



# Bulletin

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Volume 67, Number 1

ISSN 0001-2203

September/October 2003

## A Diminutive Demonstration of the Dissemination of Dissertations

### or How to Start an Electronic Thesis Project at Your Library

by Jennifer Richard

The concept of electronic theses and dissertations is not new, at least not in other parts of the world. In the United States, UMI and Virginia Tech started discussions on this type of initiative more than 15 years ago. Virginia Tech students have been required to submit electronic versions of their theses since 1994 and their library currently holds over two thousand of these documents and no longer collects paper versions. Germany and Japan also lead the way in this area.

The Vaughan Memorial Library at Acadia University is now in discussion with Honours and Research and Graduate Studies committees on campus to implement a pilot project.

#### The first step:

Determine whether or not your institution has the infrastructure to support students in the creation of PDFs with minimal intervention, as well as the resources to mount, maintain and make accessible these digital objects on your network. According to the

University of Toronto's Joseph DesJardins, "the technology is there and the learning curve is not steep" (1998).

#### The second step:

Garner institutional support for your project. You need "buy-in" from your administration, Board of Governors, Senate, students, professors and library staff. A pilot project is beneficial in this regard. Recruit volunteers to create a scalable project that can be used to market and "sell" the bigger project, which is requiring all students to

### Inside This Issue

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Hackmatack Announces 2003 Winners .....                 | 4  |
| From St. Jerome's Den .....                             | 4  |
| APLA Executive 2003-2004 .....                          | 6  |
| News From The Provinces .....                           | 7  |
| 2002 - 2003 Financial Reports .....                     | 17 |
| Atlantic Canadian Librarians @ ALA/CLA .....            | 24 |
| From the President's Desk.....                          | 27 |
| Cross-Canada Virtual Reference Project Wins Award ..... | 28 |
| APLA 2004 Destination Exploration .....                 | 28 |
| 2004 APLA Merit Award .....                             | 28 |
| New Brunswick Library Scholarship Established .....     | 29 |
| Provincial Literacy Clearinghouse .....                 | 30 |
| Allow Me To Illustrate .....                            | 30 |
| Somers Scholarship .....                                | 31 |
| In Memoriam: Stephen Field.....                         | 31 |

**Electronic Thesis cont'd.**

submit electronic copies of their theses. This usually requires a change in the honours or Master's regulations which may have to be approved by Senate.

The next steps involve mainly the development of standards related to the process.

**The third step:**

Determine your policy on submission of electronic theses. The Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) movement believes that submission of the electronic version should not be viewed much differently than submission of the print version. Policies will need to be developed for exceptional cases which usually revolve around the development of a patent or the demand of a prospective publisher to be the first to provide the information. Submission standards also need to be created for non-textual theses. DesJardins reports that the current apparatus does not handle works involving multimedia (video, sound recordings, software and programming) and the faculties of graduate studies at York and the University of Toronto only accept converted paper submissions (1997).

**The fourth step:**

Convert from a word processed version to a storable, more permanent version such as PDF. There are two ways to go about this: one is to have authors perform the conversion themselves; the other is to have staff do the conver-

sion. If authors are going to be required to convert their documents, it is recommended that librarians demonstrate the procedure by offering workshops or class sessions and by putting clear directions on a website for using PDF Writer. To ensure consistency, printed versions of the theses would then be created from the PDF. If staff are going to convert the documents, authors must submit their theses in formats that allow for quick conversion. UMI restricts submissions to the two most recent versions of Word and WordPerfect or PDF (DesJardins, 1998). It appears that if submissions are restricted to recent versions of Word or WordPerfect, conversion to PDF is usually straightforward and relatively problem-free. Although no absolute standard is in place for the appropriate format in which these documents should be stored and disseminated, it does seem that PDF is the preferred format.

**The final step:**

Determine your level of accessibility to these electronic resources. In the spirit of resource sharing, it is important to encourage full and open access. However, this is not always the best or appropriate course of action. There are two options for limiting access to theses: allow university access only, or restrict access for a certain period of time (at the end of which the work would be made available to the world, unless an exten-

sion on the restriction is requested).

**Benefits**

The benefits of such a project are numerous.

- Providing multiple access points through the catalogue of the library as well as the websites of departments, division of research and graduate studies, or supervisor's office (DesJardins, 1997).

- Eliminating much physical handling of the paper copy (DesJardins, 1997), including a reduction in staff time in interlibrary loan and photocopying.

- Improving graduate education by allowing students to produce electronic documents, use digital libraries, and understand issues in publishing (Fox, 2001).

- Increasing availability of student research for scholars; providing easier and wider access through the library catalogue to the research performed at your university.

- Lowering the cost of submitting and handling theses and dissertations (Fox, 2001).

- Empowering students to convey a richer message through the use of multimedia and hypermedia technologies (Fox, 2001).

**Problems**

Conversion to PDF often causes the most problems. Students should be reminded to review their document right after it is created to ensure accuracy and to avoid the problem of having to track people down after they leave the campus.

### Electronic Thesis cont'd.

Students, particularly at the Ph.D. and Master's levels, may be worried that because their theses are now "published" on the web, they will not be able to submit journal articles based on their theses to certain publishers. This seems to be more of a perceived problem than an actual one. John Eaton of Virginia Tech Graduate School found that 100% of those who had successfully published on the web did not have any problems getting published. Nan Seamans, also of Virginia Tech, concluded that 84% of publishers out of 141 surveyed potentially accept articles submitted from ETDs, including Elsevier and Academic Press (McMillan, 2001). To address this concern, the University of Cincinnati recently created the Academic Journal Policy Database at [www.etsd.uc.edu/journal](http://www.etsd.uc.edu/journal), where students can check the submission policies of specific journals.

To avoid the problem of students feeling left out of the decision-making process, it is important to be up-front about the benefits and issues surrounding publishing on the web. Involvement of graduate students associations is recommended.

### Conclusion

The most difficult aspect of this type of project is ensuring that the right infrastructure is available at your institution to support and assist students in the conversion process. Once this is in place, all that is

needed is a place to store these digital objects. Acadia plans to use Hyperion, a SIRSI product, which links to the library catalogue but also provides for full-text searching as the database grows.

In Canada, many larger institutions have initiated these types of projects and have well documented their experiences, paving the way for others. To find out more on procedure and workflows, check out these sites.

University of Waterloo  
[www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/ETD/index.html](http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/ETD/index.html)

University of New Brunswick  
[www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/etd/](http://www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/etd/)  
Quebec Province Wide Project  
[digital.library.mcgill.ca/ethesis/index.htm](http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/ethesis/index.htm)

University of Saskatchewan  
[grad.usask.ca/etd/](http://grad.usask.ca/etd/)

### References

DesJardins, J. (1997). Status of ETD Initiatives in the US and Canada. Joint Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Project of the Faculty of Information Studies at the

University of Toronto, University of Toronto Libraries and York University Libraries. Retrieved October 11, 2001, from [www.fis.utoronto.ca/etd/report1.htm](http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/etd/report1.htm)

DesJardins, J. (April 21, 1998). Theses Conversion Report [Website]. Joint Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Project of the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto, University of Toronto Libraries and York University Libraries. Retrieved October 10, 2001, from [www.fis.utoronto.ca/etd/report3.htm](http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/etd/report3.htm)

Fox, E. (August 31, 2001). Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations. Retrieved October 11, 2001, from [www.ndltd.org/](http://www.ndltd.org/)

McMillan, G. (2001). Do ETDs deter publishers? *College and Research Libraries News*, 62, 620-621.

Submitting Your Dissertation or Master's Theses in Electronic Format. UMI. Retrieved October 11, 2001, from [www.umi.com/hp/Support/DExplorer/prepare/submit.htm](http://www.umi.com/hp/Support/DExplorer/prepare/submit.htm)

## APLA Welcomes Its Newest Members

### Personal Members

Sheila Bourque  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Jannah McCarville  
Stephanie Walker

Sarah Jane Dooley  
Lori W. Leger  
Sandra Toze

### Institutional Member

College of the North Atlantic - Stephenville

## Atlantic Schools Win Hackmatack Books

Schools in all four Atlantic Provinces will be hitting the Hackmatack-nominated books this fall. In a draw held during the June Hackmatack Award Ceremony in Antigonish, NS, four lucky schools won sets of the 2004 nominated titles:

- New Brunswick: Lakefield Elementary School in Quispamsis
- Prince Edward Island: St. Jean Elementary in Charlottetown
- Newfoundland and Labrador: Truman Eddison Memorial School in Griquet
- Nova Scotia: Uniacke District School in Mount

Uniacke

Schools and libraries are eligible to win a set of 2005 Hackmatack books by registering for the reading program before December 31, 2003. Winners will be announced at the 2004 Award Ceremony.

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award starts its fifth year with an exciting selection of thirty nominated Canadian books for young readers. The program encourages children to read and gives them a voice in choosing their favourites, making them the jury in this award. Children in registered reading groups across Atlantic Canada will read the nominated books during the school year and vote for their favourite books in April 2004. Following author reading tours held from May 24-28, the Award Ceremony will be held on May 28, 2004 in Moncton, NB, at the same time as the Atlantic Provinces Library Association annual conference.

For more information on the Hackmatack Award or to register a group, call (902) 424-3774 or contact us via e-mail at [hackmatack@hackmatack.ca](mailto:hackmatack@hackmatack.ca).

Check out the Hackmatack website at [www.hackmatack.ca](http://www.hackmatack.ca).

Submitted by Norene Smiley  
Hackmatack Award

## From St. Jerome's Den

The library has played a role in many a novel, but the library of most of these stories is a place and not a collection. Occasionally the library assumes a nature of its own, and even acquires a catalogue of books. The history of these imaginary libraries has a respectable lineage stretching from Rabelais (1532) to Wolff (1946) and on to Borges (1941) and Eco (1980).

An imaginary library may consist of imaginary books by imaginary authors, of imaginary books by real authors, or of real books by real authors in imaginary editions. Whatever the origin of the catalogue, these libraries are frequently used as vehicles for political, social, or religious satire, and sometimes for plain bibliographical fun.

Rabelais chose to lampoon the scholars of his time in the library of St. Victor, which Pantagruel discovered in an ancient abbey outside the walls of Paris. There were a hundred-odd mock titles in this library including: *Ars Theologiae* (The Arse of Theology); *Marmotretus: De Baboonis et Chimpanzibus* (Concerning Baboons and Chimpanzees) by Monkeyshiner; *M. N.*



PRIX LITTÉRAIRE - LE CHOIX DE JEUNES  
**HACKMATACK**  
CHILDREN'S CHOICE BOOK AWARD

## From St. Jerome's Den

*Rostocostojambedanesse: De mustarda post prandium servienda, libri quatuordecim apostilati per M. Vaurrillonis* (Concerning the Serving of Mustard after Meals, in Fourteen Books) by our Learned Master Rusticockpiddlehankcrapwallopper, with Commentary by Vorilonge, a Franciscan critic of Scotus and Peter Lombard.

