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From The New President's Desk

What a busy spring this has been with the APLA Conference in Saint John's and ALA/CLA in Toronto! Members have attended other conferences and events, such as 'The Fun of Reading' to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Library of Canada.

Saint John's was great, both for the welcome and the many stimulating presentations and workshops. More than 150 attendees and exhibitors were interested in sharing knowledge and information. CLA's Wendy Newman, Madeleine Lefebvre and Don Butcher also participated. Many thanks to all who created this special environment. More information about the Conference is in this *Bulletin*. A la prochaine in Moncton!



Laurette Mackey

Toronto almost felt like home as the Atlantic Provinces were well represented, both in person and in print! Past President Elaine MacLean wrote the lead article in Sunday's edition of *ALA Cognotes*, the conference newspaper. It was good to see some familiar faces as well as new ones! One can only admire the size of the organization and the organizers of a joint ALA/CLA conference for having put together such a varied program. The conference manual alone is 350 pages. So much to choose and so little time! Besides essential meetings or workshops, one could listen to the president's program: Gloria Steinem, Ralph Nader, Naomi Klein, Janice Gross Stein, Rex Murphy and Lynn Johnston. One

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can come away with many messages. I brought back: the importance for library people to be peaceful radicals; to speak up for justice; to preserve free speech; to create a meeting space for the sharing of ideas, knowledge and information; to preserve the words, the books, the libraries, the public space, physical and intellectual; the importance of working together; knowing our partners, our supporters; the basic principle of service, not only at the local level but all the way to a regional, national, international level.

Some of the issues raised include the safety of and monetary support for the Canadian Depository Service; the support of a national network of access to alternative format library services for 3 million Canadians who are unable to read print due to a physical or perceptual disability; the erosion of privacy and increased surveillance, both nationally and internationally (US Patriot Act, Canadian Anti-Terrorism Act, Public Safety Act, Lawful Access Consultation Document); and 'independent' libraries in Cuba. Literacy and the state of school libraries affect all sectors of the library field and were discussed throughout the program.

Conferences are a means of continuing education, allowing us to learn from each other, to share knowledge and information face to face, and to be challenged, enthused and energized to go back to work, renewed and ready to serve our patrons, knowing we are part of a regional, national and international

world of service in all types of libraries. I encourage you to share the information with colleagues at home.

Remember the 2003 deadline for the General Activities Fund

(GAF) is September 15th. Projects to support the membership of APLA will be considered in the Fall.

I wish you all a good summer at work and on holidays.

Resolutions From The 64th OGM

Resolution 1

Whereas access to government information is a vital component of an open and democratic society; and

Whereas libraries have worked for over seventy-five years in partnership with the federal government through the Depository Services Program (DSP) to advocate access and safeguard the rights of citizens to government information in print, alternate media and electronic formats, both today and in the future;

BE IT RESOLVED that APLA continue to advocate for the full continuation of the federal DSP

with funding appropriate to its mandate.

(James Watson / Elizabeth Hamilton) The resolution was accepted as presented.

Resolution 2

RESOLVED that APLA extends its sincere appreciation to the membership of the Local Arrangements Committee, the speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and all who have contributed to the success of this conference.

(Laurette Mackey / Lloyd Melanson) The resolution was accepted as presented.

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Hackmatack Announces 2003 Winners

The winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2003 were announced at the award ceremony on Thursday, June 19 at the Keating Millennium Centre, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Deborah Ellis, author of *The Breadwinner*, was the winner in the English fiction category; Linda Bailey received the English nonfiction award for her book *Adventures with Vikings*; and the winner of the French category was Marthe Pelletier for *Chante pour moi, Charlotte*.

The Breadwinner is the

poignant story of Parvana as she struggles to earn enough money for her family in Afghanistan during the repressive Taliban rule. All royalties from *The Breadwinner* are donated to Women for Women in Afghanistan, dedicated to the education of young Afghan girls in Pakistan refugee camps. Deborah Ellis lives in Toronto, Ontario.

Adventures with Vikings is the wild time-travelling adventure of three modern-day kids and their experiences in everyday Scandinavia more than one thousand years ago. Linda Bailey lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Chante pour moi, Charlotte tells the story of motherless Charlotte and her love for her brother Max, who suffers from muscular dystrophy. Marthe Pelletier lives in Outremont, Québec.

The Hackmatack Award ceremony was the culmination of this year's award week, during which eighteen of the nominated Canadian authors visited participating schools and libraries in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Approximately three hundred reading groups and thousands of children from grades four to six participated

this year by reading the thirty nominated books.

Information on the Hackmatack Award 2003-2004 is available on our website at www.hackmatack.ca.

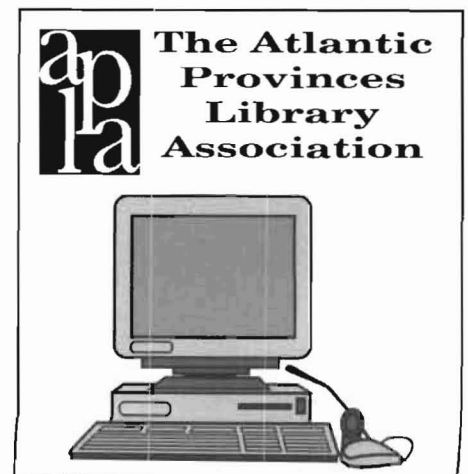
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The APLA General Activities Fund (GAF) provides funds for projects or activities that will further the aims and objectives of APLA. Applications will be considered based on the availability of funds. Applications should state the topic and date of activity, the relevancy to the Atlantic library community and APLA, any sponsoring bodies, estimated costs and revenues, and a contact person. Send applications by September 15, 2003 to:

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



From St. Jerome's Den

Summer - sitting in the garden, intermittently reading, dozing, watching the birds performing their daily ablutions in the pond, and allowing one's mind to wander. Is it any wonder when the wanderings take one to the Arab proverb*, "A book is like a garden carried in the pocket" and to thinking about the possibility of library gardens? Not gardens that happen to have libraries, and not libraries which specialize in gardening books, but libraries where they have built a garden to complement the library.

One such place is the Turrill Garden behind the public library in Summertown, Oxford (England). What started as a place for library users to sit and read has become "a living reference library at [one's] toes." The plants have been labelled so that would-be gardeners can identify them for planting in their own gardens.

The University of Southern California has the Carolyn Craig Franklin Library Garden Courtyard. The compact courtyard is framed by date and fan palms and sports benches, boxwood hedges, a brick walkway, and a burbling fountain.

The London Public Library is turning a parking lot into what may be the first public


library garden in North America - the Rotary Reading Garden. The \$1-million project, funded entirely through public donations, will be evolving over the next few months as the nearly 1,700-square-metre space between the library and the former TD Bank building will be filled with trees, flower beds, waterfalls, benches, stone walkways, a small stage, a bridge and an outdoor café. The garden will function as an outdoor room of the new central library. What a lovely way to put substance to Cicero's "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

If you know of other quotations that combine books, or libraries, with gardens, or of other library gardens, please let me know. Just send the information to either of the *Bulletin* editors.


* Depending on your source, this could be a Chinese, Arab, or Spanish proverb, which makes it a universally accepted concept.



A "yawner". Photo by Shirley MacLeod.





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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



PEOPLE / GENS

Danielle Perley is working at the St. Andrews Biological Station Library for nine weeks as a FSWEP student while Joanne Cleghorn is on leave. Darlene Tan will be on full-time language training in September in Fredericton, NB.

Library staff from the Saint John Library region have been busy: Mireille Mercure, librarian and manager of Bibliothèque

le Cormoran, attended the Salon du livre d'Edmundston; Lesa Pomeroy, library manager at the Ross Memorial Library in St. Andrews, attended a workshop in Moncton on volunteers; and Joann Hamilton-Barry, Acting Public Services Librarian, attended the launch of the 2003 SRC in Edmundston.

Bruno Gnassi has been appointed as University Librarian at Mount Allison University. He will assume his new position in August.

Diane Péroquin, hired by New Brunswick Public Library Services as Provincial Training Librarian, is presently working out of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region headquarters. The Region was also pleased to welcome Lynne Post as Public Services Librarian. Her major role is that of staff

training and support. Her responsibilities include playing a key role in regional planning, development and coordination of staff training, promotion, marketing, public and community relations, development and coordination of programs, and support to libraries.

York Library Region is pleased to welcome two new librarians. Natalie Meggison has been appointed Assistant Regional Librarian; she will be working from the Region's headquarters in Fredericton. Natalie holds an MLIS and an MA (Music) from the University of Alberta, as well as a Bachelor of Music from Mount Allison University in Sackville. She has managed the Music Library at the Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistics, managed the Training Schools

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Library at CFB Borden, and served as a consultant for the Alberta Associations for Bright Children. Her appointment took effect July 14. Julie Cole has been appointed Library Director of Fredericton's Nashwaaksis Public School Library. Julie holds an MLIS from Dalhousie and a BA (Criminology and Anthropology) from Saint Thomas University. She has worked in the reference department of the Killam Library at Dalhousie University and at the Department of National Defence Library in Dartmouth. Julie's appointment took effect June 16.

