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Gwynne Dyer: I'd rather call Australia: information, society, and human nature

"There is an emerging global culture, which is being driven by an information revolution." With this proposition, Gwynne Dyer, the renowned Canadian historian, journalist, author, and broadcaster, began the keynote address to an immediately engaged audience of APLA conference delegates. A self-proclaimed "card-carrying optimist", Dyer went on to introduce his vision of the role of librarians in relation to what he called the "spreading virus of egalitarianism".

Dyer looked to the past three decades of his own work as a columnist in order to present a case for his optimistic view of this emerging global culture. In the early 1970's when he started writing his newspaper column, it appeared in English-speaking democracies around the world. At that time he was delivering photocopies of his column to these newspapers via air-mail. In the early 1980's, however, faxes became widespread, allowing for instantaneous transmission of the column around the globe. And with the popularization of e-mail in this decade, this instantaneous transmission became much more cost efficient. The result? Today Dyer can reach an audience much larger than he could thirty years earlier. His syndicated column on international affairs is currently published by approximately 150 papers in some 30 countries. And this new receptivity to different cultures, Dyer suggested, is not limited to his own field.

The information revolution and the Internet

Over the past few years the world has seen the collapse of totalitarian regimes and the spread of egalitarianism, Dyer continued. This largely non-violent democratization from within has occurred, he suggested, because of information. This information revolution has been made possible by distributed information networks (such as faxes, telephones, and the Internet) which Dyer called the "third wave of mass communications".

While it may seem that mass communications could potentially lead to more control by powerful leaders, the surprise of the last ten years has been that the opposite has happened. While attempts have been made at controlling the Internet in totalitarian states, there has been little or no control over the telephone and fax networks. Control of these distributed information networks has proven to be impossible. In fact, Dyer continued, technological change has caused the percentage of

the world's population living in "more-or-less democratic" societies to grow from 30% to 70-75% in recent history. The political reality of areas such as communist Europe, South Africa, and South Korea have been transformed.

Having discussed the impact of this "third wave" of mass communications, Dyer took a moment to look at the newest form of mass communication, the Internet, a little closer. The Internet, he stated, is virtually unusable as a research tool. To illustrate, Dyer told of his attempt once to use an Internet search engine to find a quote on Slovakia which he needed for his column. After spending three hours wading through 450 hits, he gave up and called the Slovak embassy in Australia. He was quickly faxed the information. "The Internet," he concluded, "is an information cloud."

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From the President's Desk

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President for 1997/98. It is a privilege. My thanks to the organizing committee of APLA '97! The program, starting with Gwynne Dyer's insightful and challenging talk, to Copyright and Library Advocacy, provided the energy needed to charge into summer. I am looking forward to working with the new Executive. There are several new members, which means that I won't be alone on the steep learning curve. One of the wonderful aspects of our association is that Susan Libby, Rashid Tayyeb, Anita Cannon, Marilyn Rudi, and Norine Hanus are just a few of the knowledgeable members who will provide advice and keep the new executive on course. My thanks to all of the outgoing members of the Executive.

Karen Harrison, CLA President, attended the conference in St. John's, and one discussion focussed on how CLA and APLA could work together. Since the meeting, I have talked with Karen Adams, Executive Director of CLA, regarding joint sponsorship of continuing education programs. I believe that such programs are a viable possibility and could be hosted in each province.

During the past two years, ALARM, the Alliance of Libraries, Archives and Record Management forum identified continuing education as a fundamental requirement due to relentless change. Partnerships with CLA and other groups will ensure that all members have access to programs within the region. This year the General Activities Fund has been increased in order to provide greater support for educational programs. Interest group convenors and other members are encouraged to develop proposals within your area.

At the second half of the OGM the following resolution was passed:

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Human nature and mass communications

The spread of egalitarianism, Dyer went on to explain, demonstrates something about human nature. The assumptions we have made about human nature following 5000 years of history are wrong. Tyranny does not actually have to be a part of large societies.

By way of explanation, Dyer pointed out that small groups of people tend to be egalitarian and consensus-driven. Domination by powerful individuals is not usually possible in a small group, where individuals know

each other. On the other hand, large social groups, such as cities, lead to hierarchical structures and tyranny. Yet, despite this, we now have societies of over one million people living in democracies. This has been made possible, Dyer concluded, by mass communications.

The Future Role of Librarians

What then, is the relevance of all this for librarians? To answer this question, Dyer looked once again at the Internet. "The Internet," he stated, "is the largest part of the information ocean that the twenty-first century world will swim in." Therefore, if we accept that human nature tends toward

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Last summer a concerted lobbying effort was mounted which resulted in libraries being exempted from the proposed harmonized sales tax, and indeed GST was eliminated on purchases of printed books and serials. It seemed as if the tax on reading had been overcome! We have discovered that implementation has not saved as much as we hoped. The fact that the exemptions do not extend to formats other than paper has increased the level of tax on significant portions of our acquisitions. The regulation that makes serials with more than 5% advertising content places a significant burden on libraries to identify such titles. Further, the definition of what is advertising is open to interpretation. In my naïve way I believe that we have been caught in an unintended situation rather than a planned tax grab. Currently acquisition funds are being deflected from their intended purpose. It remains to be seen if we can convince the provincial and federal finance departments to reconsider the definitions. I urge each of you to make your provincial and federal representative aware of our concern.

It promises to be a busy year. If you have suggestions or want to become more involved in any aspect of the Association, please contact me or any member of the Executive.

Have a great summer!

- John Teskey

equality, and that mass communications enable such equality in large societies, then clearing the "information cloud" that is today's Internet is very important indeed.

But, one audience member questioned, wouldn't the Internet, as a distributed information network, naturally tend to be decentralized and democratic without any outside help? Yes, Dyer admitted, but librarians, he suggested, are the best suited group to defend against the attempts that will certainly be made at "cornering the market" on information on the Internet.

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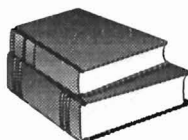
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Resolutions

Resolutions passed at the 58th Ordinary General Meeting, May 25, 1997 /
Résolutions adoptées par la 58^e Assemblée générale ordinaire le 25 mai 1997.

- Resolutions Committee

Resolution #1 / Résolution #1:

Resolved that the introduction of the HST and associated regulations are imposing a severe administrative burden on libraries, and whereas library budgets are severely restricted in today's fiscal environment, resolved that APLA express to the federal government and the appropriate provincial governments its concern over the impact of the new tax legislation on all types of libraries.

Résolu que l'introduction de la TVH et autres règlements imposent un lourd fardeau sur les bibliothèques, entendu que les budgets des bibliothèques sont durement touchés dans l'environnement fiscal d'aujourd'hui, résolu que APLA exprime au gouvernement fédéral et aux gouvernements provinciaux appropriés, ses inquiétudes sur l'impact de cette nouvelle législation, sur toutes les types de bibliothèques.

- (S. Libby, A Cannon)

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Resolution #2 / Résolution #2:

That the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to:

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2. the presenters, panelists, speakers, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of APLA '97;
3. the sponsors and exhibitors who have contributed to the success of APLA '97.

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1. tous les organisateurs et bénévoles de APLA '97;
2. les présentateurs, invités, conférenciers et modérateurs de tous les ateliers et conférences de APLA '97;
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- (J. Teskey, D. Savage)

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Are They Reading What We Buy? A circulation study of a collection built in an age of cutbacks

This session examined the problem of building and maintaining a strong library collection in the face of ever-increasing cuts to library materials budgets. Michael Lonardo, an experienced Collection Development Librarian from Memorial University, discussed his experiences in using circulation statistics as one way of measuring collection use and revealing opportunities for future library materials expenditures.

Mr. Lonardo began by saying that budgetary pressures in academic libraries were forcing some to consider the tailoring of library collections to user needs and demands at the expense of building well-rounded research collections. He cited a 1969-1975 study from the University of Pittsburgh in which circulation statistics for 36,892 books added to the library collection for that time period were studied. One conclusion of the study was that only 50% to 60% of books added to the University of Pittsburgh's collection would ever be signed out. The study was interesting for revealing some of the use patterns of a library collection built in comparatively affluent times. The question which arises for present-day librarians is the degree to which such a study could be useful in helping determine library material selection in the cash-strapped 90's.

