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## APLA 2006 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS!

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY STEPHEN LEWIS

The APLA 2006 conference opened on an inspirational and emotional note. Keynote speaker, Stephen Lewis, lost no time in telling us what a powerful role we can play, as librarians, in providing Book Aid to developing countries. Lewis shared stories of horrific experiences, as he relayed the ongoing plight of the forgotten children in Africa, where two million children are infected with AIDS. He reinforced the universal appeal of books and reading, the magic that captures children, allowing them to dream, hope, fantasize, and even overcome disabilities. Children everywhere in the world have that inherent sense of inquiry, and children in Africa are no different. Lewis shared a story of 20,000 children who were abducted and had their limbs amputated. As he visited torso after torso in the makeshift hospital orphanage, children asked him to read to them and told him how much they would like to go to school. With children, there is a consistent love of books and learning, no matter how damaged, physically or mentally, they may be. We, as librarians, are in the noblest profession, Lewis says, with books being as basic to these children as food and water.

We must do what we can to help these forgotten children, their mothers and grandmothers. He cannot

understand why governments are reluctant to help, and he presented librarians with the challenge of taking up this important cause. Lewis also commended various writers for the emerging literature that is bridging the distance between the reader and what is happening in Africa — books such as *Chandra's Secret*, *Heaven Shop*, *Last Man Out*, and *Playing with Fire* to name a few. He asked that we not let "minor obstacles" stand in the way of our helping; if you have books to send, and postage is prohibitive, you can find a way to transport them to Africa. (I was proud to share our example from last fall, where we partnered with DFO and shipped 450 boxes of children's books to Nigeria). Also, you can contact him at <http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org> for any further information on how to help.

Jennifer Richard, outgoing president, was pleased to report that APLA had partnered with CODE and were raising funds to contribute to the Sebeta Reading Room in Ethiopia [http://www.apla.ca/grow\\_a\\_library.cfm](http://www.apla.ca/grow_a_library.cfm). Lewis' book, *Race Against Time*, is worth checking out.

*Submitted by Pat Parsons*

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## From the President's Desk

*submitted by Ivan Douthwright*

Well here we are at the first of July and my presidency is off to a flying start. First of all, I want to thank the Fredericton conference planning committee for a fabulous 2006 conference. I have heard many positive reviews and the committee deserves the credit. Secondly, I want to congratulate you as members for contributing enough funds to support our first reading room in Sebata, Ethiopia through our "Grow a Library" campaign. It is a very worthwhile initiative and is worthy of our continued support.

In June, I was invited to participate in the second National Summit on Libraries and Literacy in Ottawa before attending the Canadian Library Association conference. The summit brought

together 150 librarians, literacy workers and adult learners from across the nation to develop a national strategy in continuing to solve issues in these areas. During the Canadian Library Association conference, I focused my sessions on literacy and leadership and the sessions were very informative. The conference also included a National Library Leaders meeting including the presidents of all the library associations, CLA and ALA as a sharing of joint and other initiatives at a national and provincial level.

As the summer progresses, Donna and I will be working to get the interest groups set up with conveners and rekindled in their goals and objectives for the 2006-2007 year. We will be attending the

annual Partnership retreat in Toronto on August 23-24 and will be getting local arrangements committees established in preparation for the APLA/CLA conference in St. John's next May. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any concerns or questions regarding your association or how the executive is working. Keep your eye on the listserv for information regarding our activities as I post what I feel is important for you to know. In the meantime have a enjoyable and productive summer.

## From the Editors

*Dianne Taylor-Harding, Stacey Penney and Ruth Cordes*

As you can see from this issue of the APLA Bulletin, everyone has recovered from APLA 2006 in Fredericton and, by all accounts, it was an amazing success! If you did not have a chance to attend this year's conference please check out some of the conference session summaries that were provided by attendees. Also we have included several reports from this year's award recipients. In addition, we have a summary of the SNRG Users Conference! The editors welcome more session overviews from members for the September issue. Please contribute your thoughts on the APLA conference sessions and events.

Isn't summer a wonderful time to relax and get outside? We hope everyone is kicking back and enjoying the beautiful weather that we have been blessed with all over Atlantic Canada. The fall will be here soon so now is the time to enjoy your evenings, weekends and vacation days before we are caught up in the rush of school and projects.

## PARTNERSHIP: WORKING TOGETHER FOR GREATER EFFECTIVENESS

*Jennifer Richard and Ivan Douthwright*

This was an information session on APLA's new relationship with The Partnership, an initiative of the Ontario Library Association (OLA). The focus of the session was on the history of The Partnership, what it has to offer our members, and what other provincial library associations have joined. Jennifer Richards (outgoing president) and Ivan Douthwright (incoming president) gave a short history of The Partnership. In the early 1990's, the OLA was almost bankrupt and moved from an "association" model to a business model, beginning to focus on associations that had educational development as a priority for their members. While The Partnership is quite organized, it has no formal structure and no constitution. It takes its direction from its members and has the right combination of personalities to make this work. The OLA does not set the agenda, but rather the member associations do. Through The Partnership, everyone has the ability to grow, to advocate, to share strategies, and to build better relationships with colleagues across the regions and the country as whole. It is a purely cooperative/collaborative effort to enhance professional development. The four initiatives of the Partnership to date include:

1. The Educational Institute, offering professional development sessions on all sorts of topics,
2. The OLASore, the Canadian agent and distributor for more than ten companies offering quality professional library literature and promotional materials,
3. Electronic Research Journal, a peer-reviewed electronic journal hosted by a server at the University of Guelph and
4. Career Centre, a national clearing house for young librarians and recent graduates looking for employment.

The good news is that almost every library association across the country has joined. Richard concluded by highlighting what The Partnership has to offer.

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## PARTNERSHIP

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Interested librarians can:

1. Showcase their library projects/services through The Educational Institute,
2. Volunteer as peer reviewers, editors, or contributors to the Electronic Research Journal
3. Join committees and interest groups that require leadership and ideas.

For further information, check out APLA's home page <<http://www.apla.ca/>.

## GROWING A LIBRARY: CULTIVATING STAFF TO ENSURE THEY BLOOM

*Madeleine Lefebvre*

Lefebvre reported that (to no one's surprise) the number one problem reported in 99 % of most workplaces surveyed is communication. No matter how small the office or company, communication is a problem. She gave a snapshot of the modern day workplace, which could be any library, as follows:

- We are working in turbulent, constantly changing times
- Our post-9/11 world demonstrates a pervasive atmosphere of general anxiety and lack of trust
- We need to put people before business
- We need to establish trust, be respectful, and be truthful
- We need to lead by example — focusing on

the situation, not the employees

- We need to learn to manage conflict in a healthy manner
- We need to listen to our staff, being flexible and open to ideas when change is about to occur
- No matter how much planning and preparing we do, when changes occur in our offices and we do not communicate them to all staff, it is futile.
- Celebrate and reward staff when change occurs successfully.

*Submitted by Pat Parsons*

*Presentation PowerPoint pages available  
<http://www.lib.unb.ca/APLA/sessions.php>*

## 12 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE LIBRARIANS

*Maureen Sawa*

This session was jam-packed with a lot of experienced librarians here to find out whether we are really the effective managers we should be. There were also a lot of new young library managers, eager to learn all the tricks of the trade. Sawa noted that no matter how small the library system, the basic qualities employers are always looking for when recruiting are: leadership potential, managerial skills, ability to respond flexibly to change, innovativeness, entrepreneurial skills, and technology skills.

With the increased focus on technology in the workplace, she reported, other important things have been neglected, such as the need for people to communicate, to get along, to develop professionally in areas other than IT training. How true! She gave some interesting statistics on why internally promoted leaders/managers fail:

- poor people skills (53 %)
- personal qualities ( style, attitudes, habits) (53 %)
- poor fit with organizational culture (44 %)
- couldn't get any results (43 %)
- don't have skills to do the job (36 %)

According to the Council of Research (April 2006), the two most important and most difficult competencies to fulfill when recruiting new professional librarians are "leadership potential and managerial

skills." One of the most important skills, for a library manager to possess, in the modern workplace, is flexibility - the ability to change quickly, to shift gears several times a day, and to handle change and conflict. One must have a managerial style that is adaptable for various employees. Many of us present at this session were surprised to discover that "Librarians" rank second in the top "headache-producing" professions, surpassed only by "Accountants" at Number One, and followed by bus and truck drivers and construction workers. (Imagine the poor librarian that also drives a bookmobile bus - that's a double whammy!).

Key habits for success can be defined as:

Professional Habits – relate to areas of librarians' knowledge of information resources, access, management, and how a librarian uses this knowledge to provide successful library services, e.g.

1. Authority – You could be an expert in your organization or in your department, knowing the history of your library, as well as having that broad scope of current information

2. Application – The changes in the technology we offer means different levels of comfort to different users. We need to show them how to get comfortable using our systems. We should just answer their questions and use appropriate technology to maximize our services, not intimidate users or turn them away.

3. Advocacy – This communicates the value of library service internally and externally.

4. Personal Habits – represent a set of skills, attitudes, and values that enable a librarian to work effectively, be a good communicator, continue on with career development, e.g.

1. Alliances – Look for partnerships and collaborations
2. Advancement – Demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning and career planning
3. Attitude – Be flexible and positive in a time of continuous change (*carpe diem*)

The 13th habit – Communicate, Communicate, Communicate ...

(Did I mention communication?)

She closed with an interesting quote from *Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness and Reality* by Michael Gorman:

"There will only be successful libraries in the future, because if libraries are not successful, they will cease to exist."

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## HOW TO CREATE LIBRARY SPACES THAT FOSTER GROWTH OF LIBRARY SERVICE

This was a good, practical session on how to make the best use out of the small spaces we have in our libraries. The presenter focused on how many of our libraries have compromised space because of the introduction of computers, in particular public workstations, new catalogues, and adaptive technology centres. He talked about libraries as "community places," where patrons must feel comfortable, and yet, staff and public must be able to work effectively. Mitchell has a great slide presentation of "First Impressions," slides of libraries which he took on his travels around the world. He talked about the need to "de-clutter"—to offer a simple minimalist environment to our patrons.

