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Retain—Recruit—Restructure: Regenerating the Library Community

CLA/APLA/NLLA 2007 National Conference

About the 2007 Conference theme...

Retain - Recruit - Restructure: Regenerating the Library Community:

Our profession's greatest resources are our human resources. Recent Canadian research ("The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries" ["The 8Rs Report"]; "Training Gaps Analysis: Librarians and Library Technicians" by the Cultural Human Resources Council) demonstrates the need for the profession to examine the future of human resources in Canadian libraries and information services: what we have, what we are going to lose, what we will need, and how to ensure there are skilled people in place for the foreseeable future. Delegates to 2007 National Conference will come away with conceptual and practical tools for improving their libraries through focusing on people: professional librarians, paraprofessionals, other library workers, volunteers, friends and other stakeholders.

About the 2007 Conference host city...

Discover one of the oldest cities in North America - a city unlike any other. Cradled in a harbour carved from granite. Surrounded by hills running down to the ocean. Quaint side streets of a thousand colours. Friendly faces wait to greet you. Where old and new, city and nature, live as neighbours. Take a journey to the City of Legends. Visit the Hospitality desk for more host city information!

About the 2007 Conference social events...

- Opening Reception (Wednesday 6-7:30PM, Delta Salon A) - \$30 (included w/ full registration)
- First-Timers Breakfast (Thursday 7:30-8:30AM, Delta Salon F/G) - \$10
- LTIG Networking Supper Social (Thursday 6-8:30PM, Mickey Quinn's Pub) - Approx. \$25
- Book Awards Reception (Thursday 6:30-9PM, Fairmont Avalon & Battery Lounge) - \$26.50
- CAPL/CLTA/CASL Reception (Friday 6:30-9PM, Delta Salon D) - \$25
- CACUL/CASLIS Reception (Friday 6:30-9PM, Delta Salon A) - \$10
- Pub Crawl - (Friday 7PM-2AM, Meet Delta Front Lobby) - Pay-as-you-go.
- Haunted Hike - (Thursday 8PM, West Entrance of the Anglican Cathedral on Church Hill) - \$5 CASH at entrance.
- Register today through APLA <http://www.apla.ca/events.cfm> for more social events! You definitely don't want to miss these two lively events with a truly Atlantic flavour! The conference is offering you:
- The APLA Merit Award Banquet on Saturday night. Open to all delegates, this event will be honouring one of our outstanding librarians for their work. Dance the night away with Billy and the Bruisers band.
- The APLA Champagne Brunch on Sunday morning.

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Get your last glimpse of St. John's and join us for this delicious brunch. All delegates are invited. This is a great opportunity to meet friends and colleagues in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Please note that these two events were not on the conference registration form. To register, please go to: <http://www.apla.ca/events.cfm>.

About the 2007 Conference Keynote Speakers...

1. Linda Duxbury On Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 9:30am-10:30am

Dr. Linda Duxbury is one of Canada's leading work-place health researchers. She has written hundreds of papers, journals, and books and is the co-author of a series of influential Health Canada reports about work-life balance in Canada.

2. Mary Pratt On Friday, May 25, 2007 at 9:00am-10:00am

Although Mary Pratt's career has been associated with Newfoundland where she has lived and painted since 1961, her perceptions and esthetic understanding were shaped in Fredericton, New Brunswick where she was born in 1935. Throughout her career she has been awarded accolades from numerous sources, among them the Canada Council Molson Prize in the Fine Arts and honorary degrees from eight Canadian universities. She is represented nationally and internationally in public and private collections, with dealers in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and St. John's.

3. Kare Anderson On Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 11:15am-12:15pm

From scientists to salespeople, thousands have learned to become happier and higher-performing with others by adopting Kare Anderson's life-affirming methods. This once "phobically shy," Emmy-winning TV commentator turned public speaker shows how to communicate to connect. Through Kare you can discover how to become more clear, compelling, collaborative and quotable.

About the 2007 Conference Pre-conference Sessions...

Pre-conference Sessions that will be held include: P2 Going With The Flow: Co-Sponsored by the Technical Services Interest Group and the Serials Interest Group

Location: May 23, 2007 - Delta St. John's - room TBA. Registration: 8:30am; Program: 9:00am-4:45pm. Program and more

information:

<http://tsig-sig.wikispaces.com/Pre-conference+2007>

P6 Getting to Library 2.0: Sponsored by Emerging Technologies Interest Group.

Location: Science Building SN2105, Memorial University of Newfoundland on Wednesday May 23rd, 2007 at 9:00am. Registration: 8:30-9:00am; Program and more information <http://staff.library.mun.ca/etig/preconf/sched.html>

P7 Collections 2007: Sponsored by the Collection Development and Management Interest Group

INCO Centre, Memorial University of Newfoundland

St. John's, Newfoundland on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. Registration: 8:30am-9:00am; Program: 9:00am - 4:00pm Program and more information: <http://www.cla.ca/conference/2007/collections.shtml>

P8 Creating a Positive Organizational Culture: Delta St. John's - Room TBA. 9:00am-4:00 pm

Cancelled Pre-conference Sessions:

Please note: several Pre-conference Sessions have been cancelled due to low delegate registration. If you have registered for one of the following cancelled sessions, a copy of your confirmation showing the credit balance owing to you will be sent to you shortly. If you paid by credit card, your refund will be processed on that card number and if you paid by cheque, we will be mailing a cheque to you. Cancelled pre-conference sessions include:

- P1. How to Assess the Best Research
- P3. Stepping Up To Supervisor
- P4. Shepherds of the Commons or Copyright
- P5. Demonstrating Our Value Through Storytelling
- P9. Where is Information Literacy?

CLA apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused and if you have questions or concerns please contact Brenda Shields at (613) 232-9625 Ext. 318 or bshields@cla.ca.

About the 2007 Conference Library Tours...

Please note that all library tours are full

- Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's

- Dr. Cr. R. Barrett Library
- Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
- Provincial Archives
- National Research Council

About the 2007 Conference Tours...

Make the most of your time away! Stay a little longer or come a little early and enhance your travels to Newfoundland & Labrador. Below is list of experiences available to you from McCarthy's Party Ltd. McCarthy's has organized the following tours for 2007 Conference delegates:

St. John's and Cape Spear, The Far East of the Western World

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 1:00pm-5:00pm

Tour old St. John's with plenty of time to see such National historic sights as Cabot Tower, Signal Hill, the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and the Basilica. Hear the legends of Dead Man's Pond, and Government House and the history surrounding the Colonial Building. This tour will orient you and give you a feel for the history, legend and lore of St. John's, the oldest community in North America. Next we are off to visit the National Park at Cape Spear, the most easterly point of land in North America. Here the lighthouse has been restored to circa 1836. Explore the bunkers built by Canadian soldiers in the side of the cliffs here during the Second World War. Now you can say you have been to the other "Far East" where you can stand with your back to the Atlantic and face every other being in North America - or turn your back on them. The choice is yours.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$40.00 includes transportation, guide, entrance fees, and all applicable taxes

A "Taste of Newfoundland"

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 1:00pm-5:00pm
1:30pm-4:30pm

First off this afternoon we head to Quidi Vidi, a traditional fishing village in St. John's, where we visit the Quidi Vidi micro brewery and have a refreshing sample of their wares. From Quidi Vidi we make our way to the historic Murray Premises for a sample of Rodriguez Newfoundland berry wines. Originally built as a group of connected warehouses from which salt cod was exported and provisions were imported, the historic Murray Premises is the oldest collection of mercantile buildings in the province related to the fishing industry to the Newman's Wine Vault for a sample

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From the President's Desk

submitted by Ivan Douthwright

Congratulations! We made it through another Atlantic Canada winter and spring is in the air. Since I last talked to you, your executive has been working on many projects discussed at our Spring executive meetings. We are continuing to investigate the revenue streams of the association and ways of maintaining and building financial stability for the future. Association membership and conferences are our main sources of revenue and the bulletin is our highest area of expenditure. The executive is looking to see what options we have in improving services and financial stability in all areas.

We have looked at some long range planning in terms of conferences as well. As you know we have been looking at a proposed deal with the Delta Hotels in hosting our conferences in the future. If finalized, this would put a lot of conference planning work into place at our various conference locations.

