



Bulletin

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Volume 63, Number 5/6

ISSN 0001-2203

Pre-conference 2000



APLA Conference 2000

“Talking about people”

St. Francis Xavier University

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

May 25 - 28, 2000

Talking About People will focus on us – our surroundings, communications, professional development, continuing education and the services we so proudly provide. Participants can look forward to sessions on active participant learning, ergonomics, digital projects, electronic reference services and professional development issues. This conference program includes something for everyone — special libraries, technical services, trustees, technicians, and academic and public libraries.

Inside This Issue

Welcome to Antigonish.....	2
Call for Reporters	2
From the President’s Desk.....	3
From the Editor’s Desk	4
APLA Executive 1999-2000	5
Gates Foundation Donation	6
News from the Provinces	8
APLA Annual Reports 1999-2000.....	16
Minutes of the APLA 60th Ordinary General Meeting	24
From St. Jerome’s Den	27

PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The *APLA Bulletin* is the official organ of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. **Frequency:** The *APLA Bulletin* is published bi-monthly. **Subscriptions:** Institutions may subscribe to the Bulletin for \$55 per annum (\$55 US for foreign subscriptions). Subscriptions and claims for missing issues should be sent to the Treasurer of the Association c/o The School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS B3H 4H8. Back volumes are available from University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. **Submissions:** Submissions should be sent to the Editor or Assistant Editor. Deadlines for submissions are February 7, April 7, June 7, August 7, October 7, December 7. **Advertising:** All correspondence regarding advertising should be sent to the Advertising Editor. A rate card is available upon request. **Indexing:** The *APLA Bulletin* is indexed in *Canadian Periodical Index*. **Copyright:** Individual authors hold the copyright to articles published in the *APLA Bulletin*. Under the copyright laws, those who wish to reprint articles for any use must contact the individual author for permission. The opinions expressed in articles are not necessarily those of the editors or the Association.



This paper conforms to ANSI Standard
Z39.48-1984

The editors can be reached at the following
addresses:

Bulletin Editor:**Ruthmary Macpherson**

Head of Technical Services
Ralph Pickard Bell Library
Mount Allison University
49 York Street, Sackville, NB E4L 1C6
E-mail: rmacpherson@mta.ca
Telephone: 506-364-2214
Fax: 506-364-2617

Bulletin Assistant Editor:**Emma Cross**

Cataloguing and Public Services Librarian
Ralph Pickard Bell Library
Mount Allison University
49 York Street, Sackville, NB E4L 1C6
E-mail: ecross@mta.ca
Telephone: 506-364-2566
Fax: 506-364-2617

Bulletin Advertising Editor:**Brian McNally**

System Librarian
Ralph Pickard Bell Library
Mount Allison University
49 York Street, Sackville, NB E4L 1C6
E-mail: macpherson@mta.ca
Telephone: 506-364-2214
Fax: 506-364-2617

From the Editor's Desk

We hope you enjoy this bumper pre-conference edition of the *APLA Bulletin*. Due to technical difficulties and the urgent need to get this issue out before the APLA 2000 conference -- the March/April and May/June issues have been combined.

APLA Conferences are a wonderful time to learn new things and meet other people in the regional library community. We hope that APLA 2000 in Antigonish is all this and more!

Ruthmary

Emma

Brian

**John Coutts Library Services Ltd.**

6900 Kinsmen Court
P.O. Box 1000
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
Internet: coutts@wizbang.coutts.on.ca
1-800-263-1686
Fax: (905) 356-5064

*Your provider of information, materials and services
from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom*

- Approval Plans
- Processing & cataloguing
- Fully EDI capable
- Competitive prices & terms
- Continuations
- New title information
- On-line access

Working as part of your team . . .

APLA EXECUTIVE 1999-2000

President

Peter Webster
 Head of Information Systems
 Patrick Power Library
 Saint Mary's University
 Halifax, NS, B3H 3C3
 Phone: (902) 420-5507
 Fax: (902) 420-5561
 Email: peter.webster@stmarys.ca

Past President

Francesco Lai
 Manager, Library and Information
 Services
 Food Research Program
 Agriculture and AgriFood Canada
 93 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON,
 N1H 8J7
 Phone: (519) 767-6309
 Fax: (519) 767-6334
 Email: laif@em.agr.ca

Vice President, President Elect

Pamela Stevens Rosolen
 Regional Librarian
 Saint John Library Region
 One Market Square
 Saint John, NB, E2L 4Z6
 Phone: (506) 643-7247
 Fax: (506) 643-7225
 Email:
 pamela.stevens-Rosolen@gov.nb.ca



Treasurer

Sharon Murphy
 Head of Reference and Research
 DalTech Library
 Dalhousie University, Sexton Campus
 P.O. Box 1000
 Halifax, NS, B3J 2X4
 Phone (902) 494-3109
 Fax (902) 494-6089
 Email: sharon.murphy@dal.ca

Secretary

Penny Logan
 74 Avondale Road
 Dartmouth, NS, B2V 1H6
 Phone: (902) 462-8338
 Fax: (902) 435-9597
 Email: eastgate@accesscable.net

Vice President (Nova Scotia)

Cathy Chisholm
 Information Services Librarian
 University College of Cape Breton
 P.O. Box 5300
 Sydney, NS B1P-6L2
 Phone: (902) 563-1675
 Fax: (902) 563-177
 Email: cchisol@ucceb.ns.ca

Vice President (New Brunswick)

Jeanne Maddix
 City Librarian
 Moncton Public Library
 644 Main Street, Suite 101
 Moncton, NB, E1C 1E2
 Phone: (506) 869-6000
 Fax: (506) 869-6040
 Email: jeanne.maddix@gov.nb.ca

Vice President (Newfoundland)

Stephen Field
 Information Services Librarian
 Queen Elizabeth II Library
 Memorial University of Newfoundland
 St. John's, NF A1B 3Y1
 Phone: (709) 737-7427
 Fax: (709) 737-2153
 Email: sfield@morgan.ucs.mun.ca

Vice President (Prince Edward Island)

Maira Davidson
 Systems Librarian
 Provincial Library Service
 Red Head Road
 Box 7500
 Morell, PEI C0A 1S0
 Phone: (902) 961-7323
 Fax: (902) 961-7322
 Email: mcdavidson@gov.pe.ca

Vice President (Membership)

Joy Tillotson
 Head, Information Services
 Queen Elizabeth II Library
 Memorial University of Newfoundland
 St. John's, NF A1B 3Y1
 Phone: (709) 737-8187
 Fax: (709) 737-2153
 Email: joyt@morgan.ucs.mun.ca



GATES DONATES PCs AND SOFTWARE TO ATLANTIC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

By now, most people are aware that Bill Gates', ex-CEO of Microsoft, has donated well over a million dollars worth of hardware, software and support expenses to public libraries in the Atlantic provinces through his philanthropic organization, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Last October, I was part of a group of librarians and computer support workers to travel to Seattle to learn more about this gift.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (www.gatesfoundation.org) is the most recent name for the organization formerly known as the Gates Library Initiative or the Gates Learning Foundation. The organization distributes philanthropy to a variety of health and education causes espoused by the Gates, one of which is public libraries. The stated purpose of the grants is to help bridge the "digital divide", that is, the gap between the rich and the poor vis-a-vis access to computers. As of October, 1999, the Foundation had made grants to over 1,300 public libraries in 28 U.S. states. The Foundation expects to complete its work in all 50 states by 2003 and is just beginning to look at international expansion. Canada is the first "foreign" country to receive Gates grants.

The session in October included representatives from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. Many of us were not very clear why we had been brought to Seattle at the beginning of the week. The U.S. program had been up and running for some time now,

although I didn't know much about it. However, many of the initial meetings that week were spent going over the way that the program had rolled out in the United States and how Canada would be different. Although the BMGF had dealt directly with individual libraries in many of the states, their intention here was to work through the provincial agencies responsible for libraries. The BMGF had sent trainers to each individual library to install the computers and to train the library staff, but, for Canada, that responsibility would belong to the province. For that purpose, funds for training labs were being included with each province's grant.

So what exactly is included in the grant? Staff of the BMGF took a look at statistics for each province provided by the National Welfare Council's Poverty Profile 1996 to determine locations with existing public libraries where more than 17.6% of the population fell below the poverty line. These communities were eligible to receive a certain number of public access stations and content servers, depending on the population served.

The PCs are high-end multimedia Pentiums - the exact specifications won't be known until the machines are actually built.

The grant also provides for software - some of the titles provided are the Encarta Reference Suite, Encarta Africana, applications such as MS Word 2000, Powerpoint and Publisher as well as a number of children's educational software such as Arthur, Barney and Magic Schoolbus titles as well as a variety from the Learning Company. For French workstations, the software is more limited but includes the French version of Encarta and the Larousse Bibliorum. Printers are included as well as a fair amount of documentation including a training binder with transparencies used by their staff in the U.S. program.