We need to get rid of outdated government brochures, faded signs, wobbly paperback racks, and computer workstations that don't work any more. Why are we hanging on to these things? Because we are pack rats by nature? He did talk about how important those first impressions are: doors so cluttered with signs that we can't even pick out the hours of opening; posters taking up every inch of wall space so that one might feel claustrophobic; and bits and bobs of homemade shelving that makes the space we have look like an obstacle course. So, we have to be careful not to

overload our space and turn people off altogether. He shared some good advice:

- A library that does not work logically, also suffers visibly
- A library that suffers visibly also does not work logically.

Mitchell reminded us that we must foster a sense of place making and create a space that encourages people to visit, remain for a while, and, most important, come back.

Submitted by Pat Parsons

## GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR YOUR LIBRARY

Monica Currie

On a late Saturday afternoon, this was an upbeat, funky seminar on all sorts of neat ways to do an "extreme make over" at your Library. Monica is a young graphic designer hired by UNB to update and improve their PR in general, and to attract students to the library in particular. She had lots of great hints and useful tips on font, typography, lay out, pictures, print, colour, the message, the medium, and all other things to do with promotional graphics. A really useful neon green Graphic Design Handbook was handed out at this session. It is a great tool to give young students who may be helping out with seasonal bulletin boards, home

made book marks, hours of opening posters, and other promotional materials.

1. Lots of helpful hints and samples for creating promotional materials! Keep in mind your audience - what and who are you directing your message to. Remember that you are not designing for yourself; think about the reading levels and eyesight of your target group and keep in mind font, colors, and imagery.
2. Keep your text to a minimum; concentrate on the key message you want to get across. Less is more!
3. Colors draw attention and interest. For the best impact, use contrasting colors.
4. Layout directs the audience to your design. Don't be afraid of white space. Use bold type, graphics, or a bright color to create a focal point.
5. Imagery can consist of photographs, cartoons, graphs, logos, etc. Be aware of the quality of your image. When you download from the web, you are not getting good quality images. Use your camera . . . take your own pictures.
6. Keep it creative- play with paper, layer paper, use different sizes, textures, colours.

Submitted by Lesley Carruthers

## APLA IDEAS GALLERY AWARDS

The event generated a great deal of positive feedback from attendees. In fact, a number suggested it should become an annual event. Approximately 40 people strolled through the gallery. The wealth of promotional, public relations ideas from our region was outstanding which made for some hotly contested categories for the judges.

The eight exhibition categories and their award winners include:

### Category 1: Campaigns

The Power of the Card – New Brunswick Public Library Service

### Category 2: Services

Check Us Out! – Nova Scotia Public Libraries

### Category 3: Events

Written Word Coming to Life Public Reading Series – Dalhousie University Libraries

### Category 4: Resources

Black Nova Scotians in the Arts Bookmarks (Set of 8) – Halifax Public Libraries

### Category 5: Fund raising Activities

Adopt-A-Book Ad Campaign – South Shore Regional Library

### Category 6: Library Advocacy

Bridgewater Library Postcard – South Shore Regional Library

### Category 7: Summer Reading Programs

Let's Go on a Safa-Read! – New Brunswick Public Library Service

### Category 8: Newsletters

Welcome to UNB Libraries Newsletter – University of New Brunswick Libraries

The overall "Best in Show" was judged to be the "Let's Go on a Safa-Read!" entry from the New Brunswick Public Library Service. Certificates were presented during the Merit Awards Banquet.

Submitted by Leanne Wells

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For more information about sessions given at APLA 2006, check out the conference website: <http://www.lib.unb.ca/APLA/>.

# News from the Provinces

## NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK

Submitted by *Mirielle Mercure, VP New Brunswick*

### PEOPLE / GENS

The Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region was shocked to learn about the sudden passing of Lorna Delong in mid-June. Lorna was a board member of the Woodstock Library, a regional representative of the Provincial Board as well as the President of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association. Under her chairmanship and leadership, the association created a strategic plan to govern them in the years to come. Lorna's passion for life and libraries will be missed by everyone. A memorial service for Lorna was held at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church in Woodstock on June 29.

Émilie Lefrançois has joined the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region for the summer. Émilie has just completed her first year of library school at the Université de Montréal. She will undertake several projects over the course of the summer.

The Mgr. Plourde Public Library in St-François recognized the volunteer work and dedication of two former board members during World Book Day. Two rooms within the library were dedicated to Mrs. Alida Emond and Mr. Armand Boulet.

In May, Sandra Boudreau left her position as secretary/ library clerk at the Moncton Public Library for a new employment at the Department of Family and Community Services. She had been filling this position since 1999. The A-W-K Library Region wishes her success in her new horizons.

On July 4, the A-W-K Library Region welcomed Cheryl Feindel as the new Manager for its Dorchester Public Library. Cheryl has worked as a teacher in the Saint John region and as a teacher librarian. Recently she obtained an MLIS.

Denise Corey-Fancy has moved into the position of Acting Reference Librarian at the Fredericton Public Library. As well, Denise is really excited about winning the 2006 Leadership Award for the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University.

Katherine Howe, a recent graduate of the SLIS program at Dalhousie, is working as a library intern at the Saint John Free Public Library for the summer.

### TRAINING / FORMATION

In mid-June, the summer students attended a

regional training session promoting the Summer Reading Club activities.

### HACKMATAK

Planning has commenced for the 2007 Hackmatack Author Visit to New Brunswick. The tour is scheduled for the week of May 7-10, 2007. The award ceremony will be taking place in Halifax at Pier 21 on May 11, 2007. Leigh Ann Cumming will be organizing the English component of the tour. Mireille Mercure is organizing the French component. If a New Brunswick library is interested in hosting an author, please contact Leigh Ann at 506-263-3418 (leighann.cumming@gnb.ca) or Mireille at 506-658-4610 (mireille.mercure@gnb.ca). The



Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region was pleased to participate in the Hackmatack 2006 Author Tour during April. Three authors (Maryse Pelletier, Diane Carmel Leger & Natale Ghent) toured the region's libraries. Two of these authors became winners of the Award a few days later. Many young avid readers took advantage of voting for their favorite authors, and then, they got to meet them! The Award Ceremony was held in Moncton at the Capitol Theatre, and many staff volunteered and/or brought in loads of kids to celebrate. From September to April, each public library in the York Library Region hosts a Hackmatack Reading



Club for children in grades four to six. Children read from a selection of thirty books divided into three



categories - English Fiction, English Nonfiction and French. In the summer, the New Brunswick Public Library Service provides a complete set of Hackmatack selections for each library in the region. Each library invites children to join their Hackmatack book club by promoting the program in the library and local schools. Throughout the fall and winter months, library staffs have provided regular programming for readers to discuss the books they have read and share information with the members, including facts about an author or an activity based on a theme related to one of the selected books each month. This year, 161 book club members participated in 115 programs offered in the libraries throughout the region. Each club ends their year with special party and hands out certificates to members for participating in the club. Children vote on their favourite books they



have read throughout the school year and votes are tallied by the Hackmatack organizing committee to select 'the best' of the group of selected titles to be awarded at the annual award ceremony.

During the last week of April, four York libraries participated in the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Club Award author tour. Stanley Community-School Library, Fredericton Public Library, Chipman Public Library and Oromocto Public Library were privileged to host Lynne Kositsky, author of the nominated Our Canadian Girl series book "Rachel Book Four: an Elephant Tree Christmas". The children had a wonderful time listening to Ms.

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Kositsky's stories of being a children's author and how she created the story. Lots of laughter could be heard throughout the stacks of each of the libraries as the children participated in a 'drama' session, re-enacting various scenes from the book.

Staff from the York Library Region also had the opportunity to attend the Hackmatack Awards Ceremony, held in Moncton, NB, on April 28. It was very rewarding to see how excited the children were to meet their favourite Hackmatack authors live and in-person. The autograph session after the ceremony was a scene of excited frenzy with many children seeking out their favourite authors to sign everything from a scrap of paper to their favourite teddy bear.

### SPECIAL PROJECT / PROJET SPÉCIAL

A summer project currently underway at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (PANB) may pique the interest of APLA members who are interested in newspapers. A 16-week, joint project of the PANB and the Saint John Library Region, funded in part by Young Canada Works, will result in the production of an important Master Plan that will aid in building an as-complete-as-possible holdings of archival-quality negatives for New Brunswick newspapers, as well as identify partners in the project, the status of work done to date, and what resources, strategies and approaches are necessary to move ahead. Titled "A Strategy and Detailed Plan for Newspaper Preservation and Accessibility," the document will include an updated New Brunswick Newspaper Directory - an undertaking that libraries, universities and archives in New Brunswick have contributed towardly for many years. "The New Brunswick Newspaper Directory was last revised in 1996," said Marion Beyea, Provincial Archivist. "We are hopeful this year's project will gather information on any new newspapers in the province as well as any new or additional microfilms that libraries may have added to their holdings in the last decade or that we may have missed . . . It is an invaluable tool in identifying locations of original and microfilm holdings for institutions, researchers and the general public."

During the course of the project, libraries in New Brunswick will be contacted by project staff person, Suzanne Hayes, as she gathers information for the updating of the Newspaper Directory. As well as information on libraries' newspaper holdings, she will be seeking specific newspaper issues that have been identified as missing from the current runs in PANB holdings, as this summer there will be comprehensive preservation work conducted, then microfilming of the newspapers.

By the end of this summer project, PANB hopes to have an integrated, comprehensive and detailed Master Plan in place that will be useful to all partners in strategizing and planning for the preservation and accessibility of New Brunswick newspapers. "Given new technologies that include digitization and more advanced search and accessibility functions, it is more important than ever for libraries, archives, and other partners to have a tool such as the Master Plan to guide planning, fundraising and goal-setting objectives," said Marion Beyea. "We are looking forward to working with APLA members."

### PROGRAMS / PROGRAMMES

Summer Reading Club 2006 activities and launches are happening all over the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region. A traveling puppet show which began at the Sackville Public Library will be showcased in many libraries this summer. At the Moncton Public Library, the storyteller, Tante Caroline, from the Ottawa region and her flying bicycle visited French Immersion and Francophone children at the library on July 10. All SRC events and activities are planned around the theme Crack the case @ your library / Percez le mystère @ votre bibliothèque. Some libraries (Sackville) have decorated their space inspired by the "Clue" game; others are posting "WANTED" pictures of kids who read a lot.