It is amazing how much potential and opportunities for growth we have as an association. We are in the unique position of representing the librarians and library workers of four provinces. Both the potential and the challenges of that have been very visible. You will see more in my annual report, but from my desk, these realities have become very real.

As I near the end of my presidency, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as your President this year. It has been challenging and rewarding. To my wonderful executive, I say a sincere thank you. Your support and hard work has been greatly appreciated plus you are such a cool bunch to work and socialize with. It has been wonderful. Enjoy the CLA/APLA/NLLA conference and we will see you all next May in Charlottetown, PEI.

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of the famous Newman's Port. According to tradition, a Newman's ship bound for London in 1679 was driven far from its planned course by pirates and foul weather. The captain of the ship sought shelter in St. John's, and as winter was closing fast upon them, it was decided to remain in the harbour until spring. The ship's cargo of wine was stored in caves, and when the ship returned to London, the flavour of the port seemed to have improved.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$62.00 includes transportation, guide, entrance fees, and all applicable taxes

Birds and Bergs Tour

Sunday, May 27, 2007 at 8:30am-12:30pm

Today begins with a drive down the Southern Shore to the historic Irish outpost, Bay Bulls. Here we take a boat ride out to the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve Bird Islands, home to thousands of Atlantic Puffins, Murres and Kittiwakes in the spring and summer. Although it is early in the season, we will look for whales which frequent this bay in the summer months. May is iceberg month in Newfoundland and Labrador so if any of these natural wonders are in the Bay we will certainly get a good looks at these giants.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$73.00 includes transportation to and from Bay Bulls with guide, and all applicable taxes

Cape St. Mary's and "The Old French Shore"

Sunday, May 27, 2007 at 9:00am-5:00pm

This morning we will drive the Irish Loop to the Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve, the most accessible and spectacular seabird colony in North America. This area is known for the thousands of Northern Gannets, who have a wing-span of over six feet, which nest in a few thousand feet of space. Also making their home in this area are Razorbills, Murres and other seabirds. We will visit the Interpretation Centre and we will hike along the top of sheer cliffs to a huge sea stack called Bird Rock. After lunch in St. Bride's we will travel to Placentia to the Castle Hill National Historic Site. Here we will view exhibits of the French and English Military History, and life of the area in the 17th century.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$105.00 includes transportation, guide, lunch, and entrance fees, and all applicable taxes

Tour Policy Information

Please note that all pricing has HST included. Changes or cancellations may be made 24 hours prior to start of tour. If an individual does not show up for the tour and has not contacted McCarthy's Party prior to 24 hours, refunds will not be given.

Please note that all day tours are subject to cancellation if minimum numbers are not met. Upon cancellation, refunds will be given to those registered or payment transferred to an alternate tour.

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Join the APLA Discussion List

APLA-L is an unmoderated discussion list for people who are interested in library issues in Atlantic Canada. The APLA list is:

- A place to post notices about workshops, seminars, and other events
- A source of current information about the actions of the APLA Executive
- A forum for sharing questions, comments and ideas about library services
- A place to post job advertisements

To subscribe to the APLA list, send the command "sub apla-list" to listserv@lists.dal.ca.

To send a message to everyone on the list, use apla-list@lists.dal.ca.

To stay on the list but suspend your messages (while on vacation, for instance), send the command "set apla-list nomail" to listserv@lists.dal.ca. When you want to receive message again, send the command "set apla-list mail" to listserv@lists.dal.ca. To unsubscribe from the list, send the command "unsub apla-list" to listserv@lists.dal.ca.

If you have any questions about the APLA list, please contact the postmaster, Sarah Gladwell at sarah.gladwell@gnb.ca.

Norman Horrocks Award Call for Nominations

The Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership was established to honour leadership in the Nova Scotia Library community and is given by NSLA for distinguished contributions to the promotion and development of library service in Nova Scotia. Those contributions should be of lasting significance and may be for leadership of various kinds - ranging from local projects to those of provincial scope, and may cover any type of library activity.

Nominations procedure:

1. Nominations must include nominee name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail address, if applicable.
2. Nominations must be made in writing and signed by two nominators, one of whom must be a current member of the Nova Scotia Library Association.
3. Nominators are responsible for documenting the accomplishments of the candidate and for creating a package to support the nomination. Documentation as available and appropriate may be submitted.
4. Nominations must include three letters of endorsement, which can include ones from the nominators.
5. Nominations of persons previously nominated but not chosen may be resubmitted.

Award recipient will receive engraved plaque and NSLA lifetime membership, to be presented at Annual Conference Banquet. Further information available at the NSLA website, www.nsla.ns.ca

Deadline for submissions: May 31, 2007

Applications to be submitted to:
Norman Horrocks Award Committee,
c/o Mary Landry, NSLA Past President
Eastern Counties Regional Library
390 Murray St
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Tech To Try Today, Zotero

Submitted by Donald Moses

"Goodbye 3 x 5 cards, hello Zotero." That's just one of the great descriptive taglines that Zotero uses to promote its free, fully featured, easy to use browser-based citation management application.

What is it?

In October 2006, the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University released a beta version of a research workflow tool called Zotero¹ – a free extension to the Firefox 2 web browser. Positioned as a replacement for commercial bibliographic citation tools, Zotero helps to capture, organize, and share research results in a variety of ways. Since its initial release, Zotero has been updated several times; bugs have been addressed, and additional functionality has been added.

Zotero's Features

If you conduct research, then Zotero is of immediate use and value. Zotero captures information from a variety of sources² including online library catalogues, commercial databases, and websites like Amazon. Capturing typical bibliographic information (eg. title, author, etc.), Zotero also stores additional metadata when available (eg. rights, dates, call number, abstract, etc.). Zotero can also save 'snapshots' of web content: PDFs, files, images, links, and whole web pages. This information can be organized into 'collections' where users customize their content by adding tags, notes, and by attaching files to records. The Zotero interface provides simple and advanced search options, supports sorting by field, and offers tag-based filtering. Zotero exports records for bibliography construction in three commonly used styles – APA, MLA, and the Chicago Manual of Style. Further, Zotero integrates with MS Word – assisting in the creation of in-text citations and reference lists or bibliographies. Zotero also imports various formats and users can share or archive their collections using Zotero's export function.

Using Zotero

Zotero 'lives in the browser' and greatly simplifies documenting, annotating research, and generating citations since this tool automates much of these processes. For instructional purposes, Zotero acts as a bridge for teaching and learning about the general research process because it demonstrates ethical information use, information organization, and citation and bibliography creation. Hyperlinked reading lists can be created and in turn, students can create shared knowledge bases on particular topics using Zotero's import and export functions. Zotero's ability to generate annotated bibliographies and reports provides methods to create custom learning paths or webquests.

Learning more

Keep in mind that Zotero is in the 'beta' testing period, so there may be times when it may not work exactly as it is supposed to. Even if users must occasionally enter bibliographic information manually, I believe this application has great promise.

In addition to the online documentation, the developers have created a number of informative screencasts³ that introduce Zotero and focus on its features. If you are looking for a tool that is free, automates the capture and creation of citations, and helps manage your research, then I'd recommend you give Zotero a try.

I'd be interested in hearing about how other people are using Zotero in their practice or instruction.

Donald Moses (dmoses@hollandc.pe.ca), Librarian at the Tourism and Culinary Centre, Holland College.

1. You can learn about and download Zotero from <http://www.zotero.org/>.
2. The Zotero website provides a list of supported sources at <http://www.zotero.org/translators/>, though you can always manually create a citation.
3. Zotero screencasts are available from http://www.zotero.org/documentation/screencast_tutorials.

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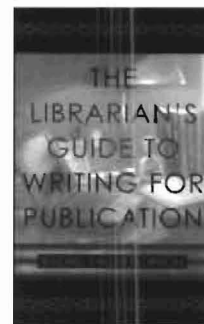
Reviewed by Laura Newton Miller

Gordon, Rachel Singer. *The Librarian's Guide to Writing for Publication*. Lanham, Md: Scarecrow Press, 2004.

Rachel Singer Gordon is no stranger to writing for publication. The author of several published books, including *Teaching the Internet in Libraries* (2001), *The Information Professional's Guide to Career Development Online* (2002) and *The Accidental Systems Librarian* (2003), she also spends time as editor for an electronic newsletter (*Info Career Trends*) and a review columnist for *Library Journal*. Gordon has used her experiences and those of other library wordsmiths to produce an exceptional book for aspiring writers. In *Librarian's Guide*, Gordon leads us through all aspects of writing for publication. This includes topics like finding ideas, contacting editors, specific types of writing, time management, and collaboration with colleagues. It also presents interesting discussions on marketing your work, writing in an electronic environment and the business of writing (such as contracts and expenses). Opportunities related to library publication, including presenting at conferences and networking are also discussed.