The initial part of the week in Seattle was spent going over the formalities - the application process, the time lines involved, how the program had worked in the existing U.S. sites, how the Canadian program would differ and getting to know the individuals involved. The remainder of the week saw the group split into two sections - trainers and technical support - with sessions directed at those two areas. One of the main differences between the Canadian and U.S. versions of the program is that the Canadian provinces are expected to assume the responsibility of providing training and technical support for public library

	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	P.E.I.	New Brunswick
No. of PCs	91	114	23	83
Locations	67	56	11	36
Training Labs	3 labs	4 labs	1 mobile lab	5 half-labs (6 stations each)

staff whereas, in the U.S., the Foundation staff provided all the initial training and support. To this end, the Canadian program also will include a Help Desk workstation identical to the PCs in the libraries to allow the Help Desk staff to better troubleshoot problems.

The Foundation headquarters in Seattle consists of a spacious and well-appointed training facility on the ground floor and the actual offices and work areas on the second floor. For part of the week, we shared the training facility with a group of Floridians but, for most of the time, the 60 or so Canadians were together which allowed us to meet colleagues from other provinces as far away as British Columbia. With conference and travel funds so limited in public libraries, we don't often get that kind of opportunity and the networking and contacts were a valuable side-benefit of the

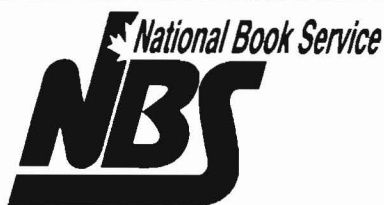
week. Kevin Kierans from B.C. has put some of his photographs from the week on the web at <http://linus.tnrdr.lib.bc.ca/gates-can/> including some photographs of the incredible techmobile or traveling Internet lab (in a big Winnebago).

The week was quite intensive - we were picked up at the hotel by a shuttle bus beginning at about 7:30 a.m. (or we could walk - the distance between the hotel and the training centre wasn't that great and the weather was mild and not too wet despite rumours of the annual Seattle Rain Festival from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) and we usually finished between 4:30 and 5 in the afternoon. However, the week finished off with a "Snappy Hour" on Friday for the whole group along with the BMGF staff - food, drink and a ceremony complete with certificates and parting gifts. Harry Holman, Director of the P.E.I.

Provincial Library Service and Chair of the Provincial and Territorial Library Directors Council, made some concluding remarks, noting they had been working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for almost two years and that all Canadian libraries shared the Foundation's vision of libraries as a method of narrowing the digital divide.

Most of us left Seattle early the next morning to return to the realities of our daily work. However, by the time you are reading this article, some provinces will be actually receiving the equipment from this grant program and the exciting work of providing and promoting free public Internet access will be beginning. Let the games begin!

Moira Davidson



Canada's Leading Full Service Wholesaler
*Five Showrooms, featuring more than
12,000 titles in stock.*

- ◆ Selection Programs, including pre-pub, automatic release & backlist.
- ◆ Special order, print, audio, video & CD ROM
- ◆ Cataloguing and Processing, including circulation ready.



- ◆ Check out our catalogues on the Web!

- ◆ Competitive discounts
- ◆ Electronic ordering



- ◆ Library Supplies Division, offering everything from book jackets to displays.

Your Single Source Advantage Just Got Better !!

National Book Service

25 Kodiak Crescent, North York, ON M3J 3M5

Phone: (416) 630-2950

Fax: (416) 630-0274

Electronic Ordering Mail: NBSorder@eagle.wbm.ca

e-mail: nbs@nbs.com

1-800-387-3178

1-800-303-6697

Modem: 1-800-803-7646

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



SALON DU LIVRE D'EDMUNDSTON

La 15e édition du Salon du livre d'Edmundston se déroulera au Centre des congrès du 6 au 9 avril 2000.

À compter de 12 h, le 6 avril, les portes du Salon sont ouvertes exclusivement pour les bibliothécaires qui souhaitent faire des achats. C'est donc une invitation toute spéciale que le Comité organisateur lance au personnel oeuvrant dans les bibliothèques à venir bouquiner au Salon du livre d'Edmundston, tout particulièrement en cette 15e édition.

NEW LOCATIONS / DÉMÉNAGEMENTS:

As of February 1, the Advanced Education part of the new amalgamated Department of Education Library is officially in its new building at Place 2000 on King Street in Fredericton.

Le 1er février 2000, la Bibliothèque publique Mgr. W.J. Conway d'Edmundston a déménagé dans ses nouveaux locaux situés au 33 de la rue Irene, soit à l'ancienne Église Sacré-Coeur, qui a été aménagée à cet effet. Les nouvelles installations sont spacieuses (17,800 pieds carrés), modernes et fonctionnelles. L'ouverture de la nouvelle bibliothèque est prévue pour le mardi 7 mars 2000.

NEW BRUNSWICK LIBRARY SERVICE:

Sylvie Nadeau, Regional Director of the Chaleur Library Region, has been appointed Acting Executive Director of New Brunswick Library Service and Provincial Librarian. She assumes her new duties February 21, 2000. Ms. Nadeau will continue to carry some of her duties in the Chaleur Region. Her team in Chaleur will assume additional duties.

Ms. Nadeau received a Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Quebec at Montreal in 1981 and her MBSI from the Université de Montreal in 1984. Ms. Nadeau has utilized her training in both disciplines throughout her career.

The Haut-Saint-Jean Region's bookmobile begins automated circulation, as adapted for the bookmobiles, in February. At this point, only two bookmobiles are outstanding in our plan to move to 100% automated circulation.

YORK LIBRARY REGION: Fireside Book Sale:

York's Fireside Book Sale held the end of January raised \$2,200 for the library. Staff started the mini-sale several years ago as a way to clear a space in the overflowing storage room. "People are always so generous with their donations," said librarian Geraldine Stanway, one of the organizers of the regional library's two annual book sales, "that by mid-year we have more than enough for our gigantic June book sale which fills the local armoury. The question then is where to put the overflow? We decided we weren't

going to pay for additional storage, so putting the books up for sale seemed like a good solution. We were pleasantly surprised at the public's response and at how many books we moved in just one day and an evening. They literally went out of the library in boxes." This is the third year York has held the Fireside Book Sale.

News from the bookmobile:

A horrid smell greeted York staff when they came to work early January 27. They followed their noses to the bus bay only to discover that about five gallons of diesel fuel had leaked from the bookmobile, that the drainage pipe under the bus couldn't handle the spill, and that the fuel was inches deep on the floor of the bay. Who you gonna call? The local fire department! They arrived in record time and the clean up was under control almost instantly. Mike McKinley, driver of the bookmobile that serves York, Sunbury and Queens counties, said that the fuel pump and hoses had just let go in the aging vehicle. Unfortunately parts had to be ordered from Montreal; the bus was off the road for two days while it was being repaired.

RÉGION DE BIBLIOTHÈQUES DU HAUT SAINT-JEAN

Journée de l'alphabétisation familiale 2000 au Nouveau-Brunswick

Les bibliothèques publiques et les bibliobus de la région ont souligné la Journée de l'alphabétisation familiale, du 27 janvier 2000. Les points de service ont sensibilisé la population à cette journée en distribuant

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

le matériel de promotion produit par ABC Canada (affiches, dépliants, macarons). Des activités ont été également organisées avec "L'Heure du conte" accueillant tant les parents que les enfants.

Le concours "Contes de Noël" organisé dans les bibliothèques publiques et bibliobus de la région a connu un franc succès avec la participation de 356 jeunes. Ce concours visait à éveiller l'imagination des enfants et leur apprendre à aimer et apprécier la lecture et l'écriture, les encourager davantage à fréquenter les bibliothèques et bibliobus. Les jeunes ont rédigé un conte d'une demi-page à une page ayant comme sujet Noël. Les 14 contes sélectionnés ont été diffusés tous les jours sur les ondes des radios CJEM/FM et CFJU/FM, entre 16 et 24 décembre 1999.

APLNB ANNUAL SPRING EVENT / ÉVÉNEMENT PRINTANIER DE L'ABPNB

L'Association des bibliothécaires professionnels du Nouveau-Brunswick / Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick tiendra son événement printanier le samedi 15 avril 2000 au Fort Tipperary à St. Andrew's, N.-B. Sous le thème du nouveau millénaire, elle accueillera les conférenciers Judith Hare, CEO of the Halifax Regional Library, Jocelyn Nadeau, directeur général du Centre international pour le développement de l'inforoute en français (CIDIF), a Edmundston, et Frances Giberson, propriétaire de Kingfisher Books à Fredericton.

The spring event will be held on Saturday April 15 at Fort

Tipperary in St. Andrew's. Judith Hare will open the door on the new century and comment on the role of libraries in the new millennium. Jocelyn Nadeau will review the state of electronic books and demonstrate a few e-book models. Finally, Frances Giberson will talk about selling books in the new millennium. Everyone is most welcome!

Jeanne Maddix – Vice-president(e) (New Brunswick)



COLLEGE LIBRARIES:

Patrick Warner has resigned his position at the Topsail Road Campus of the College of the North Atlantic to take on a temporary appointment as Lending Services Librarian in the St. John's Public Libraries. Annette Anthony, Librarian at the Seal Cove Campus has transferred to the Topsail Road Campus.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

The Provincial Public Library Board was recently given a one time cash infusion of \$1,000,000 from the Provincial Government for use in the purchase of new books. This sum was given to the Board as part of a governmental initiative to promote reading and to foster literacy.