Mr. Lonardo replicated the University of Pittsburgh study at Memorial University during the period from January 1990 to October 1996 for library monographs in the subject areas of History, Political Science, Economics, and General Social Sci-

ences: 1,811 items were checked for their circulation status over this period. The results of the research revealed, among other things, that 35% of the titles added to the library collection in these subject areas over this period accounted for 80% of the total circulations; 22% of the items were never signed out at all.

Using a series of graphs to illustrate the circulation of monographs for particular call number ranges in History and Political Science, Mr. Lonardo was able to demonstrate that certain types of library books circulated more than others: Books on Canadian politics, for example, circulated more frequently than those on American politics. Books on military studies circulated more than books on naval studies. English language titles in some disciplines circulated more than foreign language titles.

The study conducted by Mr. Lonardo revealed, at least to some extent, the types of materials in demand by the faculty and students of Memorial. Mr. Lonardo saw the potential for using such studies to partially determine collection development decisions for particular subject areas, titles, authors, and standing orders. He also saw scope for ordering multiple copies of heavily used or possible high-demand titles.

Mr. Lonardo noted that his study, by implication, raised some other issues. He noted that academic librarians living in difficult economic times with shrinking library budgets could fall into the trap of just buying what circulates. He also noted that many of the high-circulation items could largely be expected to be works geared to the undergraduate university population: concentrating on purchasing only these works could result in a

decline of an academic library's research collection.

- Stephen Field
Memorial University of Newfoundland

Sponsorship: sense and sensibility

CLA president Karen Harrison has certainly done her homework on the issue of fundraising by non-profit organizations. As a result, she was able to deliver both a lively and informative conference session on the topic in St. John's. Speaking to an audience composed largely of public librarians, Ms. Harrison's presentation combined both theory and practice in almost equal measure, drawing heavily on her personal experiences as CEO and premier fund-raiser for the Thunder Bay Public Library.

Ms. Harrison launched into her topic by pointing out that sponsorship is not philanthropy. It is a business transaction. The "What's in it for me (WIIFM)?" principle looms large in the minds of company executives who are mostly concerned with their bottom lines and consequently, with return on investment (ROI). Therefore, it is wise to know the company that you are approaching and the clientele that you are offering them for their products or services. The company will want to know not only how many people use your library, but who these people are, i.e. age, occupation, education, etc. Have the facts at your fingertips when approaching prospective sponsors. Ms. Harrison emphasized the importance of a sponsorship policy that governs all fund raising activities. Why? To "anticipate and avoid problems; protect the library and its values;

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communicate key values to the sponsor, staff and the community; and clarify decision making." Protecting the library and its values is probably the key element to retain here. You are after all selling a certain amount of visibility, NOT your soul, and NOT control of the library.

Avoid pitfalls by checking with your boards and trusted others as to the suitability of a potential sponsor. If you anticipate a negative reaction to a product or service, stay away from it. When acknowledging sponsorship on brochures, signs, in newsletters, etc., don't forget to give credit to other sponsors, and not negligibly the taxpayers who, particularly in the case of public libraries, still pay the biggest whack for library services.

These are a few of the major points raised by Ms. Harrison during a one-and-a-half hour session that was chock-a-block with useful information and wise advice. Beware. "There are no get rich quick schemes in sponsorship," and despite your best efforts with companies and corporations, the source of 90% of all charitable giving is still the individual.

TBPL has raised about \$50,000 in goods and services over two years, a half of that in cash. While this is a noteworthy accomplishment, one hopes that the big payoff is around the corner. Otherwise fundraising is not the salvation of the public library, as many would have us believe. We must do our best to obtain as much financial support as possible from the wider community. In the end, however, our best hope is to continue our efforts to convince our governments, both provincial and municipal, that libraries are worth it. Without tax-support, the public library as an institution will founder.

A last word to say that Ms. Harrison's handouts (Speaker's Notes prepared with the assistance of Gabriele Lundeen, CEO, Toronto Public Library), were amongst the most useful I have ever taken away from a conference session. All in all, a very satisfactory session.

- Jocelyne Thompson
New Brunswick Library Service

Care and handling procedures for books and documents

At an afternoon session on May 24, Julia M. Landry, a conservator with her own business, Leaf by Leaf Book and Paper Conservation Services of Halifax, and who is presently on contract with the Nova Scotia Council of Archives, gave a three-hour lecture on the care and handling of books and documents. The 17 attendees all had a professional interest in paper conservation and included members of the library and archival communities. Ms Landry's 8-page handout served a dual purpose, as a guide to the lecture and as an *aide memoire* to take away and consult later. I recommend the handout to readers of the *APLA Bulletin* who are interested in this topic as a useful overview to conservation techniques in point form. They might care to contact Ms. Landry for a copy (at P.O. Box 1554, Station M, Halifax, B3J 2Y3).

Ms. Landry's lecture included theory, for example formulae for risk management assessments and discussion of the agents of deterioration, and the history of materials, for example, types of papers and inks and the natural acidity of older photographs. An in-depth discussion of protective coverings, such as customized cases, mountings and buffered versus unbuffered folders and their benefits included much practical information. Ms. Landry recommended a text, Hedi Kyle *Library materials preservation manual: practical methods for preserving books, pamphlets, and other printed materials*. Bronxville, N.Y.: N.T. Smith, 1983, which gives patterns for making these coverings. Aside from the various boxes and cases, the session was illustrated by a wonderful set of slides which clearly showed light damage, mat burn, mold, tide-marks, damage from rust, dye, overstuffing of boxes, air, mice, elastic bands, Scotchtape staining and the risks of mixing media (e.g. newsprint/photographs, glue/paper). The session ended with a stimulating round of questions from the audience.

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-Joan Ritcey

Memorial University of Newfoundland

Information Consulting: redirecting your career

Margaret Wicken, an information consultant and president of ORION Marketing Research in Fredericton, New Brunswick treated her listeners to an honest and straightforward account of how she redirected a career that had become stagnant and at times stressful to one that was fulfilling, exciting and at times, still stressful.

Margaret told the audience that she drifted into librarianship over twenty-five years ago and obtained an MLS from Dalhousie University. Early on she realized she did not really want to be a librarian and spent time travelling in Canada and Europe. When economics dictated, she sought work in libraries and held a number of positions in school and community college libraries in Nova Scotia, the Yukon and New Brunswick. Her final position in a library was as a cataloguer and she admitted that it was not a very rewarding experience for her. She left after six months, totally discouraged.

She turned to management courses and eventually completed an MBA despite a setback due to illness. She participated in a trade mission to Mexico as part of her program, an event which would have greater significance

later in her career. With her library science degree, a love for research and now an MBA (a degree which she said was respected), Margaret felt equipped to enter the business world as an information consultant. She joined forces with a colleague from the MBA program and together they obtained a \$10,000 government loan, drew up a partnership agreement, developed a business plan, registered their company name and searched for contracts. Several contracts were won but what had appeared to be the makings of a successful partnership turned sour and actually led to health problems for Margaret. She illustrated how partnerships are not for everyone and that the disadvantages such as loss of freedom and having the feeling that you are carrying the business can outweigh the advantages. The partnership was dissolved and Margaret is now President of ORION Marketing Research which provides general marketing research. Her long term goal is to work with companies wishing to export to countries such as Mexico. She likes being her own boss and meeting many people and despite the long hours and periods without income, she knows that there is potential for increased income.

Margaret's account of her rocky road to a fulfilling career impressed many listeners. She certainly demonstrated that patience, fortitude and making the most out of a bad experience can lead you exactly where you want to go.