The book is intended to be read straight through, but is written such that one can consult individual chapters if interested in a particular topic. Subjects mentioned in one chapter are cross-referenced to more detailed information in another part of the book. Besides a table of contents, there is a very clear and thorough index to various subjects, making it easy to navigate through the text. Gordon's writing is friendly and accessible, giving the book the feel of one colleague providing advice to another. In fact, the book is made even more approachable by including counsel from almost one hundred published librarians. Some chapters could be books in their own right (e.g. Chapter 7: *(Writing in an) Academic Environment*) but these are supplemented by lists of examples, guides to further reading within a chapter, and a full bibliography at the end of the book. Gordon has included appendices of informative interviews from various editors of library publications and presses, which helps give readers the "inside scoop" on what editors are looking for from library writers.

Although there are many general books on writing for publication, there are few specifically focused on the librarian profession. Gordon's book is especially useful for those who are thinking about or are relatively new to



writing in the library field by helping to build confidence and taking away the mystery of the publishing world. It is also very helpful to those further along in their writing careers, either as a useful review or as an exploration of new avenues of writing (e.g. from writing journal articles to writing a book). An accessible and informative read, *The Librarian's Guide to Writing for Publication* is highly recommended for librarians at different stages in their publishing career.

Hackmatack Nominated Authors on Tour in Atlantic Libraries

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book award is back for its eighth season with an exciting selection of Canadian books for young readers. French and English nominated books for a total of forty outstanding reads.

While the young readers are busy reading and selecting their favourite books, Hackmatack nominated authors are preparing to tour the Atlantic region this coming May. Approximately eighteen of the forty nominated Canadian writers will visit thousands of their young fans in libraries in all four Atlantic Provinces from May 7 to May 11.

The readings are made possible with the generous support of the Canada Council for the Arts and the Frye Festival. The extensive reach of the tours would not be possible without the ongoing collaboration with the New Brunswick Public Library Service, the St. John's Public Libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Confederation Centre Public Library in Prince Edward Island. As well as several regional libraries in Nova Scotia, including, the Western Counties Regional Library, the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, the Cumberland Regional Library, the South Shore Regional Library, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, the Annapolis Royal Regional Library, the Cape Breton Regional Library and the Halifax Public Libraries.

Visiting writers touring will include:

Newfoundland/Labrador

Kristin Bieber Domm, St. John's Public Libraries, May 8-10

New Brunswick

Diane Bergeron,
May 8-9 (Edmunston, Kedgwick, St. François)

Camille Bouchard,
May 7-9 (Fredericton, Shippagan, Saint-Antoine)

Roger Des Roches,
May 8-9 (Atholville, Petit-Rocher, Miramichi)

Pamela Hickman,
May 8-9, (Fredericton, Nackawic, Perth-Andover)

Elizabeth MacLeod,
May 8-10 (Saint John, Quispamsis, St. Andrews)

Nova Scotia

Western Counties Regional Library

Elizabeth Etue, May 10 (Barrington, Shelburne)

Michel Noël, May 9 (Pubnico, Meteghan)

Cumberland Regional Library

Sheree Fitch, May 9-10 (Amherst, Parrsboro, Springhill)

South Shore Regional Library

Sylvia Gunnery, May 7 (location to be determined)

Jessica Scott Kerrin, May 8 (location to be determined)

Bill Slavin, May 10 (location to be determined)

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Joyce Grant-Smith, Sylvia Gunnery, Jacqueline Halsey, April 12 (Windsor Library)

Pamela Porter, May 10 (Middleton)

Halifax Public Libraries

Pamela Porter, May 9-10 (Bedford, Spring Garden Rd Branch)

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Martine Latulippe, May 9-10 (Cheticamp, Port Hawkesbury, Richmond County)

Cape Breton Regional Library

Maxine Trottier, May 9-10 Pictou

Antigonish Regional Library

Bill Slavin, May 9 (Antigonish, New Glasgow area)

Prince Edward Island

Bill Slavin, May 8 (Confederation Centre Public Library)

Children cast votes for their favourites in the English fiction, English non-fiction, French fiction and French non-fiction categories. This year the Hackmatack Award Ceremony will be held on May 11, from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall, Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Hackmatack Award events are part of the Atlantic Book Award Festival, May 6-12. For information about the festival go to www.writers.ns.ca.

For more information on how to participate in the Hackmatack reading program and upcoming events, check out our website www.hackmatack.ca. If you would like a copy of our colourful 2007 award poster, contact the Hackmatack office at 902-424-3774 or e-mail us at hackmatack@hackmatack.ca.



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NEW BRUNSWICK/ NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Submitted by Mireille Mercure

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Collège Communautaire d'Edmundston

Anne Marie Langis, l'artiste en vedette dans notre galerie d'art, expose une série de peintures sur le thème animalier. Les membres du personnel sont représentés d'après leur "personnalité animale". Une des peintures représente un(e) employé(e) mystère. Notre bibliothèque a donc lancé le concours Qui est l'ours? en collaboration avec La Vie étudiante. Le but du concours est de faire une collecte de fonds pour l'association étudiante = Anne Marie Langis, featured artist in our art gallery, produced a series of paintings depicting wildlife. College personnel are represented according to their "animal personality." One of the paintings represents a mystery employee. Our library therefore launched the contest "Who's the bear?" in collaboration with La Vie étudiante. The object of the contest is to raise funds for the student association.

Université de Moncton Bibliothèque Champlain

Le personnel de la Bibliothèque Champlain est heureux d'annoncer que Monsieur Alain Roberge a accepté le poste de bibliothécaire en chef de la Bibliothèque Champlain pour un mandat de cinq ans. Diplômé en bibliothéconomie de l'Université d'Ottawa en 1969, Monsieur Roberge possède une expérience riche de plus de 35 ans dans le domaine des bibliothèques collégiales. Charlotte Dionne est retournée au poste de chef du Service du traitement documentaire, et Victoria Volkanova a accepté le poste de chef du Service des systèmes informatisés. Angèle Clavet succède à Charlotte Dionne au poste de bibliothécaire de référence spécialisée en sciences de la santé.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport is providing funding (total \$100,000) to both Anglophone and Francophone school districts to support the purchase of New Brunswick authors or books published in New Brunswick. The amount per district will be based on their K-12 enrollment. They are still deciding if the books purchased are to go into school libraries or classroom libraries!

The Aliant Pioneer Volunteer organization issued cheques totaling \$5,000 to three school districts to purchase library books for one school in each district.

The Dept. of Education has teachers doing a comparison of Electric Library and the Ebsco databases to determine which one they will purchase next year.

Questions have been asked of the Dept. of Education Consultant on whether or not there are libraries in each of the Anglophone schools and the hours they are open. No details on how this information is to be used. The consultant has proposed that there should be an increase in funding per student so fingers are crossed that this will happen in the coming budget.

One of the few teacher librarians (one period per day in the library) has submitted a position paper to the New Brunswick Teachers Association on the current issues and concerns related to school libraries in New Brunswick.

The Association of Professional Librarians of New

Brunswick/ Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau Brunswick will be writing a letter to Minister of Education, Kelly Lamrock, supporting the comments he made to the organization on school libraries.

The technology mentors have been doing work with students and parents on Internet Safety. Parry Aftab, Executive Director of Wired Safety, presented to the provincial mentor group and spoke to students in various schools in December. She will be doing a follow up in April.

We still need to get school libraries recognized for the role they play in literacy scores. Teacher-librarians are still not seen as important to student learning and for the most part we have very few teachers who could fill that role if funding did become available. Most teachers do not see the library as a central component of a school, mainly because they were educated in New Brunswick schools and universities and have no knowledge base on which to build their understanding of a school library.



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NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Submitted by Pat Parsons

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Central Division

Public Libraries in Central Division have been busy winding down the fiscal year with a series of special programs and fund raising events. Visiting children's writer/illustrator Martin Springett gave excellent presentations at Centreville and Gander Libraries. Adults and children alike thoroughly enjoyed his music, his new ABC book *Jousting with Jesters* and his slide show of illustrations. His visit was funded by Canada Council, and I encourage all librarians to take advantage of such grants to get rural children exposed to such talent.