Public libraries in the province have also been the beneficiaries of funding from the

Gates initiative. \$1,000,000 was donated for the purchase of computer hardware and for training; another \$239,000 was donated for software.

Recent events in the St. John's area have included readings by authors Agnes Walsh and Carmelita McGrath, and a series of financial seminars on RRSP's, estate planning, and taxation.

Victoria Murphy has been seconded from her position as Lending Services Librarian in the St. John's Public Libraries to conduct staff computer training as part of the Gates Library Initiative.

At the time of writing, The Provincial Information and Library Resources Board was looking for a new Executive Director. The competition, which was open to members of the provincial Public Service, closed on March 31, 2000.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES:

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador now has their library catalogue up on the Web. It can be accessed at www.lawsociety.nf.ca/library/cat.htm.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Barbara McDonald has left her position as Head of Lending Services at Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library for a position as Head of Reference at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Angela Lonardo is presently on leave from the Q.E. II Library. She is working on identifying French language literary and journalistic awards for a book entitled Literary and Journalistic Awards in Canada 1973-1999. She is one of three authors of this work: the others are Suzanne Sexty and Karen Lippold.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association continued to plan for Newfoundland and Labrador Library Week 2000, its annual celebration of books, libraries, reading, and literacy. The theme of this year's Library Week was "Read Your Way Around the World". More will be forthcoming about Library Week in the next issue of the Bulletin.

The NLLA also continued its preparation for its first annual conference, which was to take place on May 5-6 at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's. To be featured were a number of sessions on a variety of topics of interest to the local library community. The NLLA AGM and dinner was also to take place at this time. More details on this event will also be available at a later date.

Steve Field –
Vice-President (Nfld)



NEWS FROM THE CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Gates Foundation

The Cape Breton Regional Library is excited to have the opportunity to benefit from the

Gates Foundation's gift to the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. CBRL is in the process of partnering with various local community groups, and is making arrangements for space at the McConnell Library to house the regional training centre.

CBRL Celebrates 50 Years

The year 2000 marks a milestone for the Cape Breton Regional Library. It is our fiftieth anniversary. Thanks to the efforts of community leaders such as J.J. Tompkins and others, the Regional Library was established. On August 31, 1950 the Cape Breton Regional Headquarters and Sydney Branch Library were officially opened. By December of the same year branches were opened in Dominion, Glace Bay, Louisbourg, New Waterford, North Sydney and the Cape Breton County Bookmobile. Today we have 13 branches and two bookmobiles in our system.

A committee comprised of three Cape Breton Regional staff and three Board members is busy planning celebrations and activities. A bookmark, highlighting important dates in CBRL's history, has been produced and is being offered to all staff and patrons. Much fun was had at our first of many planned open houses! In March Open Houses were held in Victoria North and Sydney Mines. We look forward to meeting members and the public at open houses to be held in Florence on April 15, 2000 and on May 4, 2000. Each CBRL branch will host an open house, the largest of which is scheduled for Sydney on Sunday, October 1, 2000.

New Reference/Information Area

As of the first of December 1999, Reference/Information at

the Cape Breton Regional Library has been designated a separate department. Managed by Mr. Donald Ward, the Reference Area is now physically set apart from our Circulation Desk. This new arrangement enhances Donald's ability to provide reference service patrons and staff.

Book Sale a Success

CBRL had its biggest used book sale ever. For the first time, the sale ran for one entire week. Formerly, the book sales ran for two days. Many thanks to Rosalie Gillis for a job well done.

CBRL-UCCB Partnership

Our library is reaping the benefits of hiring University College of Cape Breton Co-op students. Joe Axworthy, a second year student in the Business/Technology program, is our new student. He is a tremendous help to staff. Joe is responsible for maintaining Internet terminals. He's quite knowledgeable in the mysteries of Photoshop and web page design, so some of our staff are jumping for joy!

Library Card Month in Cape Breton

In April, the Cape Breton Regional Library is holding its second annual Library Card Month. To coincide with Library Card Month, we are introducing a newly designed library card. The plastic library card is another step on the road to becoming fully automated. The library, in partnership with the Cape Breton Post, will be holding special events, promotions and contests to highlight the wealth of information available from the public library. Theresa MacDonald and Lisa Mulak will visit Grade four classes throughout the Municipality to promote Library Card Month as well as

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

the resources and activities available at the Cape Breton Regional Library. Several prizes, to be drawn at the end of the month, will be won by one lucky baby, one lucky child, and one lucky adult! The adult prize is a year's subscription to the Cape Breton Post. To receive a ballot for the prize, simply register as a new member, renew your membership, or for current library members, bring in friends and family members interested in registering during April. Last year we had more than 1300 people obtain registrations during April. This year our goal is 1100. To help us, the municipal councils of both Cape Breton and Victoria Counties have declared April as Library Card Month.

NEWS FROM EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Rural Library Service

Since January 2000, the look of rural library services has changed dramatically at Eastern Counties Regional Library. Library patrons no longer see the blue and white bookmobiles going down the road, stopping at local community centres or at householders' stops. With the sudden breakdown of the bookmobiles, library staff were quick to face the challenge and seek new, albeit temporary, means for continuing rural service delivery. As of January, Library staff were back in the communities, visiting with patrons, bringing them a selection of books, videos, etc. and a cheery word. Staff set up wherever there was an available space, in schools, CAP sites and community halls.

In Mabou, on a stormy winter

evening, library staff greeted patrons in the bingo hall, just before the big game. Snow covered library patrons came in with their backpacks filled with books, videos and magazines, eager to choose new materials for those long winter evenings. In Judique, an elderly gentleman explained how, now that the bookmobile was retired, it was maybe time for him to return his library card. Fading eyesight was making it difficult for him to read and he couldn't get out as much in the winter months. The bookmobile won't be stopping at his home anymore but he is now linked in to our Talking Books service and is 'reading' more than ever. In Ecum Secum, our homebound service delivers library materials to seniors who can't make it to the nearest library branch. In L'Ardoise, people are coming in to meet a library staff member at the local CAP site for training on the NcompasS library catalogue and to pick up requested materials. In Port Hood, elementary school teachers are busy looking up information on their school computer after receiving a training session on the Infotrac reference databases. In Inverness, the community will be gathering at the local Miners' Museum for an evening with Sheldon Currie, sponsored by the library.

Our library patrons miss the bookmobiles but what they want most are library services in their small, remote communities. They value the access to knowledgeable staff and reading and information resources which they had on the bookmobile. Local organizations and library patrons have all shown a great willingness to work with the library to find new ways to provide rural library services and with their help, the library will continue to be an active commu-

nity partner, linking Eastern Counties' rural communities in an informed and vital network.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY

A Winning SSRL Library Patron

A visit to the Liverpool Branch has earned a local man a major windfall. Leonard Grant of nearby Brooklyn borrowed a copy of *Canadian Home Workshop* magazine from the DeWolfe Memorial Library. At his wife's encouragement he entered his latest project, a 17' wooden kayak, in a contest sponsored by the magazine. Several months later a phone call advised Mr. Grant that he was one of five national winners from more than 600 entries. Thanks to his local library, Mr. Grant is now the owner of \$3,500 worth of tools and building supplies.

Staff Preparing for Conference

Staff are busy firming up plans for the 2000 Nova Scotia Libraries Association annual conference. *Libraries - Beacons of Light* is the conference theme and we are excited to report that Canada's National Librarian, Roch Carrier, will be our keynote speaker. Mark your calendars, October 27 - 29, 2000 at White Point Beach Resort in beautiful Queens County.

NEWS FROM WESTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

March Break

Wizards, magic wands, face painting, and Hogwart games were all part of the fun at the Harry Potter Parties held during March Break. Children, ages 6 and up, tested their skill and

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

balance during the golden ball relay, tapped into their creative side by designing their own magic wand, challenged their taste buds in a guessing game with a variety of powdered flavours, and tried to guess the number of jelly beans in a bottle. When the Harry Potter Party was over the participants received a "diploma" from Hogwarts School of Wizardry & Witchcraft. With goody bags in hand, the "graduates" of Hogwarts 2000 were already looking forward to attending the class of 2001.

Computer Training

Devon Clarimont, a Grade nine student from Maple Grove Education Centre, volunteered his time (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) during March Break to offer one-on-one computer training at the Yarmouth branch library. Appointments were encouraged and as a result, Devon was very busy each day.

CAP Site Approved

Funding for the CAP site for the Pubnico library has been approved. This brings to seven the number of CAP sites at libraries across the region. An application has been made to Technology & Science Secretariat and Industry Canada for a CAP site for the Clare branch in Meteghan.

Progress on Regional Computer Lab

The regional computer lab, located at the Yarmouth branch library, is beginning to take shape. The training centre, made possible through funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will house ten user

work stations and one instructor station. The desks have arrived and the wiring, paid for by the Yarmouth Public Library & Museum, is now in place. Systems Administrator, Scott MacMullen, and Automation Technician, Verna DeViller have been spending the bulk of their days getting the computers set up. It's hoped the computer lab will be ready for a mid-June opening with an official launch set for September.