MEETINGS / RÉUNIONS

The Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Forum held its regular meeting on May 26, 2003. It was mainly an informational meeting but included a presentation by Anthony Knight, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation Board. Mr. Knight outlined the plans for the Board's fundraising program. A meeting of the employees in charge of libraries in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library region was held at the end of May. Information was shared on the activities of various provincial committees and on regional administrative issues. A highlight of the day was the presentation of a success story from the past year for each library.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / JOURNÉE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT PROFESSIONNEL

La Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean a organisé le 9 mai dernier une journée de formation professionnelle pour tout son personnel durant laquelle plusieurs ateliers ont été offerts. La matinée a commencé par une

présentation sur "Le réseau des bibliothèques publiques: réalisations et avenir" suivie par "Évaluation de l'information contenue dans un site Web" et "Deux nouveaux programmes faisant la promotion de la lecture". En après-midi, le personnel a assisté à deux conférences: "Motivation et leadership" par monsieur Jean-Roch Cayouette, pharmacien et propriétaire des magasins Shoppers Drug Mart, et "Stress et relaxation" par monsieur Richard Ouellette, psychologue.

HACKMATAK

Le prix littéraire Hackmatack - le choix des jeunes célèbrera déjà la fin d'une autre année remplie de succès. Au Nouveau-Brunswick, la Québécoise Martine Latulippe visitera Oromocto et Saint John. Carole Tremblay de Montréal sera, quant à elle, à Fredericton et Miramichi alors que Lucia Florès de Cap Rouge visitera les bibliothèques d'Edmunston et de Bathurst. L'auteur Néo-Brunswickois, Melvin Gallant, rencontrera les enfants des bibliothèques de Bouctouche et ceux de Bas-Caraquet et Linda Bailey, de Vancouver en Colombie-Britannique, ceux de Saint John ainsi que ceux d'une école de Rothesay.

The Hackmatack program wrapped up at eight branches of the Saint John Library Region. Children read and voted on their favourite books in all three categories: French, English Fiction and English Non-Fiction. While keeping the keen and eager young readers supplied with books was always a challenge, staff enjoyed working with the students and are planning to present the program again next year. Two Hackmatack-nominated authors will be giving readings in this region. Linda Bailey, author of the Stevie Diamond mystery series and the Good Times Travel Agency series, will

visit three libraries. Martine Latulippe, author of *La mémoire de mademoiselle Morgane*, will visit Bibliothèque le Cormoran.

BOOK CLUBS / CLUB DE LECTURE

Book Clubs are thriving in the Saint John Region with five adult clubs and eight Hackmatack clubs for children. The members of the adult clubs at the Central Library and the Kennebecasis Public Library in Quispamsis were keen to read and discuss the titles in the CBC Radio Canada Reads Program. In the time leading up to Canada Book Week, most members read all five selections and discussed three titles during their regular meetings. On April 25th there was a special meeting of interested members from both clubs. After listening to the last instalment of the program on the radio, club members discussed what the radio panel had said and voiced their opinions on the five books selected. CBC staffers attended the meeting and taped the comments that were aired on CBC's Main Street that same day. While no one in either club agreed with the panel about which book all of Canada should read, all book club members want to support the Canada Reads program again next year.

Cette année, la Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean a eu la responsabilité d'organiser le Club de lecture d'été provincial. Le thème du Club de lecture d'été 2003 est la Musique et le slogan est "Lire en harmonie / Read in harmony". Le lancement officiel a eu lieu le 3 juin dernier à l'amphithéâtre des Jardins de la République d'Edmundston devant un nombreux public composé du personnel de la Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean, commissaires, élèves de l'école Saint-Jacques, parents et professeurs. Cette cérémonie a été rehaussée

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

par la présence de monsieur Albert Martin, maire adjoint d'Edmundston, madame Sylvie Nadeau, directrice générale du Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick, madame Ella Nason, directrice générale-adjointe, directeurs régionaux, bibliothécaires du réseau provincial, et des représentants des médias d'information. Durant ce lancement, le maire adjoint, Albert Martin, et madame Sylvie Nadeau ont procédé au dévoilement de l'affiche réalisée par l'illustratrice Lucie El-Khoury. Le certificat de mérite a été signé par l'auteur-compositeur-interprète, Roch Voisine, originaire d'Edmundston. Comme animation, il y a eu de beaux spectacles de musique et de sketches animées par les élèves de l'école Saint-Jacques. Pour clôturer cette mémorable fête, le public fut convié à un délicieux "Hot-Dog Roast".

AUTHORS / AUTEURS

Author/poet Heidi Bundshuh visited the Ross Memorial Library and the Children's Department of the Central Library in Saint John to help celebrate Poetry Month.

DEAR AUTHOR PROGRAM / PROGRAMME "DEAR AUTHOR"

The Dear Author program wrapped up with a special gathering of the grade nine students, their families and friends, Lieutenant Governor Marilyn Trenholm Counsell, Sylvie Nadeau, Executive Director of New Brunswick Public Library Service, the judges and library staff. Students in grade nine are challenged to write and tell an author how their book has affected them. The letters are then forwarded to the authors. The top ten letters were read by the indi-

vidual student writers, and when she presented their certificates, the Lieutenant Governor made individual comments to each student. Barb Mackay, Branch Manager at the West Branch of the Saint John Library Region, organizes this region-wide program and reports that one author has already responded to the grade nine student writer.

LITERACY PROGRAM FOR KIDS / PROGRAMME D'ALPHABÉTISATION POUR LES JEUNES

"We're just two libraries short of a full complement in the Literacy Program for Kids," York's Regional Director Laurette Mackey announced at the annual tutor-training session held June 4 at the Fredericton Public Library. "We're looking forward to having this much-needed and popular program in all of our branches next year." Right now, there are nineteen education students hired in the Region to provide one-on-one tutoring in eighteen of York's branch libraries to students in elementary and junior high who are having trouble reading. The program benefits from the energy and enthusiasm of the tutors, and the youngsters, who benefit mightily from the individualized teaching and attention, return to school in the fall with improved reading skills.

BOOKSALE / VENTE DE LIVRES USAGÉS

The 16th annual booksale of the Saint John Library Region took place May 2nd and 3rd on the second level of Market Square. This year our sale seemed to be busier than ever as there was a conference happening in the Trade and Convention Center and the Marco Polo Quilter's Guild had a display and sessions going on in the Museum at the same time. Business was brisk through the whole sale. The silent auction proved to be

very popular and will be a part of our next sale.

APLA 2004

The first meeting of the APLA 2004 planning committee was held at the Moncton Public Library at the beginning of June. A good turnout and plenty of enthusiasm bode well for the upcoming conference in Moncton.

Submitted by Mireille Mercure



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

College of the North Atlantic

(Submitted by Janet Fraser)

CNA Library Services staff members met for a two-day professional development conference in Stephenville from June 25 to June 26. Sessions included a review of the College's Integrated Library System (Sirsi), a cataloguing refresher, the development of a province-wide library instruction plan, Web research, and Atlantic Provinces colleges library services cooperation.

Darrell Squires is now librarian at the Clarendville campus, having moved from the Gander campus. Don Dyson of Happy Valley-Goose Bay has left the library to return to full-time teaching at the campus. Seal Cove campus librarian Bonnie Morgan returns from maternity leave in August.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Business has doubled at the attractive new Prince Philip Drive (St. John's) campus library, which is located to the left of the main building's foyer. The library has acquired a new Career Centre and an audiovisual collection, as well as having merged the medical sciences collection from the former Topsail Road campus library. Sandra Hallett has moved from a part-time position to a new full-time position as our library technician in charge of circulation services.

Memorial University of Newfoundland

During May, all Memorial University Libraries were involved in the launch of the new library website and its new iLink (Sirsi) public access catalogue. At the same time, a new campus card was introduced as a borrower card, cash card and photocopy card. Staff switched to WorkFlows 2002 for technical services and related functions.

Su Cleyle has been appointed Associate University Librarian for the Queen Elizabeth II Library.

Lisa Goddard and Louise White gave their APLA Conference presentation on using the catalogue for creating web pages to the Memorial University Libraries staff and librarians in late June. Gillian Byrne and Dianne Cmor gave their APLA presentation "Metadata Metamorphosis - the evolution of a website (or is it?!)" in early July.

Dianne Cmor has organized an Information Literacy Workshop for instructional services librarians at Memorial University. Heidi Julien from the University of Alberta library school will present an introductory session "What is information literacy and why is it important?"

How does information literacy differ from other forms of library instruction?" to all interested staff and librarians. The remainder of the day-long workshop will cover models of IL instruction (full course, course-integrated, etc.), learning theory and learning styles, active learning approaches and evaluating IL instruction.