In a volume of essays presented *To Doctor R*, Julian Wolff describes the library to be found at 221B Baker Street, formed, of course, by Sherlock Holmes. The library is of particular value since it includes all of Holmes' scrap-

books and many of his manuscripts. There are also his own published works, such as *Upon the distinction between the ashes of various tobaccos*, a large octavo in cloth, privately printed for the author in London in 1879.

Jorges Luis Borges, in *The Library of Babel*, wrote of "the universe (which others call the Library)." Each shelf in the library contained 35 books of identical format, 410 pages long. On each page were 40 lines, on each line 80 black letters. Because the orthographical symbols were 25 and because the library was infinite, all that could be said in any language was there on a printed page - or so said Borges.

Umberto Eco's book *The Name of the Rose* is the ultimate take on imaginary libraries and their contents and a tribute to Borges in the character of Jorge of Burgos, who is blind, "venerable in age and wisdom," and speaks Spanish as his native tongue. The library Eco describes is as much a labyrinth as is Borges' library of Babel. It is full of stairs that go nowhere and rooms that reflect other rooms; mirrors, dead-end corridors, and blind doors help to heighten the confusion. Included among the treasures of this library is Aristotle's long-lost treatise on comedy - how fitting.

Now, Canada's leading technical services business supports your library with

Acquisitions, Cataloguing & Processing Services

Metadata Cataloguing

for government documents and digital video - Spring 2002

Video-on-Demand

the largest educational service available - Winter 2002

Electronic Resources

a vast array available

The Bibliocentre

Call today for further information: 800-268-5560 x 6008 [www.Bibliocentre.ca](http://www.Bibliocentre.ca)

## APLA EXECUTIVE 2003-2004

### PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The *APLA Bulletin* is the official organ of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. **Frequency:** The *APLA Bulletin* is published 5 times a year. **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 Editors. Deadlines for submissions are as follows: **October 1, November 30, February 1, April 1 and July 1.** **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.



The editors can be reached at the following addresses:

**Bulletin Editor:**

**Patricia Gallant**

Academic Librarian

Vaughan Memorial Library

Acadia University

P.O. Box 4, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6

E-mail: patricia.gallant@acadiau.ca

Telephone: (902) 585-1528

Fax: (902) 585-1748

**Bulletin Editor:**

**Erin Patterson**

Academic Librarian

Vaughan Memorial Library

Acadia University

P.O. Box 4, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6

E-mail: erin.patterson@acadiau.ca

Telephone: (902) 585-1193

Fax: (902) 585-1748

**Bulletin Advertising Editor:**

**Heather O'Brien**

Academic Librarian

Vaughan Memorial Library

Acadia University

P.O. Box 4, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6

E-mail: heather.obrien@acadiau.ca

Telephone: (902) 585-1718

Fax: (902) 585-1748

### President

Laurette Mackey

Regional Librarian

York Regional Library

4 Carleton Street

Fredericton, NB E3B 5P4

Phone: (506) 457-5380

Fax: (506) 457-4878

Email: laurette.mackey@gnb.ca

### Past President

Elaine MacLean

Head, Technical Services

Angus L. Macdonald Library

St. Francis Xavier University

P.O. Box 5000

Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5

Phone: (902) 867-2221

Fax: (902) 867-5153

Email: emaclean@stfx.ca

### Vice President, President Elect

Allan Groen

Provincial Librarian

Province of Prince Edward Island

PO Box 7500

Morell, PE C0A 1S0

Phone: (902) 961-7316

Fax: (902) 961-7322

Email: ajgroen@gov.pe.ca

### Treasurer

Denise H. Corey-Fancy

Library Assistant — Circulation

Mount Saint Vincent University

Library

166 Bedford Highway

Halifax, NS B3M 2J6

Phone (902) 457-6205

Fax: (902) 457-6445

Email: denise.corey@msvu.ca

### Secretary

Leanne Wells

Librarian Intern

Harriet Irving Library

University of New Brunswick

5 MacAulay Lane/P.O. Box 7500

Fredericton, NB E3B 5H5

Phone: (506) 452-6107

Fax: (506) 453-4595

Email: lwells@unb.ca

### Vice President

(New Brunswick)

Mireille Mercure

Bibliothèque Le Cormoran

67 Ragged Point Road

Saint John, NB E2K 5C3

Phone: (506) 658-4610

Fax: (506) 658-3984

Email: Mireille.Mercure@gnb.ca

### Vice President

(Newfoundland)

Dianne Taylor-Harding

Librarian

Dr. C R Barrett Library

Marine Institute

Memorial University of

Newfoundland

P.O. Box 4920

St. John's, NL A1C 5R3

Phone: (709) 778-0662

Fax: (709) 778-0316

Email: dianne.taylor-harding@mi.mun.ca

### Vice President (Nova Scotia)

Gordon Bertrand

Head, Systems/Support Services

Angus L. Macdonald Library

St. Francis Xavier University

P.O. Box 5000

Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5

Phone: (902) 867-2334

Fax: (902) 867-5153

Email: gbertran@stfx.ca

### Vice President

(Prince Edward Island)

Shirley MacLeod

CISTI

550 University Avenue

Classroom Centre, #106

Charlottetown, PE C1A 4P3

Phone: (902) 566-7640

Fax: (902) 566-7641

Email: shirley.macleod@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

### Vice President (Membership)

Shelley Gullikson

Information Literacy Coordinator

Ralph Pickard Bell Library

Mount Allison University

49 York Street

Sackville, NB E4L 1C6

Phone: (506) 364-2572

Fax: (506) 364-2617

Email: sgullikson@mta.ca

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



### PUBLIC LIBRARY CHANGES / CHANGE- MENTS DANS LES BIBLIO- THÈQUES PUBLIQUES

Effective September 29th, regional boundaries have changed: the libraries in Nackawic, Woodstock, Hartland, Florenceville, Perth-Andover and Plaster Rock are part of the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region. Libraries can also put holds on books from branch to branch across the province, thus increasing the speed of delivery of material to the patrons.

### PEOPLE / GENS

At the St. Andrews Biological Station Library, Darlene Tan began full-time language training in September in Fredericton, NB for 37 weeks. Joanne Cleghorn will be acting head of the library during Darlene's absence. Shawn Chase will be working as the library assistant.

À la Bibliothèque Champlain, de l'Université de Moncton, les personnes suivantes ont été nommés aux postes de chefs pour des mandats de trois ans: Acquisitions: Lucienne Lanteigne; Catalogue: Charlotte Dionne; Systèmes informatisés: Angèle Clavet; Référence et PEB: Gilles Chiasson. La biblio-

thèque s'est également enrichi d'un nouveau bibliothécaire aux données numériques et géospatiales en la personne de Stéfano Biondo récemment diplômé de l'EBSI.

The Circulation Desk at the Central Library in Saint John is pleased to welcome two new permanent staff members. Alex Keleher and Franck Sirieix will both be working on a part-time basis. Carole MacFarquhar is back covering the ILL position in the Information Centre at the Central Library. On August 25th, Sussex Library staff member Sarah Vail gave birth to daughter Kathleen Elizabeth. Staff have been fortunate to attend some conferences: Diane Buhay and Leslye McVicar attended ALA/CLA, Mireille Mercure and Ian Wilson attended APLA, Joann Hamilton-Barry attended the International Forum of Children's Literature held at the National Library, and Barb Malcolm attended the Disney Institute: Keys to Excellence.

Congratulations go to staff members Lesa Pomeroy, Pam Galbraith and Diane Buhay of the Saint John Library Region for completing the half marathon in Saint John in August. This was the first half marathon for Pam and Diane. Lesa is a veteran runner who has now finished three full and two half marathons. Diane has since competed in the Québec City Marathon des Deux Rives and will be running the half marathon at the inaugural "Big Sur Half Marathon" in Monterey Bay, California in November. Diane also ran the 5K Fun Run

with author Chris Crutcher at ALA/CLA in Toronto and received a bronze medal for her age category. And people think library workers are a rather sedate bunch!

Nathalie Richard has been appointed Library Director of the Dieppe Public Library as of September 2003. She had occupied this position on an acting basis since September 2002. Ms. Richard holds a Master's of Information Science from Dalhousie University (1999) and a Bachelor of Arts from Université de Moncton (1997).

Natalie Meggison, a native of PEI, joined the Regional Management Team as Assistant Regional Director July 14th after working in Alberta and Camp Borden, Ontario.

### RECOGNITION AWARD / CERTIFICAT D'APPRECIATION

Murray Baillie, librarian at the Atlantic Institution in Renous, received a certificate of appreciation for the services he has provided to the inmates at Atlantic Institution for the last 14 years.

### MEETINGS / RÉUNIONS

A meeting of all employees in charge of libraries in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region took place in September. Information was shared on changes within the region and the province; various committees provided updates on their recent activities; a new policy on hiring of replacement and on-call staff was fully reviewed; results of an ergonomic study of circulation desks were distributed; and a draft Emergency Procedures

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

and Disaster Management manual was presented for review. It was a full but very interesting day.

Eight trustees of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library region attended the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association in Fredericton.

York Library Region held its fourth annual Staff Development Day September 23rd. Close to 80 employees and presenters gathered together to learn new skills, perfect known skills and just share information and enjoy being together. Topics were wide ranging: "mental health and you," "the library as a safe haven: bullying," book mending, yoga and a discussion on "you are an information professional." Participants were energized.

## COLLECTIONS

La Bibliothèque Champlain de l'Université de Moncton a reçu un don de 4,000 monographies de monsieur Gérald LeBlanc couvrant la littérature québécoise et américaine. Nous nous sommes également enrichi d'une collection de documents sur la musique baroque, don de monsieur Clarkson de l'Université de Toronto.

La Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean a reçu un don de livres et de documents neufs offert par le Projet mondial Oasis. Pour souligner cet événement, la Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean a organisé une réception le 28 juillet 2003 à la Bibliothèque publique d'Edmundston. Lors de cette cérémonie, John et

Christiana Stich, directeurs du Projet Oasis, domiciliés à Dallas, Texas, et le Père Jacques Lapointe, originaire de Saint-Léonard, Président du Projet Oasis, domicilié à Washington étaient présents. Depuis l'année 2000, la Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean a reçu du Projet Oasis plus de 8 359 documents (livres, livres sonores, disques compacts, audiocassettes, vidéocassettes). La valeur de ces dons est estimée à plus de 250 000 \$ en devises américaines.

## SUMMER READING CLUB / CLUB DE LECTURE D'ÉTÉ

Public libraries in the Saint John Region have been busy during the summer. Children all over the region visited libraries to take part in music-related activities as part of the Summer Reading Club (SRC). Bibliothèque le Cormoran reports a 75% increase in SRC registrations, Franklin the Turtle visited the Grand Manan Library during an August storytime, and Saint John Mayor Shirley McAlary handed out certificates at the East Branch Library closing party.