Braille Day at Western Counties

WCRL, in conjunction with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), hosted an Open House celebrating Braille Day at the Yarmouth branch on Wed. Feb. 9th. Braille Day, held during White Cane Week, provides an opportunity for the library and the CNIB to further their partnership in promoting services available from both organizations for the sight impaired.

The CNIB distributed braille rulers, book markers, and brochures during the Open House and a video on Louis Braille was shown. A display of large print books and a demonstration of how to use talking books was an integral part of the open house. Visitors also learned how to use the reader-magnifier available at the library.

Adopt-A-Book 2000

The third Adopt-A-Book campaign is slated to start the first week of April. Organizers are busy planning a musical kick-off for the event. The goal for *Adopt-A-Book 2000* is to surpass the 1998 campaign, sponsored by CJLS, which resulted in 1536 book adopted. The campaign, held every two years, will run from April to June.

End of An Era ...

The last of the card catalogues were removed from WCRL Headquarters on January 13th. As we begin the new millennium this event closed a chapter in WCRL's history and punctuates the new way of carrying out day-to-day business at all libraries across the province and the country.

NEWS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

Chebucto Community Net

The Chebucto Community Net celebrated its fifth birthday at the annual *Word On The Street* literacy festival last September. Chebucto Executive Director Leo Deveau worked for weeks before the event, making arrangements for power, for networking facilities, for T-Shirts and a cake, for fire permits, and of course the tent. Account renewals were a big hit, with a daily total that more closely resembled a weekly total. Leo Deveau and Board Members Doug McCann, Krista Olmstead, David Murdoch, Michael Colborne and especially outgoing Communications Chair Sue Newhook, greeted and helped direct the scores of people that came into the tent. The various Information Providers held their displays and gave talks about their groups. Halifax West MP Gordon Earle gave a short speech and presented CCN Board Chair Michael Colborne with a congratulatory certificate. The cake, decorated with the logo of the CCN, was donated by Sobey's on Windsor Street and can be seen on the web at: <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Newsletters/Beacon/Back/A9910/wotsnew.htm>.

Heart Health Nova Scotia Partnership Update

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

The Heart Health Partnership released its interim report recently, describing the first three years of the project. The aim of the Partnership is "to build organizational capacity for health promotion and the prevention of cardiovascular disease". The Nova Scotia Provincial Library is one of the partner organizations in this initiative, which is funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Health Canada. The Partnership recognises the important role public libraries and CAP sites can play in the delivery of consumer health information to the public. Although this phase of the project is focussed on the Western Health Region, the long term goal of the project is to become a province-wide initiative. Michael Colborne represents the Provincial Library on the Partnership.

Nova Scotia Provincial/Regional Libraries Releases Annual Report

The 1998-99 Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Provincial and Regional Libraries, *Access the World*, has been released and copies are available. Please contact Debbie Ross at Tel: 902-424-2457 Fax: 902-424-0633 or dross@nshpl.library.ns.ca in order to receive a print copy of the annual report. The report is also available in pdf format at <http://www.library.ns.ca/whatsnew.html>.

The Ncompass Extranet Project

The Ncompass Extranet project is being developed by Rodney Tucker at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. This Extranet is similar to an Intranet, and will be available to any regional library staff person who has access to a computer. Many businesses and corporations have used this technology to provide better access to information for their clients. The Extranet will require a password to allow some staff to update and delete information such as staff and policy changes, but it will allow all staff to search the site.

The Extranet will contain information such as: a searchable staff directory (including E-mail and phone numbers); policies and procedures that can be downloaded and submitted online; a reference database of questions answered at the Provincial Library; a discussion board to provide another communication tool for staff; and other aspects that staff will find helpful. The Extranet is scheduled to be accessible by the end of February and all regional library staff are encouraged to provide ideas to keep the Extranet current and useful.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Visit

User Services Coordinator Michael Colborne spent a day in December visiting with staff at the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL). He met with the Management Team to discuss local issues and potential areas of cooperation and support. During the day, he was able to visit five PARL branches, including the CAP (Community Access Program) site in the River John branch. Over the next few months Michael hopes to visit other regions as well.

South Shore Regional Library Visit

On March 2, Michael Colborne spent the day visiting branches of the South Shore Regional Library, with Regional Librarian Janet Clark and SSRL board member Bernadette Schmid. Libraries in Lunenburg, Bridgewater, and Liverpool were included in the visit, as well as SSRL Headquarters in Hebbville and a mobile library.

Training Notes

Staff in the User Services Section of the Provincial Library conducted one training workshop in December 1999, *Job Searching on the Web*, for seven staff members of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library in Truro. In January 2000, one session was held on *Introduction to HTML* for five staff. The second year Library Technician Program class from the Halifax Campus, Nova Scotia Community College toured the Provincial Library facility on January 27 and talked with staff about their job descriptions and duties.

Videoconferences Offered

On January 14, 2000, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library provided viewing of the video conference entitled: *Internet Power: How to Get it How to Keep it How to Pass it On*, aired by College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL. The conference focussed on developing searching competency on the Internet. Presenter, Bill Erbes, discussed the major features of each of the most widely used search engines and directories and reviewed topics such as safe-surfing browsers for children and what is meant by terms like spamming. The 40 member audience viewed the conference as beneficial to a

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

broad range of Internet users, whether searching for answers to reference questions, finding cataloguing copy, or conducting research. Visit the website at <http://www.dupage.edu/soaring/forfurth.html> for materials.

Teleconference *Information Power: What is it, How to know it when you see it, How to use it in your library* took place on March 24, 2000. Thirty-one audience members at the Provincial Library downlink site heard from library staff from a variety of work environments. Practical tips for empowering library staff and increasing their visibility in the workplace were explored. Personal, professional and technical core competencies for library support staff were discussed and the importance of creating and maintaining a professional portfolio was stressed. A demonstration was given of three security software programs for public access computers (Fortres, WinSelect and Window Washer). A dubbing of the teleconference is available for viewing within the Nova Scotia Provincial Library building. Please contact Frank Oram for information about viewing at 424-2480 or oramfl@gov.ns.ca.

Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award Update

Two more milestones in the Hackmatack Award process have been reached over the last week. A successful grant application was made to the Canada Council for the Arts, Writing and Publishing Section. Notification was received of a \$7,000 grant to be used for the author tours and the event planned as the finale of the first ever award. The author tours will take place in

the week of May 15, 2000 and the Award Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2000 at the Alderney Landing Theatre, which has a website at <http://easternfront.ns.sympatico.ca>. Secondly, while the original target for registered reading groups for the first year was 250, (20 groups each from Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and the remainder from Nova Scotia), to date there are 435 registered reading groups. In an optimistic move 500 reading kits were printed in September! Only a few remain since some have been used as promotional material and as samples given to funding supporters.

Street Smart 9 to 5

A two-day *Street Smart 9 to 5* training program was presented to 14 staff members from Nova Scotia regional libraries. Donna Hendy, Training and Development Consultant with the Department of Education's Human Resources Division, facilitated the program. *Street Smart 9 to 5* helps people develop the skills required to defuse and avoid violence in the workplace, whether from other employees or members of the public. This program was developed by the Crisis Prevention Institute at <http://www.crisis-prevention.com>.

Many regional public library staff work on public service desks, and such skills can be useful. This training session was set up to give selected staff an opportunity to evaluate the value of such sessions for other staff. If there is sufficient interest in this training, it could be worthwhile developing Street Smart trainers from within the library community. A one day version of the Street Smart training will be presented at the

NSLA conference at White Point Beach in October.

Nova Scotia's Summer Reading Programme Update

This Nova Scotia Summer Reading Programme 2000 (SRP) theme is *Sail Away With Books/Cap Sur La Lecture*. There will be a Kick Off Week media event aboard either the Highlander or the Bluenosc. As a SRP midsummer prize, a tour aboard one of the Tallships for a child and caregiver from each region has been arranged for Saturday July 22. Discussions regarding additional tours are taking place with confirmation of details by May 1, 2000. The Summer Reading Programme Committee has obtained permission to use the *Tallships 2000* logo, with a waiver of the 15% license fee and will be displaying SRP posters at *Tallships 2000* venues.

Staffing Notes

Michael Purcell joined the Technical Services group at Nova Scotia Provincial Library as the Automation Specialist on March 20 replacing **Johanna Cooper**. Mike previously worked for McInnes Cooper as a network analyst. Prior to that he worked in the computer services department of the Burlington Public Library. Mike is looking forward to seeing Nova Scotia outside of South End Halifax. **Shirley MacLeod** began April 3 as Assistant Automation Specialist replacing **Michael Vandenburg**. Shirley recently completed a year long position as Media Librarian for Learning Resources & Technology. Prior to that, she was at the Halifax Campus, Nova Scotia Community College where she worked as a librarian and as an Instructor in the Library Technician Program. **Michael**

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Vandenburg left on March 31 to move to Philadelphia. He saw most of the regional branch libraries during his work time at Nova Scotia Provincial Library and will be missed for his dedication to all of his projects.

Training Notes

Inter-Library Loan Workshop

Twenty-one staff from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and public regional libraries attended an ILL workshop on March 20 at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. It was an useful opportunity for inter-library loan (ILL) staff from across the province to share ideas and experiences. Topics discussed included Library Book Rate, copyright and genealogy requests. It will be useful for the group to meet again once all the regions are automated. Some activities generated by this meeting include standard statistics forms and ILL software.

Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries

The most up-to-date and comprehensive listing of libraries and archival institutions is now available. The Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries 2000 provides a listing of over 280 library, archival and related institutions in Nova Scotia. Entries provide comprehensive data including subjects collected, hours, key staff names, mailing address, telephone, fax, e-mail address, website address and interlibrary loan information. Detailed appendices provide additional information.

The directory is available online at <http://www.library.ns.ca>,

as well as in print format. Libraries which are full deposit or selective deposit libraries under the Nova Scotia Government document distribution system are eligible to receive one print copy of this directory, free of charge. Others may purchase a copy in print or WordPerfect format for \$10.00 Canadian plus applicable taxes. Orders should be addressed to: Judy Naugler, Phone: 902-424-2454; Fax: 902-424-0633; E-mail: nauglejr@gov.ns.ca. Payment may be made by cheque or money order and must be made payable to: Minister of Finance.



Academic:

Holland College librarian Brenda Brady and Andrea Stewart will be spending much of their summer moving library collections across Charlottetown. Holland College is moving many of their programs from the Royalty Centre campus to the Charlottetown Centre campus of the college and this means many weeks of packing and unpacking for the staff.

School libraries:

The Department of Education has sent the draft of a new Ministerial directive and standards concerning the Island's school libraries out for consultation with the educational community. If approved, the two documents would strengthen the

commitment from the educational community to school libraries by ensuring an adequate level of staffing and collections. In addition, a joint departmental/teacher-librarian committee has been struck to examine ways to help teacher-librarians with the selection process. The committee will investigate using the Web as a means of recommending titles to teacher-librarians for inclusion in school libraries.

The Department of Education is providing school libraries across the province with a multimedia Pentium computer to run the Windows 95 version of the school library automation program, MicroCAT. Computers should be in place for the next school year.

Public libraries:

The PEI Provincial Library Service is pleased to welcome Allan Groen as the new PEI Provincial Librarian. Mr. Groen comes to P.E.I. from Saskatchewan where he has been the Director of the Parklands Regional Library system. Mr. Groen takes up his new duties on May 1, 2000.

French Awareness Week took place from April 9 - 15 and included many activities at various public libraries across the province. The Bibliotheque publique d'Abram Village hosted a session on gardening and, happily, it did not snow.

At the time of writing, the public access PCs from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have just begun to arrive in Charlottetown. Staff are busy unpacking and configuring these computers which should be out to selected public libraries from Tignish in the west to Souris in the eastern part of P.E.I. by June.

1999/2000 ANNUAL REPORTS

1999-2000 APLA President's Report:

APLA Committees and Executive met October 23 and 24, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Meetings were in the Sobey building on the campus of Saint Mary's University. Through the rest of the year the Executive has been able to conduct business very successfully by e-mail and telephone.

Arranging events for the visit of the National Librarian, Roch Carrier, was a highlight of APLA's activities. Round table discussions and issues forums were held in **Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's and Moncton**, in November and December 1999. APLA Vice Presidents coordinated these events in 2 of the 4 cities visited. APLA provided funding and assistance in each city, and made representations to the National Librarian at each event.

The issue of cooperation and coordination with other library organizations has been discussed by the Executive. This year an APLA observer attended the NSLA board meeting, at NSLA's request. APLA and NSLA have agreed to exchange Executive minutes. Exchange of minutes and board attendance has been offered to the other Atlantic library associations as well. Co-ordination issues have been discussed with PTLAC (Provincial and Territorial Library Association

Council) and with CLA.

A test database was constructed at Saint Mary's University to explore the idea of using web access to improve the administration of the APLA membership database. Despite the promise of this test, an APLA membership computer will continue to be needed. The APLA desktop computer is clearly reaching the end of its useful life. This Windows 3.1 computer is no longer able to run the latest software. An updated desktop computer would continue to be difficult to transfer to future membership convenors, or to bring to APLA conferences, etc. So the Executive has agreed to budget for a new portable membership computer. This recommendation will be part of the budget proposal for the coming year.

Desktop publishing specialist Michael Vandenburg was contracted to provide designs for new APLA promotional pamphlets. Michael has provided proof designs. Further development of these materials will continue in the coming year.

After a discussion of possible mentoring activities, a program to introduce and orient new conference attendees will be tried at this year's APLA conference.

The following events received General Activity Fund grants and APLA support during the year.

- **Teleconference on Electronic License Negotiation**, sponsored by CASLIS Atlantic and others, October 1999.

- **Book Repair for Front Line Workers**, sponsored by Wallaceburg Bookbinding and APLA in Moncton, Halifax and St John s.
- **Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association Library Training Day**. Day long conference of library training sessions will be offered for the first time by the NLLA, in St. John's.
- **Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association. Library Week. Passport Reading Program.**
- **Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award**. Over 300 groups of grade school children from the 4 Atlantic Provinces took part in the first annual Hackmatack Award selection. APLA has agreed to a GA^F grant for the Award's 2nd year.

I wish to thank all members of the executive for their excellent efforts over the past year. In particular, I would like to say thanks to Stephen Field who is finishing his term as Vice President for Newfoundland, Francesco Lai, who completes his term as Past President, and Penny Logan who was been a terrific help as APLA Secretary. I look forward to carrying on with many of the things we have started in the coming year as Past President.

Peter Webster, President

1999-2000 Annual Report: Past-President

At the time of this writing, no nominations have been received for the APLA Merit Award..... this saddens me, since I know that there are many excellent Librarians out in the Atlantic Provinces who have contributed their time, energy and creativity to library services and to the profession as a whole. I hope that the APLA executive will receive nominations next year.

The Nominations and Elections Committee has found candidates for all of the executive positions that were vacant. We do not know at this time if an election will be called for any of the positions or if the positions will be filled by acclamation. The new executive will be announced at the OGM in Antigonish.

I want to thank the APLA membership and executive for the opportunity to serve the Association these past few years. Though I am now living in Ontario, the opportunities I have had and the friends I have made in the Atlantic Provinces will be forever remembered and maintained. Unfortunately, I cannot attend this year's Conference in Antigonish.... though I will not be there in body, I will be there in spirit. Have a great Conference and, hopefully, I will see some of you again soon!

Francesco Lai

1999-2000 Annual Report: Vice-President

Carin Somers Scholarship Award Committee

It was agreed that this should be done sooner rather than later. Jeanne Maddix agreed to translate the Scholarship application so that there is a French version. If a decision cannot be made using e-mail, then the Committee will meet at the annual conference. It was agreed that the Committee will aim to announce the winner of the Somers Scholarship at the Annual General Meeting. To date the committee has received four complete applications and announcement of the winner will take place at the conference.

Aims and Objectives Committee

The Committee discussed four topics:

- APLA has engaged a graphic artist to create new advertising materials.
- It was agreed to recruit new APLA members from the non-professional ranks.
- It was agreed to ask the Membership Convener to investigate obtaining a CLA discount for APLA members.
- It was agreed to train the APLA executive in advocacy skills.

The Committee will endeavour to have a Public Relations Committee assembled by May, 2000.

INTEREST GROUPS

Gary Archibald has agreed to convene the Library Trustees

James Watson has agreed to

convene Computers and Connectivity

Jean Cunningham has agreed to serve as Secretary

Pamela Stevens-Rosolen - Vice-President

1999-2000 Annual Report: for *The APLA Bulletin*

As new editors of the *APLA Bulletin*, the last year has seen us on a learning curve that at times more closely resembled a roller coaster ride. We are grateful to John Neilson who paved the way for the Bulletin's move from Fredericton to Sackville, New Brunswick and offered on-going support through our first few issues. Now that we have four issues behind us, we are looking forward to our second year when procedures will be more familiar and the publication process should run more smoothly.

We would like to thank all the contributors to the *Bulletin* - without you we would literally be nothing! Our thanks go especially to Peter Webster, APLA President 1999/2000, the erudite St. Jerome and the Provincial Vice-Presidents, whose regular contributions have formed the backbone of our issues. An honorable mention goes to the APLA executive board who met in Halifax Fall 1999 and made some great suggestions for features and articles - look for these in future issues.

Thanks for financial support go to our advertisers and also to Mount Allison University for assistance with postage costs. Finally, salutations to our printer Quebecor Inc. who are always accommodating and with whom we look forward to working to bring you volume 64 of the *APLA Bulletin*.

Ruthmary Macpherson
Emma Cross
Brian McNally

1999-2000 Annual Report: Vice-President (Membership)

The number of members increased this year compared to last year, thanks to a good retention of last year's members and the recruitment efforts of the provincial vice presidents. Sending renewal notices as a separate mailing (with return envelopes) helped to bring the renewals in earlier in the fiscal year.

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS: THIS YEAR AND LAST

	1999/200	1998/99
Personal	225	192
Life/Honourary Life	25	24
Institutional	34	28
Subscribers	23	23
Total	307	268

The distribution by province is much the same as in past years.