### NOVA SCOTIA

*Submitted by Debbie Costelo*

#### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

##### Eastern Counties Regional Library

Following the recent migration to the SIRSI system, library staff issued an updated guide to online services. "Get Connected @ your library ®" includes the guide, an introduction to ECRL Library Policy and Rules, and a listing of Branches and Libr@ry Links information. The guide is published in both English and French. Copies are also online at the Library's website.

Recycling computers using "environment friendly" methods has now become the norm at ECRL. Outdated computer equipment is delivered to PC Salvage in Durham, Pictou County where they accept all computers and peripherals, ensuring that harmful products are kept out of local landfills. All products are either salvaged or diverted to electronics recycling operations.

Forty-three ECRL employees attended the annual Staff Development Day held on June 9 at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre. The featured topic, was "Communicating in Challenging Workplace



*Eastern Counties Chief Librarian Dave Cumby received a parting gift from ECRL staff at the annual Staff Development Day held in the Bear Head Room at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre. On hand to make the staff presentation were Cheryl Chiavari, left, who composed a poem that will be inscribed on the framed print of Marie Moore's, "Coming Home", and Mildred Carrigan, longest serving ECRL staff member.*

Situations", facilitated by Elizabeth Morrison of Integral Training and Consulting Ltd., St. Peter's, NS. Staff awards were presented to employees Fabienne Clavel and Lesley Carruthers who had reached 5 years of service, Ann Campbell, 25 years, Sandra Dixon, 35 years of service, with recognition given to 16-year veteran June Jarvis who will be retiring later this summer.

Staff also presented a parting gift to Chief Librarian Dave Cumby who is leaving the library after over 22 years at ECRL. David will be leaving in August with plans to enroll in the Masters of Divinity program at Acadia University. Having held a Lay license to minister from the Baptist church in Port Hawkesbury since 1992, Dave plans to pursue pastoral ministry in the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. ECRL Board and staff wish Dave all the best as he enters a new chapter in his life.

#### Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

##### Writer in Residence Program Thriving

The Pictou - Antigonish Regional Library announced this month it will host author Harry Thurston as its third Writer in Residence. Hailing from Tidnish Bridge on the north shore of Nova Scotia, Thurston will start his tenure on Monday October 2nd and conclude April 2nd, 2007, with a three week hiatus for the Christmas holidays. Primarily a non-fiction writer and editor, he has also published books of poetry and a novella-in-verse. Being an accomplished journalist, he will bring a welcome perspective to the program by appealing to a segment of this writing community that has not enjoyed the benefits of an objective writing style.

PARL held its first WIR program in 2004 with Antigonish author Sheldon Currie with the assistance of Canada Council for the Arts funding. With the overwhelming success of this venture, another Antigonish writer, Anne Simpson, was enlisted for a similar tenure in 2005, despite an unsuccessful application for funding from the Canada Council for the Arts. Upon reviewing the large number of budding writers and satisfied patrons



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that used the program, it became apparent to PARL that it was providing a much needed service to the writers of this community. As a result, the WIR program is now a significant component of this region's outreach activities.

As in the past, Thurston will deliver the core activities of the program - creative writing workshops, private consultations and public appearances - to writers of all types and levels of experience. In addition, he will participate in the monthly meetings of the Pictou County Writer's Group and explore the possibility of hosting online creative writing workshops. Thurston will be available two days a week, dividing his time equally between the New Glasgow Public Library on Monday and the Antigonish Public Library on Tuesday. As a Canada Council for the Arts sponsored project, he will devote 40% of his time to working with the library and 60% on his own projects. For more information on our growing WIR program, please contact or programming department at 755-6031 and ask for Linda Arsenault or Steven MacLean.

### Outreach Innovation

The Pictou - Antigonish Regional Library recently hosted two events that mark a new development in this region's outreach activities. On Friday, Monday, June 9, PARL hosted a reading with author and Middle East correspondent, Robert Fisk. The seven time Amnesty International journalist of the year was crossing Canada to promote his latest book, *The Last Great War for Civilization*. Anticipating a large crowd, the event was moved from PARL's own 100 seat capacity program room to the lecture hall of one of the new regional high schools. In less than two weeks, every ticket in the 354 seat hall was spoken for.

Three days later, on Monday, June 12th, staff was busy again hosting author, environmentalist and broadcaster David Suzuki. In anticipation of an even larger turn out, this event was held in the gymnasium of the Pictou Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College. On the night of the reading, a sell out crowd of 900 lined up for an hour before the doors opened to hear one of Canada's most famous authors speak about his new book, *David Suzuki: The Autobiography*.

These two successful events mark a continuation of large, off-site outreach programming events by this region that began with the Pictou Library Poetry Reading Series. With the overwhelming favorable response and encouragement from the community, PARL will continue to explore the possibility of hosting authors of national stature. As the hosting venues did not charge rental fees, PARL

was able to provide tickets at no charge to the public in keeping with our policy of free programming.

While these readings required a substantial amount of effort and some expenses, the benefits far outweighed the costs for the region, which include a high profile event for PARL, an opportunity for non-programming staff to experience a new aspect of their library, and the chance for members of this community to hear the words of internationally respected personalities. There was even a small economic spin off given the large amount of out of town visitors and items sold by the local book store.

### Western Counties Regional Library Food Banks Benefit from Food for Fines Program

Patrons at Western Counties Regional Library in Southwestern Nova Scotia earned fine-forgiveness through food during the month of March. Library branches throughout Yarmouth, Shelburne and Digby counties collected 155 boxes of food for food banks that serve their areas and the library is now considering making it an annual event. Regional library director Trudy Amirault says the program serves two purposes: March is a difficult month, for food banks and for the people who depend on them. "We can give our patrons a break and at the same time help replenish area food banks' dwindling supplies," she said. "The library does not want overdue fines to ever discourage library users from accessing library services." The library instituted a region-wide fine-forgiveness program tied to donations of non-perishable food items. For every item of food donated to the library, up to \$5 in overdue fines was forgiven. There was no limit on the amount of fines for overdue materials that were forgiven. However, the fine-forgiveness program did not apply to lost or damaged materials.

### New Home for Barrington Municipal Library

Western Counties Regional Library's Barrington branch has moved to its new home. The new Barrington Municipal Library opened on Tuesday, June 20 with expanded hours and an additional 1,069 new titles on the shelves to augment its existing collection. The library will be better able to serve this vibrant and economically robust area of south western Nova Scotia with the new facility. In addition to expanded hours, the new branch will provide better public access to computers. Programming opportunities will also be enhanced. The new library is located in a new municipally-owned, multi-purpose community development centre in the historically significant Owaissa Park. The library fronts on a large pond that has been used for generations as a winter skating rink. Plans for a new library have been in the works for nearly

a decade and have involved the regional library, the Municipality of Barrington and the Barrington Friends of the Library group, which has raised more than \$35,000 for furnishings.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

#### Mount Saint Vincent University

Just prior to the APLA conference, MSVU went live with a beta version of the federated



searching and link resolving parts of the Atlantic Scholarly Information Network (ASIN) Portal. This is a joint initiative of the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL/CBUA) which began in 2002. Approximately six CAUL/CBUA libraries have launched various parts of the ASIN Portal in the last few months.

The Portal will provide a seamless interface to access content on a regional level. Atlantic university library users will be able to gain access to high quality licensed and free materials throughout the region through one gateway. MSVU would like to thank Slavko Manojlovich (Memorial University) and Stephen Sloan (University of New Brunswick) for their leadership and project management expertise.

In July, MSVU will be joining the East Coast Relais Consortium and launching Relais, an integrated web-based interlibrary loan service which automatically generates an ILL request based on search results in the ASIN Portal.

The Library is pleased to announce that the late Dr. Patrick O'Neill's papers have been donated to the Mount Saint Vincent University Archives. A professor at Mount Saint Vincent University in the Speech and Drama department from 1975 to 2006, Dr. O'Neill was a Fulbright Scholar in Boston in 2004, and was involved in many large projects over the course of his career. The collection of papers donated to the Archives reflects his particular interest in the history of theatre in Halifax, as well as his broad interests in the field generally, and will serve as a mini archive of Canadian theatre history.

On July 31st, MSVU will welcome Stanislav Orlov as our new Systems Librarian. Stan recently received his Master of Information Studies from

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the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto. In addition he holds a degree in foreign-language education from Moscow State Pedagogical University, and he is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT). Stan was awarded the University of Toronto Alumni Association's Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award for outstanding extracurricular contributions. He has experience in reference, technical services, website and database development, network security, IT support and training, and language instruction. Stan is an active member of several professional associations including ALA, CLA, and SLA and speaks English, French, Spanish and Russian.

University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson will be serving as Vice-President / President-Elect for APLA and on the CACUL executive as Director – personal, for 2006-07.

### **Nova Scotia Community College Library Services**

The Truro Campus library has undergone a tremendous renovation, featuring a new entrance and greatly expanded public service desk. Shelving has been relocated in order to create a welcoming and functional student learning area. Also, the front lobby of the library entrance is now host to a custom designed gallery exhibit area. This space will showcase student work within a gallery learning environment, as well as host to community art shows. Appreciation is extended to Charmaine Borden, Regional Librarian for her work in making these renovations a success.

Terri Milton has joined the Akerley Campus as Campus Librarian. Terri is a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario School of Library and Information Science. Theresa Walsh has joined the Annapolis Valley Campus, Middleton site as Library Assistant. Over the next few months several new library positions will be added to the Library Service, as demands for public service increase and student enrolment climbs at several Campuses.

Marie DeYoung, Director of Library Services and Online Learning and Debbie Costelo, Public Services Librarian taught a credit course in June to faculty and staff entitled Information Literacy for Lifelong Learning. This was the third time the course was offered to participants of the Community College Education Development Program (CCEDP).

NSCC Library Services staff were engaged in their 7 year annual staff training conference in June. The new ALEPH library system that was imple-

mented across all ten Novanet libraries was the primary topic of training this year.

