Programs have been limited to conference programs and we are very pleased that Penny Marshall will be presenting a workshop in St. John's during our annual conference, May 23, 1997. Following the conference it may be possible to organize other speaking engagements.

- **Educational programmes** - Several satellite workshops were sponsored during the fall and winter.

The major program offering was "Unravelling the Mystery", a two part workshop on government information and Statistics Canada. Part one of this workshop was hosted in Fredericton and part two in Sackville. Feedback

from participants was overwhelmingly positive. On behalf of APLA I would like to thank Anita Cannon, Elizabeth Hamilton, and John Neilson for their time and effort which made this program a success.

The last sponsored program this year is the Z39.50 workshop which will be held in Fredericton, April 28, 1997. The session is organized by the National Library of Canada. The session, intended for all libraries in the Atlantic Provinces, will include an overview of the Z39.50 standard, demonstrations of Z39.50 compliant systems, and a panel discussion on Z39.50 issues and trends. This session provides an excellent opportunity for librarians and information specialists to find out what Z39.50 is all about and to ask vendors about their products.

- **Carin Alma Somers Scholarship** - The most exciting item of discussion was the establishment of a scholarship in the name of Carin Somers. Carin's commitment to the profession will provide

ongoing support for residents of Atlantic Canada to work toward their library degree. Following are the general terms of the scholarship.

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association administers the Carin Somers Scholarship Trust. The trust provides an annual scholarship in her name to assist a Canacian Citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to the degree of Master of Library Science.

The award will normally be announced at the ordinary general meeting held at the annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association conference.

The successful applicant will have been accepted in a School of Graduate Studies as a candidate for a masters degree in library science.

Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four provincial vice presidents and the president-elect to the executive committee. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
John Teskey, Convener

### Committee on Committees and Interest Groups

There have been a number of changes of conveners this year, but there are still some vacancies which we were unable to fill. I am pleased that Laura Jantek has taken on the responsibilities of the Collection Development Interest Group and Jennifer Millman the Library Technician Interest Group. Janice Adlington has taken up a new opportunity out of the region and we wish her every success; however, this leaves the Intellectual Freedom Committee without a convener. Presently conveners are needed for: the Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Public Relations Committee, and the Trustees Interest Group. I would be pleased to discuss these opportunities with interested members. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
John Teskey, Convener



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### Finance Committee

This year the Finance Committee has been monitoring the possible impact that the new HST will have on our organization and finances. The situation has been very unclear throughout the year as the rules are just in development. As a result of this, we have not yet moved to investigate charitable status for APLA. This will occur once the HST rules have been put firmly in place.

Two GAF grants were awarded this year. One was given to E. Hamilton and A. Cannon in support of a two part workshop in November and February which they organized and presented for the library community on government information in libraries. A grant was also awarded to the P. E. I. Librarians Association in support of a one day Advocacy Now! workshop in P. E. I.

The committee is concerned with low membership numbers and recommended to the executive that an organized recruitment of institutional members be undertaken. This was followed through by the executive. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
*Sara Lochhead, Convener*

### APLA Memorial Awards Committee

The committee had a very quiet year. I was asked to try and put together a session for the conference in May and have recent award winners present results of their research and award activities to interested members. Most of the award winners I contacted were either not available or not attending the conference. There were not enough winners available to allow a session so plans had to be cancelled.

There were no applicants for the award by the closing date so no award will be made this year. All in all, a very quiet year. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
*Sheila Pearl, Convener*

### Communications Committee

This year, the third year of existence for the Standing Committee on Communications, was low-keyed. The Membership Directory was produced and mailed out in February. I want to thank Betty Sutherland for doing an excellent job and for keeping the production of the directory well under budget. The APLA listserv, under the capable hands of Suzanne Sexty, continues to be well used and received.

Projects ongoing include postmaster for the Listserv and the compilation of library-related associations in the Atlantic Provinces. Projects to be worked on include the preparation of how-to-guides on lobbying, the development of background/quick-information sheets on critical and topical issues, and finalizing the process to orient new convenors and executives. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
*Francesco Lai, Convener*

### Intellectual Freedom Committee

No report received. □

### Public Relations Committee

No convener. □

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# Eating Out In St

Since APLA was last in St. John's (1986), there has been a noticeable change in the restaurant scene. Judging by the response that we had to our "call for your favourite restaurants," St. John's has become an eating out town. Here are some personal opinions from those who have eaten around. There will be a map in your registration packet. If you are dining on Friday night, you should consider making reservations. All are, at the most, a short taxi ride from the University so you should have plenty of time to enjoy a leisurely dinner **AND GET BACK IN TIME FOR THE OGM.**

*"Colleen and I found Bistro 281 on Duckworth Street to be excellent: French cuisine, very good service, and what I considered to be a reasonable cost. I can't recommend it too highly for someone looking for a pleasant meal in quiet surroundings."*

Stephen Field  
(Information Services, QEII Library)

*"We like Bistro 281 [Duckworth Street]. Also Westminster on Water Street. Don't forget Ches', Big R, etc. for fish and chips [most deliver so check the yellow pages]."*

Bernie Conran  
(Information Services, QEII Library)

*"The Crepe House on Duckworth Street, across from the used book store, is fantastic in food and pricewise. They have all from wonderful soups/chowders to mouthwatering crepe meals to-die-for desserts."*

Liz Stanford  
(ILL, QEII Library)

*"Two of our favourite restaurants are Stella's [Water Street] and India Gate [Duckworth Street]. Stella's can get a bit crowded as there are many tables in a small area, but the food is really good. My favourite meal there is an oriental almond tofu, with a spinach salad with honey-curry dressing. It is very popular so reserve a table."*

Suanne Reid  
(Maps, QEII Library)

*"Stella's on Water Street, just east of Prescott, is outstanding for both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. Try the nightly specials which come with a generous helping of your choice of salad. Further west on Water Street, Bianca's is another worthwhile stop. For Indian food, try India Gate on Duckworth Street. And the new Fog City Restaurant in the Avalon Mall has excellent food and also brews its own beer (try the Fog City Classic or Merchants Wheat Ale!)."*

Brenda Parmenter  
(Provincial Resource Library, Provincial Public Libraries Service)

*"For the budget minded: Don Cherry's [Freshwater Road] sports bar, pub and foodarama has good basic food and a short, select, and grossly under-marked up wine list. Both these points could be made about the Classic Cafe [Duckworth Street] as well, except that the food is better, but not pricey, and the wine list is slightly longer, but similarly good and cheap. And for that old-bottle-in-the-room game, the liquor outlet in Churchill Square has a very adequate selection of wines."*

Dick Ellis  
(University Librarian, QEII Library)





# St. John's...



## Wondering where to dine? Check out these personal favorites!

*"The best cheesecake I have ever eaten, and I have eaten quite a few, has been at Biarritz on The Square on Duckworth. When we travel, I always try other cheesecakes, but none can compare. They do serve real food too and I have always found that to be good (they have delicious soups)."*

Ann Sanger  
(Information Services, QEII Library)

*"The Bistro on Duckworth is a little pricey, but the food (European), service, etc. are all wonderful."*

Lorraine Jackson (Collections, QEII Library)