Le Club de lecture d'été 2003 "Lire en harmonie" s'est terminé le 15 août 2003 dans toutes les bibliothèques publiques et bibliobus de la région du Haut-Saint-Jean. Ce programme a connu un franc succès et continue d'être très populaire auprès des jeunes. Plus de 1 716 jeunes se sont inscrits à ce programme et ont lu plus de 56 435 livres. La fête de clôture organisée dans les bibliothèques publiques de la région entre le 19 et 21 août dernier a été animée par de

jeunes chanteurs des "productions Pick-Bois". Ces jeunes chanteurs font partie de la troupe du fabuleux spectacle "L'Acadie des terres et des forêts en fête". Leurs spectacles des plus vivants et colorés ont captivé l'attention des jeunes. Félicitations à tous les jeunes participants du Club de lecture d'été 2003.

## SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM / PROGRAMME D'ÉTÉ SPÉCIAL

The Saint John Free Public Library and the Crescent Valley Tenant's Association partnered to offer a Summer Storytent Program and Summer Reading Club Outreach in the Crescent Valley Community this past summer. The program received generous support from the Greater Saint John Community Foundation, the Children's Foundation New Brunswick Protestant Orphan's Home Board, and the Board of Commissioners of the Saint John Free Public Library (James Venner Russell Fund). In the photo, Martha Edwards, chair of the Saint John Free Public Library Board of Commissioners (far left), receives a cheque for \$8000.00 from Michael Doyle of the Greater Saint John Community Foundation. Looking on are Ian Wilson, Acting Regional Librarian, storytent staff and children of the Crescent Valley Community.

In the storytent, staff read to children, listened to them read, talked about books, encouraged reading as a positive, fun activity, initiated book-related activities and promoted the library's Summer Reading Club. The storytent traveled to five different



## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

locations in the Crescent Valley Community. The storytent took place Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Staff were pleased to note an attendance of 1393 children over the 92 different sessions of the storytent. Graduate student and literacy advocate Cheryl Brown conducted research at the storytent over the summer and was very pleased to report that most children changed their attitudes toward reading and were proud to call themselves readers by the end of the summer. Assessments of reading levels were conducted throughout the summer and Cheryl is presently analyzing the data. Initial results indicate that many children had significant increases in their reading levels. Cheryl's final report may confirm what the library community has been promoting: that reading in the summer is the best way to maintain or even improve reading skills children achieved during the previous school year.

(Submitted by Joann Hamilton-Barry)

### CHILDHOOD LITERACY / ALPHABÉTISATION DES ENFANTS

His Honour Herménégilde Chiasson is following in the footsteps of his predecessor and supporting early childhood literacy. He impressed both adults and children at the L.P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock in September by reading at story time.

### NEW FACILITIES / NOU- VEAUX LOCAUX

After various delays and difficulties, the Petitcodiac Public



Library opened in its new quarters over the summer. The old library space had to be vacated in March to make room for a call centre. The new library space is bright, attractive and welcoming. It is also accessible through a lift to those who cannot negotiate the stairs at the front entrance.

On September 26, 2003 Premier Bernard Lord dedicated the recently expanded Provincial Archives in Fredericton to the memory of former Premier Richard Bennett Hatfield. The Richard Bennett Hatfield Archives Complex is comprised of the original Bonar Law-Bennett Building which has housed the Provincial Archives since 1968 and the new Archives Storage Facility, a recently completed state-of-the-art building that will house permanently valuable records. It features 55,000 cu. ft. of floor-to-ceiling high-density shelving to accommodate all archival records, including those that have been stored off-site in space designated for the semi-active records of government, and will allow for 15 years of growth. The state-of-the-art storage conditions that the

facility affords will significantly prolong the life of records and minimize the need for expensive restoration to documents.

Submitted by Mireille Mercure



## ASSOCIATIONS

### Newfoundland & Labrador Health Libraries Association

The 2003/2004 Executive for the NLHLA comprises:

- President: Debbie O'Reilly (doreilly@cns.nf.ca) from the Learning Resource Centre, Centre for Nursing Studies in St. John's
- Vice-President: Sue Fahey (sfahey@mun.ca) from the

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Health Sciences Library,  
Memorial University of  
Newfoundland

- Secretary/Treasurer: Annette Anthony (anthonya@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) from the Library at the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre, Fisheries & Oceans Canada.

Association members will be very busy planning and then hosting the Canadian Health Libraries Association 2004 conference in St. John's. Information about the Conference can be found at the CHLA/ABSC 2004 "On the Edge" website at [www.med.mun.ca/chla2004/ce.html](http://www.med.mun.ca/chla2004/ce.html).

### Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association

The NLLA Executive Committee for 2003/2004 includes:

- President: Annette Anthony
- Vice President/President Elect: Janet Goosney (jgoosney@mun.ca) from the Information Services Division, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Treasurer: Christine Davies (christine\_davies@cbc.ca), Associate Producer, CBC Record Library and Archives
- Secretary: Lisa Wilson (lisawilson@nlpubliclibraries.ca) from the St. John's City Libraries
- Past President: Michelle Walters (michellewalters@nlpubliclibraries.ca) who is Manager, St. John's City Libraries.

The NLLA sponsored another successful Library Week from April 28 to May 4, 2003.

Education Minister Gerry Reid proclaimed Library Week in *The Telegram* (St. John's) on Saturday, April 26, with Library Week committee members (Michelle Walters, Stacey Anthony, Jewel Cousens, Christine Davies, Dana Feltham, Theresa Hynes and Lisa Wilson) looking on. This year's theme was "Books and Bergs." T-shirts with the "Books and Bergs" logo sold briskly province-wide. Games, contests, limericks, and other promotions were advertised in all libraries. The Limerick Contest for students drew more than 1000 entries from schools and libraries around the province. Jewel Cousens announced the winners on CBC Radio. The top prize was a personal flotation device donated by the Canadian Coast Guard. Pukta, the Canadian Coast Guard polar bear, made an appearance in St. John's and Minister Reid read limericks to kids at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library. The Library Week 2003 website [www.infonet.st-johns.nf.ca/providers/nlla/lib-week2003/](http://www.infonet.st-johns.nf.ca/providers/nlla/lib-week2003/) continues to be a useful source for icebreakers and other "icy" promotional ideas. Lisa Wilson is chair of the

### Library Week 2004 committee. Eastern Horizons Children's Literature Conference

The 2003 Eastern Horizons Conference, "Write On! Celebrating Children's Literature", was held in St. John's October 16 - 18, 2003. The conference attracted 850 attendees and many positive reviews. A full programme of conference sessions and free events was offered. Teachers, librarians, parents, and young people met some of the best Canadian children's and young adult authors and heard from prominent educators from the region. A highlight was a luncheon with author Claire Mackay, which was sponsored by APLA. The conference website ([www.stemnet.nf.ca/easternhorizons/program.html](http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/easternhorizons/program.html)) provides full details.

### Margaret Williams Trust Fund

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund announced that the trust has made its 2003 award to Sean Walsh. The award is in the amount of \$1500. Sean is from St. Alban's, Newfoundland and Labrador. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (English Major, Theology Minor) from St. Francis Xavier University. Sean



**Wallaceburg  
Bookbinding**  
& MFG. CO. LTD.

**Keith Hazzard**

MARITIME SALES REPRESENTATIVE

ON: 1-800-214-2463  
ON Fax: (519) 627-6922  
[www.wbmbindery.com](http://www.wbmbindery.com)

95 Arnold St.  
Wallaceburg, ON  
N8A 3P3

**NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ...  
CONTINUED**

has just begun his first year of studies in the Master of Library and Information Studies program at Dalhousie University.

(Reprinted with permission from *NLLA Bulletin*, October 2003)

**ACADEMIC LIBRARIES  
Memorial University**

The Memorial University library system is losing a second librarian to the Weill Cornell Medical College Library in Doha, Qatar. Victoria Marshall, who left in July to become the head of Information/Access Services, will soon be joined by Dianne Cmor. Dianne's resignation is effective October 17. Dianne, head of Library Instruction in Information Services, Queen Elizabeth II Library, will be a reference librarian in Doha. For more information on the College see med.cor-

nell.edu/qatar.

Katie Lawton has returned to the Health Sciences Library for the fall term. Her responsibilities are primarily library instruction and reference.

Aspi Balsara, Government Documents Librarian at the Queen Elizabeth II Library, started a year's sabbatical September 1. Aspi will be translating French documents dealing with Newfoundland into English.

Sean Fleming, a Master of Library and Information Science student at The University of Western Ontario, is working in Information Services at the Queen Elizabeth II Library in a co-op placement. Last year's co-op student, Gina Kim, is working at York University.

**College of the North  
Atlantic**

Janet Fraser resigned her position at the College to become Information Access Librarian at the University of

New Brunswick, Saint John Campus.

Susan Prior has been appointed to fill Janet's position as District Librarian at the College's Prince Philip Drive Campus in St. John's. John L. Whelan, Librarian at the Grand Falls-Windsor Campus, is filling Janet's other position, Provincial Coordinator/Team Leader for Library Services for the College, on an acting basis.

Bonnie Morgan has returned from maternity leave to her position as Librarian at the College's Seal Cove Campus.

Ron Knowling is now the Librarian at the Gander Campus.

Joanne Deluney is the new Librarian at the College's Happy Valley-Goose Bay library, replacing Don Dyson who has returned to full-time teaching.

During their June professional development session at the Bay St. George Campus of the College, librarians and

**Coutts Library Services Limited**

6900 Kinsmen Court  
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 7E7  
Tel: 905-356-6382  
Toll Free: 1-800-263-1686  
Fax: 905-256-5064  
E-Mail: [salesca@couttsinfo.com](mailto:salesca@couttsinfo.com)  
Website: [www.couttsinfo.com](http://www.couttsinfo.com)



*Since 1969, Librarians have put their trust in  
Coutts Library Services Limited*

**The Most Comprehensive & Cost Effective Services Available!**

- ARPs
- Approval Plans
- New Title Program
- Best Sellers
- Full EDI Service
- On-Line Database
- Electronic Ordering
- FTP via the Internet
- MARC Records
- Cataloguing & Processing
- Fast Efficient Service
- Out-Of-Print Service

**NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ...  
CONTINUED**

library technicians considered the development of their new Library web page ([www.northatlantic.nf.ca](http://www.northatlantic.nf.ca)). This web page will provide links to resources for and about the CONA libraries, including the online catalogue and available databases. Issues related to the libraries' involvement with life-long learning were considered. Other sessions dealt with consortial purchasing of electronic resources, the sharing of public service resources (e.g. program guides, information literacy workshops), and collaboration on staff professional development within the Atlantic community college network. This was the first time in many years that so many of the College's library staff could come together as a group to discuss how our library is evolving. Organizers hope that this can become an annual meeting.