Local author Lisa Rae Pickersgill read in Glovertown and Gander Libraries, from her new book, *A Distinguished Old Bentley Drove Down to the Sea*. Her husband, artist Peter Pickersgill, was also on hand to display the series of watercolours that illustrates this beautiful book.

Gambo Public Library held a St. Paddy's Day brown bag/bake sale event to raise money for new children's books. The event was well supported by the community and almost \$300.00 was raised. Gander Public Library sold tickets on two beautiful scarves knit by Mrs. Carol Bishop-Gwyn, who knits them for breast cancer fund raisers. The scarves were on display along with a selection of the latest new books on knitting. Over \$100.00 was raised, which was split between the library and the Breast Cancer Fund.

Many Easter story programs were held and many Easter/Spring crafts were planned as well. These are always well received by the general public.

The sixth "mini workshop" that I mentioned in earlier reports was held last month, hosted by Lewisporte Library. While only 6 staff members were present, a lot of ground was covered and the feed back from the local staff has been really positive. Only 3 more need to be held next year and staff from all 33 branches will have been brought together in one form or another. We still hope for a full regional or provincial workshop in the near future and I understand that our Head office is trying hard to accomplish that.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Memorial University Libraries

LibQUAL+

The Memorial University Libraries are again surveying patrons to learn whether recent changes are working and where it could make further improvements.

Two years ago, the Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries used the LibQUAL+ survey to ask its patrons whether it was meeting their needs. In response to the great feedback that was received, some changes in the libraries were effected. LibQUAL+ was developed by the Association of Research Libraries, and has been used in over 500 libraries worldwide to assess satisfaction with collections, services, access and space.

The library received great feedback and made some changes in the libraries as a result. These included more comfortable seating in the QE II Library, improved noise reduction in the QE II Reading Room, a more relaxed food and drink policy, and a new Information Commons at the Ferriss Hodgett Library in Corner Brook.

Many of these changes were communicated through the library's "We heard you..." campaign.

Now the Library is again surveying its patrons to find out whether these changes are working, and where it could make further improvements.

By participating in LibQUAL+, the Memorial University Libraries can compare aggregate scores from Memorial faculty, students and staff with the findings from other universities. This year, Memorial is part of the "LibQUAL+ Canada" consortium of Canadian university, college, and government libraries. Members expect to share results and learn from each other.

Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
Ferriss Hodgett Library

Library Commons:

The Ferriss Hodgett Library Commons officially opened in January 2007.

NOVA SCOTIA

Submitted by Debbie Costello

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Automated Library System

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library has formed an OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) Review Working Group to evaluate the existing OPAC and options for future OPAC development. This is part of their strategic planning initiative. The working group consists of Provincial Library staff and regional library representatives. The regional representatives are one regional librarian, two people from the reference working group and two from the automation working group. Charlotte Janes has been asked to be one of the automation working group representatives.

The OPAC Review Working Group participated in demonstrations from SIRSI on February 9, 2007. They showed new products available to enhance the current software solutions now being used.

The group had their first meeting on March 2, 2007.

Community Access Program (CAP)

Funding for the 2007/08 year for CAP has not yet been confirmed. Everyone is very hopeful that the lobbying done earlier this year will result in a multi-year funding agreement.

Six youth are working throughout the region a Fall/Winter Youth Initiative funded through Industry Canada and the NS Office of Economic Development. The youth have been very busy with one-on-one computer tutorials, special workshops and children's programs.

Conference Attendance

As President of the Nova Scotia Library Association, Charlotte Janes attended meetings for "The Partnership" in Toronto, January 31 to February 3, 2007. The Partnership is a group consisting of provincial and territorial library association representatives from across Canada. The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is very generous in this endeavour, and pay for the flights and hotels for these meetings. This group works together to provide services to their various member associations. A bonus of these meetings is to attend the OLA Super Conference while there. The caliber and variety of the workshops is tremendous. There are lots of ideas and initiatives sparked by this gathering of more than 4500 library workers.

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Sessions attended included; Placemaking, Turning your library into a first rate destination; Search and the Future of the Social Web; Hearing Voices? Hamilton Public Library's E-Audio Collection Listen and Learn; The Next Generation Catalogue; If You Can't Beat 'Em, Join 'Em: How you can get your youth programs on-line; Kids' Space; Top Tech Trends; Bibliocommons; as well as exhibits.

Branch Services

January 27th, Family Literacy Day, was chosen as the date to launch our Talk, Sing, READ early literacy project. About 40 people attended the event at the Kentville Library, where many of the "100 Terrific Books" for kids were on display, along with games and craft activity centres. With special funding and great partners, this initiative was developed to help parents give their children early literacy skills that will better prepare them for school.

In honor of Family Literacy Day, our 4th annual Library Sleepover took place at the Wolfville Memorial Library. Over 30 children and parents

viewed for their special sleeping spots among the book stacks. (Event sponsored in part by Honda). Special activities such as this could be why Wolfville Memorial Library is one of 80 libraries from hundreds of nominations, featured in the book "Heart of the Community: Libraries We Love" - a US publication, by Berkshire Publishing Group in Massachusetts.

Our 2nd annual book sale in support of the Summer Reading Program was held on February 10th. Over \$900.00 was raised and Walmart has generously agreed to match at least \$500.00 of that.

Thanks to C@P Youth funding, we have had a wide variety of technology-related workshops in many of our branches during January and February. Tutorials on Preparing PowerPoint presentations, Resume Cover Letters, and Homework Help were just a few of the topics.

In our efforts to attract pre-teens and teens to the library we have purchased a Dance Dance Revolution video game. This is an interactive

music video game played using a floor dance pad on which players attempt to match the steps they see projected on the wall. This is lots of fun for both participants and onlookers, and we've been very pleased with both attendance and interest demonstrated.

We have been notified by Canada Council of a successful funding application for a 2007 Nova Scotia author series April - October. Both Michelin and Frito-Lay have also committed to the financial support of this series.

We have an array of March Break activities planned including Magic Shows, Belly Dancing, Story times, Crafts and Anime Movies!

Eastern Counties Regional Library

The four members of the management team of Eastern Counties Regional Library recently attended a Leadership workshop in Halifax entitled "Cultivating outstanding leadership: How many lemons does it take to sour leadership?" The workshop was sponsored by Insights Learning and Development, Atlantic. It included the creation of individual "Insights Discovery" profiles for all participants, based on their responses to an online evaluator completed a few days prior to the workshop.

The 4-hour workshop, presented by facilitators Judith Richardson and Stella Hollett to a group of approximately twenty managers and self-employed business people from a variety of backgrounds, was entertaining, educational, and interactive. The presenters used the Insights Discovery® module which was developed using the personality profiling work of Carl Jung. The colours red, blue, green, and yellow are used as a common language for self-understanding, effective interaction and organizational growth.

Team members learned about their personal styles of leadership, key strengths and weaknesses, values to the team, and were given strategies to help them better communicate with their peers and staff members. In addition to learning effective skills, team members were also given the opportunity to network with those in attendance. The ECRL team members would highly recommend this type of workshop for any team to increase awareness of diversity in communication and leadership styles.

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Western Counties Regional Library

Clark's Harbour to build new civic centre, library to get new home!

On February 16th the federal and provincial governments announced funding of \$663,120 toward a new civic centre for Clark's Harbour. The new facility will house the Clark's Harbour branch of the Western Counties Regional Library, a new visitor information centre, conference room, Community Access Program (C@P) site and municipal offices for the Town of Clark's Harbour. The new library will meet the standard for public libraries in Nova Scotia.

Mayor Leigh B. Stoddart said, "This investment in the Clark's Harbour Community Centre brings many benefits to our residents. The centre will help encourage economic opportunities for our area."