*"Guv'nor Pub next to the Central City Motel on Elizabeth Avenue has good food, very reasonably priced, in a pub atmosphere."*

Gary Tucker  
(Periodicals, QEII Library)

*"For Chinese food lovers, I highly recommend Hong Kong Restaurant on Water Street - authentic and superb, reasonably priced."*

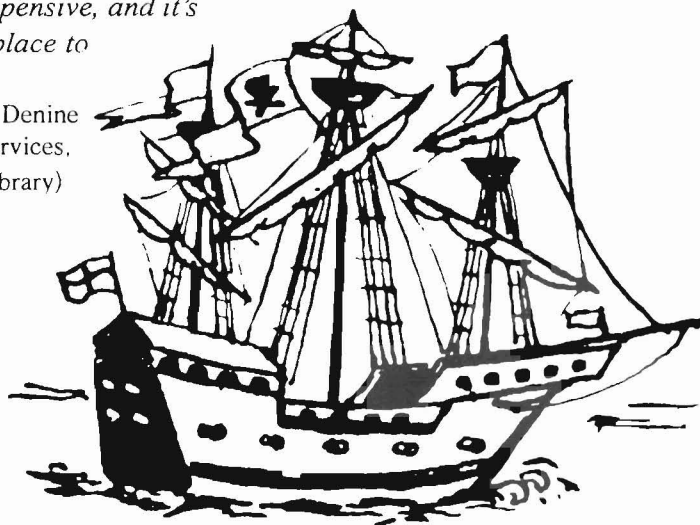
Betty Wong  
(Health Sciences Library)

*"For a fancy restaurant, I highly recommend the Cellar [Steers Cove]. The food is excellent, and even though it's a more formal setting, the atmosphere is relaxed. For a location closer to MUN, and more casual dining, I suggest Guv'nor Pub on Elizabeth Avenue. The food is good, not very expensive, and it's a nice, convenient place to relax."*

Ann Marie Denine  
(Information Services,  
QEII Library)

*"I'd like to recommend Guv'nor Pub on Elizabeth Avenue. It's one of my favourite places for lunch because of its proximity to campus, they have great French fries and Smithwick's on tap. The surroundings are cosy, the music perfect for us baby boomers (no heavy rock and no hurtin' songs), and the staff are very friendly. I also like the Bistro (281 Duckworth Street) as both the decor and the food are wonderful. It's in a lovely old downtown home and has a very extensive gourmet menu that is fairly inexpensive. It is my choice for dinner."*

Alison Mews  
(Curriculum Materials Centre, MUN)



## ANNUAL REPORTS — INTEREST GROUPS

### Collections Development Interest Group

Laura Jantek of the Halifax Regional Library, took over from Janice Fiander in January of 1997 as convener.

The Interest Group is sponsoring one program this year at the Conference, "Are they reading what we buy: a circulation study of a collection built in an age of cutbacks." Michael Lonardo, Collections Development Librarian at Memorial will be discussing assessing collections based on circulation information.

The purpose and focus of the CDIG was posted to the APLA-list in January. It is hoped that the list will serve as a vehicle for some discussions in this area. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
Laura Jantek, Convener

### Computers and Connectivity Interest Group

After last year's busy time, coordinating Internet activities at the CLA/APLA 1996 Conference, interest group activity has been a little quieter.

The interest group has continued to maintain the APLA Web page. Corrections and additions to the pages are ongoing. The addition of APLA awards and scholarship information is planned for the coming months.

The interest group will contribute one session to APLA '97, "Interlibrary lending automated tools: pleasure and pain in document delivery".

After several people expressed an interest, I also managed to contribute a brief summary or library networking in Atlantic Canada to the *APLA Bulletin* (v. 60, no. 4, January/February 1997).

Several people have forwarded ideas for activities in the coming year, including more material for the *Bulletin*. Anyone with new ideas for the APLA Web pages, or other activities in the automation and connectivity area they would like to see, please feel free to drop me a line. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
Peter Webster, Convener

### Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group

Betsy Palmer Eldridge, a well-known Canadian bookbinder and conservator gave a lecture in Halifax, "Historical Bookbinding Structures", based on examples from the Rare Book Collection of the University of King's College Library, on Friday, 12 April, 1996. She selected nearly fifty volumes from the collection, ranging from the sixteen to the twentieth century, particularly those which had suffered some damage to the binding, so that the internal structures could be seen. After displaying each volume and commenting on it, Betsy explained how she, as a conservator, would deal with the problems the book presented. The talk was a rare opportunity to learn about the history of the structure and ornament of books, and to hear an articulate and enthusiastic craftswoman speak about her work.

Betsy also conducted a day-long workshop, "Tips on Basic Bench Techniques for the Book Arts". Both the lecture and the workshop were attended by a number of members of our interest

group, as well as by regional members of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild.

In March many Halifax area members attended the opening of the exhibit, "Fine Print: the Private Press in Canada", in the Morse Room at the Killam Library, Dalhousie University. This fine show of books, pamphlets, and broadsides produced by Canadian craftspeople in the last sixty years was organized by the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild, and is touring nationally.

We did not sponsor a session at APLA '96 in Halifax, but we will be sponsoring a session at APLA '97 in St. John's. Julia M. Landry, who has recently returned to Canada after several years of advanced training at the School of Art History and Conservation at the Camberwell College of Arts, London, specializes in book and paper restoration.

She is presently Conservator for the Council of Nova Scotia Archives. Julia will present an illustrated lecture of particular interest to special collections librarians and archivists, "Care and handling procedures for books and documents".

The interest group will hold its annual meeting during the conference in St. John's. Reports from members in various parts of the Atlantic region on conservation activities will be welcomed, as well as suggestions for future directions for the group. There are many new areas of concern, such as the retention of electronic media, which we ought to be talking about. Having now completed a third year as convener of this Interest Group, I will be stepping down after the conference. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
Patricia L. Chalmers, Convener

### Continuing Education Interest Group

No report received. □

## ANNUAL REPORTS — INTEREST GROUPS

### Groupé d'intérêt francophone

Le groupe d'intérêt francophone n'a pas été très actif cette année. Le groupe a organisé deux sessions, qui seront présentées en française, au congrès de St-Jean. Nous aurons donc pour cette réunion annuelle: De Abney à Zionville: le recensement de 1996 par Bertrand Losier et lecture de poésie par Michel Savard.

Lors de la prochaine réunion annuelle, le groupe tentera d'établir ses buts et objectifs pour la prochaine année et discutera des différents moyens pour les atteindre.

Bon congrès!

— *Respectueusement votre,*  
*Johanne Jacob, présidente*

### Francophone Interest Group

The Francophone Interest Group has not been very active this year. The group has organized two sessions to be presented "en française" at the St. John's annual conference. The sessions are: De Abney à Zionville: le recensement de 1996 par Bertrand Losier and a poetry reading by Michel Savard.

During our annual meeting the group will try to determine it's aims and objectives for the next year. We will also discuss the means to achieve these objectives.

Bon congrès! □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
*Johanne Jacob, Convener*

### Library Instruction Interest Group

There are 22 members of this group, 6 attended the annual meeting. There continues to be minimal contact throughout the year.