(Adapted from an article by Lynn Cuff, *NLLA Bulletin*, October 2003)

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Derek Bussey, who has been on temporary assignment as Assistant Manager, Western Division, has returned to his position as Assistant Manager, Eastern Division in St. John's.

With Derek's return, Vicki Murphy, who has been on temporary assignment as Assistant Manager, Eastern Region, returns to her position as Lending Services Librarian at the A.C. Hunter Library.

Heather Myers, who has been acting as Lending Services Librarian, will return to her permanent position as Children's Librarian.

On August 5, the Whale Release and Stranding Educational Program was presented at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library, St. John's. Children experienced a fun and exciting close encounter with whales! Children were invited to touch whale bones and barnacles. They learned about the fascinating similarities between themselves and whales. Children enjoyed the unique opportunity of comparing themselves to the shadow of a life-size whale. And amidst all this fun, they were enlightened about the importance of marine ecology and habitat stewardship.

On August 7, the Green Team from the Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador visited the A.C. Hunter Children's Library to promote environmental awareness. Games and activities made learning about climate change and other environmental problems affecting our earth fun! Participants learned how they could make a difference!

On September 17, the St. John's Library Board hosted a reading by Beth Ryan at the A. C. Hunter Adult Library. Beth read selections from her first book of short fiction, *What Is Invisible*.

Michelle Walters, Manager for the St. John's Public Libraries, noted that Lieutenant Governor Edward Roberts stated pointedly that "we need more money for libraries" during his speech at the recent Canada Post Literacy Awards.

**Central Division Public  
Libraries**

After a busy summer with hundreds of tourists visiting all 33 libraries in Central and the

Summer Reading Program going full tilt, there seems to be no let-up with the fall approaching. Moving from "Jump into Reading" to "Fall Into a Good Book," young children with their parents just keep coming back for more programming. And our staff always rise to the occasion to plan fun-filled events to help children on their lifelong learning course. Professional development is important to any level of work, and staff in our Region attended the Eastern Horizons Conference in October and the Community Access Conference in November. Both events provided wonderful opportunities for an exchange of information on all aspects of library programming and services.

On June 17, 2003, staff from libraries in the Kittiwake economic zone met in Gander, NL for "Your Library @ Your Desk Top," a day-long workshop on electronic resources. The workshop was sponsored by APLA, hosted by Central Division of Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries, and organized by Internet Coordinator Tina Murphy. The event featured sessions on topics including online health resources, adaptive technology issues, and Cyber patrol. Shawn Tetford, Executive Director of Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries, and Newman George, Director of Information Technology for Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries, made a presentation on future directions for the public library system and the Community Access Program. It was an informative day and the feedback was very positive. It is hoped that more

**NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ...  
CONTINUED**

funding can be obtained to hold similar workshops for staff in other economic zones.

A fair amount of staff time at Central Division has been going into preliminary work for a Digital Project on the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Gander, which is an important part of our local history. The work is progressing on target and taking shape nicely, and for that once again I have to thank Tina Murphy, as well as Ron Sheppard and our I.T. staff. Everyone is committed to making this a success!

Central Division lost our Assistant Manager, Ron Sheppard, to the Western Division in mid-October. Our loss is surely their gain. Many thanks to Ron for all of his hard work in Central, and we wish

him all the best in his new job on the west coast.

(Submitted by Patricia Parsons)

**SPECIAL LIBRARIES**

Jessica O'Neill recently joined the Health Care Corporation of St. John's as librarian at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital.

Christine Hiller, a recent graduate from the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies, is on contract cataloguing the library at Government House, the home of the province's Lieutenant Governor.

Dana Feltham is now Policy & Research Coordinator with the Newfoundland Ocean Industries Association. In addition to her research duties, Dana oversees the operation of the NOIA Library.

Submitted by Dianne Taylor-Harding

**PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS****Annapolis Valley Regional Library**

What a great summer we've had this year! Programs have abounded, thanks (for the most part) to outside funding initiatives.

The Down By the Docks live performances involving songs and puppetry by a visiting British Columbia duo were a big hit. We hosted two of the shows at Berwick and Annapolis Royal libraries while the Middleton

**Guarantee your *best* choice  
of the most talented and experienced...**

**specialists in recruiting library leaders**

**Ken Haycock & Associates Inc.**

Building capacity for leadership, advocacy and collaboration

Voice: (604) 925-0266 • Fax: (604) 925-0566 • Email: [admin@kenhaycock.com](mailto:admin@kenhaycock.com)

[www.kenhaycock.com](http://www.kenhaycock.com)

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Friends group sponsored the Middleton event and the Village of Kingston the one there. We had excellent turnouts and the children truly enjoyed themselves!

Our 2003 summer reading program theme was Summer Reading Quest: Fantasy and Adventure. We were able to partner with Halifax Regional Library (who suggested the theme), sharing their associated children's story (an eight-chapter fantasy adventure written by staff) and purchasing posters and collector cards for the story characters. Each chapter ends with a bit of a cliff-hanger, inviting kids to submit their own chapter endings. Randomly selected entries are posted on our website at [www.valleylibrary.ca/](http://www.valleylibrary.ca/). A prize draw was held at the end of the summer with a lucky participant winning a complete set of Harry Potter titles including the new book in CD format (thanks to Smart Libraries funding).

AVRL has received a \$2,000 donation from the local Canadian Federation of University Women. We submitted a proposal for ten author presentations/events involving children to take place during the fall of 2003 in six of our libraries. The proposal was approved and plans are in place. Sounds like an exciting fall is shaping up.

### Community Access Program (CAP)

The 2003-04 sustainability funding for CAP sites will

enable four staff members to continue to provide training programs and activities in all locations until the end of March 2004. Included in these programs will be after-school activities for grades 3 to 5, a pre-school story time and one-on-one tutorials for all ages.

### MultiLIS

Preparations for the move to the new Sirsi system have begun, with hopes that things will be operational by the fall of 2004. The move to Unicorn, a Sirsi product, will require a substantial amount of training but will include improved workflow and access and offer new services to the public.

### Smart Libraries Project

The 'Reference Shelf' has been added to the main page of the site. This portion of the site is full of web resources that will assist users in their fact finding. Look for famous quotes, conversion tables for currency, measurements, phone numbers and much more.

The site was heavily used this summer to promote activities and programs. Some aspects of the summer reading program were delivered exclusively through the site with program pages receiving 4,413 hits in just two months.

Development continues on improving site structure and new features. An upcoming service will enable users to get e-mail messages when a new service or feature has been added or updated. Another feature being explored is a photo gallery.

### Web-Based Resources

Infotrac is a subscription based service that provides access to full-text databases. Current databases include *Contemporary Authors*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism Select*, *CPI.Q (Canadian Periodicals)*, *General Reference Center*, *Health and Wellness Resource Center*, *Health Reference Center*, and *What Do I Read Next?* These databases are available for those with a library card through any Internet connection. From April 1 to July 31 of this year, 3,975 searches were done on these databases. *Grolier Online*, a youth-oriented online encyclopedia, will be added this fall.

### DAL SLIS

SLIS welcomed an incoming class of 41 students this fall. Almost 50% of the class is from Atlantic Canada, and all provinces and several countries are represented. The range of our students' academic backgrounds is as richly diverse as ever – from anthropology and applied mathematics to philosophy, fine arts and food chemistry. Our total enrolment is now nearly 100.

The School is fortunate to have a new scholarship this year, awarded on the basis of academic excellence and demonstrated interest in community service or legal information services. This scholarship honours the late Barbara Patton, who was a faculty member in SLIS, and is made possible through the generosity of Catherine Quinlan, a SLIS alumna.

More students participated in the practicum programme

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

this past summer than ever before. Placements were made primarily in the Halifax area but included other locations such as Moncton, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Sheffield, UK. SLIS faculty and staff are extremely grateful to the numerous professionals who made these practica possible.

The School's Public Lecture series for 2003-2004 was launched on September 19<sup>th</sup> with a presentation by Patrick Ellis of Dalhousie's Kellogg Health Sciences Library on the rationale behind a national network of libraries for health in Canada. Watch our website ([www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis](http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis)) for announcements on upcoming lectures, workshops, and other events.

### OTHER NEWS

#### Holly Jolly Social

As you may remember, in December 2002 CASLIS Atlantic cooperated with the NSGLC, HALL, NSLA, ARMA and HLA to host The Holly Jolly Social at the Cambridge Military Library. The party/networking opportunity was a great success. The response was so overwhelmingly positive that the planning process has already begun for the 2003 Social! Any APLA members who wish to participate in the planning of this year's event can contact Anna McCurdy ([mccurdy@gov.ns.ca](mailto:mccurdy@gov.ns.ca)) or Michelle Helliwell ([library@autismcentre.ns.ca](mailto:library@autismcentre.ns.ca)) for further details. Stay tuned for more on this event...

Submitted by Gordon  
Bertrand



## ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

### Robertson Library

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the UPEI Library "went live" with a new SIRSI Unicorn integrated library system. Less than two weeks later, the students – including one of UPEI's largest frosh classes ever – returned. Although the statistics aren't in yet, all signs point to another busy academic year for the Library, with line-ups already appearing at the Circulation desk and other service points and heavy demand for reserves and interlibrary loan. Needless to say, it's been a hectic time, especially for systems, technical services, and circulation staff, but thanks to their efforts, things have been running along quite smoothly. There have, of course, been some bugs and blips behind the scenes, and our users have some changes to adjust to, especially the new OPAC interface.

In other news:

- The Internal Review Committee has released a comprehensive report on Library operations, and work on implementing its recommendations is now underway.
- Two new databases, *Grove Music* and *WorldCat*, have been acquired.
- For the second year in a row, the Library participated in an information fair for new faculty.

- The Instructional Services program has launched another ambitious slate of instructional sessions and tours in the hopes of introducing as many students as possible to the world of libraries and information literacy.

Finally, in a "late bulletin", we are pleased and grateful to report that the UPEI Library appears to have been unharmed by Hurricane Juan, although some staff have damage to deal with at home. We are, of course, thinking of our colleagues in Nova Scotia, and hoping that any clean-up they may have to do, either at work or at home, proceeds smoothly.

### Holland College

We've gone directly from a hot, steamy summer to a still warm and busy fall season. September has been a whirlwind of orientation and instructional sessions with students in our many campuses. This year, we're offering mini courses on topics such as Internet Searching (still our most popular), Evaluation, Query Building, Medical Information on the Web, and Information Ethics (a.k.a. "how not to plagiarize"). Several of these tutorials have been converted to HTML format and are available for public viewing on our website at [www.hollandcollege.com/library](http://www.hollandcollege.com/library).

We are also sharing content such as instructional slideshows and handouts with our colleagues at NSCC and CONA as part of our new resource-sharing initiative. Within the month we also hope to have a new listserv established for community college library staff in the

## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Atlantic region. It will be used, we anticipate, to share information as well as best practices for the post-secondary "vo-tech" library market down east.