Health Sciences Library (Submitted by Pam Morgan)

Lindsay Glynn extended her maternity leave until January 2004. Catherine (Katie) Lawton finished her contract and Pamela Morgan returned from her two-year secondment at CISTI.

Victoria Marshall will leave the Health Sciences Library in July. She has accepted a position at the Cornell Medical School library in Doha, Qatar. Pam Morgan will temporarily fill Victoria's position as head of technical services at the HSL. Most recently Victoria was involved in the merger of cataloguing staff from the HSL with Bibliographic Control Services in the Queen Elizabeth II Library.

All librarians and several staff members at the Health Sciences Library, as well as many hospital and health care librarians in the province, are involved in planning for the

Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA)/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (ABSC) conference which will be held in St. John's from May 14-18, 2004. The website for the conference is www.med.mun.ca/chla2004/chla2004.html.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

St. John's Public Library

The St. John's Public Libraries, with singers Fergus O'Berne and Jim Payne, Minister Art Reid, and the St. John's Library Board, announced their nominee for the 100,000 pound Dublin IMPAC Literary Award at the grand re-opening of Michael Donovan Public Library on June 23. Wayne Johnston's *Navigator of New York* was the selected title from Newfoundland.

One of this year's Hackmatack Book Award nominees, Andrea Spalding, gave readings from her nominated work *The White Horse Talisman*. She read on Tuesday, June 17 at the Michael Donovan Library and at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library.

Newfoundland author Roberta Buchanan gave a reading at the A.C. Hunter Library on April 23.

The library sponsored a six-week vocal jam session on Wednesdays from April 9



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through May 14. Singing Harmony for Fun with Anne Devine and Rosemary Ash was held in the Library's Activity Room.

Kittiwake Library

(Submitted by Tina Murphy)

*Emerging Technology in
Libraries Workshop
Your Library @ Your Desktop
SUCCESS STORY*

Kittiwake Library Staff met in Gander, NL on June 17 for a day of information sharing and gathering. The first such meeting in 14 years, it was well overdue! As a result of a grant from the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, the Central Division of Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries was able to host a workshop for staff in the Kittiwake economic zone.

*Technology was the
order of the day!*

Using the latest in modern technology, sessions entitled 'Health Resources on the Internet' and 'Early Childhood

Programming and your CAP site' were held. Staff were given a brief overview of the latest changes in public computer training. With more and more of the daily library operations becoming computerized, a session devoted to online forms, e-filing statistics and inter-library loan requests was a must!

"How I Run MY Library Good!"

One of the day's most popular sessions involved a brainstorming session on how librarians run their libraries. Ideas for programming, special events, fundraising, school-library relationships, advertising and promotion were shared. New staff left the session with a wealth of workable, practical tips and ideas for their own libraries. Veteran staff left feeling rejuvenated and re-energized, confident in their abilities to run their library to its fullest potential!

Special Guests!

Another highlight of the day involved the workshop's special guest speakers: Mr. Shawn Tetford, Executive Director of Newfoundland and Labrador

Libraries, and Mr. Newman George, Director of Information Technology for Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries. For staff to receive information from these gentleman on the future direction of the public library system and the Community Access Program was a privilege and everyone appreciated their time and efforts!

Successful Day!

Upon their arrival, all staff received 'Welcome Bags' filled with items generously donated by CAP, The Downhomer, Scholastic Canada, the Department of Education, and the Town of Gander. The local newspaper, *The Beacon*, dropped by and reported on the event. Feedback from staff on the workshop was outstanding! All in all, it was a day that was informative and fun! The workshop was a success in every way!

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES Annapolis Valley Regional Library Community Access Program (CAP)

The 2003-04 fiscal year represents the last year of CAP sustainability funding as it is now structured. Access to funding will be very different in the coming year. The structure of the federally funded program is changing. A meeting of Nova Scotia CAP coordinators and chairs was held in Ingonish, May 22 - 25. This session was designed to identify issues and tasks that can be dealt with on a provincial level. CAP continues to have a strong voice in Nova Scotia.

Aging computers will be replaced in branches through CAP funds in this fiscal year.

MultiLIS

Work is underway to prepare for the migration from our MultiLIS automated library system to Sirsi. Sirsi is a Windows-based system replacing the present text-based product now used by staff.

Users with library cards from other regional libraries have been encouraged to use that card instead of getting one of ours when registering in our database. This provincially promoted program has meant that library users of more than one region do not have to have a wallet full of cards. The new library system

will not support this program. Branch staff will begin the process of issuing our cards to these users over the next six months.

Electronic documents will have records in our catalogue, enabling such documents as the Romanow Report to be easily accessed by our users.

Smart Libraries Project

The focus of the Smart Libraries project has turned to sustainability. Development of the tools needed to maintain the site after this final year of funding will be refined. Enhancement and new features for the public will also be added. Additional forms have been added to encourage communication with the users of the site.

Charlotte Janes and Virginia Stoddart of Western Counties Regional Library, our partner in the project, have been asked to make presentations discussing the Smart Libraries Project. A presentation was made at the Smart Cities Summit in Ottawa to an audience of community groups and businesses. In May they were speakers in a workshop at the Atlantic Provinces Library Association conference in St. John's. Components of the project are getting interest from a variety of groups. The combination of technology and programming being used for the Smart Libraries project can be applied to almost any organization.

The Seniors Café will be replaced with a "Reference Shelf" in the next few months. Usage of the site is being monitored using several different tools. Statistics will be used to determine further development.

Summer Youth

Through various funding avenues youth will be employed to deliver summer programs in many of our locations. Some of

these will be related to technology. Computer camps for children is just one of the ideas being considered.

Branch Services Report

Exciting March Break activities were offered at various branches and were well attended. Kentville Library held a week full of programs which included a family storytime, rock painting, and a mini-carnival. The events concluded with a magic show (attended by 70+) sponsored by the Kentville Friends of the Library. Wolfville branch hosted mask and necklace-making workshops. Registration was originally set at 15, then expanded to 20, and finally a second set of workshops was required! Middleton's March Break storytime featured a visit from the bookmobile and participants enjoyed a tour and stories on the bus.

In April, during Easter week, artist Dave Sanford was a guest at the Middleton library. He spent an afternoon working on site creating his magnificent Ukrainian eggs. Many library users stopped by to view his work and ask questions.

A new six-week *Babies and Books* program is taking place at the Wolfville Memorial Library. This is a "lapsit" program designed for babies from newborn to two years old and involves songs, books, finger plays and fun.

Thanks to Western Valley Development Authority staff person Darlene Fox, we were able to offer a 6-week progressive series of computer workshops to meet the demand in Annapolis Royal and Lawrencetown libraries.

The Friends of the Windsor Regional Library launched an official fund-raising campaign for a new library. Residents Hugh & Mary Roddis (who formerly donated \$50,000) have offered to match further dona-

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

tions of up to \$300,000. The land has been provided by the town and an architect employed to further develop the plans. The Friends' goal is to construct an environmentally-sensitive, 4000-square-foot building that meets current library standards.

Total regional circulation is up by 7% over last year. Middleton is enjoying yet another 20% increase in circulation, partly as a result of last summer's expansion project. With the construction of Lawrence-town's new facility in 2002, circulation is up by 10%.

On May 28th, our annual staff in-service was held in Bridgetown. All valley branches are closed on this day, and book-mobiles are off the road, allowing about 65 staff members from all levels of library service to exchange ideas via discussion groups and workshops. The

morning was spent in round-table discussions where five library situational questions, ranging from budget issues to patron/staff concerns, were presented and possible solutions brought forth. A visit from author/forensic psychologist Dr. Brad Kelln was popular, and afternoon workshop topics included Programming, Reference Questions, and Digital Cameras.

Halifax Regional Library: Impressive Increases in Library Usage

The Library's been busy. Recent statistics show that close to three million people visited HRL last year, taking advantage of a huge selection of services, programs, and learning opportunities.

Overall, increases indicate that the Library continues to attract new users and meet an ever-growing demand for services and materials.

The largest increases over the last year were in the number of holds people placed on library items (673,778, a 30% increase over last year), in the number of new people registering for a library card (29,664 people or a 28.9% increase) and in the number of people attending adult programs (25,147 adults attended 1,774 programs, a 27.6% increase over 2001-2002). Also impressive were the 572,966 remote library visits via e-branch (a 26.8 % increase) and the 4,362,100 items (a 12.4% increase) borrowed by HRL patrons over the last year.

Also worth noting is the steady increase of online activity on e-branch (www.halifax.library.ns.ca). This virtual branch has seen incredible activity, with 572,996 people visiting the site over the last year and an impressive 1,073,450 since its May 2001 launch.