The annual meeting took place in Halifax. There was discussion about choosing a speaker for the APLA session in Newfoundland.

David Howse of the Health Sciences Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Alexandria Hartmann of the Labrador West Campus, Labrador College will present a half day session concentrating on creating your own home page at APLA '97.

There was also discussion about the status and future direction of the group and it was felt, with so little interest, we would continue with the annual meeting at APLA and take it from there.

The role of this group seems to be to meet at APLA and from there plan the next year's session at APLA.

The interest group will have a meeting in Newfoundland, see you there. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*  
*Trina O'Brien Leggott and Barb Phillips, Conveners*

### Library Technicians Interest Group

No report received. □



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## ANNUAL REPORTS — INTEREST GROUPS

### Newspaper Interest Group

The interest group has not met since the last annual conference, but, in large part through the efforts of Charles Cameron, we will be offering a program at APLA '97 - "Newspapers as a research tool." A moderated panel presentation and discussion will focus on the continuing value of newspapers in a multiplicity of research fields, not ignoring the pitfalls, and there will be an opportunity to learn about and browse a recently accessible online product.

I do regret to report that, under my convenership, our formal membership has moved from 10 to 4. Fortunately, the other 3 assure me that it's not me and we are all convinced that there continues to be considerable interest in the preservation of, and access to, our Atlantic provinces' newspapers. A campaign is needed to convince a number of people to "sign up" for the interest group. There follows a sampling of newspaper news which should provide some indication of progress since the last report.

On Prince Edward Island, Harry Holman, Public Archives and Records Office, advises that, except for a few scattered issues, the microfilming of all extant Island papers is just about complete. The microfilming remains an "in-house" operation with processing services arranged by contract, and filming of current titles continues. Harry believes, like most of us, that there still may be "discoveries" made in attics, barns, etc. which will fill in some of the numerous gaps for a variety of newspaper titles. Unfortunately, existing resources have not yet permitted production of prints for interlibrary loan resource sharing.

Charles Cameron reports that the Newfoundland Newspaper Microfilming Project has become a victim of shrinking library budgets and it has ceased operation as of August 1996. Over a 21-year lifespan the project microfilmed 160 titles including all known issues of 19th century Newfoundland newspapers not previously microfilmed by the Canadian Library Association project. In addition to this accomplishment, a considerable portion of this century's publishing was also filmed. In the past

few years the concentration has been on post World War II titles with earlier titles filmed as discovered. The final newspaper filmed by the project was *The Georgian*, a weekly published in Stephenville (1970-1995). Anne Hart, head of Memorial's Centre for Newfoundland Studies, and coordinator for the project, along with Charles Cameron for the public library system, believe that the project has been a model of cooperation. During the project, Memorial University provided the camera, the public library system provided the space, and the two shared the costs. Sadly, the project has been mothballed with the camera and other operation equipment in storage, and the master negatives at the Provincial Resource Library. A large number of duplicate positive copies remain for most titles filmed during the course of the project. Charles Cameron will promptly supply a list (with prices) for anyone interested (e-mail: cameron@morgan.ucs.mun.ca). It is a relief to learn that the Provincial Resource Library will be able to continue to collect original copies of the province's newspapers. Howard Parsons, microfilm technician for 20 of the 21 years of the project, has transferred to the Periodicals Division of the Queen Elizabeth II Library (Memorial University).

Firstly from New Brunswick, the 2nd edition of the *New Brunswick Newspaper Directory* was launched on February 15, 1997. There have been extensive revisions (OK, some corrections too) and the period of coverage is 1783-1996. Many Atlantic provinces libraries will want a copy which is available from the Saint John Free Public Library, 1 Market Square, Saint John, NB E2L 4Z6 at a cost of \$33 (including shipping).

Also in New Brunswick, Gilles Chiasson, Acting Director of Libraries at Université de Moncton, was pleased to receive a purchase order from the National Library of Canada (NLC) for positive prints of all Acadian weeklies negatives held by the Centre d'études acadiennes. This, combined with an order from the University of Maine (Fort Kent) for all reels of *Le Madawaska*, has provided a significant boost to ensure

continuation of the University's newspapers related projects. Microfilming continues for all Acadian weeklies of the Atlantic provinces. This would be an appropriate place to mention the importance of notification to the NLC concerning completion of every completed newspaper microfilming project. NLC continues to build as comprehensive a collection of Canadian newspapers on microfilm as possible.

The Saint John Free Public Library received a donation of \$1,000 from the New Brunswick Historical Society to support that library's newspaper microfilming projects, and Janet Phillipps, reference librarian at the University of New Brunswick's Harriet Irving Library advises that the university will continue with the mandate to microfilm all currently published New Brunswick English language weeklies which are not being microfilmed commercially. Microfilming of the *King's County Record* (Sussex) has been completed to the last issue of 1995, and filming of all available issues of the *Courier Weekend* (St. Stephen) is also in progress at the Harriet Irving Library.

Finally, if you haven't had a look at some electronic newspaper formats and content, here are some Atlantic province addresses you may find of interest:

*The Daily Gleaner*  
<http://www.dailygleaner.com/>

*NB Telegraph Journal*  
<http://www.nbpub.nb.ca/>

*River Valley News*  
<http://www.liquid.nb.ca/rvnews/>

*The Daily News*  
<http://www.hfxnews.com/>

*Halifax Herald*  
<http://www.herald.ns.ca/>

*Evening Telegram*  
<http://www.eveningtelegram.com/> □

— Respectfully submitted,  
Ian Wilson, Convener

## Atlantic Provinces Library Trustees Interest Group

No convener. □

## ANNUAL REPORTS — SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### Committee on Copyright

No report received. □

## ANNUAL REPORTS — ATLANTIC PROVINCES BOOK REVIEW SOCIETY

### Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society

In spite of cuts in Canada Council funding, the past year has seen *Atlantic Books Today* achieve its goal of establishing a regular publishing schedule with four issues published in 1996. This schedule is to be repeated in 1997, with issues appearing in April, July, September, and November to coincide with the appearance of new books, the tourist season, Word on the Street in September, and the Christmas season. The board members are actively developing plans for fundraising and projects to increase the visibility and accessibility for *Atlantic Books Today*, including a proposal to establish a World Wide Web page. □

— Respectfully submitted,  
Hedy Armour

## From St. Jerome's Den

Since many of you will soon be on your way to APLA '97 in St. John's, you will need something to help you pass the travel time. What better way than with a little library trivia. The answers will be available at the conference (for those who cannot attend, they will be in the next issue of the *Bulletin*).