The majority of the funding, \$267,363, is coming from the Municipal-Rural Infrastructure Fund, \$183,903 is through Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), \$172,255 from the Town of Clark's Harbour and \$39,599 from the Clark's Harbour Friends of the Library and other local fundraising.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Mount St. Vincent University Library

Mount Saint Vincent University Library in Second Life

Following on the heels of a successful pilot project, providing library instruction in Second Life as part of a public relations course this winter, University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson is pleased to announce that the MSVU Library has acquired a store-front space in Second Life, in Cybrary City beside the ALA-Washington office. While there are no immediate plans to replicate all Library services in SL, it is an excellent platform for group meetings, small class discussions, and one on one research appointments. Eventual plans may include providing access to e-resources and online tutorials, and offering an on-demand virtual reference service tied to the Library's new instant messaging reference service. The MSVU SL store-front is at:

<http://slurl.com/secondlife/Cybrary%20City/29/10/24>. Please stop by if you are in the neighbourhood!

MSVU Extended Services Librarian Chosen as Leadership Delegate

Denyse Rodrigues was one of 26 librarians chosen from a highly competitive pool of over 80 applicants across Canada to participate in the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute, held March 1-6, 2007. Institute participants have two to seven years of professional experience and must demonstrate leadership potential, which Denyse certainly does. The agenda included leadership styles, advocacy, ethics, and risk management. The mantra of the Institute has always been "participate, don't anticipate" and the six days of training were an intense mix of experiential learning with group and individual exercises, as well as the opportunity to meet and learn from North American library leaders. The MSVU Library is proud that Denyse was selected to attend this prestigious event; our Library users will benefit from Denyse's experience at the Institute.

St. Francis Xavier University

Making History

In March, three new student assistant positions were created at the Angus L. Macdonald Library. When we advised one successful applicant that the job was hers, she replied, "I'm so excited to make history at StFX!"

You're now asking – what are they doing at X? Student assistants making history? Have student jobs changed that much? Yes, they have! These students will help us to provide access to many resources rich in information that were previously only available in limited number and restricted location. We are going digital! For the first time, students were hired to work in our new Digitization Lab.

Three years ago, while on administrative leave from the University, Librarian Rita Campbell used her time wisely. She planted the seeds of the future of digitization at the StFX Library. During her leave, she digitized a collection of Gaelic poetry called The Ridge Manuscript; the originals are one of the most valued items in our present collection. This project set the stage for other digital initiatives. The Gaelstream Project (www.gaelstream.ca), which was initiated through a Library and Archives Canada Grant received by Archivist Kathleen MacKenzie and Celtic Studies Professor Jamie MacDonald, was the next foray into the digital world. University Librarian Lynne Murphy

set up an ad hoc group to brainstorm the possibilities, our direction and what was needed to get there. From this evolved several initiatives which included staff reassignments, additional student staffing, training in new technology and buying of equipment to result in the Digitization Lab. With this new sense of direction, we move forward.

The Lab is divided into three specialties. One area is set up to digitize local audio collections. Many valuable recordings, currently in reel-to-reel tape format, will be made available through digitization. Take a look at Student Assistant Janine



Castanier as she experiments with our audio experiment:

Two stations are set up with software to perform optical character recognition (ocr) on our all our scanned material. Using the ABBYY FineReader program, our student assistants are able to proof-read and convert approximately 70 pages per two hour shift. In this photo, Janine is hard at work completing the ocr process on *A History of the*



Catholic Church in Eastern Nova Scotia by A. A. Johnston.

The most exciting addition to our lab to date has been the BookDrive DIY scanner. The BookDrive DIY employs digital camera-based scanning which can scan books at the rate of hundreds of pages per hour.

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In addition to the student assistants, the Digitization Lab is staffed by Special Projects Assistant Sheldon MacDonald and Digitization Developer Brad Dewar who are sharing the adventure with Lynne and Rita.

Scanning material, performing optical character recognition, converting audio to digital; our possibilities are endless. Within the year, we hope to offer many collections digitally – keep your eyes on us as we continue to “make history.”

LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians

The Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians is pleased to announce the formation of a new library association for Library Technicians. Their first AGM took place on March 12, 2007 and had over twenty library technicians in attendance. The purpose of the association is as follows:

- (A) To promote a wider understanding, acceptance and advancement of the professional role of the Library Technician in Nova Scotia.
- (B) To collaborate with other library associations and other organizations in response to issues that relate to the entire library community.
- (C) To encourage and provide continuing education in the field of library technology.
- (D) To act as a provincial forum, with effective communication across Nova Scotia, for the exchange of concerns, ideas and activities of library technicians.
- (E) To coordinate activities in order to facilitate this exchange of concerns and ideas.

The members of the new executive are:

- President - Erica Smith
- Vice-President - Erin Purcell
- Treasurer - Jo-Ann Johnston
- Secretary - Patricia Madden

Today is a historical and exciting day for Library Technicians in Nova Scotia. NSALT intends to advance our profession through active membership, promotion and marketing and partnerships.” says Erica Smith, NSALT President. NSALT’s web site can be accessed at: <http://users.eastlink.ca/~ericasmith>.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Submitted by Donald Moses

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Holland College

Holland College Library Services staff had a busy winter semester and graduation celebrations are on the horizon. Students continue to take advantage of and enjoy the new library facility at the main Charlottetown Centre campus. Library staff delivered a number of Lunch & Learn sessions that included topics such as Google Docs and Spreadsheets, learning objects, and incorporating active learning techniques in instruction. Brenda Brady, College Librarian, created and updated a new series of web pages targeted at instructional staff, helping them connect to library products, information and services more easily. On the virtu-

al front, the College has added SocINDEX with Full Text to their Ebscohost subscription which provides a number of College programs with an additional source of high quality information. Library Services is currently developing a virtual reference service for the College and staff started testing software. They hope to have the service ready for the fall of 2007.

Robertson Library, UPEI

UPEI has had a busy academic term, with record numbers of students and a number of interesting new initiatives. We removed the turnstiles from the entrance, creating a more welcoming “Welcome” to our patrons. It was worth the effort just to see the looks on students’ faces as they entered, expecting to have to go through the old “subway gates.” We soon realized that the gate had performed a very critical function: allowing students to leave notes for each other. We installed a notice board to make sure the message gets delivered. We are now preparing a call to the local arts community for submissions to beautify the new entrance.

A reorganization before the holidays created eight units in the Library, some of which are completely

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new, others are function and/or name changes to existing units. There are two completely new units: Dawn Hooper heads up the new Data and Research unit which will focus on supporting UPEI's growing research enterprise and the ILL office; Suzanne Jones heads up the new Outreach and Communications unit which will develop a communication framework for donors and patrons, as well as services and resources that serve UPEI's community of learners. There are three units which combine previously separate units of the Library: Mark Leggott heads up the Administration and Systems unit; Cathy Callaghan, Reference and Circulation; Norine Hanus, Collections and eResources, previously 3 separate units of Collections, Acquisitions and Serials. The remaining 3 units reflect a new focus: Simon Lloyd heads up the Archives and Special Collections Unit; Louise Mould Cataloguing and Metadata, indicating a new focus on metadata activities throughout the University; Betty Jeffrey Instruction and Education Services, reflecting a focus on developing modular information literacy resources across the curriculum. The new structure has generated a great deal of positive feedback from all areas of the Library and University community.

The Library has been working on an innovative new project called the VRE, or Virtual Research Environment. The VRE has quickly captured the interest of the various research groups on campus, leading to an excellent opportunity to build a new Library service. The UPEI VRE uses best-practice open source applications to create a modular and flexible infrastructure supporting collaborative research. At the core of the VRE is the highly configurable Fedora repository and the Drupal CMS, with library resources and services integrated into the VRE as needed. The Library is also moving to integrate its resources and services more tightly into the learning framework, using the Moodle learning management system. Our goal is to have a basic set of library resources integrated into a Moodle "course" presence for each course by this September. The combination of the VRE and Moodle will provide an innovative framework for the delivery of the Robertson Library's services and resources.

Dorothy Peters recently attended InDesign training in Halifax, preparing to produce the Library's new newsletter in time for spring convocation. Grant Johnson attended the SirsiDynix Superconference in Colorado Springs. Dave Cormier joined the Library as Technical

Coordinator of the CMTC Digital Library and the VRE project. Library staff delivered another strong series of information literacy sessions, reaching close to 2800 students in 180 sessions. Special sessions on RefWorks and the new VRE have been extremely popular with faculty.

The Library is piloting a virtual reference system called Crafty Syntax, which provides a great deal of functionality in a stable open source system. Over the next few months we will work with the system to determine the best way to provide and staff the service. Also being discussed is a vRef partnership with other libraries under the umbrella of the IslandLibraries initiative.