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Official Opening of Sackville's IT Lab

The Sackville C@P Association recently celebrated the official opening of its Sackville Information Technology Learning Centre, located at the Sackville Public Library. The event was well-attended with MP Geoff Regan (representing the Honourable Allan Rock), Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville, MLA Barry Barnett, Councillors Robert Harvey and Brad Johns, Library Board Member Leo McKenna, Nova Scotia C@P Manager Bernard Hart, and Sackville C@P Association Chair Bill Gard all in attendance for the opening.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off

The Library launched its 21st annual Summer Reading Program at Pier 21 with a successful event featuring performance artists Zuppa Circus. His Worship Mayor Peter Kelly was in attendance and mingled and chatted with the close to 240 children from four HRM schools who attended the event.

To participate in the program, this year entitled "Summer Reading Quest," children ages three and up simply registered at their local library branch or mobile library, picked up a provided reading log, and then kept track of library books read throughout the summer. Along the way they also earned rewards and great prizes.

The Summer Reading Program fosters a love of reading in school-age and preschool-age children and helps readers maintain their reading skills over the summer. The Summer Reading Kick-Off and Program are generously sponsored by Imperial Oil.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES SLIS Student Achievements

(Submitted by Fiona Black)

This term has been as active and productive as ever for students enrolled in the MLIS program at Dalhousie. Two students have successfully completed theses: Leo Deveau completed his study "The Canadian Information Highway Debate and the Experience of Public Access in Rural Communities, 1993-1999," and Michelle Helliwell completed her research project "Understanding Information Behaviour of Parents in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit."

Student research papers drawn from either thesis work or supervised independent reading courses are being presented and or published in a variety of scholarly venues this year. Charles Maina and Michelle Helliwell presented papers at the conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science, which is a part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences held in Halifax this May. Charles' paper is "Valuing Information in an Information Age: The Price Model and the Emerging Information Divide Among Individuals, Societies and Nations" and Michelle's paper is "Building Information Bridges Between Parents and Health Care Providers in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit." Ruth Cordes not only presented her paper, but was also the "Student to CAIS Award" winner with her "Is Grey Literature Ever Used? A Case Study of Citations of Publications of GESAMP, an International, Non-governmental Scientific Organization," which will be published in the *Canadian Journal for Information and Library Science*. Papers co-authored by students and faculty include Francesca Frati's "Never Disgraced by

Unbecoming or Trivial Prints': *The Canadian Illustrated News, 1869-1883*" for the Bibliographical Society of Canada conference (with Fiona Black); Anne MacKinnon's "Beyond the Models: The Language of Print Culture" for the conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing" (with Bertrum MacDonald); and Heather Sanderson's "Practitioners' Perspectives on Competencies for Academic Librarians" (with Fiona Black).

Students from Vivian Howard's classes in Children's and YA materials and services are contributing articles to the *Encyclopedia of YA Literature* edited by Bernice Cullinan and Bonnie Kunzel. For example, Michele Hilton is writing on William Gibson, Christopher Golden, Anne Frank, C.J. Cherryh and Connie Willis. Annette McIntyre, another of Ms. Howard's students, has a paper appearing in the 2003 issue of YA YA (a publication of CLA's YA SIG). Annette's paper is entitled: "Learning to Speak: Female 'Voice' in Popular Young Adult Novels."

A super initiative, spearheaded by Heather Berringer, has been the Professional Partnering under the aegis of the CLA Student Chapter at SLIS. Over forty individuals are now involved in this and while most professionals are in or near Halifax, some from further afield have also become involved. More partners are always welcome. Heather was also the winner of the NSLA essay prize and, as such, attended the NSLA conference this past year. Two competitions, one funded by SLIS and one by CLA, have recently been won by Elizabeth Millar and M.J. D'Elia who both attended the CLA conference in Toronto in June.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand

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ACADEMIC LIBRARIES University of Prince Edward Island

"No, we *don't* get the summer off!" There is a lot on the go at the Robertson this summer, most notably our migration to a new Sirsi Unicorn system. We're also reviewing and reorganizing our Reference section and our indexes and abstracts, continuing our Conspectus project, auditioning some new electronic reference titles (e.g. Grovemusic.com), updating our website and research guides, and continuing our Internal Review of all aspects of the Library's resources and services. On top of that, there are conferences to attend, and we also have to try to work in a bit of vacation. Amazingly, though, there are still a dedicated few who make the time to work in our garden, which benefited recently from a plant exchange organized by the Library's Joy MacLaine as part of a gardening-themed "wellness" day.

Holland College

It's the lazy, hazy days of summer! Who are we kidding? Things are only heating up at Holland College. Library staff was busy throughout the month of June participating in numerous professional development activities offered by the College. Staff is also working hard preparing and updating orientation and instructional materials for the fall, inventorying collec-

tions, and updating and revising web pages. The College recently instituted a new corporate logo, which will require a complete revision of the library website along with other promotional materials.

Donald Moses and Andrea Stewart attended the APLA Conference in St. John's, NL where they presented alongside other Smart Communities projects in the session "Smart Libraries and Smart Communities: Building the Future Together". They outlined their experiences setting up islandlibraries.ca, a Prince Edward Island library consortium consisting of Holland College, the University of Prince Edward, and the Provincial Library System.

islandlibraries.ca

The server for the virtual reference portion of islandlibraries.ca has been set up and work is well underway with Donald Moses reviewing and testing various software applications. The first release of the virtual reference system, tentatively called IsleAsk, is slated for the end of the summer.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES PEI Provincial Library Technical Services

(Submitted by Larry Tweed)

The PEI Provincial Library Service recently upgraded its online catalogue. It is running Dynix as its library management software and the company has replaced its Webpac catalogue with the Horizon Information Portal (formerly the Ipac). This interface is sleek and fast, and patron reaction has been quite favourable. It offers new capabilities such as the ability to email search results. Visit our home page at www.library.pe.ca and follow the Provincial Library Catalogue link to try it out.

A General Keyword index was

recently created to add a new way of accessing the collection of 250,000 titles. Along with Author, Title and Subject MARC fields, it indexes many of the 5xx note fields, which can be quite helpful for successful searching. For example, combining the term "index" or "bibliographical" with other search terms can be useful for research projects, and audio-book patrons can include the terms "unabridged" or "abridged" to help them with their selection.

Technical Services continues to update PEI Provincial Library holdings in Amicus in order to keep this database as accurate as possible. In April, 3,500 new holdings were added and since April, 1,500 holdings were deleted. The upload schedule is every three months, so more records will be added in July. Since Amicus is not a live database, there will be times when PEI Provincial Library holdings (like the holdings of all libraries that use Amicus for ILL) that have actually been withdrawn from the system will still appear in Amicus.

Branch Services

(Submitted by Norma Collier)

The Storysack program was introduced to PEI Public Libraries on June 9th. Through a project partnered by the PEI Literacy Alliance, the PEI Dept. of Education, the Provincial Women's Institute, the Early Childhood Development Association, and the Provincial Correctional Centre, Storysacks have been placed in ten branch libraries, with more to follow as additional Storysacks are produced for libraries. Each Storysack is unique and builds a variety of charming activities around the theme of the storybook in each sack.

Volunteers from various agencies have put together many imaginative ideas such as games, skits, and word games,

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making this resource a fun family literacy activity. The Provincial Correctional Centre's woodworking shop has taken an enthusiastic approach to helping develop the sacks. The inmates made wooden puzzle pictures from the "Little Engine That Could" and are now making wooden figures of the story's characters.

Originally the Storysacks program was developed to provide parents who have literacy difficulties with a resource to share a reading activity with their children. It has since become broadly used by many parents, teachers, librarians and speech and language professionals.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Distinguished Administrator of the Year Award for outstanding support and leadership in Island schools was presented to Mr. Gordon Ellis, Principal of Birchwood Intermediate School, Charlottetown. The award was presented by his teacher-librarian, Jo-Anne White, and Sandi Reddin at the Eastern School District's Principals' meeting on May 28.

Two members of PEITLA completed their Diplomas in School Librarianship at UPEI this year: Jo-Anne White and Sue Geddes.

To encourage participation in the Diploma in School Librarianship Program, and to encourage consideration of our profession as a career choice, PEITLA offered two \$200 bursaries for the introductory course this spring. The worthy recipients were Melissa Adams and Jill Coffin.

Our PEITLA Annual Meeting was held at Athena Consolidated School. The meeting was well-attended and included a presentation on her new website by Dale MacNevin, illustrator of

David Weale's books, *Crumbfest* and *Everything That Shines*. Dale was accompanied by her publisher, Laurie Brinklow of Acorn Press. The website may be accessed through www.acornpresscanada.com.

Our year ended on a much

more positive note than it began, as Gar Andrew's staffing and funding report on Island education has recommended basically the standards in the Minister's Directive on School Libraries (2000) that PEITLA advocated so

APLA Memorial Award Committee Annual Report 2002-2003

The winner of the 2003 APLA Memorial Award is Barry Cull, Information Services Librarian from the University of New Brunswick. Mr. Cull's research project, entitled "Information Literacy at Atlantic Canada University Libraries", is a qualitative study of selected under-



Barry Cull

graduate information literacy programs at university libraries in Atlantic Canada. The study involves in-depth interviews with instructional librarians at four university campuses in the region.