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS 1999/2000

	NB	NF	NS	PEI	OTHER	TOTAL
Personal	91	29	71	19	15	225
Life	2	0	6	2	1	11
Honourary Life	6	2	6	0	0	14
Institutions	13	3	14	0	0	28
Subscribers	2	1	1	0	0	23

Joy Tillotson

1999-2000 Annual Report - Vice-President, New Brunswick

New Brunswick hosted the 1999 APLA conference in Saint John. A wide range of topics brought interesting and inspiring sessions to the participants.

As of February 21, 2000, Sylvie Nadeau has been appointed Acting Executive Director of the NBLIS and Provincial Librarian. She also continues to carry some of her duties as Regional Director of the Chaleur Library Region. Her predecessor, Jocelyne Thompson, has taken up duties as the Head of Collections and Public Services at the University of New Brunswick. The public libraries are now under the Department of Education, following the reorganization of the Lord government, effective since April 1, 2000.

During the Summer of 1999, Moncton hosted visitors from around the world who had come to join the delegates at the Francophone Summit. A special grant from the province enabled the public library system to purchase books on the participating countries. A major exhibit, in collaboration with the Swiss Consulat, featured the works of writer and photographer Nicolas Bouvier at the Moncton Public Library. La Bibliothèque du Campus d'Edmundston de l'Université de Moncton a été l'hôtesse d'une exposition touchant les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de communication; elle s'inscrivait dans le cadre du colloque Initiatives

99 lui-même intégré au huitième Sommet de la francophonie.

La Fondation des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick continue ses efforts. Une première tranche de 50,000 \$ a permis l'achat de livres pour jeunes. Another \$50,000 was put in the collections of the public library system through the Environmental Trust Fund.

New computers will soon be arriving in all parts of New Brunswick through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Each of the five library regions is now planning for a training laboratory and 36 individual libraries will receive a total of 83 Internet accesses.

All public libraries are now on-line and, at this point, only two bookmobiles are outstanding in the plan to move to 100% automation.

Le 1er février 2000, la Bibliothèque publique Mgr. W. J. Conway d Edmundston a déménagé dans de nouvelles installations spacieuses, modernes et fonctionnelles. The St. Croix Public Library also has a new location, which offers more space for programs and meetings. As well, the Advanced Education part of the new amalgamated Department of Education Library is now officially in its new building Place 2000 in Fredericton.

The Department of Education is in negotiation for a provincial support agreement for the schools using the Follett automation system. The Follett software has also been adopted at some Community Colleges to circulate materials.

L'exécutif de l'ABPNB s'est fait l'instigateur d'une rencontre auprès de l'UNB pour discuter

du cours d'aide bibliothécaire qui n'est plus offert.

As APLA Vice-President for New Brunswick perhaps the most interesting activity that I have been involved with has been the planning of the round table with the new National Librarian, Roch Carrier. This has enabled me to meet and work with interesting people as librarians from school, community colleges and university libraries joined other librarians from across the province to meet and discuss various issues with Roch Carrier during his visit in Moncton.

On a personal basis, I was able to familiarize myself with the Association and meeting members of the Executive, getting to know them mostly through e-mail contacts. By reporting to the APLA Bulletin, following up on lapsed memberships and coordinating a «First Aid for Books» workshop, I was in frequent contact with many library staff in New Brunswick.

Un merci spécial à tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué à la chronique des Nouvelles du Bulletin. Special thanks to everyone in the province who contributed news and information over the past year for the News from New Brunswick column in the APLA Bulletin.

Jeanne Maddix - Vice President (New Brunswick)

1999-2000

Annual Report: Vice-President, Newfoundland

The 1999-2000 year has been a very active one on a number of fronts, and my duties as APLA Vice-President for Newfoundland have kept me reasonably busy during the year. I have, of course, continued to contribute my "News from the Provinces" column to the *APLA Bulletin*, and I attended the Fall 1999 executive meeting in Halifax.

In December, I organized the visit to St. John's of Roch Carrier, the new National Librarian. M. Carrier and his colleague from the National Library, Karen McGrath, were given tours of a public library (the A.C. Hunter Library) and a university library (Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library). They also took part in a library issues discussion forum, which I chaired and for which there were four presenters: Adriana Popescu (Information Centre - CISTI's Institute of Marine Dynamics), Janet Fraser (College of the North Atlantic), Judy Anderson (Acting Executive Director - Provincial Information and Library Resources Board) and Vicki Pennell (Former Learning Resource Co-ordinator for the Avalon Consolidated School Board, and Past-President of the Association of Teacher Librarians in Canada). APLA contributed \$100.00 towards the cost of a reception hosted by Richard Ellis, University Librarian at Memorial University. The visit seemed to

generate a substantial amount of interest within the library community, and all events were well attended. M. Carrier and Ms. McGrath indicated that they had received useful information to take back to Ottawa, and they seemed glad to hear about local concerns and to receive suggestions on the future role of the National Library.

I am currently organizing the visit of Wallaceburg Book-binding's Ron Riedstra to the St. John's area for the New-foundland edition of his "First Aid for Books" workshop. The date for the session is April 17, 2000. I have a venue for the session, and the number of people who have indicated interest in attending is reasonably high. From all indications, it promised to be an interesting and informative presentation.

During the year I maintained liaison with the executive of the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA). I am happy to report that the APLA executive was able to secure GAF funding to support two very useful NLLA projects: \$300.00 was given to the NLLA's "Newfoundland and Labrador Week 2000" project, and another \$250.00 was given to the NLLA in support of its inaugural conference. The money was used for honoraria for 5 conference presenters.

Earlier this year, I received a request for the APLA to provide GAF funding for the Access 2000 conference to be held this Fall in St. John's. At the time of writing, the APLA Executive had not made a decision concerning this request. Another decision by the Executive regarding a request for funding, this time from the

APLA Memorial Awards Fund, is also pending at the time of this report.

On the membership front, I contacted lapsed members about renewing their membership. This met with some success. I also contacted others about becoming new members. I attempted to target for membership those students enrolled in Memorial University's Library Certificate Program, but this did not meet with success.

As this is the end of my two year term as APLA Vice-President for Newfoundland, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues on the APLA Executive, past and present. They have been a wonderful group to work with.

Steve Field - Vice-President
(Newfoundland)

1999-2000 Annual Report: Vice-President, Nova Scotia

NovaKnowledge's Economy Report Card for 1999 indicates more people use computers in Nova Scotian libraries than in libraries elsewhere in Canada. Halifax is second only to Ottawa for the highest percentage of computer use in libraries and schools. NovaKnowledge's report card is prepared to evaluate and review Nova Scotia's participation in the knowledge-based economy. This report makes it very clear that our libraries are enabling Nova Scotians to acquire some of the skills required to work and live in this

new economy.

Just as our patrons need new skills, library workers do as well! Professional development is becoming increasingly important in this era of technology. The Nova Scotia Provincial Library is a leader in this area. Two examples of video conference recently offered by our Provincial Library include, "Internet power: how to get it, how to keep it, how to pass it on" and "Information power: what is it, how to know it when you see it, how to use it in your library".

I am always amazed at the activity which takes place in our public libraries. Promotions, books sales, and "Adopt-a-Book" campaigns are often necessary in order to operate during difficult economic times. The Western Counties Regional Library excels in this area. WCRL has successfully marketed Volume II of their Come to Supper cookbook and have, with support from their community, spearheaded other innovative fundraising activities.

In the past year Novanet, the consortium of academic libraries, has undertaken a new planning process. Novanet has implemented two previous plans, the last being developed in 1997-1999. In December, 75 representatives from all member libraries gathered to discuss guiding principles, actions, and objectives as stipulated in Draft II, Novanet Plan 2000-2002. In November 1998, the Nova Scotia Community College joined the Novanet Consortium. This has been a very busy year for the College as it develops its new Learning Resource Service. The NSCC Learning Resource Service ensures the 13 NSCC

campuses have both the staff and facilities to meet the information needs of students and staff.

In 1999, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library released its first library advocacy video, "Libraries: where the future begins". At its premiere, Minister of Education and Culture, Wayne Gaudet addressed members of the Library Board Association of Nova Scotia and acknowledged the important role board members and trustees play as advocates for their libraries. The video focuses on the expanding role of libraries in the community and shares with the audience how libraries have adapted technology to enhance services.

In October, APLA, in association with Wallaceburg Bookbinding, sponsored the book repair workshop, "First Aid for Books". Response to the workshop was very positive and we hope to provide similar offerings in the future.

As Vice-President for Nova Scotia, my activities have included reporting the news as provided by my colleagues; performing duties as prescribed by the Executive, and contacting lapsed or non-renewing members. Each of us can play a role in developing a healthy membership for our Association. Let your colleagues know the benefits you derive from being an APLA member!

Our APLA Executive is very energetic and dedicated! It is a privilege to work along side these fine individuals! Many thanks to my colleagues who so willingly report noteworthy events and news. As alluded to, it is a revelation to learn of all

the activities taking place in our libraries! Sharing and communicating is essential to the continued development of our libraries. To our volunteers chairing committees and interest groups a hearty appreciation is extended. As an Antigonisher and a St. FXU alumna, I welcome you to our beautiful town and campus. I hope you take as much delight in visiting as I do in "coming home"! Enjoy the conference - and remember - technology and innovation aside, we are still "all about people"!