### **Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program**

At the Student Success Celebration 2006 evening on June 19th for the Institute of Technology Campus, the following awards and prizes were issued to these library and information technology graduates:

Jo-Ann Potter – Highest Achievement Award

Jennifer MacIsaac - Atlantic Provinces Library Association Prize

Terry Matthews - NSLA Award for Library and Information Technology Student

## **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

*Submitted by Pat Parsons*

### **PROVINCIAL INFORMATION & LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries Central Division**

In May 2006, we were happy to learn that 16 of the 33 branches in Central received extra hours as part of the Provincial government's initiative to increase access to public information services. Notable among these branches is Botwood public Library which saw its hours increased from 20 hrs per week to 30! Glenwood, Lewisporte, St. Alban's and Summerford Public Libraries each received five extra hours per week, considerably increasing the time they will be open to the public.

In announcing the new hours, Minister of Education Joan Burke stated, "Habits and lifestyles are changing and our libraries are changing, too. Most people view libraries as a place to borrow books,

but libraries offer so much more. Modern libraries have extensive specialized collections including videos, DVDs and CDs. They have computers and printers. Some have digital cameras and laptops. People can access business directories, newspapers from London and New York, and university calendars. Libraries house information that people need to succeed, and now people have more time to peruse the stacks and get what they need "

This April the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board launched their new Library Automation System. In Central everyone was accustomed to using the PILRB's DYNIX system which dated from the early 1990s. SIRSI-DYNIX's new Horizon system has been greeted with some dread. To allay apprehensions, staff completed many hours of training and tutorials over the past winter to familiarize themselves with the new system. While only three branches in Central Division are currently automated, the new system has required considerable changes in procedures for all our branches. Staff has risen to these challenges with enthusiasm. Much of the benefit of the new system will be more apparent in our day to day operations than on the front line of customer service. But, happily the introduction of Horizon means that the PILRB will begin automating libraries outside of the larger urban centres in the province.

With all the changes going on in Public Libraries training is becoming a greater and greater concern. Not only are the services we offer changing but our patron's demographic profile is changing, forcing us to reevaluate the services and programs we have offered in the past. As a result Pat Parsons has been organizing mini-workshops around the Division to help bring our front-line staff up to speed on what is happening in the system. This has included training on Story Time, our new WEBPAC, electronic databases and fundamental skills essential to library service such as 'The Reference Interview'.



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Fund raising is always a challenge for any Community Library Board. One example of a Board taking the challenge head on is the Harry's Harbour Library Board. Harry's Harbour has a population of about 100 people and only seven of those citizens are under the age of fifteen. In the Fall 2005, the Board members and Ellen King, community librarian, sold 75 20-lb bags of vegetables to raise \$300. The Board has taken this money and used it to commission the production of sun catchers which carry a picture of 'The Pinnacle', a local landmark in that picturesque community. At last report, the sun catchers were selling well and the Board expects to be making a second order to fill the demand.

June 3, 2006 the Lewisporte Public Library held its 8th annual Jumble Sale. The sale has become an institution in the local community for the many types of plants which are sold there. These include varieties of perennials and annuals, herbs, garden fruits and vegetables such as rhubarb and raspberry canes. This year the Board made approximately \$700 from its sale and attracted more than 200 participants.

This summer, the majority of branches in Central are participating in the Toronto Dominion Summer Reading Club. The theme this year is "Quest for Heroes." As a result, there has been a run on visits from police officers, fire fighters and Newfoundland dogs all over the island as our branches get their programs in place. Everyone is looking forward to the stories of "derring do" and adventure!

### Provincial Resource Division & St. John's Public Libraries

Results from a recent Customer Survey indicate that our clients want better and more hours, especially weekends and evenings. Those, who use our branches, use them a lot. Many are voracious readers who have read out their branch fiction collections because the branches are so small.

The trial opening of Michael Donovan Branch on summer Saturdays during 2005 was so popular that it is being repeated this year. The Marjorie Mews Branch will open on summer Saturdays beginning next year.

The A.C. Hunter Library, the Michael Donovan Branch and the Marjorie Mews Branch now have wireless internet connectivity.

The St. John's Public Libraries are testing synchronized loan periods so that most material types can be borrowed for the same length of time. As well, they increased the number of borrowed items as part of the trial. This is in response to strong customer feedback. Overdue fines were standardized for all types of materials.

Periodicals - A complete overhaul of our periodical policies was undertaken, and the focus is now on lending magazines to answer public demand. This policy change was made possible, in part, by our new subscription to EBSCO which provides all PILRB libraries and customers with access to an on line database of eighteen hundred magazines.

We now have circulating magazines for Young Adults available with the YA circulating fiction, graphic novels, and YA paperback collection on the second floor.

### Youth Advisory Board:

Our St. John's Public Library Youth Advisory Board persuaded SJLB to accept a CD in lieu of the \$5.00 membership fee. We have yet to receive any donations in lieu of membership fee, but we have had positive feedback from our YA members. They spoke - we listened. We hope to receive donations of music in areas where the collection is scant - ska, rap, the newer hip hop, etc. This initiative will make the music collection more accessible to teens.

Their "Graphic Novels for Young Adults and the Young at Heart" program was held on four consec-

utive Thursday evenings. The program, conducted by Wallace Ryan, was expensive at \$500 but was fully registered.

Horizon, the new Windows-based Library system: Several PRL staff contributed much time and effort to the investigation into a new, web-based library system. Their involvement in this project will last at least two years. Horizon, our new Windows-based Library system went live on April 19. URSA, a compatible ILL system will be implemented late in 2006. Horizon training was provided for all St. John's staff. Individual tutorials were two - seven hours in duration, and all staff attended a minimum of two online sessions. Some staff have done a dozen or more online "webinars," followed by practice sessions. Carol Seymour is assigned to the project full-time. She is working on the training schedules for other regions as well as taking numerous training sessions.

### Every Kid a Card campaign:

Heather Myers and Betty MacDonald received funding under a provincial Early Childhood Learning Program grant for 2006-07. It's called "Every Kid a Card campaign" and involves getting

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more kids "carded" and using their libraries through collaboration with St. John's schools. The project has the potential to go province-wide after the St. John's test-run.

### Electronic resources:

Jewel Cousens spearheaded a trial of The World Book Encyclopedia on-line. The trial involved PRL staff, customer and schools. Based on trial results, Jewel recommended a province wide subscription.

Jewel Cousens and Betty MacDonald completed a trial and comparison of the reference database, EBSCO Host, and the Electric Library database to which we currently subscribe. They recommended is that the PILRB move to EBSCO Host for its greater Canadian content and for the ability to reduce subscriptions to expensive standing order reference materials which are available in just a few locations. The cost savings allow us to offer EBSCO Host province-wide to anyone with a library membership. It is a win-win situation for schools, as well.

In April 2006 the PILRB initiated subscriptions to EBSCO's Host Web databases: Canadian Reference Centre; MasterFILE Premier; Health Source - Consumer Edition and NoveList. The first three are reference tools, while the fourth is a readers advisory service, helping library patrons and staff to get the best use of provincial public library collections. These databases are accessible to any library patron via a bar-code login or a Username/password. Patrons can access these databases from their homes, work, schools, colleges and university or their local public library.

The Brain Food Project was kicked off on Family Literacy Day [Jan. 27, 2006] with a request that the public donate new and gently used children's books to the city's Food Banks. The target was 200 books. On Valentine's Day, 792 books were presented to Community Food Sharing Association Director, Eg Walters, to be distributed. PR included articles and interviews: Cross Talk on CBC Radio; other radio stations; NTV News; The Telegram.

### A.C. Hunter Library:

#### New Entrance

Staff participated in a SWOT analysis to gather input on a new entrance for the A.C. Hunter Library. The main option explored was moving the main entrance to the right hand side of the main Arts and Culture Centre entrance. Other options mentioned, but not pursued, were an entrance from the parking lot into our current ILL area and an entrance under the stairs from the parking lot.

### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

#### CBC Radio Archives, St. John's

In early June, the Radio-Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) of Canada presented CBC Radio in St. John's with the 2005 Gord Sinclair Award for best live special event in the Atlantic region. The award recognized an episode of The Fisheries Broadcast written, directed, and produced by APLA member Christine Davies. Maureen Anonsen hosted the show, with technical support from Bob Sharpe and Wayne Hayes, and IT assistance from Darryn Power. The program, broadcast from the Murray Premises on February 8, 2005, celebrated the life and legacy of Newfoundland storyteller Ted Russell (aka Uncle Mose). Prior to the show, CBC Radio officially launched the "Uncle Mose: A Timeless Legacy" website, which was also co-created by Christine and web designer Kathryn King. The site can be viewed by going to the regional <<http://www.cbc.ca/nl>> website and clicking on Features.

*Contributed by Christine Davies*

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

#### College of the North Atlantic

Stephen Nolan, former Librarian at the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Campus, has moved to St. John's. He is writing a book on the history of out-migration

from the province. The book is scheduled for publication by Flanker Press in Fall 2007.

Gary Peschell, Librarian at the Labrador West Campus, retired on 21 June 2006.

### Memorial University of Newfoundland Queen Elizabeth II Library

Laura Scott, social sciences librarian in the Collections Division, retired in May 2006.

Dianne Keeping has joined the Collections Division at the Queen Elizabeth II Library. Dianne is the liaison librarian responsible for collections development in Anthropology, Folklore, Psychology, Sociology and Women's Studies.

Andy Fowler, who formerly worked as a Library Assistant in the Information Services Division, is back as a summer intern. Andy is midway through the MLIS programme at Dalhousie.

First Space: An exhibition showcasing the artistic flare of 22 current and former employees of Memorial University was launched Sunday, May 7. "After Hours" features artwork created by faculty,

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staff and pensioners of the university. It was mounted at the First Space Gallery on the main level of the Queen Elizabeth II Library. Among the artworks, paintings by several library staff were included: Joanne Costello, Audrey Coles, and Dorothy Milne.

**Chinese book collection:** The QEII Library received almost one hundred books donated by the People's Republic of China through its embassy in Ottawa. The beautifully-designed books cover a gamut of topics related to world's most populated country. The volumes are part of a larger donation made a year and half ago to Memorial by the embassy. In total, 280 books were presented to the university.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

*submitted Donald Moses*

#### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

##### UPEI Robertson Library

The big news from the Robertson Library is the announcement of our new University Librarian: Mark Leggott. Currently, he is serving as University Librarian at the University of Winnipeg. In addition, he is Acting Associate Dean of Education (Extended Learning) and Director of the Global Information Commons Centre. Mark will take up the post of UPEI University Librarian on October 1. This is a

return to Atlantic Canada for Mark: he was Systems Librarian at St. F.X. for a number of years, where he was also a part-time faculty member, before taking a two-year secondment to direct St. F.X.'s Media Forge research and development group. Despite his departure for points West in 1999, many APLA members will still be familiar with Mark's work, as he has presented at numerous conferences (including the most recent APLA) on the innovative development and application of technology in libraries. We look forward to welcoming Mark to PEI in the Fall, and thank the Search Committee, including librarians Betty Jeffery and Dawn Hooper and Robertson staff member Leo Cheverie, for all their hard work.