Robertson expanded its collection of electronic indexes and backfiles in March with a subscription to BIOSIS Previews from Thomson Scientific, including the complete backfile to 1926. In addition to this, they have added the full Blackwell collection of digitized journal backfiles. It is expected that these additions will greatly improve research capabilities for Biology and Life Sciences at UPEI.

The Library is also making good use of the Ulrich's Serials Analysis tool. The UPEI journal collection has

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From St. Jerome's Den

Have you ever fallen asleep in the library? No, not when you were supposed to be working, but when you were a student, or using the public library. It isn't hard to do, but you usually wake up and toddle off to do whatever else is a part of your life. But what if you wanted to stay asleep in the library - all night. Do you think that you could get away with it. If you have ever been in a library around closing time, you can appreciate how easy it would be to get lost in your thoughts and manage to stay after you were supposed to have left, or to be dozing when the bells ring and miss the closing signals. It is an innocent enough possibility. But what if you make a conscious effort to stay because the library is your home? Not "your home" in the "I just love this place too much to leave" sense; but rather, "this is the place that I should give as my mailing address" sense. Do you think that you could get away with setting up bed in a place as public as a library? If you don't think that you could manage this subterfuge, than it is probably because you are not driven enough by necessity.

Maybe you could take lessons from Steve Stanzak, a 20 year old, New York University sophomore who spent eight months sleeping in the basement of NYU's Elmer Holmes Bobst Library. According to an MSNBC article, Steve started by spending six hours a night in the sub-basement of the library because he couldn't afford the \$1,000 housing deposit. He set up four library chairs to form a bed and kept his supplies - a laptop computer, books, clothes - in storage lockers and washed in the library's bathroom. Being a modern student, he even kept an online journal of the experience. Although he was

awakened at least five times by security guards, it seems that no one actually sent him packing from his chosen abode. In the end, all worked out well for Steve. When University officials discovered his online journal, they relocated Bobst Boy, his online nom de plume, to a free dormitory room.

What is the appeal that libraries have for those looking for alternatives to going home? A random search of various web chats yielded reasons as simple as noting that the library was closer than home and a good place to go between classes, to the acknowledgment that the staff left you alone unless you snored too loudly. Maybe Feedster summed it up best: "I've been hiding in the library to stay cool. I think I'll just be doing that until I get my air conditioner. I think I've got everything I need here in the library. People to talk to, coffee, wi fi, nicer bathrooms, and sweet, sweet air conditioning. I think I might move in here..."

How does your library stack up?

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Annual Report from President Ivan

Wow, I find it hard to believe that my year as President has gone so quickly. It has indeed been a busy year but with challenges and busy times come rewards and accomplishments so all is good.

As I went from VP to President in May 2006, I was dealing with the illness and subsequent death of my father so it was really September before my presidency kicked in. During the summer of 2006, I was able to participate in the National Summit on Literacy and Learning held in Ottawa just before I attended the Canadian Library Association conference. The Literacy Summit was an amazing meeting of literacy coordinators and teachers, librarians and other information professionals. The Canadian Library association conference allowed me to take in sessions relative to leadership and literacy which were very informative. In August, I attended the Partnership Retreat sponsored each year by the Ontario Library Association. One of the most rewarding parts of my vice-presidency and presidency has been my involvement in the Partnership. The networking with other association presidents, vice-presidents and executive directors from across Canada as we worked on various projects and initiatives was very rewarding. Working with CLA in building the CLA/APLA/NLLA national conference was also a challenging and exciting adventure. Hopefully, you have found the experience a good one.

In February, I returned to Toronto for the winter meeting of the Partnership and the Ontario Library Association Super Conference. As usual, the Super Conference was a wonderful time of networking and learning.

At the executive level, we have experienced some changes with Gordon Bertrand leaving the maritimes in the fall. This meant a move for our website to Mount Saint Vincent University and a new webmaster Stan Orlov taking

over from Gord. Thank you to Donna, Gord and Stan for managing that smooth transition. Just this month, Ewa Piorko has left for the west as well and leaves us as Treasurer. In her excellent high standard, Ewa tied up all the loose ends and made it very easy for Donna and I to resume responsibility for the finances until the new treasurer was elected.

Two of my major concerns for our association have been the financial stability and revenue streams of the association and the management and potential of conferences in relation to both services and finances. We have looked at options for stabilizing these aspects of the association and making them stronger and more visible to the membership. We have looked at the bulletin (which accounts for over 30% of our annual expenditures) to investigate the options of an online version as opposed to print or some combination of the two options. In terms of conferences we have looked at agreements with the Delta Hotel chain. This presents the possibility of stabilizing and predicting the costs of our annual conferences. It also allows us to be proactive in planning conferences and therefore making it substantially easier for our planning committees.

In closing, I want to thank you as members for your support and the opportunity to serve you as President. I can honestly say it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. It has been a wonderful experience working with a keen, intelligent and super cool executive. They have worked so hard and have made my presidency so much easier. We live in exciting times in the library profession and I believe our association is growing and changing as well. All the best to Donna as new President as we continue to work for you in the year ahead.

VP/President Elect's Annual Report 2006–07

Submitted by Donna Bourne-Tyson

The year as VP President Elect is always the year with the training wheels, and for someone returning to the region 'from away' and reconnecting with APLA after a 12-year absence, that is a very good thing. I would like to thank the APLA executive members, and President Ivan and Past-President Jennifer in particular, for their patience while I got up to speed.

With President Ivan, I attended two meetings of The Partnership, in August and January, and both meetings were very productive. Thanks to the generosity of the Ontario Library Association, we also attended the OLA conference. I served on The Partnership's Career Centre committee and also helped to develop programs for the Education Institute as part of APLA's new Standing Committee on Continuing Education, ably chaired by Ella Nason. Committee members included Su Cleyle,

Michael Colborne, Heather Matheson and Trudy Amirault.

The VP President Elect oversees the health and well-being of the interest groups as chair of the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups, coordinates the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship and the General Activity Fund (GAF), and chairs the Aims and Objectives Committee. This year Aims and Objectives identified several goals including: forging stronger ties with library technicians; doing more to involve new librarians; considering ways to become more involved with advocacy work on behalf of Atlantic libraries; and as a related initiative, increasing communication with the provincial library associations, through the provincial vice-presidents, president and vice-president. We made some progress with these goals but there is more work to be done.

Aside from the above duties, I assisted

President Ivan with several initiatives including: an exploration of options for an executive director or some sort of administrative support for APLA; brokering a long-term agreement with the Delta hotels for conferences, and securing a discounted room rate for APLA members with all Delta hotels in Atlantic Canada.

The APLA executive has a few 'associate members' who serve in non-elected roles, and I'd like to mention and thank them. Collette Saunders served as the secretary for the APLA executive this year and did such a wonderful job we have asked her to continue in that role for a second year. Stan Orlov took over as the website administrator and we had less than a day of downtime while making the transition; since then he's introduced a few great enhancements and has plans for more. Ruth Cordes has done an outstanding job for two years running as our Bulletin Advertising Editor – thanks Ruth. The APLA listserve was moderated seamlessly for

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several years by Su Sexty and this year she passed the torch to Sarah Gladwell; our world includes a bit less spam due to their hard work. Peter Glenister has been APLA's financial examiner for many years and is the final reassuring word on all accounting matters. And finally, on behalf of the executive I would like to thank APLA's extremely talented, hardworking and patient Bulletin editors, Dianne Taylor-Harding and Stacey Penney.

In closing, I wanted to say it has been an honour to serve as APLA VP this year and I look forward to serving as your President for 2007 – 08. Feedback is a wonderful thing and you can reach me at 902.457.6108 or by e-mail at donna.bourne-tyson@msvu.ca, on Facebook, Skype (donna bournetyson), hotmail IM at donnabournetyson@hotmail.com, or on www.atlanticlibrarians.ning.com. Please keep in touch!

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been entered into the tool and librarians are currently using it to investigate gaps in the collection.

Louise Mould (Head of Cataloguing and Metadata) had one of her paintings featured on the cover of the Buzz, Charlottetown's monthly events newspaper. Louise is an accomplished artist and participated in an exhibition in February at the Praxis Art Gallery in Toronto.