Cathy Chisholm - Vice-President
(Nova Scotia)

1999-2000 Annual report: Vice-President, Prince Edward Island

The public library system on P.E.I. spent much of the past year under the direction of the Acting Provincial Library Don Scott while the search for a new Provincial Librarian continued. The new Provincial Librarian, Allan Groen, will take up his position on May 1, 2000. The provincial system also received a number of public access computers donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

In school library news, three Island schools received capital construction and renovation grants from the Department of Education which included significant components for new school library resource material. In addition, the past year saw the

implementation and launch of BIL (Building Information Literacy) (<http://www.edu.pe.ca/bil/>) as well as the development and distribution of a comprehensive school library handbook.

Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island celebrated its 25th anniversary in its current building this year, shortly after undergoing some renovations and space reallocation last fall.

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed items for the News from the Region section over the course of the past year.

Moira Davidson

1999-2000 Annual Report; Communications Committee

No convenor /
no report received

1999-2000 Annual Report for the APLA Copyright Committee

The Canadian Library Association recently published a valuable copyright guide for librarians. © *Copyright Guide for Canadian Libraries*, written by Wanda Noel, which provides basic copyright information every librarian should know about creators' and users' rights. The guide explains recent changes in the Copyright

Act specifically for libraries, licensing and digital copyright in addition to other complex copyright issues.

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL/ABRC) continues to lobby the federal government for an equitable balance between the interests of creators and consumers of copyright works. Their brochure, *A Statement of Principles for the Management of Copyright in the Digital Environment*, published January 1, 2000, encourages reasonable access to knowledge through technology and is supported by the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

A copyright web page, linked to the APLA home page, will be available in June.

Jo-Ann Riggs

1999-2000 Annual Report: Intellectual Freedom Committee

No convenor /
no report received

1999-2000 Annual Report: APLA Memorial Awards Committee

Sheila Pearl finished her term as Convenor of the Memorial Awards Committee early in the year. The position has not been filled since then.

In the mean time, the VP President/President Elect, Pamela Stevens-Rosolen has agreed to act as interim chair of the Memorial Awards Committee. The Provincial Vice-Presidents will serve on the interim committee. Under this arrangement, the committee received, considered and granted one Memorial Award request. The Finance Committee will meet shortly to consider transferring additional funds to the Memorial Fund under standing order 8.35.

Pamela Stevens-Rosolen -
Interim Convenor.

1999-2000 Annual Report: Public Relations Committee

No convenor /
no report received

1999-2000 Annual Report for APLA Collections Development Interest Group

No convenor /
no report received

1999-2000 Annual Report for APLA Computers & Connectivity Interest Group

I joined the UCCB Library in January of 1999 as an Information Services Librarian. In the Fall of 1999 I became the new convenor for the computers and connectivity interest group. Many thanks to Peter Webster, the previous convenor, who has helped me with the transition. I contacted group members who gave me feedback concerning APLA 2000. Many indicated that they wanted to learn about publishing databases on the Web. On Saturday, May 27th at APLA 2000 the interest group is holding a panel discussion on this subject. Gordon Bertrand, Electronic Resources Librarian at Saint Francis Xavier University, will talk about Cold Fusion software. Stephen Sloan, Systems Librarian at University of New Brunswick, will talk about CGI. Christine McNeille,

the webmaster at the Nova Scotia Community College, will speak about her use of ASI and MS Access.

James Watson

**1999-2000
Annual Report
for APLA
Conservation of
Library
Materials
Interest Group**

No convenor /
no report received

**1999-2000
Annual Report
for APLA
Continuing
Education
Interest Group**

No convenor /
no report received

**1999-2000
Annual Report
for APLA
Library
Instruction
Interest Group**

No convenor /
no report received

**1999-2000
Annual Report
for APLA
Library
Technician
Interest Group**

No convenor /
no report received

**1999-2000
Annual Report
for APLA
Newspapers
Interest Group**

Interest Group activity again this year focussed on organizing a session for the APLA Conference. The session entitled "Atlantic Newspapers Collections 10 Years On" will feature a panel of speakers from the four Atlantic Provinces. The Interest Group will be holding its annual business meeting at APLA 2000.

Charles Cameron, Convenor.

**1999-2000
Annual Report
for APLA
Trustees
Interest Group**

No convenor /
no report received

**1999-2000
Annual Report
for APLA
Francophone
Interest Group**

No convenor /
no report received

**1999-2000
Annual Report
of the APLA
representatives
to the Atlantic
Provinces Book
Review Society
(APBRS)**

The APBRS met in February and October of 1999. The Society published four issues of *Atlantic Books Today* in 1999. An application for funding for the year 2000 has been submitted to the Canada Council.

Elizabeth Eve, Managing Editor of *Atlantic Books Today*, is travelling in China and is being replaced for the Spring 2000 issue by Clare Goulet.

Atlantic Books Today co-sponsored a Poets Corner with the Economy Show Shop Bar and the Just Us Coffee Roasters Co-op at the annual Word on the Street Festival.

Subscriptions to *Atlantic Books Today*, which is the unique Atlantic Canada resource on writers and their books, maybe submitted online at: <http://www.hypershopper.com/abt.htm>

Elaine MacLean

ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

60th Ordinary General Meeting

Saint John, New Brunswick

Friday, May 28, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

(Loyalist Room, Saint John Trade and Convention Centre)

Sunday, May 30, 1999, 9:30 a.m.

(K. C. Irving Hall, UNB, Saint John Campus)

Minutes

Francesco Lai presiding

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <p>1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. The parliamentary, Richard Ellis, was introduced.</p> <p>2. Establish Quorum
It was established that a quorum was present.</p> <p>3. Adoption of Agenda
3.1 Additions, changes
S. Sixty asked that the item 13.10 Resolutions be removed as this committee was also listed as item 22.</p> <p>3.2 Adoption
MOTION: that the agenda be adopted as amended. (J.</p> | <p>Tillotson/J. Archibald) CARRIED</p> <p>4. Minutes of the 59th Ordinary General Meeting
4.1 Corrections
7. Norine Hanus replaced Janet Arsenault as VP for PEI not NS.</p> <p>20. Resolution #2 remove the CARRIED after the friendly amendments.</p> <p>20. Resolution #2, amended motion, change "e) other personal memberships" to e) other personal members.</p> <p>21. Change spelling of "Bertram McDonald" to</p> | <p>"Bertrum MacDonald".</p> <p>22. Add F. Lai introduced S. Sixty as the incoming secretary.</p> <p>4.2 Adoption
MOTION: that the minutes of the 59th Ordinary General Meeting be adopted as amended. (N. Horrocks/L. Melanson) CARRIED</p> <p>5. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.</p> <p>6. President's Report*
6.1 Report
F. Lai noted that his report was published in the <i>Bulletin</i>. He</p> |
|--|--|--|


31 Years Experience
The Bibliocentre

URNS OVER A NEW LEAF!

The Bibliocentre now offers the same services to all libraries that we provide exclusively to our existing college clients!

**CONSORTIUM
PURCHASING
TECHNICAL
SERVICES
ELECTRONIC
PRODUCTS**



CONTACT US AT (416) 289-5151
OR 1-800-268-5560
<http://biblioweb.cencol.on.ca>

added that Resolutions #1, 3, 4 which had been passed at the 59th OGM had been acted upon and that the actions had been reported in the President's column of the Bulletin over the year.

6.2 Changes to the executive

F. Lai noted that there had been a number of changes to the executive as members had resigned and that the executive had been able to find members to replace them.

MOTION: that Peter Webster replace Penny Marshall for the remainder of her term as Vice President/President Elect. (F. Lai/J. Tillotson) CARRIED

MOTION: that Joy Tillotson replace Barbara McDonald for the remainder of her term as Vice President, Membership. (F. Lai/C. Chisholm) CARRIED

MOTION: that Moira Davidson replace Norine Hanus for the 1998/99 portion of the term of Vice President (PEI). (F. Lai/S. Field) CARRIED

6.3 APLA Student Award Winner

F. Lai announced that Colleen MacKinnon was the APLA Student Prize winner but she had been unable to attend the conference as it coincided with graduation.

7. Past President's Report**

J. Teskey noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8. Vice Presidents' Reports

8.1 New Brunswick

C. Dionne noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8.2 Newfoundland

S. Field noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8.3 Nova Scotia

C. Chisholm noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8.4 Prince Edward Island

M. Davidson noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8.5 Membership

J. Tillotson noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*. She added that there were now 205 personal members.

9. Secretary's Report

S. Sixty noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*. She added that the archives had been saved to a CD-ROM and that the guidelines for archival materials had not yet been prepared.

10. Financial Examiner's Report

P. Glenister circulated copies of the report.

MOTION: to accept the Financial Examiner's report as circulated. (J. Teskey/P. Webster) CARRIED

11. Treasurer's Report

E. MacLean circulated copies of the report.

MOTION: that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated. (P. Webster/J. Tillotson) CARRIED

12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editor and Bulletin Management Board

J. Neilson noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*. P. Glenister asked about the state of the editorship. J. Neilson replied that there would probably be a new editorial team by the end of the conference and that the present editors would be responsible for the July/August issue.