We are also happy to welcome Jannah Toms back to the Library to work on our Digital Archives project: Jannah was with us last year as project archivist for a sound and moving image archive initiative, and we are pleased to have her back. She replaces Jason MacNeil on the Digital Archives project: Jason has recently accepted a position as collections manager with the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation, and we wish him well in this exciting new position.

On the technology front, we recently had a welcome upgrade to the computers in our Library Instructional Centre, and have also just installed two worksta-

tions able to make digital scans from microfilm and microfiche (which are proving a big hit with the hard-working summer research assistants).

Otherwise, it has been a fairly typical summer, with lots of housekeeping projects on the go, and preparations already well underway for the Fall semester. Summer courses, conferences, and a large ESL program for francophone teenagers are keeping the campus – and the Library – surprisingly lively, but it's nothing like September!

*Contributed by Simon Lloyd*

#### Holland College

The walls have been painted; lighting fixtures and flooring have been installed; and while there are some tasks left to complete, Charlottetown Centre Campus library staff are looking forward to completing their move to their new library. Plans are underway for a September 2006 open house and launch party to celebrate their new digs.

Library staff attended a retreat to review their information literacy instructional plans, brainstorm new activities and exercises, and formalize their instructional content by creating learning outcomes and lesson plans.

The College has added two new databases to their digital resources including Ebscohost's Hospitality



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and Tourism Complete and Elsevier's Science Direct College Edition. Both of these databases support existing programs and the new Applied Degree in Culinary Operations and Bioscience Technology programs. In addition, the College has added McGraw-Hill's Digital Engineering Library which features content from their print publications to their resources as well.

Brenda Brady, College Librarian at Holland College, recently received the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) Leadership Excellence Award. This is a well deserved honour. It is thanks to Brenda's tenacity and vision that Library Services at Holland College has been transformed. Her commitment to libraries and education is evident in the high level of service and support available to staff, students, and the community as well as the many new initiatives she has launched over the years. Her creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, supportive nature, and motivational influence are only a few of the qualities that make her such a great leader.

Her name will be forwarded to ACCC in Ottawa for consideration at the national level later this summer. Congratulations Brenda!

*Contributed by Andrea Stewart and Donald Moses*

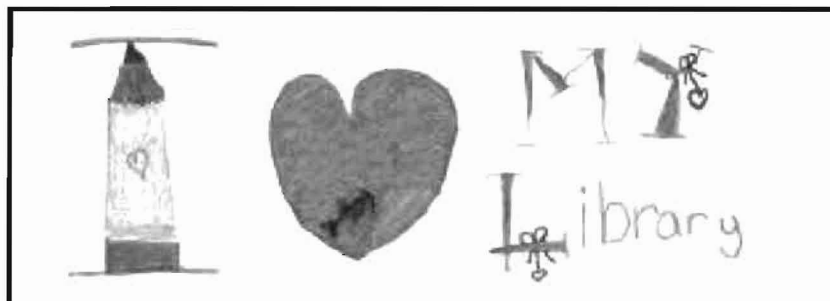
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The APLA GAF provides funds for projects or activities which will further the aims and objectives of APLA. Applications will be considered based on the availability of funds. Applications should state topic and date of activity, relevancy to the Atlantic library community and APLA, sponsoring bodies, estimated costs and revenues, and a contact person. Although a deadline is posted, the APLA Executive will accept and review applications for this award at any point during the year.

GAF grant recipients are required to submit an article for the APLA Bulletin to be published within the same fiscal year that the grant is awarded. The article should explain for the APLA membership the event that is being supported and how the money will be used. Recipients may care to provide additional information for use on the website or for inclusion in the Bulletin, such as photos, cd-roms, or links to external/event websites.

Applications should be submitted by March 31, 2007 to:

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOR 2005

#### Agenda Item # 10

Executive Meeting

67th OGM

May 25, 2006

May 26, 2006 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Part 1)

May 28, 2006 - 9:30 - 11:00 am (Part 2)

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association continues to do well with assets totaling \$75,315, and I am pleased to report that revenues have exceeded expenditures for the 2005 fiscal year. This surplus is largely attributed to the May 2005 conference revenue from Halifax, but also to revenue from Bulletin advertising. Ads were up significantly from what we had anticipated thanks to the efforts of Ruth Cordes, Bulletin Advertising Editor. Membership rates continue to be high, although the last 2 months of 2005 saw a decline from last year.

Online membership payments, through the incorporation of PayPal on the APLA website, were initialized on Jan. 14, 2006, and have met with moderate success. Fees are somewhat high due to the inconsistent use of the account, and the account itself may be in danger due to limited activity. PayPal is on a one-year trial basis, (ends on Jan. 14, 2007), and other possibilities continue to be investigated. In the meantime, the APLA executive welcomes feedback or questions from the membership about their experiences using PayPal on the APLA site. Inquiries or comments can be sent to [apla\\_executive@yahoo.ca](mailto:apla_executive@yahoo.ca).

#### APLA Awards and Grants for 2005

Hearty congratulations to all of the APLA prize winners for 2005! The following prizes were awarded by APLA:

For the year 2005, the APLA Prize to a graduate of the Nova Scotia Community College Library Information Technician program was awarded to Heather Ferrier

The APLA Prize to a graduate from the School of Information Management program at Dalhousie University was awarded to Lori Leger.

There was one First Timer's award for the Halifax 2005 Conference, for a total of \$352.18, presented last year to Kathryn Howe.

Two Memorial Awards of \$500.00 each were granted to Ruthmary MacPherson and Patricia Parsons.

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship was awarded to Denise Corey-Fancy, who received \$2998.14.

Two GAF grants were awarded for a total of \$548.00. Funds were distributed in support of the following projects:

Receiver General of Canada; NRC- Information Center in Charlottetown (CISTI) co-hosted an event with APLA about Competitive Intelligence in the library community on PEI. SLA offered two Virtual Seminars on competitive intelligence research and analysis. NRC provided the space for the event and the refreshments for attendees, and money was used to help cover the cost

A Libraries booth at the Career Fair held at Memorial University, St. John's. The booth displayed information about APLA, and other library associations, diversity of careers within the field of librarianship, schools and programs for training, and was geared primarily at the undergraduate student population.

#### Somers Trust Fund

H&R Block was approached about filing taxes on our behalf for the Somers Trust Fund for 2004, and they calculated that APLA should pay \$1688.44 in taxes on revenue for 2004. Originally, the Somer's investment was \$60,000 to start the fund, and while TD Canada Trust in Toronto administered it prior to 2004, the fund made \$18,000. APLA was given the value at redemption rather than at acquisition, so the capital gain of \$18,000 appears. When APLA took over the fund and this money was transferred to us, this was viewed as revenue. I will be approaching H&R Block about filing for 2005 as well, as the forms will be different from last year.

I met with a Chartered Accountant who examined the 2004 tax return, as well as the books and

trust documents to ensure we are working within proper procedures. Based on the accountant's advice and the approval of the executive, I have filed taxes for 2004, and as this matter has taken a few months to investigate, there will be late penalties, which APLA will have to pay. I will be looking for ways to offset these costs to APLA, and will also be looking into some investment and banking options (like a separate Somer's account) in the next year.

#### Grow A Library Charitable Trust Fund

Finally, the Grow A Library Charitable Trust Fund was established this year. A business account was set up with TD Canada Trust, cheques and a stamp were ordered, and the account will be administered in the same manner as the other current APLA accounts. \$3000 was transferred into this account from the Money Market Fund as directed by the 2005-2006 budget (Executive Projects, 2005-2006), and fundraising and donations have already been underway. An application has been made for registered Charity Status for this account, and some APLA money was spent on documents from the Registry of Joint Stocks for the application. Also, I called Revenue Canada, Charities Directorate to inquire as to the status of our Charity Application, and was informed that it will be approximately 4 more months before anyone will examine our file.

Respectfully submitted,

Ewa M. Piorko

May 25-28, 2006

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

## 2005-2006 (FISCAL YEAR 2005)

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES

	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Examined
<b>BULLETIN</b>		
Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$3,676.55
Subscriptions	\$1,000.00	\$1,114.46
Royalties	\$100.00	\$204.00
Subtotal	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$4,995.62</b>
<b>CONFERENCE FUND</b>		
General (2004)	\$0.00	\$3,780.65
Seed (2005)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
General (2005)	\$2,280.00	\$16,300.37
Subtotal	<b>\$3,780.65</b>	<b>\$21,581.02</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Personal Memberships	\$10,500.00	\$9,833.90
Institutional Memberships	\$3,500.00	\$3,518.75
Subtotal	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,352.65</b>
<b>OTHER</b>		
The Partnership	\$100.00	\$0.00
Grow a Library Charit. Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
GAF	\$0.00	0.00
Interest	\$10.00	\$18.83
MMF Interest	\$527.48	\$0.00
First Timers	\$352.18	\$0.00
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$2,500.00	\$2,998.14
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$30.91
Subtotal	<b>\$3,489.66</b>	<b>\$3,047.88</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$22,870.31</b>	<b>\$42,976.96</b>

### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	2005-2006 Budget	2005-2006 Examined
<b>BULLETIN</b>		
Packaging & Supplies	\$30.00	\$262.63
Printing	\$9,000.00	\$9,459.03
Postage & Shipping	\$3,000.00	\$3,564.76
Subtotal	<b>\$12,030.00</b>	<b>\$13,286.42</b>
<b>CONFERENCE</b>		
Conference Seed Grant (2005)	\$1,500.00	\$1000.00
Conference General (2005)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>		
	300.00	0.00
<b>APLA PRIZE</b>		
Dal. SLIS prize	\$500.00	\$500.00
NSCC prize	\$500.00	\$500.00

Subtotal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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#### OTHER