-Colleen Field

Memorial University of Newfoundland

We're All in This Together: CAUL/CDBUA initiative for library support for distance learners

Cooperation is the key to library support for distance learners according to speaker Rita Campbell. Rita spoke knowledgeably as the Chair of the Council of Atlantic University Libraries' Distance Education Committee and as University Librarian at Saint

Francis Xavier University, a university active in the field of distance education. Currently there has been a trend towards distance learning to provide education. Each of the four Atlantic provinces has been involved in cooperative ventures in the field. The university libraries in the region were encouraged to look more closely at the subject when the Council of Maritime Premiers issued a proposal to develop an Atlantic Open University which would offer a degree in General Studies. Courses towards this degree could be taken at any of the participating universities. The introduction of such a degree would have a considerable impact on libraries. CAUL Distance Education Committee embarked on a study to look at means of offering standard library service to all distant learners in Atlantic Canada. In May of 1996 they released "Library support for distant learners: a report to the Association of Atlantic Universities Librarians Council." This report is available on the Web at <http://libmain.stfx.ca/rita/aaulc.htm> Four underlying values formed the groundwork for the report: the acquisition of information/research skills is a fundamental component of university level education; Atlantic Canada's University Libraries have a history of cooperation and a commitment to improving access to resources; the parent institution is responsible for ensuring access to appropriate library resources; and distant learners should receive the same quality of support as on-campus students. Working from this basis, the Committee identified thirteen goals or recommended strategies. The first six strategies recommended standard identification of course requirements, library resources, and student skills, and identified communication issues. The other seven goals recommended strategies for cooperative library support. Ms. Campbell reported that nothing is being done to implement the recommendations in this report. The AAUC is moving slower than anticipated. It

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is difficult to initiate standards when individual universities are moving back to the department level to offer distance education courses. The main goals at this point are to get standard research profiles for each course and to develop a business plan. Members of the audience at the session expressed concerns for the need for the development of library/research skills to be mandatory and for the availability of e-mail/Web connections in all areas of Atlantic Canada. It was also noted that the administration of universities are moving forward with the provision of distance education courses while there is no funding for libraries to provide help and resources for the students of these courses. It would appear that while the Distance Education Committee's report provides an excellent guide, much work and communication still need to be done.

- *Norine Hanus*

University of Prince Edward Island

Buy, Create or Publish? - Summary

John Teskey (Director of Libraries) and Alan Burk (Associate Director of Libraries) of the University of New Brunswick gave an informative and interesting talk on UNB's move to build and publish a variety of electronic texts via an Electronic Text Centre. The Centre, which officially opened in January 1997, is the result of increased use and promotion of special collections (including preservation), support for such areas as AUCC-CARL Task Force on Scholarly Communication, UNB course development, faculty and University publishing and the University's networked learning.

The project first started with a Web Gateway and Publishing Conference at UNB in 1995. David Seaman, a pioneer in Electronic Text Centres at the University of Virginia, was invited to give a talk about Electronic Texts at the Conference. In the following year, visits were made to the Electronic Text Centre at the University of Virginia to

view the Mark Twain project, John Hopkins' University Project Muse (full text of online editions of journals), the Centre of Electronic Text for Humanities at Rutgers and Princeton Universities, and the IBM Digital Library at Marist College. By June 1996, the following prototype projects were begun started at UNB: 1) the Benjamin Marston Diary (1776-1787) which is a Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) project worked in cooperation with the University of Virginia, 2) The Telegraph Journal (news-paper project), 3) the Maliseet/English Dictionary (worked on with a professor from the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Institute, 4) an English Poetry database, and 5) Journal of Conflict Studies (a scholarly journal).

The Marston Diary is one of the pride and joys of the Centre. A manageable project, the diary was first scanned and moved page by page to a photo CD. It was then colour corrected and transferred to .jpps on the Web. Using SGML (an ISO Standard) and OpenText Software (which allows searching by every word, the diary is easily prepared for viewing and searching on the Web. SGML is quite distinguishable from other markup languages due to its being hierarchical, its emphasis on descriptive rather than procedural markup, its document type concept and its independence of any one system in which a text is written.

Future projects of the Centre include both SchoolNet proposals and working with Fiddlehead (a publication of Canadian poetry). Future directions involve imaging and OCR equipment, creating both an Advisory Board and a CLA Interest Group, and having a Summer course for one week this coming August 17-22 on "Introduction to Electronic Texts and Images" - David Seaman will be the Instructor. Partnerships (current and future) include Saint John Public Library, Industry Canada, UNB's Department of English, Commercial Sponsorships (IBM, SUN Canada) and Multimedia programs. With a primary support staff of five people and with

six other contributors, UNB is moving ahead with full force in Electronic Publishing. This is where you can check it out <<http://www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/>>. To see what the University of Virginia is doing, go to <<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/etext/ETC.html>>.

- *Francesco Lai*

Nova Scotia Agricultural College

First Timer's Report

In the two weeks since my return from the 1997 APLA Conference I've been mulling over what to say in my First Timer's Report. To begin, I'd like to thank APLA for awarding me the grant which took me to St. John's. This report is a way of expressing my appreciation for this opportunity which allowed me to meet members of Atlantic Canada's library community and learn more about our profession.

The keynote address by Gwynne Dyer provided an interesting starting point for the "Wired" theme of the conference. Speaking as a journalist with no particular understanding of libraries or librarians, Dyer described his interactions with technology and how it has both aided and stymied him. Fax machines and email have been a boon for transmitting his stock in trade--documents; the Internet, on the other hand, despite the hype surrounding it, has been less helpful in his pursuit of information. In an example which gave rise to the title of his talk, I'd Rather Call Australia, Dyer took advantage of time zones rather than the Internet to find information and phoned a source [the Slovakian Embassy Library, I think] in Australia rather than searching through hundreds of Internet sites pulled up by his search.

The irony of Dyer's choice was not lost on the audience, but neither were the implications entirely clear. While the absence of conclusions may be seen as a failing, it may also be seen as appropriate. While Dyer responds to technology in the context of his work

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as a journalist and historian, librarians respond to technology in terms of clients' information needs and information seeking behaviour. While Dyer ponders the democratizing influence of technology on the world at large, librarians focus on the democratization of learning by promoting access to information, freedom of expression, intellectual activity and the preservation of thought using whatever means are at our disposal. Of course these overarching concerns are not the first things on our minds as we move through the day choosing materials, answering reference questions, cataloguing acquisitions, or working through a budget. Nonetheless, these issues define our profession and Dyer provided fodder for discussion at the conference and, I imagine, beyond.

The heart of APLA '97 was in its activities which fell into four categories: presentations or sessions, vendor exhibits, social events, and administrative meetings. As a first timer I didn't know what to expect from the business meetings, and was pleasantly surprised to find them interesting. It's good to know how an organization operates and a number of the topics raised, such as reconsidering grant sums for various prizes awarded by APLA, suggested the organization's interest in remaining a strong presence in the Atlantic library community. Further, the reports by conveners of various interest groups indicated APLA's purpose--to provide a forum for librarians and our concerns.

Social events, both organized and spontaneous, are an important part of any conference, and APLA was no exception. I met a number of librarians whom I look forward to seeing again and I'll feel more comfortable attending next year's conference because of these contacts. The Performers for Literacy who gave a demonstration at the Awards Banquet were a lively bunch as they sang, narrated, and acted out a story (albeit without a book), but I think Susan Libby's toast to Suzanne Sexty was the more entertaining of the two events. Sue's tribute was funny and touching--even for

those of us new to the group. On another note, this year's sessions were diverse and well balanced, often including differing perspectives of a single topic. A session on copyright and electronic texts from a writer's point of view was matched with a discussion of administering copyright agreements; two perspectives of Statistics Canada information were offered, one focusing on 1996 Census information, another on electronic publishing initiatives by the organization; the presentation on management issues in and the evolution of a special library provided a contrast to a session discussing international collaboration among libraries; the AAULC report on initiatives to assist distance learners pointed to a developing area in many university libraries, while the report of a circulation study addressed a perennial collection development issue: do patrons read what we buy? A readinfrom a forthcoming novel by Lillian Bouzane provided a glimpse of Newfoundland's literary culture, while a panel of librarians and education faculty discussed promoting literacy

by using Newfoundland's cultural resources. The quandary of buying or creating electronic texts, cataloguing Internet resources, creating a home page, as well as the pre-conference seminar on the Internet explicitly addressed the electronic milieu in which most of us now work.