St. Jerome

1. In what 1985 movie does supervising librarian Ophelia Sheffer (Valerie Curtin) begin her sexual harassment of Nick (Mandy Patinkin), her new assistant, by cornering him in the stacks of the San Francisco Public Library and telling him, "Let's not pretend, Nick. Most women avoid married men, I improve them"?
2. The reading room of the library at Florida Southern College was designed with high windows to provide natural light and had no provisions for artificial illumination. Name the master American architect who designed this less-than-functional facility which was build between 1942 and 1945.
3. In a 1946 movie, bosun Harry Patterson initially considers Emily Sears of the San Francisco Public Library "a mild tomato," but he does woo and wed her. Name the movie and the stars.
4. In a story on the 109th ALA Annual Conference, a reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, noted that at the opening reception librarians "socked away four kegs of beer in 30 minutes." The story mentions that ALA President Patricia Wilson Berger recalled being told once by a hotel official why he liked librarians: "He said, 'You honor your reservations; you go to your meetings so we can clean your rooms; you're relatively quiet; and you drink more than \_\_\_\_\_.'" Which of the following fills in the blank? a) The Fifth Fleet; b) The American Legion; c) The town of Evanston; d) The American Distillers Convention.

At the conference, you might employ some of the following tips while networking at social, and other, events.

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## University Libraries and CISTI Sign Information Service Agreement

University libraries are using innovative ways of providing information to their students and faculty, to make the most of limited resources. Two university library consortiums, covering 33 libraries, have signed a two year agreement with the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) for preferred access and fees for information services.

The two consortiums are the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries which includes universities in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and the Association of Atlantic Universities Libraries Council for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Last year CISTI signed a precedent-setting agreement with the Quebec-based university library consortium, the Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec.

The agreement offers:

- assurance by CISTI to maintain its world-class collection of scientific, technical and medical journals, books, conference proceedings and technical reports to meet the continuing needs of the libraries
- copies of articles from CISTI's collection at discount
- an option for customized access, at a preferred rate, to SwetScan, an electronic table of contents service for 14,000 journals in all subjects.

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## How to Turn Chocolate into Technology

*Editor's note: Through a program of matching grants, the National Library of Canada helped Canadian libraries buy high-tech equipment. This adaptive technology increased library accessibility for clients with print disabilities. "How to Turn Chocolate into Technology" is the sixth, and last, article which tells the story of the experiences of some of these libraries and their users. The articles are copyrighted by the National Library and may be reproduced without permission provided the source is fully acknowledged.*

You believe in equitable access to information; you'd like to make it easier for blind and visually impaired readers to use your library; if yours is like most libraries, you have a limited budget. What do you do? At l'Octogone, the municipal library in LaSalle, Quebec, "We sold chocolate!" says the Director, Marie-Andrée Marcoux.

From 1993 to early 1996, the National Library of Canada offered the Adaptive Technology for Libraries Program as part of the federal government's National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities. All Canadian libraries - including public, academic and special libraries for blind and visually impaired clients - were eligible to receive financial assistance to help them buy the high-tech equipment needed to convert conventional print or electronic material to large print, Braille, or audio format, or to make these alternative formats more widely available. Libraries had to pay for half the cost of their technological investment.

Marcoux explains that the "chocolate" project was the brainchild of a local optometrist. Frustrated to find that many of his patients could not be helped with corrective lenses, he approached the library after seeing a demonstration of a closed-circuit television system. He believed this text enlargement equipment would be useful for anyone who, although not legally blind, had difficulty

reading regular print.

The library agreed and did some homework. To become more familiar with the range of adaptive equipment available and to see it in action, staff visited both the Institut Nazareth et Louis Braille and the University of Montréal's Centre documentaire adapté aux personnes handicapées. In the end, they agreed that the closed-circuit system would be able to serve more clients than other systems available.

"It was a project that involved many people," according to Marcoux. Not only did the Directors of all four LaSalle branches of the Banque nationale put up the money for the chocolate bars, they also offered the banks' premises as sales locations. Local sixth graders then joined the team, vying for first prize in a "Best Salesperson Award" organized by the banks. Finally, a local graphic artist and printer volunteered their time and talents to make posters to advertise the library's new service. L'Octogone invited the mayor, town councillors, and all members of the region's clubs d'âge d'or - a very important potential clientele - to the official inauguration ceremony.

Opening up access to information for the visually handicapped is not something one person can do in isolation. It may take a local champion, such as the LaSalle optometrist or a committed librarian, but the experience of L'Octogone proves the importance of community involvement. Many municipal libraries who received funding under the National Library's program found that the grant made it easier to approach community service associations for contributions. As Trudy Amirault, Regional Librarian for the Western Counties Regional Library in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia - a library with a substantial number of French-speaking clients - pointed out: "It gave a message to everybody that the federal government thinks this is a priority, that there should be equal access to information."

The choice of adaptive equipment on the market can appear daunting to any-

one unfamiliar with this type of technology. No one wants to make expensive mistakes. Amirault stresses the need to consult the potential users before making a decision. "Talk to your clients," she recommends, "and find out what they want. Then you have ready-made users too - they've already bought into the whole idea before you even get the equipment." The Western Counties Regional Library also consulted an organization called Hope, which represents disabled people in that area.

Those libraries that have begun the process of acquiring adaptive equipment for the visually impaired are pleased to share their experiences and the lessons they have learned along the way: in Saint-Laurent, Quebec Florian Dubois, Directeur de la Bibliothèque municipale, comments on the importance of a comfortable physical environment for any system that requires the user to sit for several hours to read a book; Marcoux in LaSalle stresses the need to balance a respect for the user's right to privacy with the need to place the equipment in a visible location so that clients will know of its existence; in Hull, Quebec, Denis Boyer, Director of the municipal library, emphasizes the importance of publicizing the service and of keeping in close contact with blind and visually impaired clients and the organizations that articulate their needs and preferences.

Blind and visually impaired readers who are using the adaptive technology in place in these public libraries are enthusiastic in their praise. In Boyer's words, "It is a possibility that exists now and did not exist a few years ago. We have the program necessary to give them full satisfaction!" □

— Joanne Godin

For the National Library of Canada

*Editor's note: For an interesting regular column on Web access for persons with disabilities, read the regular column, "Web access for the disabled," in Ariadne (<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/ariadne/>).*



# Dalhousie University Libraries

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## Dalhousie University Libraries establishes a stop on the Information Superhighway

[http:// www.library.dal.ca](http://www.library.dal.ca)

Less than a year ago, the Dalhousie University Libraries began to plan their entree into the World Wide Web. The development took most of the summer of 1996 to meet the self imposed deadline of August 30. A WWW Working Group of volunteers met in order to plan the organization of the site, design a corporate image and share out the various tasks. The Libraries purchased a Unix server to support the site.

An overriding focus was that the site would not only be informational but also instructional. In addition, access would be provided to as much of our electronic data as possible; so that we could further extend our services beyond the library doors.

### Design

Ease of navigation and access were very important. Each page has links to the Library home page as well as the Dalhousie University Home page. The logo was jointly designed by our part-time graphics designer and the Working Group. It is on every page and provides a consistent 'corporate' look. It includes three buttons which provide access to Novanet, the DELI (Dalhousie Electronic Library) and an Internet Search page.

### Organization

Utility was the key. Rather than stick to the organizational chart of the Libraries we are focussing on what people would find most useful. This led to highlighting the DELI (Dalhousie Electronic Library). We also emphasize information such as hours, staff, document delivery, instruction and policies. Our subject specialists have also attempted to provide a select list of Internet resources in each of their subject specialties as well as the collection policy and levels. They do not attempt to create exhaustive lists which have already been done elsewhere. We highlight sites that present ordered access to a variety of sites.