Submitted by Mark Leggott

Vice-President, Membership

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS		
	2006/07	2005/06
Personal	246	248
Life/Honorary Life	25	27
Institutional	25	26
Subscribers, Paid	15	22
Total	311	323

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS BY LOCATION						
	NB	NL	NS	PE	Other	Total
Personal	87	25	102	16	16	246
Life/Honorary Life	6	2	11	2	4	25
Institutional	9	2	11	1	2	25
Subscribers, Paid	0	1	1	0	13	15
Total	102	30	125	19	35	311

MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEES & INTEREST GROUPS	
Communication & Public Relations	8
Access to Government Information	26
Collections Development	40
Computers & Connectivity	40
Conservation of Library Materials	18
Continuing Education	29
Groupe d'interet francophone	11
Information literacy	46
Library Technicians	22
New Librarians & Information Professionals	25
Newspapers	6
Youth Services	16

PERSONAL MEMBERS (INCLUDING LIFE/HONORARY LIFE) BY TYPE		
	2006/07	2005/06
Librarians	195	192
Library Support Staff	37	37
Trustees	3	3
Students	27	26
Other	9	17
Total	271	275

PERSONAL MEMBERS (INCLUDING LIFE/HONORARY LIFE) BY WORKPLACE		
	2006/07	2005/06
Academic	118	114
Public	48	47
School	10	9
Special	32	33
Other or Not Specified	34	15
Not working	29	57
Total	271	275

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS BY TYPE		
	2006/07	2005/06
Academic	14	14
Public	8	6
School	0	0
Special	2	4
Other	1	2
Total	25	26

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Past President's Report

April 14, 2007

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Richard

Nominations and Elections Committee

A call for nominations for the positions of Vice President/President Elect, Vice President New Brunswick, Vice President Prince Edward Island and Treasurer was made through the Bulletin and the listserv. I have received nominations for all positions. Sadly Ewa is leaving our region in the Spring. The Nominations and Elections Committee (Jennifer Richard, Pat Parsons, Mireille Mercure, and Debbie Costello) will file the official report with the Vice President/President Elect in the Spring.

Merit Award

A call for nominations for the Merit Award was advertised on the listserv and in the Bulletin. The Merit Award Committee will meet in the

Spring to review the nominations and will file a report at the Spring meeting. I will then order the goblet and arrange to have it picked up by a Fredericton member.

APLA Procedures Manual

The APLA Procedures Manual has been substantially reformatted and revised. New committees have been added, Appendix K: Acadia University Archives Finding Aid to APLA archives has been completely revamped in keeping with the reorganization of the physical archives, and Appendix M: Guidelines for Maintaining APLA records has been overhauled based on my experience organizing the archives.

APLA Archives

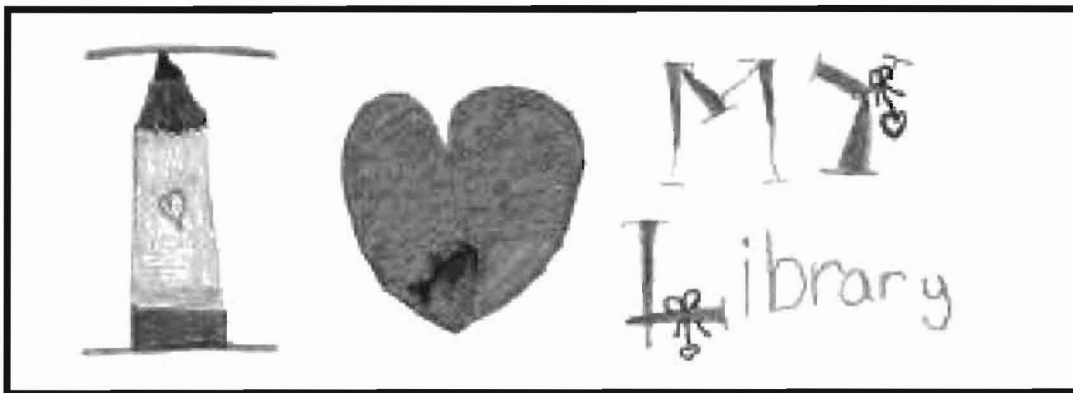
The APLA Archives Project was quite an undertaking – much more work than I had anticipated. Almost one half of the archive as we received it from NSARM was duplicates or material that was not in keeping with our current guidelines for APLA records. It has now been completely reorganized. All of our records are now accessi-

ble through an extensive finding aid (over 100 pages) which is available in print, as well as through the APLA website. The archives have been transferred to acid free archival boxes and folders. Digitizing of some key series, such as the OGM Minutes, will begin in the Spring. The cost of the project is as follows: \$600 for website creation and design (thanks to Mary Lou Conrad, Acadia's web technician), \$300 for student assistance (thanks to Lucas Maxwell, a SIM student) and \$687 for archival supplies, plus transportation costs.

Vice President Nova Scotia

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Costello

I have really concentrated on connecting with the many different types of libraries in Nova Scotia, as well as library associations this year. I have been campaigning hard for libraries to send submissions for the APLA Bulletin and feel I have been



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very successful. It has been very valuable to have made these connections as I have a solid grounding in the current activities and initiatives of Nova Scotia libraries.

Presentation at the NSCC Library and Information Technology Program

I was part of a panel of presenters from local, regional and national associations on October 17, 2006 that discussed the importance of joining associations, as well as provided membership information to students on the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians (NSALT)

On March 12, 2007, the first annual meeting of the newly formed Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians was held. The purpose of this association is

- To promote a wider understanding, acceptance and advancement of the professional role of the Library Technician in Nova Scotia.
- To collaborate with other library associations and other organizations in response to issues that relate to the entire library community.
- To encourage and provide continuing education in the field of library technology.
- To act as a provincial forum, with effective communication across Nova Scotia, for the exchange of concerns, ideas and activities of library technicians.
- To coordinate activities in order to facilitate this exchange of concerns and ideas.

Erica Smith, the association's first President wants to "...advance our profession through active membership, promotion and marketing and partnerships." NSALT's web site can be accessed at <http://users.eastlink.ca/~ericasmith>

CLA Student Chapter of the NSCC Library & Information Technology Program

In 2006, the first Student Chapter of the Canadian Library Association (CLA) of Library Technician (LT) students was formed. Their mandate includes building relationships between working library technicians and librarians. They have partnered with the CLA Student Chapter of the Masters of Library Information Studies (MLIS) students at Dalhousie University in an effort to understand and celebrate library workers role's and responsibilities in the library workplace.

Dalhousie University School of Information Management Associated Alumni Award

Mark Leggott, University Librarian for the University of Prince Edward Island was awarded the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award by the School of Information Management Associated Alumni.

"Mark Leggott has consistently demonstrated visionary leadership and innovation by initiating cooperative projects with Virtual Reference (for example), and most notably for his work with an ILL management product, Open ILL (<http://cybrary.uwinnipeg.ca/projects/openill/>). He is enthusiastic, committed and dedicated to the profession. He brings this enthusiasm to his work, to the projects he has initiated that benefit the profession and through his leadership to the profession." Excerpted from the recommendation letter by committee chair, Donna Bourne-Tyson.

Vice President Newfoundland

Respectfully submitted, Pat Parsons,

This past year I have made a concerted effort to attract new members to our Association- getting former members whose memberships had lapsed to renew, as well as approaching new librarians hired in the various library systems in the province to join up. Not everyone responded positively but I do think a couple of new members have joined. More marketing needs to be done in this area. I have also stepped up outreach to all library systems within the province hoping to be comprehensive in the news items submitted for the Bulletin.

I attended a National Literacy Summit in

June 2006, wearing "two hats": APLA vice president and Newfoundland Public Library System representative. This was an excellent opportunity to meet with literacy colleagues across Canada and to get involved in a strategic literacy plan for the whole country.

I have served on the Margaret Williams Trust Award Board and look forward to helping achieve the important goals of this Committee. I have also volunteered for the "Grow a Library Project" and I am hoping to get as many of our public libraries on board as possible to fundraise for this worthy cause.

I look forward to the second year as VP for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Vice President PEI

Respectfully submitted, Donald Moses

I collected and forwarded news items from PEI libraries to the editors of the APLA Bulletin and am trying to encourage more participation in this activity.