I haven't mentioned every session or every event at the conference because a gal's gotta stop somewhere. The exhibits were good-- I gathered some useful materials and bought a few books (2 novels by Bernice Morgan for my outer adult; The Chicken Sisters for my inner child). My impression of the conference was that it was well organized and thoughtfully planned. People were friendly and helpful--our hosts at Memorial especially. Although I had a great tour of the MUN Library I was unable to get over to the Regional Branch, but that just gives me something to do when I next visit St. John's which I intend to do. I had a great time and was happy to participate.

Again, thank you for the First Timer's Award. See you next year.

- Michelle Fiander
Mount Allison University

(Editor's note: the September-October issue of the Bulletin will carry more APLA '97 Conference Reports.)



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**1996-1997
Report of the
Financial Examiner**

To the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association

I have examined for integrity and accuracy the financial records of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association as at 31 March 1997, including the statements of operations, functional expenses, changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. In the course of my review of the Association's financial records I met once with the Treasurer to clarify some minor points.

In my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Bal-

ance Statement present fairly the financial position of the organization as at 31 March, 1997, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the notes to the Statement applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year. I have also examined the financial records of the APLA Memorial Awards Trust Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Statement present fairly the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December, 1996. In my meeting with the Treasurer, I expressed concern that the amount determined to be available to award for 1997 may have been less than allowable, consequently, the formula for calculating the amount may be in need of updating.

- Peter Glenister
Mount Saint Vincent University

Upcoming Events

Telecommunities Canada 1997 Conference "Partnerships" - partnerships with governments, businesses, organizations, universities, school boards, and libraries August 15-18, 1997 Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dalhousie University. Contact: Telecommunities Canada, Room 402. Dunton Tower, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6 <<http://www.tc.ca>> or Bernard Hart, 41 Swanton Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2W 2C6. Phone: 902-434-1900; Fax: 902-422-5485 E-mail: <bhart@tc.ca>

The University of New Brunswick Electronic Text Centre will be hosting a summer institute: Introduction to Electronic Texts and Images, August 17th - August 22nd, 1997 at UNB Harriet Irving Library (ITLC lab). David Seaman, the Director of the University of Virginia Electronic Text Center, will be the instructor and will cover such topics as SGML mark-up, imaging, and creating an electronic text centre. The course is currently full but the UNB ETC plans to offer a similar institute next year.

International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) 63rd annual conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 31- September 5, 1997. For more information contact IFLA at P.O.B. 953212, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Phone 31-70-314-0084; Fax 31-70-383 4827; Email <ifla.hq@ifla.nl> or <<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/>>

Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick / Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick 5th Annual General Meeting and Conference, Friday, October 3rd - Saturday, October 4, 1997, Saint John Public Library, Market Square, Saint John, N.B. Theme / le thème: Changing Times, Changing Ethics: Professionalism and Librarians / "Une époque et une éthique en pleine mutation : les bibliothécaires et le professionnalisme". For more information: http://fan.nb.ca/cfn/inio/ip_info/aplnb/fall.html

Nova Scotia Library Association, 1997 Annual Conference October 24 - 26, 1997 "Building Bridges, Forging Partnerships" Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth, NS. Hosted by: Halifax Regional Library. For more information <<http://rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca/nsla/conf97.htm>>

Children's Literature Institute Workshop, October 26, 1997, University of New Brunswick Featuring authors Sheree Fitch, Pamela Hickman, and Budge Wilson. For further information please contact Pat Johnston at UNB's Education Resource Centre 506-453-3516; Email <johnston@unb.ca>

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Treasurer's Report May 1997

Last year a deficit budget was envisaged. It was anticipated that doubling of the membership fees will result in diminishing revenues. A small surplus (\$209.98) has been realized.

The Executive made extra effort to approach personal and institutional members. Also APLA subscriptions increased significantly.

APLA is now in a strong financial position. Conservative and sound investments undertaken will further enhance the revenues in 1997-98. Carin Somers Scholarship Fund will provide opportunities for deserving Library School student(s) to acquire some financial support.

Two successful workshops were sponsored through GAF (General Activities Fund). It is anticipated and hoped that the membership and the various committees will undertake some worthwhile projects through GAF.

- Rashid Tayyeb
APLA Treasurer

Notes - Revenues and Expenditures

^a Adjusted October 29, 1995 Executive meeting. Interest accrued in 1994/95 appears as part of the Accumulated Savings. A corresponding amount is deducted/ transferred from the Accumulated Savings in 1996/97.

^b Calculated from April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997.

^c \$20,000 invested in MMF to earn better return than in the savings account.

^d Substantial returns through investment portfolio.

^e As amended item 14.3, Minutes of OGM, May 23, 1997. A copy of the budget as distributed at the OGM can be obtained from the Editors.

| Budget - May 22, 1997 | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| REVENUES | | | |
| | 1996/97 Budget | 1996/97 Actual | 1997/98 Approved ^c |
| BULLETIN | | | |
| advertising | 4,000.00 | 3,300.00 | 4,000.00 |
| subscriptions (1995) | | | 2,500.00 |
| (1996) | 550.00 | 2,740.73 | |
| royalties | | 61.24 | |
| Subtotals: | 4,550.00 | 6,101.97 | 6,500.00 |
| CONFERENCE FUND | | | |
| receipts APLA '94 | 75.00 | 75.00 | |
| Subtotals: | 75.00 | 75.00 | |
| GENERAL FUND | | | |
| personal memberships | 11,100.00 | 9,937.50 | 12,000.00 |
| institutional | 2,500.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Subtotals: | 13,600.00 | 11,937.50 | 14,500.00 |
| OTHER | | | |
| interest | 1,000.00 | 387.37 | 3,000.00 |
| refund Executive dn | | 279.00 | |
| misc. | | 61.56 | |
| First Timers | 568.84 ^a | | 508.85 |
| GAF seed | 1,000.00 | | |
| Subtotals: | 2,568.63 | 1,236.78 | 3,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE: | 20,793.63 | 19,351.25 | 24,000.00 |

| APLA MEMORIAL AWARDS TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET - 1996 | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | Cash | 1,120.31 |
| | Investment Certificates | 14,000.00 |
| | Total | 15,120.31 |
| <i>Statement of Revenues and Expenditures</i> | | |
| RECEIPTS | Donations | 117.50 |
| | Other | 0.00 |
| | Interest on Bank Accounts | 3.83 |
| | Interest on GICs: May | 382.50 |
| | Nov. | 301.64 |
| | Total | 805.47 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | Safety Deposit Box | 33.17 |
| | Awards | 500.00 |
| | Service Charge | 0.60 |
| | Total | 533.77 |

| EXPENDITURES | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| | 1996/97 Budget | 1996/97 Actual | 1997/98 Approved^e |
| BULLETIN | | | |
| pkg & supplies | 300.00 | 111.79 | 200.00 |
| printing | 8,000.00 | 7,389.74 | 8,000.00 |
| postage/shipping + 1993/94 carry over | 1,800.00 | 2,366.58 | 2,500.00 |
| Subtotals: | 10,110.00 | 9,868.11 | 10,700.00 |
| APLA 1996/CLA 1996 | 1,000.00 | 1,278.92 | |
| Conference Seed Grant | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| APLA Price | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Executive Travel (Meetings) | 4,430.00 | 2,181.95 | 2,500.00 |
| Pres. Travel (APLA '96) | 825.00 | 790.34 | 800.00 |
| registrations and member- ships | 255.00 | 280.00 | 280.00 |
| postage | 50.00 | 147.15 | 150.00 |
| student assistant | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| supplies | 50.00 | 32.67 | 50.00 |
| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES: | | | |
| Aims and Objectives | 25.00 | | 25.00 |
| Bulletin Management Board | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| Membership | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Merit Award x 2 1995 | 90.00 | | 90.00 |
| Nominations (1993/94) | 175.00 | 5.25 | 175.00 |
| STANDING COMMITTEES & INTEREST GROUPS | | | |
| Directory and extra postage to mail with Bulletin | 325.00 | | 325.00 |
| | 500.00 | 200.34 | 350.00 |
| | 225.00 | 235.31 | 250.00 |
| GAF grant | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| GAF seed grants | 1,000.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 100.00 | 208.14 | 150.00 |
| Info Rights Week | | 294.25 | 400.00 |
| First Timers Award | 568.84 | 568.84 | 508.85 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 23,878.84 | 19,141.27 | 21,913.85 |
| REVENUES | 20,793.63 | 19,351.25 | 24,000.00 |
| REVENUES - EXPENDITURES | (3,085.21) | 209.98 | 2,086.15 |