September has also seen some changes on the personnel front. In late August, our colleague Donald Moses took a year's leave of absence and decamped to the University of Western Ontario, where he will complete his M.L.I.S. We miss you already Donald!

Filling Donald's shoes for the next year (as resource centre manager in Charlottetown Centre) will be Melissa Adams. Melissa began her new duties in August and already has established herself as a "fixture" in the library. You may already have read about her in the pages of the *APLA Bulletin* (Summer 2003) as she was the recipient of a UPEI bursary for students in their school librarianship diploma. We especially value the "educator's" perspective, which she brings to orientation sessions, reference interviews, and informal discussions with staff and students across the circ desk. Welcome Melissa!

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

We have a new Vice-President, Wendy Doucette, for the 2003-05 term. PEITLA held a registration/information table at the PEI Teachers Federation Convention from October 16-17, 2003 and held its semi-annual meeting following the afternoon sessions on the 16th.

Jo-Anne White, treasurer of the Prince Edward Island Teacher Librarians' Association, attended the joint CLA/ALA conference in June.

She outlines the great experiences she had at the conference:



"June 19th to 24th saw 15,000 people converge on Toronto for a joint CLA/ALA conference. This was the first joint conference in thirty-five years, and what an experience it was! There were approximately two thousand exhibitors at the convention with a wonderful selection of books, technology, and organizational tools. I met people from all over the States and Canada. Some were public librarians, some were affiliated with universities, and, of course, there were teacher-librarians present. The weather was beautiful and the program varied. The handbook for the convention was the size of the PEI telephone book. The main area for the convention was the Metro Toronto Convention Centre with speakers presenting in twelve other venues in downtown Toronto. There were shuttle buses to all of the places, and everything was extremely well organized.

One of the highlights was seeing our very own Dr. Ray Doiron win the coveted Margaret B. Scott award. This

is presented to an individual who has promoted libraries at the provincial and national levels. Ray's many accomplishments made him a fine candidate for this award.

While I was unable to attend these sessions, it is important to note that PEI was represented at the convention by speakers Ray Doiron and Carolyn Ledwell. Ray spoke on "Connecting School Libraries and Literacy Programs." His session outlined the vital role school libraries play in developing literacy programs across the grade levels and showed that many aspects of current literacy programs ignore the role of visual and media literacy in the development of traditional literacy. Carolyn Ledwell (UPEI) and Keith MacPherson spoke at the session "The Role of Faculty of Education Resource Centres in Preparing Pre-Service Teachers." They shared many ideas for practicing teacher-librarians who want to expose new teachers to the role of the school library media centre."

Submitted by Shirley MacLeod

**The  
Atlantic  
Provinces  
Library  
Association**



**Treasurer's Report****Agenda Item #8****Executive Meeting**

Thursday May 22, 2003

**Agenda Item #11****64<sup>th</sup> OGM**

Friday May 23, 2003

Sunday May 25, 2003

| <b>Statement of Revenues &amp; Expenses</b><br><b>April 1, 2002- March 31, 2003</b> |                           | <b>2002-2003</b><br><b>Budget</b> | <b>2002-2003</b><br><b>Examined</b> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>R<br/>E<br/>V<br/>E<br/>N<br/>U<br/>E<br/>S</b>                                  | <b>BULLETIN</b>           |                                   |                                     |
|   | Advertising               | 2,500.00                          | 1,730.00                            |
|   | Subscriptions             | 1,000.00                          | 2,492.87                            |
|   | Royalties                 | 100.00                            | 0.00                                |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>           | <b>3,600.00</b>                   | <b>4,222.87</b>                     |
|   |                           |                                   |                                     |
|   | <b>CONFERENCE FUND</b>    |                                   |                                     |
|   | Seed 2002                 | 0.00                              | 3,000.00                            |
|   | APLA 2001                 | 17,573.00                         | 14,148.03                           |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>           | <b>17,573.00</b>                  | <b>17,148.03</b>                    |
|   |                           |                                   |                                     |
|   | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       |                                   |                                     |
|   | Personal Memberships      | 11,000.00                         | 9,295.00                            |
|   | Institutional Memberships | 3,900.00                          | 3,500.00                            |
|   | <b>Subtotal</b>           | <b>14,900.00</b>                  | <b>12,795.00</b>                    |
|   |                           |                                   |                                     |
|   | <b>OTHER</b>              |                                   |                                     |
|   | Interest                  | 150.00                            | 57.18                               |
|   | MMF Interest              | 1,200.00                          | 0.00                                |
|   | First Timers              | 1,000.00                          | 0.00                                |
| Carin Somers Scholarship  | 2,600.00                  | 2,603.72                          |                                     |
| Miscellaneous <sup>3</sup>  | 550.00                    | 3,450.00                          |                                     |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>5,500.00</b>           | <b>6,110.90</b>                   |                                     |
|   |                           |                                   |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>  | <b>41,573.00</b>          | <b>40,276.80</b>                  |                                     |

<sup>3</sup> From Disaster Workshop approved at APLA Executive meeting, 26-27 Oct., 2002

| Statement  |  | 2002/2003<br>Budget | 2002/2003<br>Examined |
|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>E<br/>X<br/>P<br/>E<br/>N<br/>D<br/>I<br/>T<br/>U<br/>R<br/>E<br/>S</b>   | <b>BULLETIN</b>                          |                     |                       |
|  | Packaging & Supplies                     | 200.00              | 0.00                  |
|  | Printing <sup>b</sup>                    | 6,000.00            | 11,402.25             |
|  | Postage & Shipping <sup>b</sup>          | 2,700.00            | 3,049.28              |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                          | <b>8,900.00</b>     | <b>14,451.53</b>      |
|  |  |                     |                       |
|  | <b>CONFERENCE</b>                        |                     |                       |
|  | Conference Seed Grant APLA 2003          | 1,500.00            | 1,500.00              |
|  | Conference General APLA 2002             | 3,000.00            | 1,201.57              |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                          | <b>4,500.00</b>     | <b>2,701.57</b>       |
|  |  |                     |                       |
|  | <b>Membership</b>                        | <b>300.00</b>       | <b>0.00</b>           |
|  |  |                     |                       |
|  | <b>APLA PRIZE</b>                        |                     |                       |
|  | APLA Prize                               | 500.00              | 500.00                |
|  |  |                     |                       |
|  | <b>OTHER</b>                             |                     |                       |
|  | Executive Travel (Meetings)              | 6,000.00            | 6,284.53              |
|  | President's Travel                       | 1,000.00            | 367.68                |
|  | Executive Projects                       | 2,500.00            | 697.02                |
|  | Registrations & Memberships <sup>b</sup> | 100.00              | 520.00                |
|  | Postage                                  | 550.00              | 204.41                |
|  | Student Assistant SLIS                   | 300.00              | 150.00                |
|  | Supplies <sup>b</sup>                    | 250.00              | 644.59                |
|  | Bank fees <sup>b</sup>                   | 50.00               | 124.96                |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                          | <b>10,600.00</b>    | <b>8,993.19</b>       |
|  |  |                     |                       |
| <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES</b>  |  |                     |                       |
| Aims & Objectives  | 0.00                                     | 0.00                |                       |
| Bulletin Management Board  | 0.00                                     | 0.00                |                       |
| Membership <sup>b</sup>  | 0.00                                     | 295.12              |                       |
| Merit Award  | 100.00                                   | 0.00                |                       |
| Nominations  | 0.00                                     | 0.00                |                       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>100.00</b>                            | <b>295.12</b>       |                       |
|  |  |                     |                       |
| <b>STANDING COMMITTEES &amp; INTEREST GROUPS</b>                             |  |                     |                       |
|  |  |                     |                       |
| Communications: Directory & Extra Postage to mail with Bulletin <sup>b</sup> | 350.00                                   | 586.60              |                       |
| Other Committees/Interest Groups   | 0.00                                     | 0.00                |                       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>350.00</b>                            | <b>586.60</b>       |                       |

<sup>b</sup> APLA Executive meeting, 12-13 Apr., 2003

|  |  | 2002/2003<br>Budget | 2002-2003<br>Examined |
|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
|  | GAF Grant                                    | 7,700.00            | 2,400.00              |
|  | Miscellaneous <sup>b</sup>                   | 100.00              | 570.00                |
|  | Disaster Workshop                            | 0.00                | 1,431.33              |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                              | <b>7,800.00</b>     | <b>4,401.33</b>       |
|  |  |                     |                       |
|  | Transfer to Memorial Awards <sup>c</sup>     | 4,688.25            | 4,688.25              |
|  | Transfer to First Timers Awards <sup>d</sup> | 3,688.25            | 3,688.25              |
|  | First Timers Award                           | 727.79              | 727.00                |
|  | Carin Somers Scholarship                     | 2,603.72            | 2,603.72              |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>                              | <b>11,708.01</b>    | <b>11,707.22</b>      |
|  |  |                     |                       |
|  | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                    | <b>44,758.01</b>    | <b>43,636.56</b>      |
|  | <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                        | <b>41,573.00</b>    | <b>40,276.80</b>      |
|  | <b>REVENUES - EXPENDITURES</b>               | <b>-3,185.01</b>    | <b>-3,359.76</b>      |

<sup>c</sup> Transfer ½ of 50% of APLA 2001 surplus (Standing Order 8.36) + \$1000.00.

<sup>d</sup> Transfer ½ of 50% of APLA 2001 surplus (Standing Order 8.36)

Prepared by Denise Corey-Fancy  
April 2003

## TREASURER'S REPORT ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Agenda Item #8  
Executive Meeting  
Thursday May 22, 2003

Agenda Item #11  
64<sup>th</sup> OGM  
Friday May 23, 2003  
Sunday May 24, 2003

It's been a really interesting couple of months. I became pro tem treasurer midway through November when Marnie MacGillivray took a job with the National Energy Board in Calgary, AB. I've definitely learned a lot. I would like to thank Elaine MacLean and Peter Glenister for their advice and patience.

I am glad to report that although we slightly exceeded our budgeted expenditures this year, APLA still remains in robust financial shape.

Revenues from *Bulletin* advertising and personal memberships were down from what we had anticipated, but still

remain solid. Money made at APLA 2001 has also had a considerable impact on our revenues.

Expenditures, in total, were slightly higher than the anticipated amount. *APLA Bulletin* expenditures were higher than budgeted; however the 2002-03 fiscal year paid to have 6 issues printed rather than the 4 issues printed in the last fiscal year. It should also be noted that two copies of the Membership Directory were printed and distributed on this budget as well.

There were two First Timer's grants for a total of \$727 presented last year. There is \$436.93 available for APLA 2003.

We were below our budget for General Activity Funds granted; however the deadline for applications ended on the same day as the fiscal year. We awarded a further \$2950 that will be from the 2003-2004 budget. This amount is included in the liabilities.

Memorial Awards went to two recipients. Peter Glenister received an award for \$300.00 and Fiona Black received one for \$985.46.

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship available for 2003/2004 is \$2,283.37. A scholarship of \$2603.72 was awarded last year to Kate Greene.