Executive travel (meetings)	\$8,500.00	\$7,809.35
President's Travel	\$1,200.00	\$1,787.99
Executive Projects	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Registration & Memberships	\$300.00	\$34.44
Postage	\$200.00	\$81.36
Student Assistants	\$225.00	\$225.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$434.06
APLA Domain	\$0.00	\$345.19
Bank fees	\$200.00	\$154.98
Subtotal	<b>\$13,825.00</b>	<b>\$10,438.23</b>

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Aims & Objectives	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bulletin Management Board	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00
Merit Award	\$82.46	\$82.46
Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	<b>\$82.46</b>	<b>\$82.46</b>

#### STANDING COMMITTEES & INTEREST GROUPS

Grow A Library Charitable		
Trust Fund Expenses	n/a	\$225.63
Communications: Directory & Extra		
Postage to Mail with Bulletin	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Committees/Interest Groups	\$0.00	\$390.00
Subtotal	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$615.63</b>
GAF Grant	\$2,500.00	\$548.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$168.55
Equipment	\$2,750.00	\$2,457.62
Subtotal	<b>\$5,450.00</b>	<b>\$3,174.40</b>
Transfer to Memorial Award	\$320.16	\$0.00
Transfer to First Timers Award	\$2,265.26	\$0.00
First Timer Award	\$352.18	\$352.18
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$2,500.00	\$2,998.14
Subtotal	<b>\$3,492.22</b>	<b>\$3,350.32</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$38,379.96</b>	<b>\$31,947.31</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$23,870.31</b>	<b>\$42,976.96</b>
<b>REVENUES - EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-\$14,509.65</b>	<b>\$11,029.65</b>

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## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES 2006-2007 (FISCAL YEAR 2006)

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES

	2005-2006 Budget	2006-2007 Proposed
<b>BULLETIN</b>		
Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Subscriptions	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Royalties	\$100.00	\$100.00
Subtotal	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>
<b>CONFERENCE FUND</b>		
General (2004)	\$0.00	
Seed (2005)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
General (2005)	\$2,280.00	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	<b>\$3,780.65</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Personal Memberships	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00
Institutional Memberships	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Subtotal	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>
<b>OTHER</b>		
The Partnership	\$100.00	\$500.00
Grow a Library Charit. Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$500.00
GAF	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$10.00	\$0.00
MMF Interest	\$527.48	\$400.00
First Timers	\$352.18	\$350.00
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	<b>\$3,489.66</b>	<b>\$3,047.88</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$23,870.31</b>	<b>\$42,650.00</b>

### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	2005-2006 Budget	2006-2007 Proposed
<b>BULLETIN</b>		
Packaging & Supplies	\$30.00	\$100.00
Printing	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Postage & Shipping	\$3,000.00	\$3,100.00
Subtotal	<b>\$12,030.00</b>	<b>\$12,200.00</b>
<b>CONFERENCE</b>		
Conference Seed Grant (2005)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Conference General (2005)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>		
	\$300.00	0.00

### APLA PRIZE

Dal. SLIS prize	\$500.00	\$500.00
NSCC prize	\$500.00	\$500.00
Subtotal	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

### OTHER

NE Conference (2006 only)	n/a	\$1,000.00
Executive travel (meetings)	\$8,500.00	\$9,000.00
President's Travel	\$1,200.00	\$4,000.00
Executive Projects	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Registration & Memberships	\$300.00	\$100.00
Postage	\$200.00	\$100.00
Student Assistants	\$225.00	\$225.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$500.00
APLA Domain	\$0.00	\$345.19
Bank fees	\$200.00	\$75.00
Subtotal	<b>\$13,825.00</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Aims & Objectives	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bulletin Management Board	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00
Merit Award	\$82.46	\$82.46
Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	<b>\$82.46</b>	<b>\$82.46</b>

### STANDING COMMITTEES & INTEREST GROUPS

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Trust Fund Expenses	n/a	\$100.00
Communications: Directory & Extra		
Postage to Mail with Bulletin	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Committees/Interest Groups	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
GAF Grant	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$700.00
Equipment	\$2,750.00	\$100.00
Subtotal	<b>\$5,450.00</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>

Transfer to Memorial Award	\$320.16	\$330.00
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First Timer Award	\$352.18	\$352.18
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$2,500.00	\$2,998.14
Subtotal	<b>\$3,492.22</b>	<b>\$4,030.32</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$38,379.96</b>	<b>\$40,812.78</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$23,870.31</b>	<b>\$23,650.00</b>
<b>REVENUES - EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-\$14,509.65</b>	<b>-\$17,162.78</b>

## BALANCE SHEET FOR ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2005 – 2006

	2004/2005	2005/2006
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Accounts	\$1403.56	\$29,471.87
Grow a Library Charitable Trust Fund	n/a	\$3,382.38
First Timers	\$24,606.94	\$25,111.71
General Investments (MMF)	\$36,817.52	\$17,349.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,828.02</b>	<b>\$75,315.35</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Uncashed cheques	\$727.32	\$1,956.35
Equity	\$62,100.70	\$73,359.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$62,828.02</b>	<b>\$75,315.35</b>
<b>Current Accounts = Savings and Chequings</b>		
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$25,604.08</b>	
<b>Chequing</b>	<b>\$3867.79</b>	

\$3950 from the savings account will be transferred into the First Timer's Fund and into the Memorial in agreement with the procedures from Conference Revenue

\$15,800.37 was surplus.

%50 = \$7900 to be split between FTF and Memorial.

It was decided by the Executive that these would be split %50 to each.

## CARIN ALMA E. SOMERS SCHOLARSHIP JANUARY 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2004	2005
Investments (31/05/04)	\$78,483.00	\$77,873.75
Management fee	\$609.97	\$0.00
Certificate (06/03/05)	\$77,873.75	\$77,837.75
Interest (2005)	\$1,741.39	\$1,741.39
GIC (31/12/05)	\$79,615.14	\$79,615.14

The maintenance of this fund was taken over by APLA in June 2004. The fiscal year will run January to December.

Scholarship money was transferred on June 03.

By June 2006, the GIC value should be \$80,871.89, so the scholarship amount will be the same as last year. This should always be the same unless the interest rate changes.

## ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL AWARDS TRUST FUND JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2004	2005
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Savings Account	\$9,644.67	\$9,342.38
Investment Certificate (Matures 12/05)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Investment Certificate (Matures 06/05)	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,644.67</b>	<b>\$23,342.38</b>

### Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Savings Account Interest	\$1.84	\$2.21
GIC Interest	\$293.51	\$235.75
Other a	\$1,765.26	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,060.61</b>	<b>\$237.96</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>		
Safety Deposit Box	\$40.25	\$40.25
Award	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40.25</b>	<b>\$540.25</b>

**Excess of revenue over disbursements**                      **\$2,020.36**                      **-\$302.29**

**Amount available to be awarded 2005**    **\$738.20 (2 x \$500 actually awarded)**

**Amount available to be awarded 2006**                      **\$1,433.51**  
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The result of their hard work was a meeting of minds for an intensive two and a half days of meetings, seminars, lectures, presentations, workshops, roundtable panel discussions and some good times.

The conference began with check-in, registration and reception on Sunday evening. Monday morning, after the official welcome given by Dr. John Read, VP Academic and Research and Bruno Gnassi, University Librarian, the keynote address was delivered by Colleen Knudson who

challenged the 80 or so delegates (20 from American institutions) to the deal with change by being “eagles” rather than “sitting ducks”.

After the keynote address, Monday’s sessions were mainly workshops: Sharon Dyas-Correria – serials control, Vickie Kline – federated searching with SIRSIDYNIX EPS, Charlotte Janes – collection exchange with SIRSIDYNIX, Anton Chuppin and Chuck Hubbard – iBistro customization for NS public libraries, Kathleen Hughes – using SIRSIDYNIX 9XX for acquisitions, Cami Fink – dealing with lost and long overdue items, Mei Ling Chow – producing a web page of new acquisitions, Filis Fahey – SIRSIDYNIX X12 for acquisitions, Zhong Geng – SIRSIDYNIX hyperion, and Vickie Kline – super searching getting the best. Tuesday and Wednesday sessions were mainly panel discussions and roundtables: acquisitions,



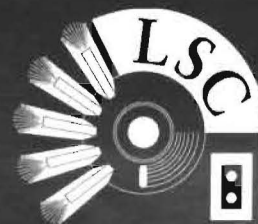
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authorities, serials, circulation, cataloguing, course reserves, systems, and public library issues.

SIRSIDYNIX sent three resource staff: Mazen Khoury, Executive Sales Consult based in Wilton NY who made presentations on aspects of the SIRSIDYNIX course reserve module and proposed developments, Cindy Cantrell, Product Manager for Library Services based in St. Louis, and Rob Herrmann, Executive Sales Consultant for Canada and Alaska and the client rep for some SIRSIDYNIX sites in the region. The SIRSIDYNIX staff were fabulous, knowledgeable, patient, responsive, understanding, and great to have on site. Especially interesting was the opportunity for all of us to see a glimpse of the new products proposed for introduction in 2007 and beyond and to be able to have some input into what will be included in those products.

Other activities included guided tours of the Sackville waterfowl park and the haunted houses of Sackville and a wonderful banquet put on by Aramark, MTA's new Food Services Company, who also catered all the meals for those staying in residence and the coffee breaks (Monday's sponsored by SIRSIDYNIX and Tuesday's by APLA).

Where will the 4th SNRG Conference be held in 2007? Hopefully this will be announced soon so members of APLA using SIRSIDYNIX software can start planning on how to get there.



Frances Newman



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## APLA SOMERS AWARD WINNER

*Laura Warner*

Upon hearing the news that I would be the recipient of the 2006 Carin Alma E. Somers scholarship, I was overwhelmed with gratitude and surprise. I cannot even begin to express how big of a help this will be and how thankful I am to the APLA selection committee. Not only will this support my final year of study, but it confirms that old concept: that if you work hard, it'll pay off.

My knowledge of Ms. Somers unfortunately does not precede the wonderful things I've read about her. Her legacy was truly an impressive one that has been kept very much alive by the talented and passionate librarians working the Atlantic Provinces today.