1996/1997 ACCUMULATED SAVINGS

| | 1995/96 | 1996/97 | 1997/98 |
|---|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Savings | 32,847.74 | 13,995.79 | |
| First Timers Grant | | | |
| Principal | 13,163.78 | 13,741.20 | |
| Interest | (568.84) | (568.63) | (508.85) ^b |
| Investments | 8,505.08 | 29,503.10 ^c | |
| Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund | | | |
| Principal | 36,000.00 | 60,000.00 | |
| Interest | 332.35 | 5,489.06 | (to end of March) ^d |



General Activities Fund

- Provides funds for projects or activities which will further the aims and objectives of APLA.
- Applications will be considered based on availability of funds.
- Applications should state topic and date of activity, relevancy to the Atlantic library community and APLA, sponsoring bodies, estimated costs and revenues, and a contact person.
- Send applications by October 15, 1997.

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Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship

1997-98 Recipients:

Elizabeth Lee Clinton
Prince Edward Island

Randy Rice
Newfoundland

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



Public

Some notable children's authors have been touring the province. **Michael Kusugak** gave presentations in ten locations in West Newfoundland and Labrador of the **Newfoundland Public Libraries Board** from Cow Head to Corner Brook and from Labrador West to Churchill Falls to Goose Bay. His stories tell of Inuit and Arctic life. He adds many new stories and string stories - loops of string made into different shapes to depict the story - in his presentation.

Julie Lawson, award-winning BC author of books for children and teens has also been touring the province, sponsored by the **Canada Council**, starting with public readings at the **A.C. Hunter Children's Library**, a local children's bookstore in St. John's and at schools throughout St. John's and Conception Bay. Ms. Lawson has continued her tour across the island for readings in public and school libraries in Lark Harbour and Corner Brook respectively.

Western Division of the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board has a new joint venture with a school in Ramea. Ramea's new school building was a great success for the com-

munity, which has maintained its traditions and remote location in spite of hard times. The week of June 2nd Ramea hosted the flotilla that came to accompany the replica of John Cabot's ship, the *Matthew*.

Western Division has five new Community Access Programme sites (computers for public use and sponsored by **Industry Canada** and the **Provincial Public Libraries Board**). Students will be hired under the programme to assist with training staff and public as well as the development of Web sites. Satellite dishes have been installed in 2 of Western's locations thereby speeding connections. By the end of 1997 there will be 18 libraries in Western Division hooked up to the Internet.

Academic

Victoria Ripley, Head of Periodicals and Acquisitions, **Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland**, moved on July 1 to the **Health Sciences Library** as Head of Technical Services. With Victoria's move, it has been decided to re-organize the monograph processing in the Queen Elizabeth II Library so that the order placing/receiving activities are joined with cataloguing. The entire unit will be called, tentatively, Acquisitions and Cataloguing. **Charley Pennell**, Head of the Cataloguing Division, will be the new Head. This appointment will be until December 31, 1997. Charley has accepted the position of Head of Cataloging in the Library at **North Carolina State University** in Raleigh effective 1998. Responsibility for the monograph budget, and liaison with Collections pertaining to it, will be joined with responsibility for the present Periodicals unit in the new unit called, tentatively, Serials and Reports. To manage this new unit, it was decided to reassign **Louise White**, Head of Lending Services, to it, effective July 1. The administration of Lending Ser-

vices is being reviewed and it is hoped to make a reassignment of duties from within the librarian group to cover that responsibility.

The **Health Sciences Library of Memorial University of Newfoundland** has officially switched over to ERL access to its databases, from CD-ROM access.

Alberta Wood and **Elizabeth Hamilton** were instructors for the 1997 **Data Liberation Initiative (DLI) Workshop** in Halifax, June 5-7. **Aspi Balsara** and **Barbara Porrett** were among the participants. There were about 40 people from the Atlantic Provinces. It received positive evaluations. Additional information is available at Alberta's DLI website <<http://www.mun.ca/library/media/dli.html>>.

Associations

The **Newfoundland Library Association's Annual General Meeting** was held May 21, 1997 with guest speaker **Art Rockwood** - former host of CBC Radio's *Rockwood Files* and noted trivia expert and author. At the AGM the name of the Association was officially changed to be the **Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association**. Effective the year beginning 1998/1999 the membership fee will rise to \$15.00. Every year the Association presents the "**Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association Award**" to the person graduating with the highest grade average from the Memorial University of Newfoundland's Certificate in Library Studies programme. This year the award of \$100.00 was presented to **Martin Joseph Nolan** at the Continuing Studies Convocation. The new executive of the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association is: President, **Dianne Taylor-Harding**; Vice-President, **Susan Salo**; Secretary, **Dianne Mann**; Treasurer, **Karen Halliday**; Past-President, **Sandra Halliday**.

- *Beverly Neable*
Vice President (NF)
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Special Libraries

Jerry Miner, Atlantic Food and Horticulture Research Centre Library, Kentville, and seven other librarians in the **Canadian Agriculture Library Network** were presented with the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Agcellence Award for innovation for the development of AgriWeb Canada. AgriWeb Canada is a national directory to facilitate remote access to Canadian agriculture and agri-food information resources on the Internet and other electronic sites in Canada. This directory is available on ACEIS, the Department's new electronic information service <<http://www.agr.ca/agriweb/agriweb.htm>>. Jerry Miner has been elected as a member of the Steering Committee for the Council of Federal Libraries, and is also serving as a member of the Food Science and Technology Abstracts User Board. FSTA is produced by the International Food Information Service in Shinfield, England.

The **Efamol/Scotia Library** was established in 1984 to support biomedical research into essential fatty acids at its' Kentville R&D facility. At that time the Library was comprised of one librarian providing service to a handful of researchers. The Library currently employs a Research Library Manager, **Barbara Stailing**, and four support staff whose mandate is to provide information to over 300 employees at various sites around the world. In August 1996, the Library published a comprehensive bibliogra-

phy on gamma-linolenic acid, the key component of the oil of evening primrose which has been successfully used to treat a variety of medical conditions. At present, Library staff are busy compiling a new bibliography on photodynamic therapy, an emerging laser treatment for several types of cancer.

Public Libraries

On May 26, the **Honourable Robbie Harrison, Minister of Education & Culture**, officially launched the province-wide library card and NcompasS, the automated library system and electronic network linking all regional libraries across Nova Scotia. In a ceremony at the **Wolfville Memorial Library**, well attended by approximately 75 people, the Minister spoke of the significance of a single library card for Nova Scotians and NcompasS. He outlined the significance of holding this launch in Wolfville, a branch of the **Annapolis Valley Regional Library System**, which was the first in the province to regionalise. The Wolfville Branch Library was officially opened in 1993 and is housed in a refurbished town railway station. The railway was the fastest way of transporting information at the turn of the century, so it is significant to be launching the library automated system from this building. Minister Harrison also applauded the name NcompasS, indicating our ties to the sea and the need for navigational tools on the water and on the Information Highway.