Prepared by Denise Corey-Fancy April 2003

## Balance Sheet for Atlantic Provinces Library Association 2002-2003

| <b>Assets</b>             | <b>2001/2002</b> | <b>2002/2003</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current Accounts          | 17,642.45        | 14,282.69        |
| First Timers              | 20,052.03        | 24,254.76        |
| General Investments (MMF) | 35,607.53        | 36,290.04        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>73,379.56</b> | <b>74,827.49</b> |
| <br>                      |                  |                  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>        | <b>2001/2002</b> | <b>2002/2003</b> |
| Uncashed cheques          | 334.95           | 3,699.66         |
| Equity                    | <u>73,044.61</u> | <u>71,127.83</u> |
| Total                     | 73,379.56        | 74,827.49        |

---

## Atlantic Provinces Library Association Memorial Award Trust Fund January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002

### Balance Sheet

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Savings Account                        | 8,090.35        |
| Investment Certificate [matures 12/03] | 6,000.00        |
| Investment Certificate [matures 06/03] | <u>8,000.00</u> |
|  | 22,090.35       |

### Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

#### *Receipts*

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Donations                | 55.00           |
| Savings Account Interest | 2.20            |
| GIC Interest             | 342.00          |
| Other <sup>c</sup>       | <u>4,688.25</u> |
| Total                    | 5,087.45        |

#### *Disbursements*

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Safety Deposit | 40.25           |
| Awards         | <u>1,285.46</u> |
| Total          | 1,325.71        |

### **Excess of revenue over disbursements**

**3,761.74**

---

<sup>c</sup> ½ of 50% of APLA 2001 surplus (\$14573) + \$1000 (APLA Executive meeting, 19 June, 2002)

**2003/2004 Budget**  
**Agenda Item #12.3**  
**Executive Meeting**  
 Thursday May 22, 2003

**Agenda Item#13.3**  
**64<sup>th</sup> OGM**  
 Friday, May 23, 2003  
 Sunday, May 25, 2003

| <b>Statement of Revenues</b>                       |                           | <b>2001/2002<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2002/2003<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2003/2004<br/>Tentative Budget</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>R<br/>E<br/>V<br/>E<br/>N<br/>U<br/>E<br/>S</b> | <b>BULLETIN</b>           |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Advertising               | 2,202.80                    | 1,730.00                    | 2,000.00                              |
|  | Subscriptions             | 573.10                      | 2,492.87                    | 2,000.00                              |
|  | Royalties                 | 0.00                        | 0.00                        | 98.37                                 |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>           | <b>2,775.90</b>             | <b>4,222.87</b>             | <b>4,198.37</b>                       |
|  |                           |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>CONFERENCE FUND</b>    |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Seed                      | 1,500.00                    | 3,000.00                    | 1,500.00                              |
|  | General <sup>a</sup>      | 4,018.18                    | 14,148.03                   | 520.95                                |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>           | <b>5,518.18</b>             | <b>17,148.03</b>            | <b>2,020.95</b>                       |
|  |                           |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Personal Memberships      | 9,917.00                    | 9,295.00                    | 10,000.00                             |
|  | Institutional Memberships | 3,750.00                    | 3,500.00                    | 3,500.00                              |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>           | <b>13,397.00</b>            | <b>12,795.00</b>            | <b>13,500.00</b>                      |
|  |                           |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>OTHER</b>              |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Interest                  | 111.45                      | 57.18                       | 60.00                                 |
|  | MMF Interest              | 0.00                        | 0.00                        | 682.51                                |
|  | First Timers <sup>b</sup> | 0.00                        | 0.00                        | 1,163.93                              |
| Carin Somers Scholarship                           | 2,608.17                  | 2,603.72                    | 2,283.37                    |                                       |
| Miscellaneous <sup>c</sup>                         | 110.00                    | 3,450.00                    | 283.88                      |                                       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                    | <b>2,829.62</b>           | <b>6,110.90</b>             | <b>4,473.69</b>             |                                       |
|  |                           |                             |                             |                                       |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                               | <b>24,520.70</b>          | <b>40,276.80</b>            | <b>24,163.01</b>            |                                       |

<sup>a</sup> Money received from APLA 2000

<sup>b</sup> Includes \$727 from last year not transferred to general account

<sup>c</sup> Includes Disaster Workshop money

| <b>Statement of Expenditures</b>   |  | <b>2001/2002<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2002/2003<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2003/2004<br/>Tentative Budget</b> |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>E<br/>X<br/>P<br/>E<br/>N<br/>D<br/>I<br/>T<br/>U<br/>R<br/>E<br/>S</b> | <b>BULLETIN</b>  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Packaging & Supplies   | 0.00                        | 0.00                        | 0.00                                  |
|  | Printing   | 5,947.80                    | 11,402.25                   | 9,000.00                              |
|  | Postage & Shipping   | 2,303.81                    | 3,049.28                    | 3,200.00                              |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>8,251.61</b>             | <b>14,451.53</b>            | <b>12,200.00</b>                      |
|  |  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>CONFERENCE</b>  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Conference Seed Grant  | 0.00                        | 1,500.00                    | 1,500.00                              |
|  | Conference General   | 0.00                        | 1,201.57                    | 0.00                                  |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>0.00</b>                 | <b>2,701.57</b>             | <b>1,500.00</b>                       |
|  |  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>APLA PRIZE</b>  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | APLA Prize (Dalhousie SLIS)  | 500.00                      | 500.00                      | 500.00                                |
|  | APLA Prize (NSCC) <sup>d</sup>                                     | -                           | -                           | 500.00                                |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>500.00</b>               | <b>500.00</b>               | <b>1,000.00</b>                       |
|  |  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>OTHER</b>   |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Executive Travel (Meetings)  | 2,832.77                    | 6,284.53                    | 6,500.00                              |
|  | President's Travel   | 606.66                      | 367.68                      | 600.00                                |
| Executive Projects   | 589.12   | 697.02                      | 2,500.00                    |                                       |
| Registrations & Memberships  | 50.00  | 520.00                      | 545.00                      |                                       |
| Postage  | 132.53   | 204.41                      | 200.00                      |                                       |
| Student Assistant SLIS   | 450.00   | 150.00                      | 300.00                      |                                       |
| Supplies   | 57.28  | 644.59                      | 100.00                      |                                       |
| APLA Domain  | 192.60   | 0.00                        | 0.00                        |                                       |
| Bank fees  | 50.54  | 124.96                      | 125.00                      |                                       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>5,910.96</b>  | <b>8,993.19</b>             | <b>10,870.00</b>            |                                       |
|  |  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES</b>  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Aims & Objectives  |                             | -                           |                                       |
|  | Bulletin Management Board  |                             | -                           |                                       |
|  | Membership   |                             | 295.12                      |                                       |
|  | Merit Award  |                             | 0.00                        |                                       |
|  | Nominations  |                             | -                           |                                       |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>410.12</b>               | <b>295.12</b>               |                                       |
|  |  |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | <b>STANDING COMMITTEES &amp;<br/>INTEREST GROUPS</b>               |                             |                             |                                       |
|  | Communications: Directory &<br>Extra Postage to mail with Bulletin | 325.89                      | 586.60                      |                                       |
|  | All other Committees/Interest Groups                               | 0.00                        | 0.00                        |                                       |
|  | <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>325.89</b>               | <b>586.60</b>               |                                       |

<sup>d</sup> Depending on approval

| <b>Statement of Expenditures</b> |  | <b>2001/2002<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2002/2003<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2003/2004<br/>Tentative Budget</b> |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                  | GAF Grant <sup>c</sup>                       | 1000.00                     | 2,400.00                    | 4,450.00                              |
|                                  | Miscellaneous <sup>f</sup>                   | 0.00                        | 2001.33                     | 100.00                                |
|                                  | <b>Subtotal</b>                              | <b>0.00</b>                 | <b>4,401.33</b>             | <b>4,550.00</b>                       |
|                                  | Transfer to Memorial Award <sup>g</sup>      | 0.00                        | 4,688.25                    | 0.00                                  |
|                                  | Transfer to First Timers Awards <sup>h</sup> | 0.00                        | 3,688.25                    | 0.00                                  |
|                                  | First Timers Award                           | 339.80                      | 727.00                      | 436.93                                |
|                                  | Carin Somers Scholarship                     | 2,608.17                    | 2,603.72                    | 2,283.37                              |
|                                  | <b>Subtotal</b>                              | <b>2,947.97</b>             | <b>11,707.22</b>            | <b>2,720.30</b>                       |
|                                  | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                    | <b>18,397.14</b>            | <b>43,636.56</b>            | <b>33,674.61</b>                      |
|                                  | <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                        | <b>24,520.70</b>            | <b>40,276.80</b>            | <b>24,163.01</b>                      |
|                                  | <b>REVENUES - EXPENDITURES</b>               | <b>6,123.56</b>             | <b>-3,359.76</b>            | <b>-9,511.60</b>                      |

<sup>c</sup> \$3450 is already encumbered

<sup>f</sup> 2002/3 includes Disaster Workshop

<sup>g</sup> Depends on revenue from APLA 2003

<sup>h</sup> Depends on revenue from APLA 2003

Prepared by Denise Corey-Fancy  
May 2003

## Report of the Financial Examiner

### To the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association:

I have examined for integrity and accuracy the financial records of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association as at 31 March, 2003, including the statements of operations, functional expenses, changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other

procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. In the course of my review of the Association's records I conversed during the year with both holders of the office of Treasurer to receive the necessary documents and to clarify various points.

In my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the organization and its investments as at 31 March, 2003, and the results of its operations and the

changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the notes to the Statement applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

I have also examined the financial records of the APLA Memorial Awards Trust Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December, 2002.

Submitted by Peter Glenister

**APLA 64<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting**  
**Fisheries and Marine Institute, St. John's, NL**  
**Friday, May 22, 2003**

**Item 13.3**

## Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee recommended four grants from the GAF (General Activities Fund) for approval in 2002/2003, although one was deferred to a later date. Three grants have been approved to date for 2003/2004.

The executive is consulting with an accountant to advise on the transfer of the Carin E. Somers trust from the TD Trust to another financial institution. This transfer is at the request of the TD Trust.

Subject to budget approval,

the executive has approved two executive projects for 2003/2004: one is to donate a sum of \$1000 to the Joy Tillotson Memorial Fund. The other is to fund a librarian from the Atlantic region to attend the next Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute, which is anticipated for early 2004.

We are pleased to report that Peter Glenister has agreed to continue as Financial Examiner for 2003/2004.

### **Motion:**

For addition to the standing order (9.09), to read: APLA shall

donate a prize to be known as The Atlantic Provinces Library Association prize, to be awarded to the outstanding student in the Library and Information Technology Program of the Nova Scotia Community College as chosen by the faculty of the College. The amount shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be given to one student. A certificate of recognition will be given to the winner by APLA and recognition provided in the *APLA Bulletin*. The student award winner shall receive a one-year membership to APLA.