### Highlights

**DELI (Dalhousie Electronic Library)** (<http://www.library.dal.ca/general/public/deli.htm>). This is a term which we now use to encompass all of our electronic resources including Novanet, electronic journals, our CD-ROM databases and any online databases that we subscribe to, e. g. UnCover. The DELI pages allow our users on campus to access the majority of our CD-ROM databases via the Web. An Electronic Journals page includes a growing number

of full-text electronic journals from the Institute of Physics, Elsevier, etc. Access to the DELI resources is limited to Dalhousie IP addresses in order to maintain our contractual agreement with the vendors. The Web server software can automatically filter the IP addresses. The DELI has 3 levels of access - *Library DELI* is databases only accessible from one workstation in one library; *Campus DELI* covers the majority of our databases which can be accessed from any computer on campus that is connected to the Ethernet (on-campus communications backbone); *Extended DELI* has some of the Silverplatter databases on an ERL server which can be accessed through Dalhousie e-mail accounts or a University Premium dial-up line, thus providing access from off-campus.

The DELI has been the most popular of our web offerings but also the most difficult to achieve. Numerous technical problems are involved when dealing with different databases, software, and platforms. Many decisions were forced as there were no alternatives, however the focus was always to make as much available to as many Dalhousie users as possible in as many venues as we could. For example, the Libraries needed to find a way to deliver both DOS and Windows based databases across campus. The only solution we could find that satisfied Windows users and databases was to provide access through our web pages. A freeware program called launcher is used in conjunction with Netscape to provide Windows access to all of our networked products (whether Windows or DOS). Launcher is available from the one of our pages (<http://www.library.dal.ca/general/public/cdeliwin.htm>). The Systems staff have been kept busy working out the best methods of access. Elaine Boychuk, the Systems Librarian, has been a major force behind the DELI.

## From St. Jerome's Den

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- Always hold your drink in your left hand. Otherwise, the hand you extend to a new acquaintance could be cold and clammy.
- Keep your hands reasonably free. Exchanging business cards is cumbersome if you have to juggle a purse, a glass, and a plate of food.
- Always wear clothes with pockets. They are still the easiest way to carry business cards. And always keep your business cards in a different pocket from the ones you collect. That way, you are less likely to hand out somebody else's card.
- If you have trouble remembering faces, take a few minutes after an event to write down a physical description of each new acquaintance. It will make life easier when you have to find them in the middle of a crowded café.

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# APLA '97 - Where to start

## Wondering where to go when you arrive on campus?

Bring this map to help you out until you get your registration packet.

## Check-in for campus accommodations

Whenever you arrive

→ Hatcher House - Main entrance

We have been informed that there may be some rooms available for those who want to come early or stay late. If you are interested, please contact the Conference Office directly (voice: (709) 737-7657/4003; fax: (709) 737-3520). If they ask you to identify the conference, we are variously known as APLA, the library conference, or the Atlantic library conference. If all else fails, try the name Sixty.

## Preconference

Thursday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

→ Education 3034A

## Registration

Thursday, May 22, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

→ Hatcher House - Main entrance

Friday, May 23, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 24, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

→ Science - Main Lobby

## Keynote

Friday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

→ Music - Donald Cook Recital Hall

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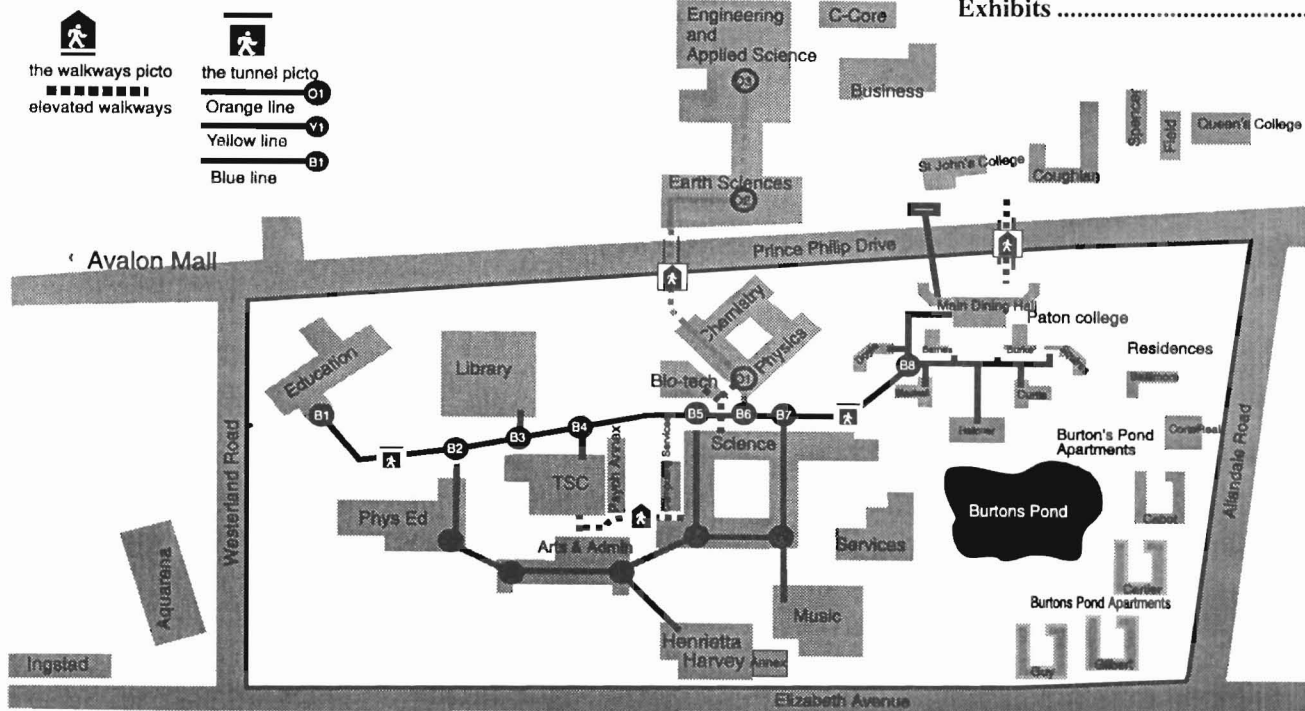
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— APLA '97 Local Arrangements Committee

## Memorial University of Newfoundland Simplified Campus Map

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 Residence check-in ..... Hatcher  
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## The MUNnel system of pedestrian access



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**Internet Search tools** (<http://www.library.dal.ca/general/searchtools/searchtools.html>). As a result of a tutorial which was developed last summer, a page listing the major Internet search tools was designed. It provides links to Internet search tools along with descriptions of their capabilities. It has become internationally known and is now included on the Dalhousie University Search page.

**Document Delivery** (<http://www.library.dal.ca/ddkillam/docdel.htm>). We have recently added electronic versions of some of our request forms. Any Dalhousie faculty, students or staff can now request materials not held at Dalhousie (books, journal articles, etc.) via the Web pages and the requests are automatically downloaded into the Aviso system. We are currently developing similar electronic forms for the use of Novanet off-campus borrowers and for borrowing libraries.