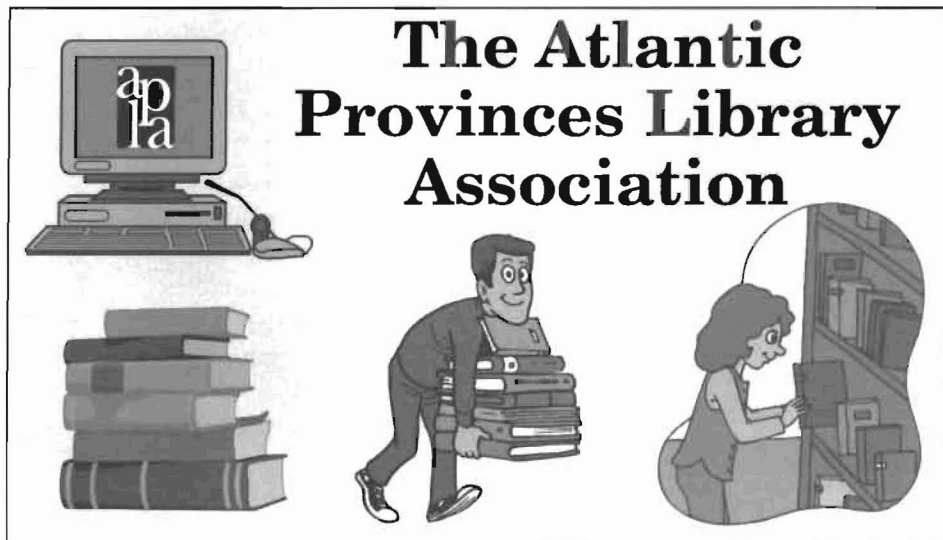
Submitted by Angela Lonardo

Access to Government Information Interest Group Annual Report 2002-2003

This year the group sponsored its first APLA session. Elizabeth Hamilton, Government Documents Librarian, Harriet Irving Library, University of New

Brunswick, gave a session providing tips on navigating the Statistics Canada Web site and finding 2001 census data.

Submitted by James Watson



Carin Alma E Somers Scholarship Trust Committee Annual Report 2002-2003

At the annual meeting in Saint John's, NL, Laurette Mackey announced that Jannah MacCarville was the 2003 recipient of the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

Jannah is from Charlottetown, PE and is entering the Master's in Library and Information Studies program for the

2003-2004 school year. Jannah learned about the Scholarship through Dalhousie's SLIS website.

Jannah has her Bachelor of Arts with a major in History from UPEI and a Bachelor of Education from The University of Western Ontario.

Jannah is presently working

at the Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island. Having been accepted by many schools, Jannah has decided to attend McGill. We wish her great success in her studies.

Submitted by
Laurette Mackey

New Librarians and Information Professionals Interest Group Annual Report 2002-2003

Six new (and not so new) librarians gathered at Oliver's restaurant on Water St. in St. John's on Friday, May 23 to mark the inaugural event of the New Librarians and Information Professionals Interest Group. A most enjoyable evening began with an icebreaker requiring people to provide definitions for unique Newfoundland and Labrador expressions such as "scoff 'n' scuff," "mauzy," and "gut-foundered." After some hilarity, two prizes were awarded and participants were encouraged to use their new vocabulary during the rest of their stay in St. John's. The food and conversation were excellent and a toast was raised to the newest librarian in the party, Heather Sanderson, who had just graduated the previous day from Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies (winning the Director's award for the highest academic achievement) and caught a late-night flight to attend the conference. After dinner, the group went to George

Street to listen to some live music, have a few drinks and take in some local colour.

Many thanks are due to Christine Davies, from the CBC Radio/Music Library & Archives in St. John's, who acted as local arrangements co-ordinator for the gathering. Christine was also kind enough to take participants for a pre-dinner trip up to Signal Hill for a lovely view of St. John's and a sighting of a distant iceberg.

The group is now working towards events for APLA 2004 in Moncton. We hope to organize a session at the conference on the value of mentoring new librarians so they thrive (not just survive) during the first few years on the job. Another idea which has been suggested is a job link centre. Please get in touch with me if you would like more details about this interest group. I am also particularly interested in hearing about events you would like the group to organize at the conference.

Submitted by Emma Cross

Vice-President/ President Elect's Annual Report 2002-2003

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Association this past year. For someone new to the executive of the Association, the position of Vice-President/President Elect is very important as a learning experience. Many thanks to Elaine MacLean and members of the executive for showing me the ropes by your example. This has been an excellent opportunity for me to see at first hand the spirit of support and cooperation in the Association and I believe this is our strength. Committees have been working with their conveners and I have yet to find conveners for three Interest Groups. One of the highlights of the year for me has been the support of APLA for the hosting of an IFLA (International Federations of Library Associations and Institutions) conference in Québec City in 2008. We should know the decision at the Berlin conference in August. The last meeting in Canada was in Montréal in 1982. The conference is an excellent opportunity for library people to see the international aspects of library service.

Submitted by
Laurette Mackey

Nominations and Elections Committee Annual Report 2002-2003

Executive offices requiring nominations for 2003/2004 included Vice President/President Elect, Vice President (New Brunswick), Vice President (Prince Edward Island), Vice President (Membership), and Treasurer.

A committee was established consisting of Norine Hanus, Andrea Stewart, and Jeanne Maddix. A call for nominations was made in the *APLA Bulletin* and on the listserv with a closing date of February 28, 2003. All positions were filled by acclamation.

The new executive members are:

- **Vice President/President Elect:** Allan Groen, Provincial Librarian, Prince Edward Island
- **Vice President, New Brunswick:** Mireille Mercure, Bibliothèque Le Cormoran, Saint John
- **Vice President, Prince Edward Island:** Shirley MacLeod, CISTI, Charlottetown
- **Vice President, Membership:** Shelley Gullikson, Mount Allison University Library
- **Treasurer:** Denise Corey-Fancy, Mount Saint Vincent University Library

Our thanks to these people for offering their service to APLA. I feel that they will serve you well.

Submitted by Norine Hanus

Because of space constraints, the APLA Treasurer's Report 2002-2003, the Financial Examiner's Report 2002-2003, Financial Statements for 2002-2003 and Budget for 2003-2004 will appear in the next issue.

Secretary's Annual Report 2002-2003

A variety of activities were completed during the year:

- attended all Executive Meetings and took minutes for these and several committee meetings
- sat on the Communications and Public Relations Committee
- became the list manager of APLAEXEC-L and APLACONV-L
- had the APLA Directories printed (an intermediate step between the VP Membership and the *Bulletin* Editors)
- designed a new APLA Motion sheet
- wrote numerous letters on our behalf, some to award winners, some to our professional associations and some to government officials
- kept the files in order to be passed on to the next APLA secretary, Leanne Wells

Submitted by Gwendolyn MacNairn



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APLA Prize Committee Annual Report 2002-2003

The winner of the 2003 APLA Prize is Heather Berringer -- an outstanding student who is very involved in association activities! She was the Chair of the CLA Student Chapter, served as Secretary of SLISSA, won an award to attend the NSLA conference last fall, was the SLIS Student-to-CLA for last summer's conference in Halifax, almost single-handedly organized the Professional Partnering programme at SLIS this year ... and on and on. A truly deserving winner!

Heather has a BA in French from Acadia University (2001) and an MLIS from Dalhousie (2003). Last summer and this past academic year she had a Student Intern position at the



Dal SLIS faculty member Vivian Howard congratulates APLA Prize winner Heather Berringer.

Killam Library. She has recently accepted a position as Reference Librarian at Carleton University Library.

Submitted by Judy Dunn

Youth Services Interest Group Annual Report 2002-2003

The Youth Services Interest Group now has eleven members, as well as six people who have expressed an interest in joining but are not currently members of APLA.

At last year's APLA confer-

ence, several people suggested having a workshop on library programs for babies. A one-day workshop was planned for November 2002 with a morning session on babies in the library and an afternoon session on programming ideas for introducing children to Shakespeare. Participants were welcome to attend one or both sessions. Funding for this workshop was received from the APLA General Activities Fund. However, this workshop had to be postponed because of the illness of one of the presenters, and it is now hoped that it will take place in the fall of 2003

Submitted by Nancy Cohen

Committee on Aims and Objectives Annual Report 2002-2003

At the April executive meeting, the following aims and objectives were identified for the 2003-2004 year:

1. Support the efforts of the Communications and Public Relations Committee and actively participate in the promotion of APLA.
2. Update the conference manual.
3. Continue communications with national library organizations and develop some international connections with other library associations.
4. Support continuing education efforts for our members through teleconference and by partnering with other institutions.