## ATLANTIC CANADIAN LIBRARIANS @ ALA/CLA

**By Christine Davies et al**

Despite the distance, cost, and a second outbreak of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), a number of librarians from Atlantic Canada attended the joint annual conference of the American and Canadian Library Associations in Toronto from June 19 to 25, 2003.

For some, it was probably the first large professional conference they had ever attended. For others, such as Bernie Conran, an academic librarian in St. John's, it had been "a long time since I had attended a 'big' conference – big in numbers," she said. "I don't know when I've seen such jam-packed escalators!" One estimate put the number of librar-

ians, authors, publishers, exhibitors, and guest speakers at about 17,500. Undoubtedly the number would have been greater if not for concerns about SARS, which prompted some to simply stay home.

However, for those who attended, the conference was a whirlwind of panels, workshops, lectures, poster sessions, book launches, author readings, and awards ceremonies as well as a variety of social events. The conference program booklet (perhaps *book* is a better description) was a glossy 352 pages. Unfortunately, fears about SARS took a toll on a number of presentations: some were cancelled, reduced in scale,

or re-jigged with alternative speakers.

There were not one but *two* exhibition halls at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. "Even though there were fewer (exhibitors) than expected, it was great to renew acquaintances, meet people we've known only through phone calls or email, make new contacts, get the latest news, and above all get questions answered and problems sorted out," said Conran.

The sheer size of the conference meant that the logistics of getting from one session location to the next (which could be the room next door at the convention centre or at a hotel several city blocks and a bus



## ATLANTIC CANADIAN LIBRARIANS @ ALA/CLA (cont'd)

ride away) for the start of the session were challenging, to say the least. The heat and humidity of a Toronto summer didn't help. The friendliness of everyone from the cab driver to the hotel clerk did. For six days, if you were a librarian at the ALA/CLA, you rocked!

"It was a good feeling to be at an event that saw so many of my profession coming from around the globe to congregate in one place," said Sean Dawe, a legislative librarian in St. John's. "The combination of professional development through sessions, sharing ideas with fellow librarians on work related issues, and socializing made this a worthwhile trip." Conran was more succinct — "I had a ball."

Below are some personal highlights of the conference from a handful of participants from Atlantic Canada.

*Sean Dawe*

*Information Specialist,  
Legislative Library, House of  
Assembly (St. John's)*

I attended a day-long business meeting with other parliamentary librarians from across Canada who are members of the Association of Parliamentary Librarians in Canada (APLIC). This meeting was held at Queen's Park, the seat of Ontario's Legislature. At this meeting, representatives from the majority of the country's legislative libraries



*Some of the 800 or so conference exhibitors in the MTCC's North Hall  
(Photo by Christine Davies)*

gave reports on the new developments taking place in their respective institutions. A list of other issues pertinent to legislative libraries was also discussed. A second APLIC meeting that I attended discussed the digitization of materials for the sake of preservation and access. While our Library has no such plans in the immediate future, it is good to see what others are doing and how they are doing it when the time comes to implement similar projects here.

*Jill Webster*

*Information & Network  
Services Librarian, Nova  
Scotia Provincial Library  
(Halifax)*

I attended a session called "Creating the Digital Libraries of the Future". It featured a panel session that included the CNIB, the Library of Congress, and FNB

(library services in the Netherlands). For readers who have a disability, the digital library means faster access to a wider variety of materials and the panel speakers addressed themselves to this issue. For example, Margaret McGrory, executive director of the CNIB Library, described their new much-needed digital asset management system, Livelink, which is enterprise-level technology that facilitates collection, management, and distribution of digital assets. It will handle all CNIB resources throughout their entire life cycle, from storage of these resources upon arrival at the Library, to storage of books during production, to the long-term preservation of our books and magazines. One of the changes foreseen is the phasing out of Visutext.

## ATLANTIC CANADIAN LIBRARIANS @ ALA/CLA (cont'd)

*Bernie Conran*

*Information Services*

*Librarian, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University (St. John's)*

Sessions I attended included "Crossing Our Own Borders: Partnering with Faculty and Instructional Designers in the Online Environment", "The Information Commons Challenge: Taking Ownership of Technology Before It Takes Ownership of You!", and "Recent Research in the Field of Reference Services". All were worthwhile sessions. It's always interesting to see how different people and different institutions tackle similar issues. Clifford Lynch's famous "Cliff's Notes" was, as usual, a must-attend session as he shared his views on technology and information policy trends. The point that stays with me from this talk is his discussion of institutional repositories. All institutions, such as our universities, must take responsibility for storing and distributing the electronic information they are producing – web pages, courses in digital form, student work on the web, etc. They must also work out the policy issues associated with these.

*Dr. Norman Horrocks*

*Professor Emeritus, School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University (Halifax)*

One programme that brought both Associations

together very effectively was "The Great Debate". This has been a tradition for some years now in CLA's CACUL (Canadian Association of College and University Libraries). This year, the University Libraries Section of ALA's ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) joined in. The topic was "Be It Resolved That by 2020, Academic Libraries Will Have Outlived Their Need for Physical Space". Speaking for the motion were Jim Neal (Columbia University, New York) and Ernie Ingles (University of Alberta, Edmonton); opposed were Gillian McCombs (Southern Methodist University, Dallas) and Madeleine Lefebvre (St. Mary's University, Halifax). I was the Moderator and Kathleen DeLong (University of Alberta, Edmonton) was the Timekeeper. A standing room only audience of more than 500 enjoyed the cut and thrust of debate with both CACUL and ACRL members joining in from the floor. McCombs and Lefebvre in their black robes and white powdered wigs easily won the vote by a 3-1 margin over the suits. Afterwards, ACRL decided to follow CACUL's lead and make "The Great Debate" a feature of their future annual conferences.

*Christine Davies*

*Associate Producer – Music Library & Archives, CBC Radio (St. John's)*

I passed on Rex Murphy to catch an early Sunday morning session titled "Oral Tradition, Copyright and the Internet: Aboriginal Canada in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." The two scheduled speakers failed to appear. Instead, Signa Daum Shanks of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law spoke. Daum Shanks, who is an *apitawikosian* (mixed blood) from Saskatchewan, was an informed, engaging speaker. She commented that at times, what upsets Aboriginal groups is not only the use of aspects of their cultural heritage, but that permission for that use is neither asked nor granted. She also discussed the relevance of oral history in the context of current political and legal actions involving Aboriginal groups and the Crown. Her presentation led to a lively discussion among the attendees, who represented Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. One participant observed that while copyright protects the rights of individual "creators" of works, the concept of individual ownership of a traditional story, song, textile design, or artistic depiction is foreign to most Aboriginal groups. This poses a challenge for Aboriginal groups who wish to protect their cultural heritage through existing legal mechanisms.

## From The President's Desk

Conferences, conferences, conferences...this is the time to be busy, reporting on past conferences like the joint CLA/ALA conference in Toronto (see "Atlantic Canadian Librarians @ ALA/CLA on page 24), attending fall meetings, planning our own conference in Moncton in 2004 (see APLA 2004 on page 28) or even long-term planning. Mark your calendars for August 2008: the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Conference will be held in Québec City, 400 years after the founding of the city.

The Association needs all its members. From personal experience, I can tell you that it is most rewarding to work collaboratively with so many experienced and dedicated colleagues from various milieux. We should be proud of our public service and work ethic and the responsibility we hold in providing quality service to all our patrons whether they are children, adults or students. Get involved! We are looking for conveners for various interest groups (see Looking to Get Involved in Your Professional Association? on page 32). Share your knowledge and your expertise; plan to attend the annual conference; explore!

We can be proud of the many achievements of the members of our profession and we rejoice in their accomplishments and the recognition they receive. Congratulations to Shirley Elliott, former legislative librarian and a 2003 recipient of the Order of Nova Scotia. See the next issue of the *APLA*

*Bulletin* (November/December 2003) for a feature on Shirley.

Your executive will meet before the conference in May. Feel free to contact members of the executive with your concerns and questions. We hope to represent you well in the community.

Laurette Mackey



*APLA President Laurette Mackey congratulates Somers Scholarship winner Jannah MacCarville*

### APLA Memorial Awards

Financial assistance for study and research is available from the APLA Memorial Trust. Projects that contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the library profession as a whole are encouraged. To apply, please send a letter outlining your proposed research, estimated costs, and a copy of your

curriculum vitae by March 15, 2004 to:

Angela Lonardo  
APLA Memorial Awards  
Committee  
Queen Elizabeth II Library  
Memorial University of  
Newfoundland  
St. John's, NL A1B 3Y1

## APLA 2004: Destination Exploration

2004 is a special year for New Brunswickers: this year we proudly celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first French settlement in North America, St. Croix Island. Samuel de Champlain built on the experience of those who went before him and used his know-how and some simple tools to make his way to his destination. Like any great explorer, he learned a lot along the way. Information professionals work in much the same way: we start with our basic tools and skills and combine them with our experience and that of others to help our users find their information destination.

It is the pleasure of the New Brunswick library community to invite you to join your colleagues in Moncton for

'Destination Exploration', the 2004 Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. We will look at our profession through the eyes of an explorer. Where have we been, and what have we gained from having been there? What are the tools that we used to get to our present destination and how will those tools need to be adapted for future journeys? What is there waiting for us beyond the horizon? We will look at how we can continue to meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of our clients as we have in the past. Their landscape is changing and ours is changing right along with it. Make Moncton your destination in May 2004. Join us for 'Destination Exploration'.

## 2004 APLA Merit Award

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association invites nominations for the Association's Merit Award. The Award is conferred on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces. Nominations accompanied by appropriate documentation of the nominee and her/his contribution(s) should be sent by January 31, 2004 to:

Elaine MacLean  
Head of Technical Services  
Angus L. Macdonald Library  
St. Francis Xavier University  
Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5  
Phone: (902) 867-2221  
Fax: (902) 867-5153  
Email: emaclean@stfx.ca

## Cross-Canada Virtual Reference Project Wins Award

The OCLC Canada/CLA Award for Resource Sharing Achievement recognizes outstanding professional achievement, leadership and contributions to library resource sharing in Canada. The award made its debut this year and was presented at the ALA/CLA joint conference in Toronto. The first recipients of the award are the Reference Department Staffs of the Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick and the University of Alberta Libraries.

The call for nominations for the award brought many inquiries and by the 15 May deadline, five excellent nominations were received from libraries across the country. The task of selecting a win-

ner for the award was a difficult one but the collaborative online reference project undertaken by these two universities moved ahead of the other nominations in the final evaluation.