### Maintenance

The upper level pages are maintained by me and the library level pages are maintained by one individual for each library. Each major information provider has their own subdirectory on the web server, eg. circulation, Science Reference, serials. Maintenance of the pages is handled by a person in each department. It is very important to have someone with an overall knowledge and vision of the web site in order to preserve a cohesive look and content. These duties have been given priority by the library staff, although other duties have not been reduced. This is not ideal but probably more and more common everywhere as staff are reduced and duties increased.

### Future plans

A Virtual Tour of the Killam Library is being developed. It is anticipated that it will be used to introduce students to

the Library as they require it. It may possibly be used with the incoming English 1000 students. Also a library school student is developing an interactive tutorial designed to provide an introduction to library research.

We are also continually adding more databases to the DELI and are developing electronic request forms for renewal of library materials and for faculty placing items on Reserve.

We are increasingly viewing the Web pages as another branch of the libraries; a way to provide services and information to patrons who might not normally come into the building. The Web is a relatively easy way to connect with this type of patron. ☐

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## Atlantic Profiles: Aileen Lewis

Astute, eminently sensible, gracious, always composed, liberal with praise for a job well done, universally liked and respected... these are some of the words that people I know have used to describe Aileen Lewis. I had the pleasure of interviewing her, following her recent decision to pursue retirement from her position as Assistant Director, Administration, Halifax Regional Library.

**Bulletin:** What drew you to a career in librarianship?

**Lewis:** A really practical thing drew me into a career of librarianship: I got a job in a library. After my studies at Mount Allison, where I took a business diploma with my B. A., I searched for a job as a clerk-typist and I got a job at the science library at Dalhousie. I worked with Sylvia Fullerton, and she was great. Before that, I just loved public libraries. My family was always down at the Halifax library, carting books home. In my teenage years, I loved going to the public library because they treated me like an adult. That really good feeling about libraries, and summer jobs in a library, came together and I applied to library school.

**Bulletin:** If you had not gone into librarianship, what would you have chosen?

**Lewis:** There weren't many career choices for women in the early sixties, it's quite astonishing. By the end of my BA, I knew I liked libraries. I thought I was suited for them. My other raging interest at the time was travel, and I might have become a travel agent. I don't know if I would have made a fortune at it, or would have been any good at it, but that was my other love.

Would I have gone into any other career? My brother went into law, and I never thought of applying to law school then. But if I had to do it again, I think I would be really interested in being a lawyer. But I am really glad that I did what I did. I love the public contact.

**Bulletin:** Did you have any mentors?

**Lewis:** I had a lot of mentors. I want to mention just one, Alberta Letts, Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian. I think some people in APLA will remember her; she was a wonderful warm person. She came to McGill library school to interview on behalf of all public libraries. There was

no library school at Dalhousie then. She knocked me over. She knocked everyone over with her warmth and enthusiasm for public libraries. She absolutely charmed me in the best sense of the word. I came out of the interview thinking I don't know exactly where I want to go, but I know I want to work with Alberta Letts. I started as a cataloguer at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Bertha Higgins was my first real boss and was tremendous. Alberta was my mentor and she urged me to get into a public library. When a chief's job came up she encouraged me to apply, convinced me that I could do it and that it was the right move. I have her picture in my office still and think of her a lot.

**Bulletin:** Tell me a bit about your education and the jobs you have held.

**Lewis:** I took my B. A. at Mount Allison University. It was a wonderful small college. I kind of grew up at Mount A. After Mount A with 1,200 students I went directly to library school at McGill where there were 12,000 students. It was a big change! I loved Montreal though.

After graduation I worked as a cataloguer at Nova Scotia Provincial Library. I travelled for 2 years and actually went around the world. In those days I was always saving my money so I could go travelling again. People were always asking me if I would ever settle down! After I came back from Australia I decided I wanted to have a job, stay at it and have roots and I guess I succeeded. For the next 28 years I worked in various jobs in Nova Scotia. I started at Halifax City, and have worked for Cape Breton Regional Library, Eastern Counties Regional Library, and Halifax County Regional Library where I moved up to be chief in 1970. We took on the development of the South Shore Regional Library as a contract. Those were really interesting and very exciting times. Then I spent the next 18 years as chief of the Dartmouth Regional Library. It seemed that every 7 years or so something new and different came up, so work was always fresh and exciting. The latest project was amalgamation of the Halifax municipality including the libraries.

**Bulletin:** What accomplishments are you most proud of?

**Lewis:** The major one in my mind

was the planning of the new Alderney Gate library building and automation which we did at the same time. To automate at the same time as you design and move into a new 45,000 square foot library was quite an accomplishment. We were the first public library east of Montreal to automate. I had a good board and good staff. The second accomplishment was to see the South Shore Regional Library grow so that they flew on their own. That was a wonderful feeling. The third accomplishment has been staff development. There is no doubt that if I have had significant achievements, I have not done them by myself. I might have been the leader but I have always had great people around me.

**Bulletin:** Do you have any regrets?

**Lewis:** I should have some regrets and I don't. If I had to choose a career again, I would have chosen the same career. I could turn that question around and say I have had real pleasures in things I have done. Recently we went forward as a team through amalgamation of three regional libraries into one, and it was quite a year. I am terribly pleased we did, and now I feel it is time for me to retire. So I will be leaving as an alumni of this new library and will have been part of it.

**Bulletin:** What are your retirement plans?

**Lewis:** My husband Ron Lewis has been retired from his position as University Librarian at Saint Mary's University for about a year and a half and I look forward in joining him. Our main hobbies are Airedale terriers and Welsh terriers and watching sports. Ron and I are looking forward to more time at home, and with family. It will be nice to be able to pick up and travel too.

**Bulletin:** Is there anything you will miss?

**Lewis:** I will miss the APLA conferences. I don't think that I have ever missed one. So don't be surprised when APLA is in Halifax to see Ron and I attending the banquet. We have a lot of good friends in APLA. □

— Andrea John for the Bulletin

*Editor's note: Andrea is currently on parental leave from her position as Coordinator, User Services, Nova Scotia Provincial Library.*

# ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 57TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax

Thursday, June 6, 1996 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 9, 1996 - 9:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. Establish quorum

A quorum was established.

### 3. Additions and changes to the agenda

Financial Examiner's Report to become item #11.

Treasurer's Report to become item #12.

Merit Award to become #13.

APLA Bulletin Editor's Report to become #14. All subsequent items to be renumbered accordingly.

Item #15.9 Public Relations Committee, should show no convener.

### 4. Adoption of the agenda

#### MOTION:

That the agenda be adopted as amended. (E. Travis, E. Hamilton) **CARRIED.**

### 5. Minutes of the 56th Ordinary General Meeting

#### MOTION:

That the minutes of the 56th Ordinary General Meeting be adopted as printed in the *APLA Bulletin*. (L. Melanson, J. Neilson) **CARRIED**

### 6. Business arising from the minutes

#### 6.1 Articles of Association

S. Lochhead took the Chair.

S. Libby reported that the discrepancy between the Articles of Association passed in 1989 and those filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies is of a minor nature and that the office of the Registrar is only interested in major changes in purpose or name of the organization. A revised version of the Articles could be submitted but is not necessary.