Submitted by Laurette Mackey

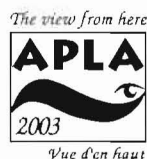
Computers and Connectivity Interest Group Annual Report 2002-2003

The group continues to sponsor sessions at the annual conference. At APLA 2003 the group sponsored two sessions. I gave a session on the Invisible or Deep Web. Gordon Bertrand, Head of Systems/Support, Angus L. Macdonald Library, St. Francis Xavier University, gave a session on fine-tuning public workstation desktops.

Submitted by James Watson

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association





AACR Too Many Changes?

Dr. Louise Spiteri, Assistant Professor, School of Library & Information Studies, Dalhousie University

Even those who do not work with AACR2 every day would have found Louise Spiteri's session on recent changes in AACR2 informative, practical, and enjoyable. An enthusiasm and appreciation for cataloguing and for its important place within the field of librarianship characterized the workshop.

The session focused on chapters nine and twelve of AACR2, Electronic Resources and Continuing Resources respectively. As more and more electronic items are being added to library catalogues, an overview of recent changes to the cataloguing rules governing these materials was welcome. The definition of an electronic resource has been broadened to encompass all electronic resources encoded for manipulation by a computerized device, including home pages. The most significant rule change relates to the chief source of information for electronic items. The chief source of information is now the entire resource itself, and not just the title screen. Even encoded metadata can be the source for the title field in a MARC record.

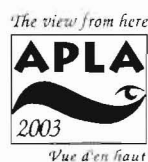
For many, serials cataloguing may be the most challenging aspect of cataloguing. The new rules in chapter twelve of AACR2 (Continuing Resources, including updating web sites and loose-leafs) may not simplify the cataloguing of serials, as more subjectivity is permitted. Because of a desire for fewer new records and ISSNs, the rules for changes in title have been altered. Now a

major change in the title proper of a serial is needed for a new record. A minor change in title should simply be recorded in a note field. The assumption underlying the new rule is that only those changes that indicate a new work or a change in scope, subject, or end-users should result in a new serial record.

We could have spent much more time poring over AACR2

and its new rules. Louise Spiteri did an excellent job of concentrating on two essential chapters and giving the workshop members a good balance of theory and practice. We will probably need more such sessions as AACR2 evolves from its textual roots to meet the requirements of an increasingly electronic environment.

Allison Fulford



First Timer's Conference Report

APLA 2003 was a week of firsts for me. It was the first time I have been to Newfoundland and Labrador, the first time I have been to an APLA conference, and the first time I've had to give a treasurer's report. To top it all off, it was also the first time that I saw an iceberg! I have to say it was well worth the time and effort to prepare and go.

The conference afforded me an excellent learning experience as well as an opportunity to socialize with library workers at all levels and from all different kinds of institutions. I attended as many sessions as I could fit in and often found it hard to choose between sessions of interest.

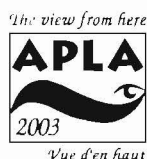
The city of St. John's was truly beautiful and I did manage to find a little time to go exploring, although not as much as I would have liked. Despite being busy, I did find time to make a quick stop on George Street. I

know that I'll have to return to Newfoundland sometime with my husband in tow. Suzanne Sexty was also kind enough to take several of us out for a tour along the coast. I'd also like to thank Elizabeth and Dick for taking the time to give us a tour of the Queen Elizabeth II library. It's always fascinating to explore another library and see how it's set up.

For anyone who has not gone to an APLA conference, I would definitely recommend it.

Denise Corey-Fancy





Take a Gander at Online Digital Library Materials in Atlantic Canada

Gillian Webster, Information & Network Services Librarian, Nova Scotia Provincial Library

Gillian Webster began her session by providing a clear definition of digital library materials as materials converted from a paper format rather than purchased electronic resources. The purpose of her session was to showcase digital projects in Atlantic Canada that are associated with libraries. She indicated that this was difficult as libraries are not often listed in the website credits, even if there is a library contribution. Gillian chose four digital collections to explore, one from each Atlantic province.

The *Lucy Maud Montgomery Collection* is the most sophisticated of the four collections. A collaboration between many partners including the Canadian Heritage Information Network and the Confederation Centre Art Gallery, the collection contains digitized images, manuscripts and scrapbooks, as well as value-added features such as an interactive zone for children.

The *Newfoundland Digital Postcard Collection* was developed by the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board of Newfoundland and Labrador. A website was created containing images of postcards from a print collection organized by subject and an option that allows visitors to order prints of the postcards for a fee.

The *PANB/UNB Grantbook Database* is an index of land settlement records in New Brunswick from 1765-1900. Created by the Provincial

Archives of New Brunswick with the University of New Brunswick, the Grantbook is not yet complete. It is hoped that more of the grants can be digitized and search features improved in the future.

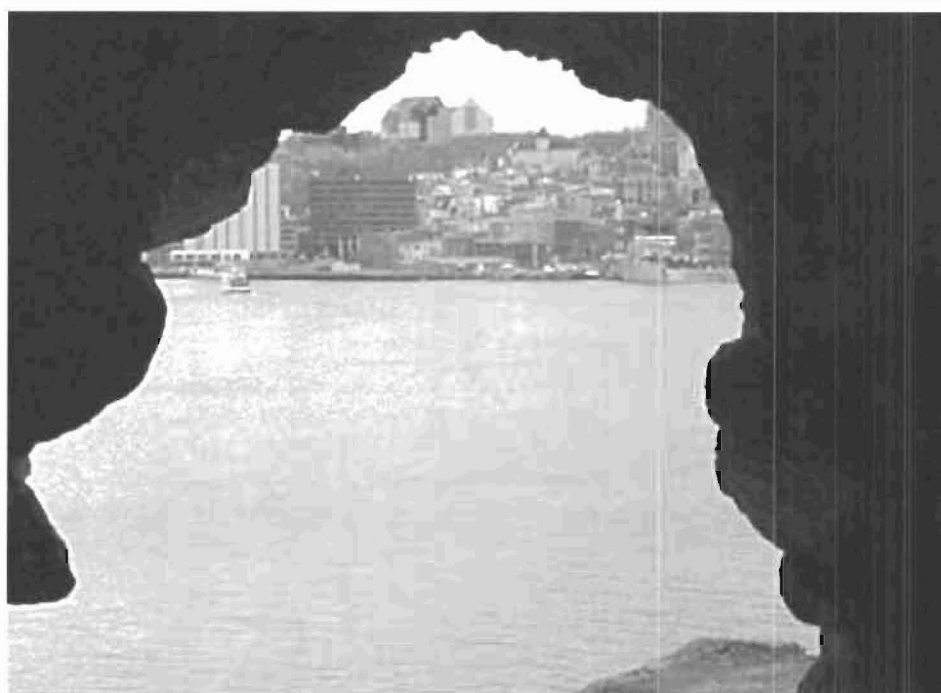
The *Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) War Cenotaphs* project is an online memorial created by PARL to honour war veterans in Antigonish and Pictou Counties. The collection began with a donation to the Library of a scrapbook containing local newspaper clippings dating back to World War II. Still growing, the collection now includes veterans of Waterloo and World War I, and is linked to the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

Gillian completed her look at

the projects with an analysis of the benefits of digitizing collections. Some of these are: enhancing access to collections; extending the life of fragile materials; increasing visibility for the organizations involved in the project; and perhaps most important, fostering collaboration and resource-sharing between organizations involved in digitization.

For more information on digital projects in Canada, Gillian suggested two resources: the Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries (CIDL) at www.nlc-bnc.ca/cidl/ and the Nova Scotia Digital Collections Initiative (NSDCI) at www.library.ns.ca/services/NSDCI/.

Gillian Byrne



View of St. John's from the Battery. Photo by Elizabeth Johnson.



Margin and Centre: History of the Book in Canada

Dr. Bill Barker, Head, Department of English Language and Literature, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Sandi Hannaford, Independent Scholar

Dr. Bertrum MacDonald, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University

As advertised, this session provided an introduction to the History of the Book in Canada (HBiC / HLIC) project, as well as examples of research covered and inspired by the HBiC / HLIC. Dr. MacDonald, a member of the HBiC / HLIC editorial team (Editor of Electronic Resources), began the session by providing an overview of the project. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the HBiC / HLIC will produce a three-volume history of the book from "the beginnings" (the time of first European contact) to 1980. The printed volumes will be available in both English and French editions and will be accompanied by a suite of electronic resources intended to help stimulate scholarship.

Volume I, covering the beginnings to 1840, is scheduled to be published in 2004 by the University of Toronto Press (in English) and Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal (in French). Volumes II and III cover 1840 - 1918 and 1918 - 1980, respectively. Volume III will also include an epilogue covering 1980 - 2000.

Dr. MacDonald spoke briefly about the production of the volumes, explaining how anyone with an interest in the project was free to submit a proposal for inclusion in the History and how, after submitting their pieces to

the editors, the approximately forty contributors to Volume I met to discuss and revise each others' contributions.