APLA 2008

Planning for APLA 2008 on Prince Edward Island

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has begun. The date of the conference will be May 8 – 11, 2008 and the conference venue, The Delta Prince Edward, has been booked. In the fall of 2006, a call for volunteers was issued and 17 individuals have come forward (I expect more as we get nearer the conference date). We had an initial meeting and have established a Local Arrangements Committee chaired by Andrea Stewart (Holland College) and a Program Committee chaired by Mark Leggott (UPEI). The theme of the conference will be "Libraries Exposed" and the Program Committee is building on this idea. A wiki has been established to aid communication and track the conference planning process.

GAF Application

I submitted a GAF application on behalf of the Islandlibraries.ca group. The application proposed a series of web-based, self-directed learning activities based on the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County's (PLCMC) Learning 2.0 for library workers. From the grant application:

The aim of our proposal is similar to that of the PLCMC. We would like to "jump-start" the learning of library workers in the Atlantic Region by offering them an opportunity to improve their knowledge of emerging technologies. We will create an online portal which will encourage discovery, experimentation, and self-directed learning; track the learner's progress; and include access to experienced mentors. Although this portal will be developed and launched on Prince Edward Island, we would like to partner with APLA in the promotion and marketing of this learning tool to library staff throughout the region.

The applicants are currently seeking additional sources of funding.

Interest Groups

Access to Government Information Interest Group

Submitted by John Neilson

At APLA 2006 in Fredericton, the AGIIG sponsored a session on the CBC Digital Archives. The session, presented by Shireen Cuthbert, a communications officer with the CBC, reviewed the features of the Archives, a free web site of audio and video clips for teachers, students, history buffs and researchers. This Spring, because of the joint CLA/APLA/NLLA Conference, the Interest Group is not sponsoring a session in St. John's.

Members of AGIIG will have noticed a recent discussion on GOVINFO on the feasibility of re-classifying existing government documents collections, or classifying only the new material, for integration into LC collections. While this issue is not a new one and the question raised by Eveline Houtman at the University of Toronto focused on existing CODOC collections, there was great concern expressed by government documents librarians about integration's nega-

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tive effect on access and public service. While one piece of the debate necessarily involves depository libraries and their obligations under the Depository Services Program (DSP), another deeper question relates to our institutions' commitment to access to government information: that is, our libraries can support effective access only through the development of reference expertise with the concomitant maintenance of separate government documents collections. The issue of integration has been raised by APLA's AGIIG membership and although there appears to be very little time at CLA/APLA/NLLA, the Group will try to fit in a lunch meeting on either conference Friday or Saturday.

A reminder that while most AGIIG members are librarians and library technicians/assistants working in university, government and special libraries in the Atlantic Region, any APLA member is welcome to join the Interest Group.

Continuing Education Interest Group

Submitted by Heather Matheson

This year, I was very excited to take over as convenor for the Continuing Education Interest Group (CEIG). Over the course of the year, we have managed to coordinate some new initiatives for the group that, I hope, all of our members will find interesting. These included:

Book & Teleconference Reviews in the APLA Bulletin

In each issue of the APLA Bulletin, a CEIG member will present a review of a book or teleconference; the first review appears in this issue. Currently, we are in the process of contacting publishers to obtain review copies of new titles for future reviewers.

CEIG Ning Community

All members of the CEIG received an invitation to join a newly created Ning community, giving them access to:

- a place to read and post reviews of articles, Weblogs, books, teleconferences and more;
- notices of upcoming Canadian conferences, calls for papers and other opportunities;

- a Weblog where they can read and post about events of interest; and
- profiles of other group members, with the ability to send messages without needing their email address.

The community is private and can be accessed only by CEIG members and invited guests from the APLA executive.

During the upcoming year, I hope that we can attract more members and expand our reach to be of increased benefit to all APLA members.

Groupe d'Intérêt Francophone/ Francophone Interest Group

Submitted by Chantale Bellemare

Cette année, le groupe d'intérêt francophone a organisé une communication en français au congrès annuel de l'APLA à Fredericton : «Évaluation des besoins des usagers et mission organisationnelle: une tension saine et nécessaire», présenté par Michel Grenier, Directeur de la division du rendement et de l'information institutionnelle à Bibliothèque et Archives Canada (en remplacement de Daniel J. Caron). Voici en bref ce dont il a été question.

Comment mesurer l'impact de la bibliothèque au sein de l'organisation dont elle fait partie municipalité, ministère, université, entreprise, organisme? Le degré de satisfaction des usagers ne peut à lui seul répondre à cette question. Les bibliothèques doivent être en mesure de parler aux décideurs dans la langue qu'ils comprennent, notamment quand vient le temps de demander les ressources nécessaires à leur fonctionnement. C'est d'autant plus vrai dans le contexte actuel où les organismes publics notamment doivent de plus en plus rendre des comptes. Les usagers sont satisfaits, soit, mais qu'est ce que la bibliothèque apporte à l'organisation? Les réponses sont variées, mais difficiles à quantifier la plupart du temps. Le nombre de prêts et d'abonnés ne sont pas des données qui parlent autant que les résultats concrets, ou encore la réponse à la question «qu'est ce que ça donne d'avoir une bibliothèque?». Cependant, contrairement au nombre

de prêts, l'impact des bibliothèques dans la vie des citoyens est à peu près impossible à quantifier: le mieux être social sera toujours difficile à mesurer en termes de retombées économiques par exemple. De plus, comme la contribution des bibliothèques ne peut pas être complètement isolée de celles d'autres acteurs dans la société, il est difficile de leur attribuer le mérite unique d'un effet positif ou d'un autre. Comme gestionnaires, il vaut mieux concentrer nos efforts à évaluer si nos services vont dans la bonne direction à l'aide de barèmes établis et de l'information déjà existante. Il importe d'assurer le lien entre la mission de l'organisation, les valeurs des professionnels et les réactions des utilisateurs.

Information Literacy Interest Group

Submitted by Gwendolyn MacNairn

Several members of this Interest Group met in the Fall to discuss how Google continues to influence the search skills of students as they enter university. Keeping ahead of our students can be a challenge, so it was suggested that an update article could be written for the APLA Bulletin, and in this way be shared with all APLA members, and not just those in the Information Literacy Interest Group. "What's New at Google?" appeared in the Fall issue of the APLA Bulletin (p. 18).

Google maintains a space called Librarian Central where you will find copies of their quarterly newsletter and related "tools" in the form of posters, bookmarks, search cards, etc. Links are:

http://www.google.com/librariancenter/librarian_newsletter.html

http://www.google.com/librariancenter/librarian_tools.html

Ideas for how we can exchange information and promote information literacy activities in all of our libraries will be discussed at the annual conference being held in St. John's, NL.

Notices of Motion for May 2007 OGM

Standing Order 3:13

Currently reads: The registration fee for each conference shall be set at a realistic amount based on projected attendance and expenses (such as expenses of speakers), so that each conference shall be self-supporting

Proposed Addition: A conference budget projecting revenues and expenditures shall be presented to the executive for their fall meetings for discussion and approval. Any expenditure beyond that approved budget must be approved by the executive. An update of the revenues and expenditures will also be presented to the executive for the spring Executive meeting.

Standing Order 3:14

Currently Reads: a separate report shall be made for each conference and appended to the main report and conference receipts and expenditures shall be shown only as totals in the annual financial report.

Proposed: A final conference report including all actual expenditures and revenues shall be presented to the executive for review in the fall executive meetings immediately following the conference. Like the other annual reports, this

report will be published in the conference edition of the Bulletin.

Rationale: This will require amore deliberate communication between the conference planning committees and the executive and hold both bodies accountable for outcomes. It will help to stabilize conference expenditures and avoid any surprises along the way

Standing Order 9:08 The APLA Merit Award

(referred back to executive from floor of 2006 OGM)

Under Form of the Award:

Add: Should, for any reason outside the control of the association this goblet is not available, the executive will take responsibility for replacing it with something of comparable value and prestige guaranteeing that the award will always be ready to be presented at the conference.

Rationale: This will allow the executive to deal with any changes outside their control without tampering with the integrity of the award. Notice, the form of the award cannot be changed except in dealing with circumstances outside the control of the association .

Remove: Procedures:

Rationale: These procedures, like all other procedural matters do not necessitate general membership approval and therefore should only be included in the Procedures Manual.

WELCOME NEW APLA MEMBERS!

APLA extends a warm welcome to these new members. We hope that you will find your association with APLA enriching and valuable in your own professional life. The new members are:

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