S. Libby resumed the Chair.

#### 6.2 Membership fees for library technicians

K. Campbell reported that no change in fee structure can be contemplated at this time as current fees just cover costs. In fact, subscriptions and institutional memberships are covering some of the costs of personal memberships. Any reduced fee contemplated in future should be tied to salary not to occupational role.

### 7. President's report

S. Lochhead took the Chair.

S. Libby added the following to her report as it appears in the *Bulletin*:

Concerning the move to privatize Canada Communications Group, she received, a reply to APLA's letter of concern. The reply acknowledged that the large number of letters of protest had an effect on the final decision. At present, only the printing is being privatized; publishing is still under review.

The Harmonization Tax has very serious implications for library budgets. Provincial Vice-President's will send letters to their respective governments.

Phase II of Copyright Legislation is under way. The Executive will address this issue with the Committee on Copyright.

It is difficult being president of APLA when working in a small special library without the backup resources of a large organization. This is something for members to think about, particularly as more and more members are in special library situations.

S. Libby resumed the Chair.

### 8. Past President's report

The report was published in the *Bulletin*.

#### 8.1 Standing Orders

C. Cameron presented changes to the Standing Orders.

#### MOTION:

That Standing Order 6.3 be amended as presented. (J. Teskey, M. Leggott)

#### CARRIED

#### MOTION:

That Standing Order 6.4 be amended as presented. (J. Tillotson, J. Archibald)

#### CARRIED

#### MOTION:

That Standing Order 6.5 be amended as presented. (W. Birdsall, B. Conran)

#### CARRIED

#### MOTION:

That Standing Order 8.36 be amended as presented. (I. Wilson, A. Fiander)

#### CARRIED

#### MOTION:

That Standing Order 8.32 be amended to include, in a separate sentence, what was passed as Standing Order 8.36 above. (L. Melanson, P. Glenister)

#### CARRIED

#### MOTION:

That Standing Order 8.36 (the old 8.37) be amended as presented. (L. Melanson, K. Lippold)

Discussion: L. Melanson--If passed, it will mean, in conjunction with 8.28, that only \$1000 can be added to the Memorial Awards and therefore a larger amount will go to the First Timer's Award. It was agreed that this should be dealt with by the Executive.

M. Pape--Is there provision elsewhere for continuing education? S. Libby replied that the Executive is trying to provide for this through the GAI which is offered partly as a grant and partly as Seed money. C. Mofford suggested this

would be better dealt with under the budget. **CARRIED**

### 9. Vice-President's reports

#### 9.1 New Brunswick

Report published in the *Bulletin*. M. Rudi added that she has written letters about the Harmonization Tax to the provincial government.

#### 9.2 Newfoundland

Report published in the *Bulletin*. K. Lippold added that 17.5% has been removed from the public library funding; six casual staff have been let go. \$8 million has been cut from the university budget; it is not known yet how this will be applied. In the K-12 system, learning resource teacher support may disappear; new boards do not have this as their only responsibility. Community colleges--some campuses are closed, one librarian position is lost as a result; in others, the first year university courses are cancelled which may further affect libraries. She wrote a letter on the Harmonization Tax; the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland is protesting the tax this weekend.

#### 9.3 Nova Scotia

Report published in the *Bulletin*. There were no questions.

#### 9.4 Prince Edward Island

Report published in the *Bulletin*. There were no questions.

#### 9.5 Membership

Report published in the *Bulletin*. M. Leggott noted that K. Campbell has completed the very large task of converting the membership database to a new computer.

### 10. Secretary's report

Report published in the *Bulletin*. There were no questions.

### 11. Financial examiner's report

#### MOTION:

That the report of the Financial Examiner be accepted as presented. (E. Hamilton, I. Wilson) **CARRIED**

### 12. Treasurer's report

C. Mofford noted that it is important for the association to balance revenue and expenditures in order for conference surpluses to be used to do new things. The big news this year has been receipt of the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund. L. Melanson asked if there are provisions in the will for the granting of the scholarship. C. Mofford responded that the will states that only the interest is to be used for the scholarships and that they are to

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go to an individual seeking a Master's degree in library studies in Canada.

### MOTION:

That the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. (E. Browne, E. Hamilton) **CARRIED**

### 13. APLA Merit Award

C. Cameron presented the 1996 APLA Merit Award to Eric Swanick. E. Swanick expressed his appreciation.

### 14. APLA BULLETIN Editors' report

Report published in the *Bulletin*. S. Sixty added that expenses have been kept to a minimum. She also reminded members to continue sending articles to the *Bulletin*.

### 15. Executive committees/Standing committee reports

#### 15.1 Aims and objectives

Report published in the *Bulletin*. There were no questions.

#### 15.2 Committee on committees and interest groups

Report published in the *Bulletin*. There were no questions.

#### 15.3 Finance

S. Lochhead took the Chair.

Report published in the *Bulletin*. S. Libby added that the Finance Committee met before the conference, reviewed the budget, and decided to present a budget with a \$3000 deficit which was approved by the Executive.

S. Libby resumed the Chair.

a) C. Mofford presented the 1996-1997 Budget. The conference 1996 will cost APLA \$2500 with no revenue coming to APLA from the conference. \$500 is the cost of bringing all subscriptions into line with the fiscal year. This results in a \$3000 deficit for this year.

C. Mofford noted that a bill for posters for Information Rights Week may be forthcoming.

### MOTION:

That the report of the Finance Committee and the 1996-1997 budget be approved as presented. (E. Browne, A. Fiander) **CARRIED**

### b) MOTION:

That Peter Glenister be the financial examiner for APLA for 1996-1997. (E. Travis, I. Wilson) **CARRIED**

c) S. Lochhead took the Chair.

S. Libby announced the winner of the 1996 First Timer's Grant--Trish McCormick.

S. Libby resumed the Chair.

### 15.4 Bulletin management board

Same report as for the *Bulletin* editor.

### 15.5 Nominations and elections

C. Cameron announced that 119 ballots were cast. R. Mitchell then announced the results as follows:

Vice-President/President Elect - John Teskey

Vice-President, Newfoundland - Beverley Neable

Vice-President, Nova Scotia - Faye Hopkins

Vice-President, Membership - Elizabeth Browne

Treasurer - Rashid Tayyeb

S. Lochhead announced that the new secretary is Anita Cannon.

### MOTION:

That the ballots be destroyed. (C. Cameron, P. Higham) **CARRIED**

### 15.6 APLA Memorial Awards

Report published in the *Bulletin*. S. Pearl announced that this year's recipient Dr. William Birdsall who is working on a book with Karen Adams which focuses on information policies in libraries.

### 15.7 Communications

Report published in the *Bulletin*. There were no questions.

### 15.8 Intellectual freedom

Report published in the *Bulletin*. There were no questions.

### 15.9 Public relations

There is currently no convener for this committee.

### 15.10 APLA Student Award winner

S. Lochhead took the Chair.

S. Libby announced that the winner of this year's APLA Student Award is Martha Patterson.

S. Libby resumed the Chair.

### 15.11 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund

The Executive has established a committee to administer this fund. It will consist of the Vice-President/President Elect and the four provincial Vice-Presidents. Terms of reference will be drawn up.