13. Executive/Standing/Special Committee Reports

13.1 Aims and objectives

P. Webster circulated copies of the report.

13.2 Committee on committees and interest groups

P. Webster circulated copies of the report.

13.3 Finance*

13.3.a 1999-2000 propose budget

F. Lai presented the proposed budget. He noted that the projected executive travel was less than the actual expenditure this year because only one executive meeting was planned. The proposed presidential travel was higher because of bringing him from Ontario and also sending the incoming president to the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC). He pointed out that there was a new line for executive projects to cover special projects such as streamlining the membership procedure. He also noted that all the standing committees and interest groups, except for the Communications Committee, had been put into one line.

L. Melanson questioned why there was no proposed expenditure for the First Timer's Award. F. Lai explained that the award had not been advertised this year and, consequently, there would be no expenditure. P. Glenister asked if the award couldn't be given retrospectively, but it was agreed that it would be more equitable to give either two awards next year or a larger award.

P. Glenister noted that not all of the subtotals for Expenditures/Standing Committees & Interest Groups were correct.

MOTION: to defer 13.3.a 1999-2000 Proposed Budget until the second part of the Ordinary General Meeting. (N. Horrocks/E. Hamilton) CARRIED

13.3.b Appointment of Financial Examiner**

MOTION: that Peter Glenister be appointed financial examiner for the 1999/2000 fiscal year. (E. MacLean/J. Tillotson) CARRIED

13.4 APLA Memorial Award

S. Pearl had not submitted a report.

13.5 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund

P. Webster circulated copies of the committee's report and announced that Cheryl Feindel was the 1999 recipient.

13.6 Communications - No convenor

13.7 Intellectual Freedom

L. McGillis had not submitted a report.

13.8 Public Relations

S. Sixty noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.

13.9 Nominations and Elections

J. Teskey announced the winners of the election: Pamela Stevens-Rosolen (Vice President/President Elect), Sharon Murphy (Treasurer), Jeanne Maddix (Vice President, NB), and Moira Davidson (Vice President, PEI).

MOTION: to destroy the ballots. (J. Teskey/C. Dionne) CARRIED

14. Special Committee Reports
- 14.1 Advocacy
N. Hanus noted that the article on page 9 of the *Bulletin* had been intended as the committee's report.
- 14.2 Copyright
J-A. Riggs had not submitted a report.
15. Interest Group Reports
- 15.1 Collections Development
G. Quinn's report was published in the *Bulletin*.
- 15.2 Computers and Connectivity - No convener
- 15.3 Conservation of Library Materials - No convener
- 15.4 Continuing Education
D. Tan's report was published in the *Bulletin*.
- 15.5 Francophone Interest Group/Groupe d'interet francophone
J. Jacob's report was published in the *Bulletin*.
- 15.6 Library Instruction
J. Richard's report was published in the *Bulletin*.
- 15.7 Library Technicians
S. Harris had not submitted a report.
- 15.8 Newspaper
C. Cameron's report was published in the *Bulletin*.
- 15.9 Trustees
J. Heron's report was published in the *Bulletin*.
16. Report of the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society Board Representative
L. Jantek had not submitted a report.
17. Report of the Representative to ASTED
P. Lafrance had not submitted a report.
18. Annual Conferences
- 18.1 1998 - Wolfville
No report had been submitted.
- 18.2 1999 - Saint John
S. Collins announced that there were 150 registrants and 45 exhibitors.
- 18.3 2000 - Antigonish
R. Campbell extended in invitation for all to attend APLA 2000 in Antigonish.
- 18.4 2001 - Charlottetown
M. Davidson announced that APLA 2001 would be held somewhere on PEI.
- 18.5 2002 - Halifax in conjunction with CLA
J. Teskey announced that APLA 2002 would be held in conjunction with CLA and that all the correspondence he had had with CLA would be forwarded to P. Webster and P. Stevens-Rosolen.
19. Resolutions Committee Announcement
P. Webster announced the deadline for resolutions. L. McQueen questioned why the deadline was before the end of the conference sessions. She felt that some of the sessions after the deadline might generate resolutions. P. Webster agreed to accept resolutions at the pre-resolutions session and to look at the present procedures and standing orders to see if they were in need of amendment.
The meeting recessed at 8:15pm and reconvened Sunday, May 30, 1999 at 9:30am.
The Chair ruled that item 13.3a, previously postponed, would be considered after item 20.
20. Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies
Bertrum MacDonald reported on the activities of the library school (for details, see the *APLA Bulletin*, September/October 1999, p. 15).
21. Executive/Standing/Special Committee Reports
- 21.1 *Bulletin* editors
J. Tillotson extended the appreciation of the Association to the outgoing *Bulletin* editors: J. Neilson, L. Hansen, and B. McNally.
J. Neilson accepted the thanks and announced that the incoming editor of the *Bulletin* would be R. MacPherson and that B. McNally would be staying on as advertising editor.
- 21.2 Feasibility study on hiring an executive director
P. Glenister asked about the availability of copies of the report. F. Lai replied that the summary and the report had been posted to the listserv and were being put on the Web. S. Sixty noted that there were still a couple of paper copies available at the front of the room and that a copy would be kept with the minutes of the 1999 winter executive meeting.
22. Resolutions
P. Webster submitted the two resolutions that the committee had received.
- Resolution #1
Be it resolved that: Standing Order 2.03 be deleted. (J. Tillotson/S. Sixty) CARRIED
Before the vote Standing Order 2.03 was read: O2.03 New members joining later than November 1st will normally join for the remainder of the current year plus the succeeding year for a membership fee of 150 percent of the annual fee for personal members. O
- Resolution #2
Be it resolved that: the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to the organizers and volunteers of APLA 1999, the presenters, panellists, speakers, moderators, and facilitators of all workshops, seminars, and theme sessions of APLA 1999, and to the sponsors and exhibitors who have contributed to the success of APLA 1999. (P. Stevens-Rosolen/P. Webster) CARRIED
23. Inauguration of Incoming President
F. Lai thanked those who were leaving the executive: J. Teskey, C. Dionne, E. MacLean and Suzanne Sixty. He also thanked the committee and interest group conveners who were completing their terms: S. Pearl, D. Tan, J. Jacob, J. Heron.
F. Lai inaugurated P. Webster as President by handing him the gavel and retreating from the Chair.
P. Webster introduced the incoming secretary, P. Logan.
24. Adjournment
N. Horrocks asked that the SLIS report be amended to include the titles of three occasional papers: *Midwifery in Canada, 1980-1997: a brief history and selective annotated bibliography of publications in English; The Far North and beyond: an index to Canadian science fiction and fantasy in English-language genre magazines and other selected periodicals of the pulp era, 1896-1955; Understanding telecommunications and public policy: a guide for libraries*.
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.
- * Indicates when Peter Webster was in chair.
- ** Indicates when Francesco Lai resumed the chair.

From St. Jerome's Den

Librarians are concerned about their image, or so I have heard. A typical librarian stereotype is that of "a stuffy older woman with mousy brown hair in a bun." Well, take a trip on the Web to some image modifying [no pun intended] sites.

St. Jerome - typically symbolized by:
a cardinal's hat; a lion; an aged monk in the desert;
or an aged monk with a Bible.

The Belly dancing Librarian <<http://www.wco.com/~eris/bdlib.html>> - You may know a librarian who, "by day, she toils as a dedicated information professional...by night, she shimmies to the music of the ney, dumbek, and oud..."

The Image of Librarians in Pornography <<http://www.84.com/libraryporn/index.htm>> - Originating from a paper presented at the 1990 Conference of the Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association in Toronto, this site carries a warning that you "not proceed to the links if you're offended by four letter words or explicit images."

Image and the Librarian: An Exploration of a Changing Profession <<http://www.wam.umd.edu/~staciemm/project/ImageHomepage.htm>> - a more scholarly site organized by students at the University of Maryland/College Park's College of Library and Information Science.

The Laughing Librarian <<http://internettrash.com/users/lafnlibn/>> - also comes with a warning that "This site includes words, images, and links which may offend some visitors" and provides the viewer with a "filtered alternate home page" at <<http://internet-trash.com/users/lafnlibn/filthome.htm>>

The Modified Librarian: Librarianship and the Art of Body Modification <<http://www.bmeworld.com/gailcat/index.html>> - yes, you read that correctly. What was that about image?

Other sites that you can get to from the Belly dancing Librarian include: The Anarchist Librarians Web; The Progressive Librarian; The Street Librarian; The Naked Librarian; Librarians in the Movies (thank heavens, a sane site); Librarians in the Comics; "From Buns to Bytes: Is the Image of Librarians Changing?"

P. S. Thanks, if that is what should be offered, to a librarian at Mount Saint Vincent who got me started on this exploration of silliness.





Be visionary.

Turn information
into knowledge.

We can help you
get it, manage it
and use it better.

RoweCom Canada has
the cutting-edge, knowledge
management and e-commerce
solutions you're looking for.

Whatever role you play in
the knowledge, information
or library community,
you'll work better when
we work with you.

Call, or visit us on the Web,
to learn more about kStore
and *RoweCom Canada's*
other innovative services.

rowecom
C A N A D A

www.rowe.com
www.faxon.ca
marketing@faxon.ca
800 263-2966