As an example of work inspired by the HBiC / HLIC, Sandi Hannaford, who will be contributing to Volumes II and III of the History, read from a paper describing her work on the Mockbeggar Library (books belonging to Senator F. Gordon Bradley, Newfoundland's first federal cabinet minister after Confederation). The Mockbeggar Plantation is now a Provincial Historic site and Ms. Hannaford is producing a bibliographic inventory of books belonging to the Mockbeggar Library.

The third presenter, Dr. Barker, read an excerpt from his entry, "Book History in Newfoundland to 1840," and addressed some of the problems of writing a history of the book in Newfoundland. He noted, for example, that prior to 1840, Newfoundland had a reading culture but no literary culture; a literary culture developed later in the century. He also emphasized the importance of newspapers as one of the best sources for finding records of what books were bought and sold, book clubs, etc, and pointed to the need for a thorough survey of newspaper records.

Dr. MacDonald concluded the session with an overview of the project's electronic resources. In

addition to the three-volume History, there will be a total of five databases created, three of which are currently accessible: *Bibliography of the History of the Book in Canada* (publications on the history of print culture in Canada from the 16th century to the present), *Canadian Book Catalogues* (records of publicly accessible printed catalogues relating to book history and print culture in Canada from its beginnings to 1950), and *Canadian Textbooks* (bibliographic descriptions of Canadian textbooks, excluding Québec). The other two databases, *Canadian Book Trade and Library Index* (individuals and organizations relating to the book and allied trades in Canada) and *Canadian Imprints* (imprints, excluding newspapers, from the Atlantic Provinces, Québec, and Ontario from 1752 to 1840), are forthcoming. Dr. MacDonald provided a quick demonstration of the first database. For more information about the databases, or to access the three that are currently available, go to www.dal.ca/hbic-hlic. Additional information about the HBiC / HLIC project can be found at the project's main website at www.hbic.library.utoronto.ca.

Jeff Lilburn



Program-Integrated Instruction: Putting the Pieces Together

Margy MacMillan, Instructional Librarian,
Library, Mount Royal College

As indicated in the conference program, Ms. MacMillan's excellent session focussed on how librarians at Mount Royal College in Calgary have begun the transition from course-integrated instruction to program-integrated instruction. Drawing on examples from classes designed for Chemistry and Journalism students, Ms. MacMillan discussed how librarians and "civilians" (non-librarian faculty members) have built a relationship in which librarians are seen as "full partners" in the teaching process and how they have designed a series of instructional sessions and assignments that reflect student needs and program learning objectives. In other words, Ms. MacMillan explained how the library has begun to integrate library instruction into the curriculum of specific programs. She also explained how the library was able to build on and to take advantage of the recently developed "College-wide Learning Outcomes" - six key skills that Mount Royal College students are expected to demonstrate once they complete their program. One of the outcomes is "Information Retrieval and Evaluation": see the College's Curriculum Renewal page at www.mtroyal.ab.ca/cr/ for more details.

Ms. MacMillan then discussed several specific assignments and the outcomes each was designed to achieve. One assignment, the Chemical Mystery Tour created

for Chemistry 2203, used a murder mystery scenario to get students to find information about six chemical substances by using a variety of key sources (the *CRC Handbook*, *Sax's Dangerous Properties of Hazardous Materials*, etc). The assignment was also designed to encourage group work, peer teaching and fun! Another assignment, *Hunting Humans*, asked journalism students to produce a contact list (sources for sources) of five individuals and was intended to introduce students to deep web sources, print directories, local sources, etc.

Ms. MacMillan wrapped up the session by talking about assessment strategies and about her research on what she terms an "I-Skills" or "Information Skills and Knowledge for Lifelong Learning Success" résumé - a tool designed to

assess information literacy across disciplines. By creating and maintaining an I-Skills résumé, students are provided with an opportunity to identify and record their experiences with and knowledge of information tools and resources. In contrast to other assessment tools she has examined, Ms. MacMillan believes that the process of creating the résumé will benefit students by prompting them to reflect on what they know and on what they have learned.

For more information, and to access the assignments mentioned above, please see the online version of Ms. MacMillan's conference session handout at www2.mtroyal.ab.ca/~mmacmillan/conf/apla1.htm.

Jeff Lilburn



Outgoing President Elaine MacLean leads delegates in the APLA Oath: "I promise to attend all sessions and not skip off to chase icebergs!" Photo by Pat Parsons.



Archiving and Preservation of Digital Resources: Is the Future Secure?

Andy Spilioe, OCLC Canada

Deanna Graham, Journals Licensing Representative, Blackwell Publishing

Daviess Menefee, Director, Library Relations, the Americas, Elsevier

John Teskey for Vicky Reich, Director, LOCKSS Program

It was a pleasure to be given the opportunity to organize this session. It is a topic that consumes a lot of nervous energy, or more correctly, a topic that causes us to be nervous. The fact is that digital publishing is still in its infancy and there are numerous areas of active research including archiving and preservation.

I count myself on the optimistic side of this question, but it is a question that requires considerable discussion. That's why I had so much fun contacting potential presenters. There are many excellent speakers representing a variety of opinion.

In Andy Spilioe's presentation we learned about OCLC's journal aggregation program and OCLC's commitment to migrate this information into the future. We also learned about OCLC's digitization solutions such as Content DM and Olive, which allow libraries to easily undertake digitization projects with local collections and mount these files either locally or through OCLC.

Deanna Graham of Blackwell Publishing provided our first publisher perspective. It was clear that the move to digital publishing is affecting publisher views on archiving. In the paper medium, the publisher took care of the printing, warehousing, and distribution. Archiving was left to libraries or other subscribers. Electronic media changes the sales dynamic. Now the backfile is an active portion of the sales asset. Deanna did not present any single archiving solu-

tion, but indicated instead that Blackwell is working with a variety of aggregators who are locally loading and providing access and projects such as LOCKSS.

The next presenter was Daviess Menefee representing Elsevier. Elsevier has selected a very able Library Relations representative in Dr. Menefee. His background as a classicist and a librarian with development experience at OCLC and practice at Rice University Library allows him to address the many concerns of the library community. Elsevier committed to the move to digital processes very early, participating in a number of electronic publishing projects during the 90s, such as TULIP, which provided the necessary learning opportunities. Currently, Elsevier is following a number of strategies that will provide for long-term access of all of their content. Examples include their own electronic warehouse in Europe, the Science Direct platform in the US, several Science Direct local-load sites such as the University of Toronto, and the formal archiving agreement with the National Library of the Netherlands.

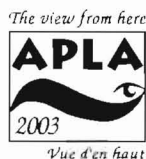
The last presentation was LOCKSS: Lots of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe. It was my pleasure to present on behalf of Vicky Reich. LOCKSS is a digital archiving project funded by Mellon. Unlike JSTOR, which is a centralized solution, LOCKSS returns libraries to a very basic and fun-

damental local responsibility. Within the LOCKSS model, each participating library mounts a server which maintains a local copy of all subscribed content. This is based on a specific "crawler" program, which regularly collects new issue information from participating publishers' sites. Further, regular comparisons are run within the LOCKSS network to ensure that any "bit rot" is caught and repaired. To ensure archival integrity, the minimum number of sites archiving a particular title is six. The LOCKSS project has been in development and is just now going into production. There is a need for both library participation and increased publisher agreements.

The general discussion with the presenters and participants was very active and covered a number of issues and eventually I had to call time. I was encouraged by the discussion and I think the optimism I feel is still justified.

The presentations engendered considerable discussion but needless to say there isn't a single answer. Indeed, a comment from Vicky Reich, who joined us electronically, makes an excellent conclusion. Her view is that whether a centralized or a distributed solution actually works won't be known till after we are all dead; better to have many solutions at work and in competition.

John Teskey



The Catalogue as Master File

Louise White, Head of Electronic Resources and Serials
Lisa Goddard, Manager of Information Services
Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University

Given the current proliferation of electronic resources in library collections, the focus of the session, The Catalogue as Master File, could not have been timelier. Providing access to electronic materials is challenging. Apart from outsourcing to vendors, librarians normally select from three routes of access: catalogue e-resources, list them alphabetically by title and/or by subject on web pages, or do both. The last option seems especially daunting, as it often involves duplication of an already mammoth amount of work. Increasingly, however, it is the kind of flexible access that Internet-savvy patrons expect.

At Memorial University the task of making the Library's electronic databases and journals accessible via its web page is being accomplished in a manageable way, thanks to a computer-assisted project. Louise White opened an informative presentation by recounting the background and planning stages of the project, which began in April 2002. The Library was already cataloguing its e-resources and there was a static list of databases on its web page. What was needed, however, was to create an easily-produced, easily-maintained, user-friendly, and active web listing of these materials. A team of cataloguing, reference, and systems personnel concluded that a system that worked with the library catalogue functioning as a master file offered the best solution to their needs. The cata-

logue contained much of the source data that were required and other information such as selected subject categories, URLs, and relevancy recommendations could be added to MARC fields and manipulated for display on the Library's web page.