### 16. Interest group reports

#### 16.1 Collections development

No report.

#### 16.2 Computers and connectivity

Report published in the *Bulletin*

#### 16.3 Conservation of library materials

Report published in the *Bulletin*.

#### 16.4 Continuing education

Report published in the *Bulletin*.

#### 16.5 Francophone

There is currently no convener for this group.

#### 16.6 Library instruction

Report published in the *Bulletin*.

#### 16.7 Library technicians

There is currently no convener for this group.

#### 16.8 Newspaper

Report published in the *Bulletin*.

#### 16.9 Trustees

There is currently no convener for this group. J. Heron reported that the trustees have asked the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia to appoint a convener.

### 17. Special committee reports

#### 17.1 Committee on copyright

No report.

### 18. Report of the APBR Society Board representatives

Report published in the *Bulletin*.

### 19. Annual conferences

#### 19.1 Halifax - 1996

S. Lochhead took the Chair.

S. Libby reported that Jackie MacDonald did a lot of APLA work in the conference planning. She also stated that she appreciated the degree to which the CLA administration and planning committee welcomed APLA and accommodated APLA's needs.

S. Libby resumed the Chair.

#### 19.2 St. John's - 1997

S. Sixty reported that the conference would take place at Memorial University, May 22-25. The theme is "wired" to our roots and to the future of libraries. Everyone is invited.

#### 19.3 1998

Conference location is not yet determined.

### 20. Resolutions committee announcements

S. Lochhead announced that the resolutions committee was Anita Cannon and Ruthmary Macpherson. Resolutions are to be submitted to the committee at the APLA hospitality desk before 1:00 p.m. June 7, 1996.

### 21. Other business

No other items of business were raised.

### MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned until Sunday, June 9, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. (E. Hamilton, A. Fiander) **CARRIED**

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m. on June 9, 1996.

### 22. Resolutions

Two resolutions were received.

### MOTION:

That APLA contact the four Atlantic premiers, finance ministers, and other party leaders and clearly state our opposition to any additional taxes on books and other reading materials which may result from the initiative to harmonize federal and provincial sales taxes and make clear that any tax on books and other reading materials is a tax on reading. (S. Lochhead, L. Mackey) **CARRIED**

### MOTION:

That the appreciation of APLA be extended to those who have contributed to the success of the APLA portion of this conference, including:

Jacqueline MacDonald, Ven-Rez Ltd., and the CLA Conference Planning Committee (R. Macpherson, A. Cannon) **CARRIED**

### 23. Inauguration of new President

S. Libby formally handed the gavel to S. Lochhead.

### 24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. □

— Respectfully submitted, Ruth Mitchell

  
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## Excitement at the School of Library and Information Studies: 1996/97

Classes in a very full academic year at the School of Library and Information Studies came to a conclusion on April 11, 1997 amidst an air of optimism not only because students, staff, and faculty were looking forward to a break! What was the cause of the excitement? The answer lie in a number of reasons, some of which may be known to readers of the *APLA Bulletin* and those who follow messages on the APLA listserv.

One reason was the recent Showcase on April 4, which brought many visitors to the school. This annual event included the demonstration and display of numerous, wide-ranging, creatively designed database projects; tests and analyses of interfaces and systems completed in courses on information retrieval and automation and networking; marketing and public relations portfolios created for clients in Halifax and throughout the province; detailed reports submitted in courses on systems analysis, records management, collections management, information sources in the social sciences and humanities, and sources for business intelligence; and several poster sessions showing the conclusions of independent research studies ranging from ethics in information studies, to the information needs of nineteenth century Nova Scotian sheriffs, to information policy and telemedicine, to core services in Nova Scotian public libraries, to a comparison of bibliographic instruction delivered in a class or via the Web. Visitors complimented students on the impressive array of high quality projects and research work completed during the academic year.

Another reason for excitement is the strong endorsement of the school from the senior administration of the University. As a result, we are in the midst of recruiting new faculty members, first to replace Dr. Mary Dykstra Lynch who is retiring at the end of June, and secondly to replace Dr. Larry Amey who will retire next year. During the upcoming academic year a full-time lecturer will also be hired. Further, a new Research Chair in Business Informatics has been established as a joint venture of the School of Library and Information Stud-

ies and the School of Business Administration. This chair is funded by a significant contribution from the Killam Trust, and the support of two private sector donors. A search committee has already begun work to recruit a senior faculty member to fill the position. The Killam Chair in Business Informatics will be primarily concerned with the collection, management, presentation, and usage of information by organizations for strategic purposes.

The extensive Friday Lecture Series, which concluded on April 11, 1997 with a talk by Dr. Bryce Allen of the University of Missouri, was another reason for excitement this year. Over the course of the year thirteen speakers came to Dalhousie from locations in North America and the United Kingdom to deliver stimulating lectures on a range of topics in librarianship, archival studies, and information studies. This term, too, the school provided continuing education workshops on biological information with a speaker from BIOSIS in Philadelphia, a session on accessibility with Katherine Miller from the National Library of Canada, and a workshop on committee functions, custom designed for Novanet Inc.

The continuing support of alumni and friends of the school through contributions to the Annual Fund is yet another reason for excitement. These contributions have allowed us to keep our Information Technology Lab up to date, and the endowment of the Alumni Scholarship meant that Sarah Jane Angevin, a first year student, received a \$1,400 scholarship.

The graduating class has begun its foray into employment, and again there is reason for optimism. To give only a few examples, students have already been hired by a software development company in Halifax, a conservation agency in New England, and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Over the coming weeks we expect other graduates will be successful in obtaining employment. The front page article in the last issue of the *APLA Bulletin* by Gordon Dutrisac and Kathleen Collins confirms that Dalhousie graduates are effectively

breaking into the employment scene.

During the academic year we were pleased to welcome two Researchers-in-Residence. Karen Adams, Executive Director of the Canadian Library Association, joined the school in the fall term while she was on four-month study leave to explore telecommunications policy, and Dr. Michael Lynch, Professor of Information Studies, University of Sheffield, is the current Researcher-in-Residence.

Faculty will be participating in conferences throughout the country this summer. Equally important two students, Lawrence Duggan and William Laurence, will be presenting papers about their research at the Atlantic Studies Conference in August, and we are very pleased that Eilen Crumley, a thesis student, has been awarded \$1,000 (US) by the Advertising and Marketing Interest Group of the Special Libraries Association to attend the annual SLA conference in Seattle.

The school continues to develop interdisciplinary links within the Faculty of Management (principally with the Schools of Business Administration and Public Administration), and has extended links outside Dalhousie to the Department of Information Management at Mount Saint Vincent University. The latter relationship has led to shared courses and co-sponsored lectures.

In our Occasional Papers Series publishing programme, we brought out "*The Book Disease*": *Atlantic Provinces Book Collectors*, a collection of seven essays edited by Eric Swanick. This and other volumes in the series continue to do well in world-wide sales.

Finally, applications for the fall 1997 class are currently being reviewed and offers are being sent out. Spaces are still available, however, and prospective candidates are urged to submit applications soon so as to meet the June 1, 1997 deadline.

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