The *Highlights of public libraries in Nova Scotia* was released on Monday, May 26 to coincide with the launch of the province-wide library card. It is fitting that the Highlights report on public libraries be launched on the same day that **Nova Scotia Regional Libraries** celebrated one more first in a long tradition of providing quality public library service

to Nova Scotians. Just as the province-wide card symbolizes the connections that are a strength of the regional library system, the Highlights Report emphasizes how much Nova Scotians value their public libraries. Copies of the Highlights Report may be obtained from the **Nova Scotia Provincial Library**, and the full report may be purchased for \$10.00, by contacting **Debbie Ross** <rossld@gov.ns.ca>. Please see the Press Release on the Web at <<http://www.ednet.ns.ca/educ/pressrel/current/plsurvey.htm>> for more information.

The **Cape Breton Regional Library** recently learned that the proposal submitted for funding for automation was successful. At the present, recon is ongoing and plans to barcode the collection and create a patron database are underway.

The **Eastern Counties Regional Library** was very pleased to officially open the new and expanded quarters of the **Petit de Grat library branch** on May 21st. The new branch is located at the Centre la Picasse Educatif Culturel et Communautaire, and will offer a larger collection, Internet access and bilingual service. Approximately 80 people, including municipal government representatives, Regional Library Board members and staff, and community members gathered to celebrate the opening. The new branch has a lot more space for people and books. Floor space has increased to 2500 square feet, public seating has almost tripled, and shelf space has increased by 30 percent. The branch will be open 26 hours per week. High ceilings, large windows and special lighting adds to the welcoming atmosphere of the branch, which is now fully accessible and has ample parking facilities. **Human Resources and Acadian Affairs Minister, Allister Surette**, highlighted the growing level of service for Acadians in the Eastern

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Counties Region, and noted that the circulation of French materials has increased by approximately 250% in five years. Weather conditions prevented **Ministers Allister Surette and Richie Mann** from attending the opening in person, however video conference facilities at the adjoining **College de l'Acadie** allowed them to address those gathered for the opening. Their separate congratulatory addresses and best wishes for the improved services of the Regional Library were well received by the audience. The Petit de Grat Branch of the Eastern Counties Regional Library has served Richmond County since 1982. Originally located in the former Parish School Building, the branch library was re-located to the former Petit de Grat Co-op Store, where it remained until moving to its new site at La Picasse.

Western Counties Regional Library is in the process of gathering the everyday supper recipes of Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth Counties for the soon to be published *Come to Supper: favourite recipes from Southwestern Nova Scotia*. Committee members are planning for a September '97 launch. All proceeds from the sale of cookbooks will go directly to the library's book budget. The Western Health Information Project, seen as a model for the delivery of health information in rural areas, was officially launched at the **Yarmouth Library** on March 22. The information project was designed and developed by the Western Counties Regional Library and the **Yarmouth Regional Health Sciences Library, Western Regional Health Care**. The partnership grew from the joint desire to meet consumer health information needs by sharing professional knowledge and by using computer technology. The door to information is through the Health Resources Page on the Yarmouth Community Net. The specific address for the Western Health Information Project is

<<http://ycn.library.ns.ca/hosp/health.htm>>. The highlight of the launch was the introduction of InfoTrac's Health Reference Center. This InfoTrac database received the 1995 National Health Information Award. Funding for the first year of this phase of the project was provided by the **Yarmouth Public Library and Museum**. YPL&M has been supporting the delivery of library service since 1872 in Yarmouth County. Consumer health information, except for the commercial databases which will have licensing restrictions, will be accessible on the World Wide Web to anyone who has an Internet connection. This innovative project was spearheaded by the Regional Library Director, **Trudy Amirault** and **Jackie MacDonald**, Health Sciences Librarian with the Western Regional Health Centre.

In other news from the Western Counties Regional Library, a "Friends of the Library" group was recently formed in Clark's Harbour, Shelburne County. The 10 member group has been meeting regularly and plans are currently underway for a "Bottles for Books" drive and a quilt raffle. According to branch clerk **Shelley Smith** "there is only one complaint...the meetings are never long enough. So many great ideas!"

Academic

Sue Hunter has completed her term at Mount Saint Vincent University. Sue was replacing **Terry Paris**, Public Services Librarian, who was on a one year sabbatical. Terry is expected back in mid-July. Effective April 1, 1997 the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS) has amalgamated with Dalhousie University, Halifax. As a result of the amalgamation TUNS' name has changed from TUNS to DalTech. **Donna Richardson** is now Associate University Librarian (DalTech), reporting to the Dalhousie University Librarian, **William**

Birdsall. DalTech Library is a distinct part of the Dalhousie University Library system and is subject to university library budgetary policy. The DalTech Librarian is advised by DalTech's Academic Council and Faculties on the effective management of the Library. Responsibility for DalTech Library's fiscal management, collections, systems, teaching and other areas remains with the DalTech Librarian. Other recent changes at DalTech Library include the appointment of **Sharon Murphy** to the position of Head of Reference and Research Services. Formerly Sharon was Science and Electronic Resources Cataloguer/Team Leader at Queen's University, and Reference/Serials Librarian at TUNS Library. **Gordon Dutrisac** is continuing at DalTech Library as Reference Librarian (contract position). All correspondence to the DalTech Library should continue to be sent to the same address: DalTech Library, 1360 Barrington Street, P.O. Box 1000, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2X4. The telephone, fax numbers, and email all remain unchanged. The Library's homepage is at <<http://www.tuns.ca/~library>>.

Other

The May issue of the **Nova Scotia Library Association Newsletter** was issued in electronic format. The Newsletter includes information about NSLA, and also links for sending email to committee members. The association plans to publish the Spring issue in electronic format, and the Summer, Fall, and Winter issues in hard copy. The site address for the May 1997 Newsletter is <<http://www.library.ns.ca/nsla/may97new.htm>>.

The Nova Scotia Library Association is considering holding a writing contest for MLIS and library technician students. This would provide students with an opportunity to have their work published, and would also

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serve as a means to promote the Library Association to future librarians and technicians. Ideas for themes and prizes are welcomed. For further information contact: **Bill Morgan**, NSLA Newsletter Committee Convenor, #44-5300 Morris Street, Halifax, NS, B3J 1B9. Email: <aj382@chebucto.ns.ca>

On April 24, the **Nova Scotia Provincial Library** hosted a Community Access Workshop for Stakeholders on behalf of the **Nova Scotia Community Access Committee (NSCAC)**. The attendees, from a wide variety of Provincial Organizations, learned about the vision, strategy and action plan of the NSCAC with an outline of all the different types of projects currently underway. These included descriptions and/or demos about Chebucto Community Net, Library Access to the Internet and involvement in the CAP program. Several regional libraries sent delegates to the information session as did the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia. NSCAC received valuable feedback from all delegates. A short summary of the session is available from NSCAC's new Executive Assistant, **Karen Parusel**, a recent graduate from Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies. She can be reached at <paruseki@gov.ns> or 902-424-2459.

The **Executive of the Associated Alumni of Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies** has some vacancies for 1997-98. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, there are a few positions available, such as co-chair, secretary, and treasurer. For further information about the Association and the job descriptions contact **Blaine d'Entremont** at 902-429-7452 or 902-424-5480 (day) or at <blaine@ra.isisnet.com> as soon as possible.

- *Faye Hopkins*
Vice President (NS)



PUBLIC

L'illustratrice **Marisol Sarrazin** a effectué une tournée en avril dernier dans les six **bibliothèques de la région du Haut-Saint-Jean**. Elle a su faire partager sa passion pour le dessin, les livres et la lecture. Cette tournée s'est effectuée dans le cadre du programme "Rencontres littéraires" du Conseil des arts du Canada.

En étroite collaboration avec la **Société Radio-Canada**, la **Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean** a organisé une activité où 7,537 jeunes ont participé. Sur emprunt de documents, ils se voyaient remettre un billet les rendant éligibles à des tirages à chaque mois. Cette activité de lecture s'est déroulée du 25 novembre 1996 et s'est terminée le 30 avril dernier. Pour ceux qui ne le sauraient pas, Mille-feuille est la mascotte de la Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean.

La Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean a procédé officiellement, le 28 mai dernier à Edmundston, au lancement provincial du Club de lecture d'été 1997. Le lancement provincial s'est déroulé en après-midi au Parc du Centre-ville devant un public nombreux composé des membres du personnel du réseau des bibliothèques publiques de la région du Haut-Saint-Jean, commissaires, parents et enfants. La région du Haut-Saint-Jean a été chargée cette année d'organiser les activités entourant le lancement provincial du Club de lecture d'été et de

produire le matériel de promotion. L'affiche a été illustrée par **Simone Gallant Bourgeois**, employée à la **bibliothèque publique d'Edmundston**. Le certificat de mérite a été signé par l'athlète canadien **Donovan Bailey**, recordman du monde du 100 mètres plat et champion olympique aux jeux d'Atlanta 1996. La conception graphique a été réalisée par Les Productions Rouj d'Edmundston. Le maire, **M. Don Plourde** et madame **Jocelyne Lebel**, en compagnie de madame **Jocelyne Thompson** et de **Guy Lefrançois**, directeur régional, ont procédé au dévoilement de l'affiche. Par la suite, madame Jocelyne Lebel a procédé par un geste symbolique au lancement officiel du Club de lecture d'été 1997, en lançant une balle de base-ball à un jeune receveur.

Le thème du Club de lecture d'été 1997 est « Lire c'est champion/Readers are winners » (les sports). Le Club de lecture est un programme non compétitif, parrainé par le Service des bibliothèques du N.-B. Il a pour but de transmettre aux jeunes d'âge préscolaire à la 8e année le goût de la lecture.

York Regional Library participated in the UNB/Bhutan Librarian Work Attachment Program in April and May. **Mr. Yeshey Dorji**, while based primarily at UNB, spent time at York Headquarters and at **York branches in Oromocto, Nashwaaksis, Stanley**, and in the **Cultural Centre at Ecole Ste-Anne** in Fredericton. Mr. Dorji is now at home in Bhutan where his job is to upgrade and modify the library system currently in use in the **National Institute of Education in Bhutan**.

Fredericton Public Library has announced the development of two new collections -- Books in Braille, and the **Mary Morrison Mayo** Folklore Collection; both are now available in the library's Children's Department
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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

The Mary Morrison Mayo Folklore Collection commemorates the former children's librarian who devoted the over 20 years of her tenure to children, literacy, and the development of the best collection of children's literature possible. Folklore was a particular interest of Mrs. Mayo's and she contributed strongly to developing holdings in this area. Contributions by library staff, friends and family, in her memory, were directed to enhancing and enlarging this collection, which is identified by book plates. Braille books are completely new to the library. The current collection which consists of approximately 70 fiction and picture book titles from such notable authors as Beatrix Potter, Paulette Bourgeois, and Robert Munsch is available for loan within certain borrowing limits.

The 1997-1998 budget for materials for the **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library** is no better than its predecessor, necessitating a further reduction in standing orders for reference material, periodical subscriptions, and items purchased from patron requests.

In May, staff of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library attended a workshop on Managing Change in the Workplace - a very timely topic in view of the structural changes the New Brunswick public library system is facing. During the lunch hour, the following staff were recognized for their years of service - Ten years: Nancy Cohen, Jocelyne LeBlanc, Allan Alward; Fifteen years: **Phyllis Post**; Twenty years: **Shirley Teahan, Irène LeBlanc**. The staff also expressed its appreciation to **Claude Potvin** for thirty years of leadership and guidance. Claude Potvin has been overseeing the operation of the **Chaleur Regional Library**, as well as the A-W-K region, since the Chaleur director, James Violette, suffered a stroke in April.

The last meeting of the **A-W-K Regional Library Board** took place

at the end of June. The Board was officially disbanded April 1st but was asked to continue meeting until it received the 1996-1997 audited budget. The demise of the Regional Board after forty years has been a difficult reality to accept.

On April 21, **Pamela Stevens Rosolen** assumed the position of Regional Director of the **Saint John Regional Library**, just 21 days after the April 1st change in the organizational structure of libraries in New Brunswick.

The 10th Annual Book Sale of the Saint John Regional Library was officially opened by Saint John Mayor **Shirley McAlary** on May 1st. The three day book sale raised over \$17,000, which will be used for the purchase of new materials in the Region.

Health Day was observed at the **Central Branch of Saint John Free Public Library** on May 12, when City Librarian **Ian Wilson** was on hand to demonstrate the CD-ROM product - Health Reference Centre to interested library users. The product offers integrated access to health, fitness and nutrition information in more than 150 periodicals, five reference books and 500 pamphlets. The library is one of four sites providing the Health Reference Centre in the Region.

The Central library in Saint John reports extensive use of its public access Internet stations. Users line up at the door every day before opening to be the first to book Internet time. Twenty users a day use its four stations.

Plans are well underway for the province-wide automation of circulation in public libraries. The Ad Hoc Committee met in Saint John this month. April 1998 is the target date for the Central Library in Saint John to commence automated circulation. Pre registration of borrowers, RECON and the barcoding of all library materials are tasks to be completed in the next several months.

The **Centre Samuel-de-Champlain**, location of our **Bibliothèque Le Cormoran**, opened the first francophone community based Internet service in Saint John on June 5th. Centre Internet La Bonne Renommée - named after Samuel de Champlain's ship - will offer the francophone community the opportunity to navigate the Internet and familiarize themselves with the world of computers.

Les bibliothèques publiques suivantes de la région Chaleur possèdent depuis quelques mois des ordinateurs branchés au réseau Internet: **Bibliothèque publique de Bas-Caraquet**, **Bibliothèque publique de Tracadie-Sheila**, **Bibliothèque du Centenaire Nepisiguit (Bathurst)**. L'ouverture officielle de la nouvelle bibliothèque publique de Tracadie-Sheila a eu lieu dimanche le 4 mai dernier en présence de plusieurs dignitaires.

La médiathèque Père-Louis-Lamontagne est la première bibliothèque publique au Nouveau-Brunswick à développer son site web. Le site offre des renseignements inédits sur l'origine du nom de la rivière et de la ville Miramichi; il offre aussi des renseignements biographiques relatifs à l'époque française des 17e et 18e siècles <WWW.francophone.net/mediapl>.

Academic

Le budget global de l'**Université de Moncton** pour l'année 1997-98 a été réduit de 2,6M\$. **La Bibliothèque Champlain** n'a pas été épargnée avec une coupure de 3,7% dans son budget global d'opération. Cette réduction a entraîné, entre autres, l'élimination d'un poste et une diminution du budget d'acquisition de 35,000\$.

M. Hugues Bélanger, chef du service de la référence et du prêt-entre-bibliothèques à la Bibliothèque Champlain, a quitté son poste au début du mois de mai pour déménager à Québec

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où il occupe une nouvelle position à la **Bibliothèque publique Gabrielle-Roy**. M. Bélanger était à l'emploi de la Bibliothèque Champlain depuis 1990. **Mme Lorraine Julien**, qui a déjà occupé le poste de chef de la référence, assume la direction de ce service sur une base intérimaire.

La Bibliothèque Champlain s'est dotée dernièrement d'un système libre-service de 3M grâce à un octroi spécial du Service des technologies de l'information et des communications du Centre universitaire de Moncton. Cet appareil permet aux usagers d'enregistrer eux-mêmes les livres qu'ils veulent emprunter.

Dans le but d'accélérer l'échange d'information au niveau du prêt-entre-bibliothèques, la Bibliothèque Champlain vient de faire l'acquisition d'un poste Ariel, comprenant les logiciels d'expédition et de réception, un micro-ordinateur, une imprimante et un numériseur. L'achat de ce poste de travail s'inscrivait au départ dans une démarche de développement de l'école réseau des sciences infirmières.

La Bibliothèque Champlain vient de s'abonner au service d'Initiative de démocratisation des données de Statistique Canada. La chef du service de référence et du prêt-entre-bibliothèques poursuit son entraînement en vue de se familiariser avec le matériel disponible pour ensuite informer et entraîner les chercheurs dans l'utilisation de ces données.