Lisa Goddard gave the audience an overview of the customized system interfaces that were designed to achieve the project goals. Following a step-by-step outline of the technical details involved, Lisa described how specified data was extracted daily from MARC records and converted through various operations into a web format. To the speaker's credit, the complex interrelationships of MARC, Perl scripts, SQL servers, and ASP

queries were explained in a comprehensible manner.

There is much to be gained from this presentation from both practical and theoretical perspectives. Memorial's project offers a useful how-to guide for other libraries, complete with sample programming scripts. On a broader scale, the project not only reinforces the traditional value of maintaining standards at all stages of information management, but it also demonstrates the ingenuity of librarians as they encounter new challenges.

Presentation and starter kit:
staff.library.mun.ca/~lgoddard/APLA/

Sally Wood



Keynote Speaker Dr. Fiona Black gives a motivational and humorous talk on the need for continuing education. Photo by Pat Parsons.



The rise of E-Content Publishing

Peter Webster, Information Systems Librarian,
St. Mary's University

During Peter Webster's presentation, he had three statements in large font displayed behind him:

- Trade Book Publishing Total Market - \$11 Billion
- Business Professional Book Publishing Total Market - \$12 Billion
- Business & Professional On-line Information Total Market - **\$47 Billion.**

Yes, e-content publishing is on the rise in a variety of different movements. Peter provided quotations, statistics and a look at some publishers' websites to show examples of how publishers are changing their business focus and strategies with various mergers/acquisitions and re-packaging their e-content to provide a variety of products for different markets. This is referred to as "streaming content". These strategy and product changes, which can be achieved rapidly, are user-driven as more and more businesses are looking for specialized products and user-friendly, direct access. Therefore, when purchasing products, be sure that you are not purchasing a re-packaged version of the same information.

Peter also provided an update of publishers' current moves and progress in e-content publishing. He highlighted the Thompson company as an example. Starting off as a newspaper company, Thompson is now 80% electronic with access to their products through the Internet. He also mentioned how Reuters has been

very successful selling directly to the business community. In addition to creating simplified access to databases for direct consumer use, publishers are also seeing the need for specialized tools that will provide not just retrieval of information, but analysis as well. As librarians, we will need to understand how to use these tools. Peter also left us with some other points to consider:

- Libraries are only a small part of the e-content publishing market, but in this multi-faceted marketplace all customers add power.
- Understand what you are buying, the digital pool it

comes from, the market(s) it is focused on, and how it is updated.

- Be prepared for less emphasis (not no emphasis) on print publishing. Remember that your favourite print publication needs your support in the market place.
- Be prepared for more complex online products, more mixed media products, more direct-to-user products, and more "free" advertising-supported products.
- Be prepared to work collectively to set prices and conditions in a large e-content publisher dominated universe.

Shirley MacLeod



Author Michael Crummey. Photo by Elizabeth Johnson.

2003 APLA Merit Award Citation: Joy Tillotson

Standing Order 9.08 of the constitution and bylaws of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association establishes the **Atlantic Provinces Library Association Merit Award** and specifies "This honour shall be awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution(s) to library service in the Atlantic Provinces."

There is no mention in the standing order, however, of the delight we take in meeting *en famille* to honour one of our own and in watching the recipient squirm as accomplishments are recited. It is as well, for tonight we honour one who cannot be here, although it is not clear to me whether she would be sadder for missing the presentation or the dance that follows.

The winner of the APLA Merit Award for 2003 is Joy Tillotson.

Joy Glenys Tillotson graduated from Acadia University with a B.Sc in Mathematics in 1974 and continued her studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland where she was granted a Master of Science degree in Mathematics in 1978. She also attended the Banff School of Drama and fine arts in 1973, working in stagecraft and design. This footnote in her academic career gives an early indication of the breadth of interest that we all associate with Joy.

In 1977 she applied for a bursary from Memorial University to attend Simmons College in Boston as a student in that school's Library Science program. She was successful in her application and in 1979 she graduated with a Master's in Library Science.

Thus began a particularly productive career in librarianship that included appointments at Memorial and at the Marine Dynamics branch of CISTI in St.



Dick Ellis gives a moving tribute to our dear friend Joy Tillotson. Photo by Pat Parsons.

John's and a long association with the Library Studies program in the Division of Continuing Studies at Memorial.

She served as editor of the *APLA Bulletin* for volumes 48, 49, 59, and 60. She served on the APLA executive from 1986/7 to 1988/9, being president in 1987/88, and again in 1992/93 as secretary and as Vice-President Membership in 1999/2000. It should be noted that Joy, having asked Sue Sexty to serve as her secretary during the 1986/87 presidency, was not afraid to serve, in turn, as Sue's secretary during 1992/93. The woman was fearless.

In addition to her contributions to APLA, she served on the CLA Council, on the CACUL Executive and on the CLA Monograph Editorial Board. Locally, she served on the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association, the executive of the Memorial University Faculty Association and, during her sojourn at the CISTI Branch, on the Professional Institute of the Public Service: St. John's Branch Executive.

Her CV lists 21 publications in journals such as the *Pacific Journal of Mathematics*, the *Proceedings of the American Society for Engineering Education*, *CD-ROM Professional*, and

College and Research Libraries. Most recently, her article "Web Site Evaluation: A Survey of Undergraduates," published in *Online Information Review*, was judged to be the best article published by that journal in that year (2002). Her last article, "A Portrait of the Audience for Instruction in Web Searching," is in press at the *Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science*.

Joy was a constant contributor to conferences, presenting "Do They Really Believe It's All New and Good?" last year in Halifax at the joint APLA/CLA conference.

This is a citation for a merit award, not a eulogy. However, we contribute in many ways and one is by example. I see nothing in the conditions of this award that precludes mentioning the contribution Joy made by setting an example of healthy and productive practice.

Remember that summer session at the Banff School of Fine Arts? In Joy we have an example of a professional whose interests ranged widely, from basketball to band practice.

Think of that award-winning article. In Joy we have an example of continuing intellectual engagement in the problems of the discipline itself, combined with a desire to learn and the time management habits that allow one to make the most of one's intellectual engagement.

Joy spent the 2001/02 academic year in the graduate diploma program at McGill University and came out of that intensive academic experience with two conference presentations and two articles in refereed journals.

It has been related to me that Joy found it inexplicable, when at McGill, that faculty were too

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busy to take time for a nice lunch and a chat. Joy always had time for lunch as a social as well as a biochemical event.

Remember the stint as Sue Sexty's secretary? Joy would take on work others found difficult or daunting and carry it off without appearing the least flustered.

Above all, Joy was a social

person, inspiring friendship in others and understanding the social bonds that hold us all together and what it took to nurture them.

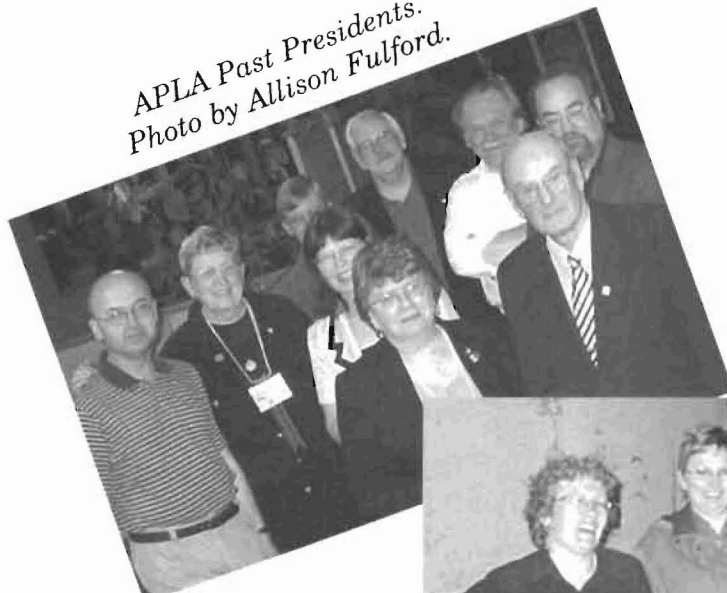
Joy gave us an example of a complete and grounded individual who became a complete and grounded practitioner. A signal achievement, and one we honour tonight.

The Standing Orders of the Association specify, in some detail (we are who we are, after all), the character of a pewter mug to be given to the winner. I would like to call upon Jim Tillotson, Joy's brother, who is with us tonight, to accept the award on behalf of Joy and to say a few words.

Richard Ellis

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*APLA Past Presidents.
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Two Gwens. Photo by Shirley MacLeod.



*Delegates out on the town.
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*Socializing at the Merit Award banquet.
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*Iceberg off Logy Bay.
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