Through their collaborative online reference project, the Universities of New Brunswick and Alberta have brought better service to users through the mutually beneficial sharing of human and technological resources. Taking advantage of time zone differences, the libraries have been able to provide broad hours of access to online reference services while using fewer staff than would normally be required at each institution. Disparity in the availability of resources between the two institutions

was accommodated in the project's design. It was evident that ease of use and seamlessness for the user were given a high priority but the invisibility of the resource sharing activity for the user is clearly a sign of its strength. As is the case with any innovation, sharing project details and findings is key to the advancement of professional practice and user services. The project teams have published and presented widely through all stages of the collaborative online reference service.

Reprinted with permission from Carrol Lunau Library & Archives of Canada/Bibliothèque et archives du Canada

## New Brunswick Library Scholarship Established

The Fredericton Library Circle, an informal group, was established in the 1980s to organize and sponsor workshops and speakers on various issues of interest and importance to New Brunswick library staff. Its genesis can be traced to my two-year term as Vice-President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association when, with the assistance of other colleagues, I brought six workshops and continuing education events to New Brunswick. These activities proved to be very successful and a number of people felt that they should be continued. To that end, the Fredericton Library Circle was established and over the next few years, from the late 1980s to the early 1990s, offered approximately a dozen workshops and continuing education events. These were designed to break even, with a small amount of seed money kept aside to pay for the next event.

The success of these workshops depended not only on the organizing skills of the group but also on the quality of the presenters. One of our first workshops, on the issue of copyright, was led by two presenters from Toronto, one from St. John's, and one from Saint John. Approximately 40 people attended and a \$10.00 profit was realized. Our final major workshop was a management development course conducted by an outstanding librarian from Michigan, who provided in Fredericton the same program

that was part of the Special Library Association's Middle Management Institute. We were extremely pleased to deliver this program in New Brunswick and at a rate which was manageable for library personnel (approximately \$200 for each participant). As a result of the enthusiastic response to the workshop, including sign-ups the week preceding the course, the Fredericton Library Circle realized a financial windfall.

In keeping with our not-for-profit philosophy, we offered a number of continuing education workshops at no charge. By this time, however, our efforts to provide on-going development opportunities for library personnel had run their course. The Fredericton Library Circle had made its contribution to continuing education to libraries and library personnel in New Brunswick. Various scenarios were discussed concerning the most effective use of the remaining bank balance. It was decided that an on-going contribution to New Brunswick libraries could be provided by establishing a bursary fund to assist New Brunswickers to attend the only library school in Atlantic Canada, the School of Library and Information Studies at Dalhousie University.

Inquiries to the Director of the School indicated that a minimum of \$5000 was required. In due course, I approached Sylvie Nadeau, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Public Library Service. Her interest

led to a contribution for the balance of the money to meet Dalhousie University's required minimum of \$5000. At a later date, and on behalf of the New Brunswick Public Library Service, additional funds were found that pushed the bursary fund to over \$7500.

The initial effort to bring continuing education activities to library personnel in New Brunswick has developed into a lasting legacy. The establishment of a bursary fund to assist New Brunswickers to attend Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies is intended to benefit New Brunswick libraries for many years.

If you would like to make a contribution to this bursary fund, please make your cheque payable to Dalhousie University and mail it to:

The Director  
School of Library and  
Information Studies  
Faculty of Management  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax, NS B3H 3J5

A tax receipt will be provided.

My thanks to all who made the Fredericton Library Circle a success, and a special thanks to Barry Barner and Ken Moore.

Eric Swanick  
Director of New Brunswick  
Legislative Library, 1986-2002  
Head, Special Collections and  
Rare Books, Simon Fraser  
University, B.C.

# *Allow me to illustrate:*

THE CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COLLECTIONS  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection at the University of New Brunswick, the largest research collection of its kind in Atlantic Canada, has produced a 2004 promotional wall calendar that showcases the depth of UNB's holdings in children's literature. Entitled "Allow Me to Illustrate", the calendar contains noteworthy illustrations from picture books spanning the last 150 years.

Atlantic Canadian artists and illustrators Molly Bobak, Trish Tingley, and Susan Tooke are featured alongside canoni-

cal figures such as Beatrix Potter, Randolph Caldecott and Kate Greenaway. Each month highlights noteworthy events in the world of children's literature and author/illustrator birthdays are noted throughout the calendar.

The project was directed by Collection Curator Sue Fisher and Education Librarian Lesley Balcom, but reflects a greater collaboration with Mary Flagg of Special Collections and Archives, Marc Bragdon, Jenn Hanotte and Mike Meade of the Electronic Text Centre's imag-

ing centre, and the members of the Eileen Wallace Collection's Advisory Committee.

The final product is beautiful in design, rich in reproduction, and representative of the broad diversity of the library's holdings in children's literature. The calendars make great gifts for numerous occasions and are reasonably priced at \$12 each or 3 for \$30 (taxes included). For more information, please visit [www.lib.unb.ca/collections/clc/calendar.html](http://www.lib.unb.ca/collections/clc/calendar.html) or phone Rebecca Cornell at (506) 453-4749.

Submitted by Sue Fisher

## Provincial Literacy Clearinghouse

In April, 2003 of this year, the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board, in partnership with the Literacy Development Council of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Literacy Branch, Department of Education, began a one-year pilot project to establish a provincial literacy clearinghouse. Funding was provided by the National Literacy Secretariat. Judy Escott was hired as the literacy coordinator, working from the Provincial Resource Library in St. John's.

The purpose of the clearinghouse is to provide literacy resources, easily and afford-

ably, to literacy practitioners and learners. Organizations that offer literacy programs have identified that more resources are needed and that they are not always in a financial position to purchase the more expensive resources such as videos and kits. In addition, practitioners have indicated that they would like to have access to professional development/research materials. The clearinghouse will be purchasing new materials based on requests from practitioners and the resources will be available for loan. This will be an ongoing project, subject to financing.

The clearinghouse has now mounted the Literacy Development Council's resources on the Public Libraries' website ([www.nlpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.nlpubliclibraries.ca)). Practitioners and learners can go to the link off the homepage, review the materials and then request them using the public libraries' interlibrary loan system. The site also indicates whether the material is available from the public library system. Other literacy resources are available in the library system and can be accessed through the library catalogue.

The coordinator has been in touch with many groups and has discussed the sharing of

**Clearinghouse cont'd**

resources. It is hoped that groups will share their resource databases and lend to each other materials that are not in high demand on a daily basis. This will give practitioners access to new materials so that there is an opportunity to use the resources and evaluate them.

Judy will be traveling across the province to talk about the project and looks forward to meeting as many literacy representatives as possible. For further information please contact Judy at (709) 737-3976 or judyescott@nlpubliclibraries.ca

Submitted by Michelle Walters

## Carin Alma E Somers Scholarship Trust

Applications are now invited for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

This award provides an annual, non-renewable scholarship to a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree of Master of Library Science. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and financial need is a consideration. The successful applicant will have been accepted in a program for a Master's degree in library science and information studies

that is accredited by the American Library Association. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2004.

Further information and application forms are available on the APLA website at [www.apla.ca](http://www.apla.ca) or by contacting:

Allan Groen  
APLA Vice-President /  
President Elect  
105 Heather Ave.  
Charlottetown, PE  
C0A 1S0  
Phone: (902) 961-7316  
Fax: (902) 961-7322  
Email: [ajgroen@gov.pe.ca](mailto:ajgroen@gov.pe.ca)

## In Memoriam: Stephen Field

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of our colleague and friend, Stephen Field, on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2003. For 16 years Stephen worked at the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University, both in Information Services and Collections. He contributed substantially to the development of the excellent reference collection that the QEII Library has today.

As well, Stephen gave extensively to his profession through executive and committee work with APLA and the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA). He served as Vice-President (Newfoundland) of APLA from 1999 to 2000, and chaired the APLA Intellectual Freedom Committee from 1989 to 1991. He served



as NLLA President for 1995/1996, and as Past President for 1996/1997. He also volunteered his time, creativity, and professionalism to these organizations in various other ways throughout his career.

Stephen also contributed to libraries in Newfoundland through his teaching. He used his knowledge and experience as an Information Services

Librarian to teach the Reference Services course for Memorial's Library Studies Certificate Program and co-authored later editions of the course manual with Joy Tillotson.

Most importantly, though, Stephen contributed to the world in which he and his colleagues lived and worked through his intelligence, his patience, and his sharp yet quiet wit. He will be remembered not only for his professionalism, but for his subtle humor, his love of Shakespeare and of football, and for the support he gave to younger colleagues. Our thoughts are with his wife, Colleen, and their daughters, Charlotte and Emily. Stephen will be greatly missed by all.

# Looking To Get Involved In Your Professional Association?

Interest groups are a great way to get involved in APLA. With all the different APLA interest groups there's one to suit everybody. Look over the list and contact the convener of the group that suits you best.

## *APLA Interest Groups And Conveners*

### ***Collections Development***

Mary MacLeod, Academic Librarian, Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University, P.O. Box 4, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6  
Phone: (902) 585-1734 Fax: (902) 585-1748 E-mail: mary.macleod@acadiau.ca

### ***Computers & Connectivity***

Jill Webster, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax, NS B3K 4X8  
Phone: (902) 424-2478 Fax: (902) 424-0633 E-mail: webstegs@gov.ns.ca

### ***Conservation of Library Materials***

Simon Lloyd, Special Collections Librarian, Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island, 550 University Ave., Charlottetown, PE C1A 4P3  
Phone: (902) 566-0536 Fax: (902) 628-4305 E-mail: slloyd@upe.ca

### ***Continuing Education***

Marie DeYoung, Director, Library Services, Nova Scotia Community College, 5685 Leeds Street, Halifax, NS B3J 2X1  
Phone: (902) 491-6772 Fax: (902) 491-4830 E-mail: deyoume@nsc.ca

### ***Library Technicians***

Susan Harris, Senior Library Technician, Rotary Regional Library, 192 Water Street, Summerside, PE C1N 1B1  
Phone: (902) 888-8370 Fax: (902) 888-8055 E-mail: spharris@gov.pe.ca

### ***New Librarians and Information Professionals***

Emma Cross, Cataloguing & Public Services Librarian, Ralph Pickard Bell Library, Mount Allison University, 49 York Street, Sackville, NB E4L 1C6  
Phone: (506) 364-2214 Fax: (506) 364-2617 E-mail: ecross@mta.ca

### ***Youth Services Interest Group***

Nancy Cohen, Children's and Young Adult Librarian, Moncton Public Library, 644 Main Street, Suite 101, Moncton, NB E1C 1E2  
Phone: (506) 869-6036 Fax: (506) 869-6040 E-mail: nancy.cohen@gnb.ca

### ***Newspaper***

Elizabeth Browne, Cataloguing Librarian, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NL A1B 3Y1  
Phone: (709) 737-7433 Fax: (709) 737-2153 E-mail: ebrowne@mun.ca

### ***Access to Government Information***

John Neilson, Documents Librarian, Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 7500, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H5  
Phone: (506) 453-4752 Fax: (506) 453-4595 E-mail: neilson@ubn.ca

### ***Francophone***

Vacant

### ***Library Instruction***

vacant