I am so proud to be part of both the Atlantic library community and the esteemed education offered by Dalhousie University's School of Information. From my arrival for orientation week at Dalhousie University's School of Information Management, I knew I did the right thing. Being presented with so many excellent opportunities I scarcely knew where to start, but serendipity prevailed and I found several niches. I enjoyed my involvement with student groups, community events, and – of course – my studies.

I was soon enlightened with the notion that the profession was becoming more and more a vital public service, so I decided to further educate myself with the MLIS/MPA joint degree. Although I missed being immersed in my community terribly, I know that it will pay off with my contribution to the information profession.

I found wonderful mentors among my colleagues, my professors and everywhere I went within the community. Through all my experiences – at the Legislative Library, the Patrick Power Library, and now at CISTI-NRC in Charlottetown – everyone I've worked with has wisdom and passion. It has truly been an unparalleled experience so far. I am looking forward to working with many more Atlantic librarians throughout the fulfilling, challenging and exhilarating path ahead.

Thank you again APLA, I won't let you down.

## FIRST TIMERS GRANT WINNER

*Rebecca Bartlett*

As a 2006 MLIS graduate and the grateful recipient of the APLA First Timers Grant, I was excited to participate in the first conference of my professional life – and rightly so.

I don't think the conference could have started off with a bigger or better "bang" than Stephen Lewis's keynote address. Although aware of his work in Africa and status as a UN Special Envoy, I was surprised and delighted by how he wove his humour and enthusiasm for libraries and learning into his passionate message about the ongoing suffering of the African people. I remain in awe of his integrity, compassion, and incredible perseverance.

The excellent and varied sessions throughout the conference provided me with a lot of food for thought. From Madeleine Lefebvre's insights into managing people, to Bill Mitchell's examples of library spaces that work (and many that do not), to Jeannine Cormier's valuable advice on customer service, I left with several pages of notes and many new ideas and perspectives.

It was also wonderful to meet and interact with other professionals in a non-work-related environment, especially as a wide-eyed new graduate whose usual method of meeting information professionals is across the table during a job interview! The social events and activities that I participated in were definite highlights (even despite getting soaked to the bone during the Haunted Hike), and everyone I encountered was very welcoming and encouraging. APLA 2006 in Fredericton was a great introduction to the library community in the Atlantic region, and I look forward to attending many more APLA conferences in the future.

## PARTNERSHIP: THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PRACTICE AND RESEARCH

The editorial board would like to express its thanks to those of you who have already submitted articles and we will contact you with further details soon. From our many conversations with colleagues we realize extending the deadline for papers until the end of the summer will provide much needed time to finish up current research and writing.

Therefore, we are extending the call for submissions to the peer-reviewed sections: Innovations in Practice and Theory and Research. Deadline for submissions is now August 31, 2006.

We are also looking for colleagues interested in participating as peer reviewers, writing mentors, and book/media reviewers. If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact me with a brief note describing your interests and experience as well as your curriculum vitae.

In addition to our peer-reviewed sections: Innovations in Practice and Theory and Research, our journal will include a regular column on professional development ideas, news, reviews, highlights of recent conference sessions and

spotlights on members of our associations from up and comers to our most decorated award winners. If you have an idea or suggestion, please contact me or the executive director or president of your library association.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## APLA MERIT AWARD WINNER

*Madeleine Lefebvre*

I've been a runner-up many times in my life, but I've rarely won any awards. The last time I won an award it was for acting, over 20 years ago. I was so overwhelmed that I flung my arms around the adjudicator and gushed "You don't know what this means to me!" and promptly burst into tears. So be warned.

I must say this is a huge improvement on the last APLA Conference I attended in New Brunswick. I spent most of that one confined to my hotel room, suffering from food poisoning. Norman Horrocks valiantly drove me home, acquainting himself with the wonders of a stick shift along the way. Meanwhile Fiona Black and others were panicking because the hotel forgot to deliver the message that he had left with me and Norman was declared missing in action!

I have been in the Atlantic provinces for 7 years now so I'd look back on a few "firsts". I first saw the ad for the Saint Mary's position at the CLA Conference in 1998 – Victoria, I believe. It caught my eye. I'd been looking at director postings and they had all stressed technology. Not this one. The Saint Mary's ad stressed values, community and service, and I thought "aha! This place and I would be a good fit!" Added to that was the draw of the ocean, and after 7 years in the BC interior, and 19 years on the prairies, I was ready for the ocean.

I took my time compiling my application, and late one evening I was sitting in my living room in Calgary editing my cover letter, when a news flash came on the TV about a Swissair jetliner crash off the coast of Nova Scotia. I spent the whole night watching the TV coverage. In the next few days, the awful aftermath of the disaster coincided with my polishing up and finally submitting my application. I was drawn to the sight of an entire community pulling together on behalf of total strangers in the face of unspeakable tragedy. I knew I wanted to be in a place where the spirit of community can have such power. And I had no idea that I myself would get the privilege a few years later to be part of that community spirit in the face of tragedy – when Saint Mary's became host to a large number of passengers from all over the world, who were stranded in the days following 9-11.

Fast forward now to my first meeting of the Council of Atlantic University Libraries. I was given a ride by Bill Maes from Dalhousie. The members came from our various directions to Hantsport, where Lorraine McQueen graciously hosted us overnight. Next morning we hit the road in convoy for Church

Point and l'Universite Sainte Anne. John Teskey and Susan Collins met us there. They had been stranded by an aborted ferry crossing and had driven the long way – all night – to get to the meeting. I sat in awe as they functioned at the meeting better than I, who had the benefit of a good night's sleep. Life can be an adventure out here! On the way home, we stopped for delicious Digby scallops and chips – not a delicacy you find in Calgary.

The following year saw my first APLA Conference in Antigonish.

My first surprise was on finding the local paper was called *The Casket* and its front page headline was "Librarians Come to Town!" I thought either this is a really important conference or this was a slow news week. I was booked into a B&B that used to be the Bishop's residence. Lynne Murphy, Sara Lochhead and Wendy Newman were also staying there. We were bemused by the many type-written rules and regulations taped up on the bedroom walls. Meanwhile John Teskey, Dick Ellis and Bill Maes were all at a lovely B&B next door but we weren't allowed to fraternize – at least not on our premises anyway! I didn't win an award there but I did win a printer!

It was overwhelming to hear the submissions that were sent in for this award. Thank you, Marie, thank you APLA, and thank you all that supported the nomination. I must say I don't understand why people are surprised that I would support Dal School of Information Management even though I'm not an alumna. To me it's all about helping to grow our community. I'm a librarian, I'm an employer, and it is in all our interests to help nurture the next generation of professionals. When I was in Calgary I was Chair of the SAIT Library Technology program advisory committee for the same reason.

I'm really glad Marie mentioned the vendors because I am delighted that they join us for the social events here and get very involved. They support us in so many ways. Let's hear it for the vendors!

I'm very pleased that Don Butcher is here from CLA, because as you know CLA has played a large part in my life for the last few years. I'm proud to say I've been a member for thirty years. And one of the first things I did on arriving in Halifax was to join APLA. Association involvement enriches your working life – this isn't a commercial for any one association – I just encourage people to get involved in whichever association they choose. And by the way, APLA is a

great multi-provincial association which never fails to impress me every year. I've been to excellent APLA conferences not just in Antigonish but in Charlottetown, Halifax, St. John's, and – food poisoning notwithstanding – Moncton.

As you know I work at Saint Mary's, and we like to celebrate things at Saint Mary's. We've just finished a year of celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Patrick Power Library, and this week we threw a surprise birthday party for Doug Vaisey, whom many of you know, who has given 33 years of incomparable service to our library community. These are the public celebrations; but privately I celebrate the fact that I work in a wonderfully harmonious and collegial community with people who care deeply about what they do.

So it's all very simple, really. What I do, I do because I believe in the power of community, and I truly believe that the more you give, the more you get back.

Just over thirty years ago my father received an award from his library community for his service to them. Yes, Don – I did bring it - here it is! [my father's silver library ticket] I can't begin to express how much it means to me that 31 years further down the road you have honoured me in this way. Thank you.

## APLA MEMORIAL FUND — CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Memorial Award Financial assistance is available, from the APLA Memorial Trust, for study and research. Projects which contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the profession are encouraged. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed research and estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum. Applications should be submitted by March 31, 2007 to:

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Last winter at Queen's the librarians and archivists started an open access online journal, COLAJ: Canadian Online Library and Archives Journal - you can take a look at our premier issue here <http://library.queensu.ca/law/COLAJ.htm>

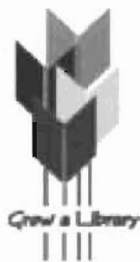
We are contacting friends and colleagues around the country hoping to see contributions from across the Canadian library and archives spectrum in English and in French. Could you please share this with your colleagues. Also, we are asking colleagues for ideas on issues of concern ... any and all suggestions for special issues or debate topics are most welcome."

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## GROW A LIBRARY/ADOPT A LIBRARY UPDATE



During the APLA 2006 Conference and the subsequent week, the APLA Grow a Library Committee raised \$2,335 for the Sebeta Reading Room in Ethiopia.

Our goal to fully fund this library was \$5000, so with APLA's contribution of \$2500 from the Grow a Library Fund established last year we are only \$165 away from our target.

To learn about the Sebeta Reading Room, visit the following web site: [https://www.adoptalibrary.ca/e/browse\\_library.cfm?LIB\\_ID=7](https://www.adoptalibrary.ca/e/browse_library.cfm?LIB_ID=7)

If you did not get a chance to make a donation at the conference you can make a secure donation online at [https://www.adoptalibrary.ca/e/browse\\_library.cfm?LIB\\_ID=7](https://www.adoptalibrary.ca/e/browse_library.cfm?LIB_ID=7) or contact CODE directly and tell them you are making a donation on behalf of APLA. To donate by telephone using your credit card (VISA or MasterCard), please call toll-free between 8:30 and 4:30 EST 1-800-661-2633. Any money received over the \$5000 will simply go to another needy library in the region – CODE has over 60 libraries they are trying to fund in a number of African countries.

APLA would be pleased to work with any individuals, libraries, boards or associations to share ideas and continue fund raising efforts to Grow more Libraries! I would like to acknowledge the Nova Scotia Library Association as our first partner in the Grow a Library Initiative. We held a bulb fund raiser at the NSLA Fall conference last year. As well, the association provided the Grow a Library with a monetary donation. Thank YOU!