A deux reprises dans la même semaine, soient le 28 avril et le 2 mai derniers, la Bibliothèque Champlain fut le théâtre d'un dégât d'eau causé par le bris d'un tuyau d'échappement d'air rattaché à un conduit d'eau du système de chauffage. Le premier sinistre s'est produit au sous-sol dans la section des microfilms. Au moins 1500 microfilms ont dû être déroulés rapidement pour leur permettre de sécher et éviter le pire. Une deuxième fuite d'eau, le 2 mai, touchait la section des publications gouvernementales au rez-de-chaussée. En plus d'abimer encore une fois une partie des microfilms prêts à reclasser, ce deuxième

sinistre nous a forcé de déplacer environ 14,000 documents officiels. En somme, quatre microfilms seulement ont été endommagés au point de les remplacer. De plus, nous avons estimé qu'environ 1750 documents officiels furent touchés par l'eau. Les plus abimés, à peu près 450, ont dû être congelés. Les autres furent séchés à l'air durant la fin de semaine à l'aide d'une douzaine de ventilateurs installés à divers endroits stratégiques. La bibliothèque a été fermée deux jours en raison de ces sinistres.

Un projet de reconversion d'environ 10,000 titres provenant des différentes bibliothèques de l'Université de Moncton est présentement en cours. Le travail a été confié à la compagnie Biblio RPL de Laval au Québec. Ce projet est rendu possible grâce à une subvention du Ministère de Patrimoine canadien.

Special

Marthe Brideau, bibliothécaire à l'Hôpital Georges-Dumont de Moncton, est la nouvelle vice-présidente/présidente-élue de l'Association des bibliothèques de santé du Canada. Marthe Brideau, librarian at the Georges-Dumont Hospital in Moncton, is the new vice-president/president-elect of the Canadian Health Libraries Association.

Library Education Programs

The Level I Course of the *Library Assistant Program* will be offered in 1997/98. Classes are scheduled for Thursday evenings, beginning on September 18th. The course originates in Fredericton and will be audio-conferenced to other sites in New Brunswick. The course covers the main areas of interest in Technical and Public Services and is designed to improve the skills and knowledge of the paraprofessional staff working in New Brunswick libraries. For any questions or for registration information contact: Lesley Beckett Balcom, Coordinator, Library Assistant Program Department of Extension and Summer Session University of New

Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3 (506)453-4646, FAX 506-453-3572, E-mail <Lbalcom@unb.ca>.

-Charlotte Dionne
Vice President (NB)



Public

Priscilla Ykelenstam retired from the **Provincial Library Service** at the end of May after almost 25 years service. Priscilla was the Librarian for the **Western Regional Library** and the **Rotary Regional Library** in Summerside. Best of luck in your future endeavors, Priscilla!

The **Provincial Library System** is undergoing some reorganization. The changes will see the position of Branch Services Librarian re-established. This individual will be responsible for all branch libraries in P.E.I. **Johanne Jacob** will be relocating to Summerside where she will add responsibility for the **Summerside Library** to her present duties as French Services Librarian.

Special

Marion MacArthur has returned to the **Frank J. MacDonald Library, Queen Elizabeth Hospital** Marion was seconded by the Health and Community Services Agency as the Library Coordinator.

Associations

The **Prince Edward Island Teacher-Librarians' Association** held its annual meeting May 14th. **Ray Doiron**, of the U.P.E.I. Department of Education resigned as President. **Carol Fitzpatrick** has succeeded Ray as President



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Concours public

York Regional Library, with administrative offices in Fredericton, invites applications for a professional librarian to coordinate library services in its branches.

York Regional Library, established in 1959, provides public library service through 20 libraries and one bookmobile in the counties of York, Sunbury, Queens, Northumberland, Carleton and Victoria in Central New Brunswick.

DUTIES: Reporting to the Regional Librarian, the successful candidate will be responsible for the supervision and coordination of library services in a number of service points within the region. Specific duties will include the training, supervision and evaluation of branch managers and other staff within assigned branches; participation in collection development; the development and promotion of programs and services; participation in strategic planning and budgeting; and the maintaining of effective communication between the branches, the public library boards and headquarters.

QUALIFICATIONS: A master's degree in Library Science, and a minimum of three years related work experience within a public library/regional library setting, plus supervisory experience. Good written and oral communication skills and strong interpersonal skills are required. Travel is a necessity. Written and spoken competence in English is essential.

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La Bibliothèque régionale York, dont les bureaux administratifs sont situés à Fredericton, sollicite des candidatures au poste de bibliothécaire professionnel. La personne choisie aura la tâche de coordonner les services de bibliothèques à ses succursales.

Créée en 1959, la Bibliothèque régionale York offre des services de bibliothèque publique, par l'entremise de 20 bibliothèques et d'un bibliobus dans les comtés de York, Sunbury, Queens, Northumberland, Carleton et Victoria, dans le centre du Nouveau-Brunswick.

FONCTIONS: Relevant de la bibliothécaire régionale, la personne choisie devra superviser et coordonner les services de bibliothèque de certains points de service dans la région. Elle devra aussi voir à la formation, à la supervision et à l'évaluation des responsables des succursales et d'autres employés de succursales désignées, participer au développement des collections, élaborer et promouvoir des programmes et des services, participer à la planification stratégique et à l'établissement du budget, et maintenir une communication efficace entre les succursales, les commissions de bibliothèque publique et le bureau central.

CONDITIONS DE CANDIDATURE: Détenir une maîtrise en bibliothéconomie et posséder au moins trois années d'expérience dans une bibliothèque régionale ou publique et une certaine expérience dans un poste de surveillance. Il faut posséder de bonnes aptitudes à la communication orale et écrite et d'excellentes aptitudes aux relations interpersonnelles. Le poste exige des déplacements. La connaissance de l'anglais, à l'oral et à l'écrit, est essentielle.

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ÉGALITÉ D'ACCÈS À L'EMPLOI

Faire parvenir sa demande au plus tard le **15 août, 1997** en indiquant le numéro de concours **55-97-04**, au ministère des Municipalités, de la Culture et de l'Habitation, Division des services des ressources humaines, Place Marysville, troisième étage, C.P. 6000, Fredericton (Nouveau-Brunswick) E3B 5H1.

From St. Jerome's Den

Here we are again in summer with its weekends at the cottage or on the beach and vacations where we have time to read. A few words about the joys of reading, but first the answers to the quiz that appeared in the last issue of the *Bulletin*.

Hopefully, you got at least one of these right. If not, you had better bone up on your library lore as there may be more quizzes in the future.

1. *Major League* was the 1985 movie where Valerie Curtin cornered Mandy Patinkin in the stacks of the San Francisco Public Library and let him know that, "Most women avoid married men, I improve them."
2. Frank Lloyd Wright was the American architect who loved natural light so much that he built

a library without any provisions for artificial illumination.

3. Only a true "classic" movie buff would guess that Harry Patterson and Emily Sears were the characters in the 1946 film *Adventure*. The trailer for this one ran, "Gable's back and Garson's got him." In the film, Thomas Mitchell begs his captain (Clark Gable as Harry Patterson) to ask the librarian (Greer Garson as Emily Sears) to locate a book which will tell him how to find his lost soul. And she does! She goes straight to a shelf five feet behind the information desk, pulls two books off the shelf and opens one directly to the right page - maybe she is the original Sears. Oh yes, it is the San Francisco Public Library again. I bet that they don't have any trouble recruiting librarians.
4. Now this one was a true test of

your library knowledge. You may think that librarians drink as much as the Fifth Fleet, but in truth the answer was the American Legion - or at least that is what one hotel official thought.

Because two of the four questions were movie related, how about this from J. W. Eagan:

"Never judge a book by its movie."

Maybe some of you will revisit the classics this summer and remember Mark Twain's *Following the Equator* where he defined a classic as "A book which people praise and don't read."

Let's let Dorothy Parker have the last word here as she often did in life: "This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force."

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