Jennifer Richard  
Chair of the Grow a Library Committee

## GROUPE D'INTÉRÊT FRANCOPHONE

*Chantale Bellemare*

Compte rendu de la communication « Évaluation des besoins des usagers et mission organisationnelle: une tension saine et nécessaire », présenté par Michel Grenier, Directeur de la division du rendement et de l'information institutionnelle à Bibliothèque et Archives Canada (en remplacement de Daniel J. Caron), Congrès de l'APLA 2006.

Comment mesurer l'impact de la bibliothèque au sein de l'organisation dont elle fait partie - municipalité, ministère, université, entreprise, organisme? Le degré de satisfaction des usagers ne peut à lui seul répondre à cette question. Les bibliothèques doivent être en mesure de parler aux décideurs dans la langue qu'ils comprennent, notamment quand vient le temps de demander les ressources nécessaires à leur fonctionnement. C'est d'autant plus vrai dans le contexte actuel où les organismes publics notamment doivent de plus en plus rendre des comptes. Les usagers sont satisfaits, soit, mais qu'est-ce que la bibliothèque apporte à l'organisation? Les réponses sont variées, mais difficiles à quantifier la plupart du temps.

Le nombre de prêts et d'abonnés ne sont pas des données qui parlent autant que les résultats concrets, ou encore la réponse à la question « qu'est-ce que ça donne d'avoir une bibliothèque? ». Cependant, contrairement au nombre de prêts, l'impact des bibliothèques dans la vie des citoyens est à peu près impossible à quantifier : le mieux-être social sera toujours difficile à mesurer en termes de retombées économiques par exemple. De plus, comme la contribution des bibliothèques ne peut pas être complètement isolée de celles d'autres acteurs dans la société, il est difficile de leur attribuer le mérite unique d'un effet positif ou d'un autre. Comme gestionnaires, il vaut mieux concentrer nos efforts à évaluer si nos services vont dans la bonne direction à l'aide de barèmes établis et de l'information déjà existante. Il importe d'assurer le lien entre la mission de l'organisation, les valeurs des professionnels et les réactions des utilisateurs.

## WELCOME NEW APLA MEMBERS!

- Renee Albert
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- Jana Sheardown
- Heather Matheson



## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE GREAT CROWD AT APLA

There are many APLA members who make an enormous contribution to the association. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our returning Interest Group (IG) and standing committee convenors, and also to announce the addition of a few new people. APLA members benefit greatly from the contributions made by these volunteers and we appreciate their leadership and time.

### *Returning Standing Committee Chairs*

*Awards:* Tanja Harrison

*Communications and Public Relations:* Gillian Byrne

### *Returning Interest Group Convenors*

*Access to Government Documents:* John Neilson

*Collection Development:* Mary MacLeod

*Computers and Connectivity:* Hansel Cook

*Conservation:* Simon Lloyd

*Francophone:* Chantale Bellemare

*Information Literacy:* Gwendolyn McNairn

*Library Technicians:* Karen Darby

*Newspapers:* Elizabeth Browne

*Youth Services:* Nancy Cohen

### *New Continuing Education Standing Committee Chair:* Ella Nason

The recently struck Continuing Education Standing Committee will be chaired by APLA member Ella Nason. Ella is Assistant Director of New Brunswick Public Library Service. She began her career with New Brunswick Public Library Service in 1997 as Public Services Librarian at the provincial office, was appointed Acting Assistant Director in 2000 and was permanently appointed to the position of Assistant Director in 2001. During the course of her studies, she worked in both academic and special libraries. She served as Co-Chair of the Program Committee for APLA 2006, is a past councilor at large of both the Canadian Association of Public Libraries and the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick and was a participant in the 1999 Northern Exposure to Leadership. She obtained her MLIS from McGill University in 1997.

### *New Continuing Education Interest Group Convenor:* Heather Matheson

The Continuing Education IG has a new convenor who will be coordinating things through cyberspace "from away". Heather Matheson, a proud Maritimer and Reference Librarian at Carleton University Library, is a graduate of Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies, and was awarded the 2003 APLA Award and the School of Library and Information Studies Leadership Award. Heather is also co-moderator of IFLA's Digital Libraries mailing list and has been investigating and presenting on efficient professional development through best use of current awareness tools including Web site tracking software, electronic mailing lists, weblogging, podcasting and RSS; her Weblog, "Inspiration" (<http://www.inspyre.ca/>) addresses these issues from the perspective of a new academic librarian in Canada.

### *New Librarians Interest Group Convenor:* Denise Corey-Fancy

Denise Corey-Fancy is a recent graduate of the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University and is currently working in the Reference

Department at the Fredericton Public Library. She received the Carin E. Alma Somers Scholarship from APLA and was a recipient of the Leadership Award at graduation.

Prior to library school, Denise attained a Diploma of Library and Information Technology and worked at both Mount Saint University and Saint Mary's University libraries.

Denise is the captain of the Bookworms, a team taking part in the 2006 Run for the Cure in Fredericton. She and her husband plan to travel to Romania in 2009 to hunt for Count Chocula.

### NEW APLA EXECUTIVE


Each year the APLA president is charged with the duty of finding a person to serve as secretary on the executive during the president's term. President Ivan Doughwright is pleased to announce that Collette Saunders, a new Librarian at Saint Mary's University and formerly Reference Librarian at Mount Saint Vincent University, has joined the executive as secretary for 2006-07. Collette is a graduate of Dalhousie's School of

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## EDUCATION INSTITUTE COURSE CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 2006

- Monday, OCT 02 ONLINE COURSE
- Readers' Advisory Services: How to Find the Middle of the Row
- Monday, OCT 02 TELECONFERENCE
- Facilitating: Getting a Group Where They Need to Be
- Tuesday, OCT 03 WEBCAST
- Why the Masses Love Metadata
- Thursday, OCT 05 TELECONFERENCE
- Avian Influenza (H5N1): Will It Be the Next Pandemic?
- Tuesday, OCT 10 WEBCAST
- Delivering Training at a Distance
- Thursday, OCT 12 TELECONFERENCE
- Dealing with Online Dangers
- Friday, OCT 13 WEBCAST
- Institutional Repositories: New Roles, New Challenges
- Monday, OCT 16 TELECONFERENCE
- The Road to Roving: a Panel Discussion
- Tuesday, OCT 17 TELECONFERENCE
- Technology Overload: Designing to Minimize Stress
- Wednesday, OCT 18 TELECONFERENCE
- Effective Board Governance no. 7: Evaluating the Chief Executive Officer
- lundi, 23 octobre AUDIO-CONFÉRENCE
- Lectures Faciles pour Les Jeunes
- Thursday, OCT 26 TELECONFERENCE
- Information Architecture
- Friday, OCT 27 TELECONFERENCE
- "Valuing RA": A Readers' Advisory Panel - from the day-long conference in Toronto
- Monday, OCT 30 TELECONFERENCE
- Conflict Resolution: Yes, It Can Be Resolved
- Monday, OCT 30 ONLINE COURSE
- Web Activities to Spark Literacy and Learning in Schools
- Tuesday, OCT 31 WEBCAST
- Point, Click and Learn: Flickr and Libraries

### NOVEMBER 2006

- Wednesday, NOV 01 TELECONFERENCE COURSE
- Survival Guide for New Managers
- Thursday, NOV 02 TELECONFERENCE
- e-Xploring Virtual Reference
- Friday, NOV 03 WEBCAST
- Anytime, Anywhere Solution to Information on Demand: The myhamilton.ca Community Portal
- Monday, NOV 06 TELECONFERENCE COURSE
- Project Management for Libraries
- Tuesday, NOV 07 TELECONFERENCE
- Rethinking School Library Collections for At-Risk Readers
- Wednesday, NOV 08 TELECONFERENCE
- Effective Board Governance no. 8: Evaluating the Library Board
- Thursday, NOV 09 TELECONFERENCE
- Researching Chinese-Canadian Ancestry
- Thursday, NOV 09 TELECONFERENCE
- Making Reading Programs Fly: 30 Ideas in 60 Minutes
- Monday, NOV 13 TELECONFERENCE COURSE
- Communicating on Purpose to Bridge the Gap
- Tuesday, NOV 14 WEBCAST
- Yahoo Tips: Search Strategies for Libraries
- Wednesday, NOV 15 TELECONFERENCE
- Using Observational Research Methods in Your Library
- Thursday, NOV 16 TELECONFERENCE
- Competencies and Information Professionals
- Friday, NOV 17 WEBCAST
- Best in Show: Designing Effective Screencasts
- Tuesday, NOV 21 WEBCAST
- Avoiding Communication Breakdown: Techies and Non-Techies
- mercredi, 22 novembre AUDIO-CONFÉRENCE
- Les habiletés de leadership et leur expression dans les milieux d'information
- Thursday, NOV 23 TELECONFERENCE
- Community Development in a Library Context
- Friday, NOV 24 TELECONFERENCE
- No Ephebiphobia Here
- Monday, NOV 27 TELECONFERENCE
- Canadian and US Immigration: Historical Records and Their Value

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The award will normally be announced at the Ordinary General Meeting held at the Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference.

The successful applicant will have been accepted in a program for a masters degree in library science and information studies that is accredited by the American Library Association.

Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee.

Applications, including supporting documentation should be submitted by March 31, 2007.

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## LOST MEMBER SEARCH

*Submitted by Dianne Taylor-Harding*

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12. Doris Rauch, Fredericton, NB

We want APLA members to receive each issue.

If you know where these stray members may now be working or if you have clues about their current email or home address, please contact the Bulletin editors.

Thank you,

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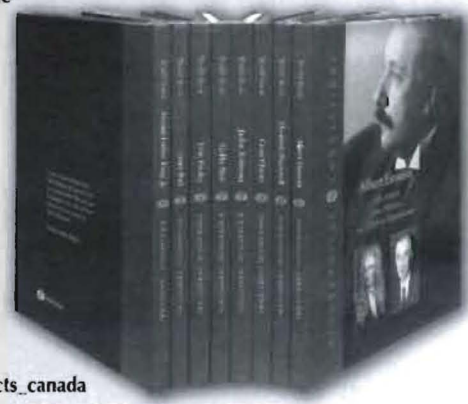
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