

Exploring strange, new realms of information easy, exciting and interactive with QUEST



Library staff say it will be exciting and easy for faculty, staff, and students to use and interact with Quest, the replacement for PHOENIX and wanted to convey that sense to everyone. Getting the message across are, from left, John Teskey, Andy Pope, and Alan Burk.

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There is a feeling of excitement and adventure that users will experience in their first encounter with Quest, the University of New Brunswick's powerful new client-server library system.

"Quest will provide a gateway to databases, collections, and information resources worldwide," says John Teskey, UNB's Director of Libraries (Fredericton). "Quest will also enhance the ability of library patrons to obtain information from UNB's collections." Students, faculty and staff on both the Fredericton and Saint John campuses may begin to explore the many realms of information opened up

by this replacement for the 15-year-old mainframe based PHOENIX starting in May.

Library users will no longer need to check with the circulation desk to find out if a book is in or out. The new system integrates catalogue activities, circulation, acquisitions, and serials check-in within the libraries. "We are expecting many efficiencies," adds Mr. Teskey.

The project is the result of a partnership of the Harriet Irving Library, Gerard V. La Forest Law Library, Ward Chipman Library and Computing Services. The implementation of Quest is the culmination of the work of the

PHOENIX replacement task force chaired by Alan Burk, UNB's Associate Director of Libraries in Fredericton. He points out that UNB's libraries are among the first in the country to adopt an interactive client-server system. "The personal computer or client looks after data requests and presentation and getting information from the user. The server looks after providing the information in a raw state."

Andy Pope, who is co-ordinating the implementation of Quest, says that it utilizes the power of personal computers. "Sitting at a workstation in the office, at home, or at one of the

university's workstations, users can interact with the information on their computers — move it to somewhere else, copy it, or cut and paste it."

The name of the new system, Quest, is apt because it conveys a sense of questioning as well as adventure. The university purchased Quest from Sirsi Corp. and is using Sirsi's Unicorn software. This UNIX based automation system is built to a standard that allows searching of other systems and catalogues without learning the other systems. "It makes other library catalogues look like your own," Mr. Pope explains. "It is not lim-

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Newfoundland Provincial Public Libraries Board Reorganized

On January 12, 1995, the Hon. Chris Decker, Minister of Education and Training, announced a complete reorganization of the Provincial Public Libraries Board. The latter will now be known as the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board and will oversee the development of a network of community information resource centres. The Board will be the vehicle for coordinating the delivery of information and library materials to the general public. The resource centres will employ information technology to fulfill these functions.

The Board will, in cooperation with schools, colleges, and other government departments and agencies, develop community plans for the provision of library and information services. A school, community college, or other location could be designated a community information resource centre as a result of these plans. As a pilot project, one such centre will be located in a shopping mall for a period of one year.

The restructuring process also reduced the number of regions from seven to three. At its meeting on February 11 the Board decided that the new regions would be Western, Central, and Eastern. Western Region will comprise the former Western and Labrador/Northern Regions with Headquarters in Corner Brook; Central Region, the former Central and Gander Regions, with HQ in Gander; and Eastern Region, the former Bonavista-Burin and Avalon Regions, with HQ in Mount Pearl. The Board also decided to

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Microfilm preservation: Peruse your collection, or snooze and lose

Staff at the Micrographics Division, Provincial Archives New Brunswick, recently discovered deteriorated microfilm while inspecting an outside collection for possible duplication. The collection contains 5,000 master microfilms produced between 1953 and 1988. A 1% sample, including films from each year, was chosen for the survey.

There was the usual mechanical damage (such as scratches or fingerprints) from improper handling, as well as water spots and chemical residues. What was most striking was widespread evidence of chemical damage.

Symptoms included shrinkage, warping, cracking, brittleness, and the separation of image layers from the plastic support. These reels were, in fact, sticking to themselves, causing the emulsion to peel away from its backing as the films were unwound. Noted too was the distinct smell of vinegar when many of the cans were opened. 72% of the films exhibited some sign of deterioration, including the film from 1982!

What was revealed is a classic case of acetate film base deterioration. The staff at PANB were suddenly awakened to the seri-

ousness of the problem. Though most of the collection can be safely copied, a few of the films were in such an advanced state of deterioration that the information is as good as lost. Furthermore, most of the original masters were produced without strict quality control and are out of focus. Duplication will cause further loss of quality. "Vinegar syndrome" is a form of chemical deterioration inherent to cellulose acetate plastics. Under the influence of excessive heat, dampness, or exposure to acidic vapors from nearby degrading film, acetate plastics undergo

chemical reactions that form acetic acid. This odor signifies that chemical deterioration is already quite advanced. Deterioration will proceed to completion even if the film is then stored under ideal conditions. The reaction cannot be stopped once it has begun; it can only be slowed down. The onset of the vinegar syndrome will vary with product type, storage history, and enclosure circumstance.

Acetate plastics are found in many areas of archives collections. The earliest acetate films were introduced in the 1920s.

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From the President's Desk

On February 17 and 18, I was able to attend CLA Mid-winter meetings held this year in St. John's. On Friday, Francoise Hebert gave a very informative talk on Quality Service based on her study of interlibrary loan in the 38 largest public libraries in Canada. Hebert pointed out that patrons' perceptions of service are often quite different from that of librarians. While her study found many problems with ILL service in public libraries, her findings have implications for services offered in all types of libraries.

On Saturday, CLA sponsored a session entitled "State of the Nation: Issues in Canadian Libraries". Representatives of several library associations, including myself for APLA, introduced their organizations and outlined their activities and concerns. Also speaking were representatives of Memorial University Library, the Provincial Public Library Services, Cabot College Library, Pat Cavill, CLA President, and the CLA Divisional Presidents. Themes common to many of the presentations included downsizing, networks, and new information technology. It was a very informative session and an opportunity to meet with local colleagues and representatives of CLA.

Following up on the Report to the Executive by the Special Committee on Copyright, I recently wrote to the Hon. Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, and the Hon. John Manley, Minister of Industry, concerning the upcoming Phase II reforms to the Copyright Act.

APLA's position, as conveyed to the Ministers, is that Canadian copyright law must maintain a balance between the interests of creators and the needs of libraries and their users for reasonable access to copyright works for the purposes of research, private study, and the dissemination of information. Such a balance preserves the economic interests of creators while at the same time recognizes the need to distribute Canada's national information resources to a broad spectrum of Canadians. Copyright should not be seen as an absolute right but as a balance between the interests of creators and the interests of the public in using copyright materials for informational and educational purposes.

APLA maintains that to achieve the balance described above, Phase II reforms must include exceptions of a limited nature which would allow librarians and library staff to make:

- one copy, including an electronic copy, of a work, for the purposes of interlibrary loan or library reserve.
- one copy of a work to replace lost, damaged, stolen, or deteriorating copies of a work if a replacement cannot be obtained within a reasonable time and for a reasonable price.
- one copy of an out-of-print work that cannot be obtained within a reasonable time and for a reasonable price.
- one copy of an unpublished work solely for the purposes of preservation and security or for deposit in another library or archive.

APLA has maintained a strong interest in Canadian copyright legislation over the past ten years and will be loosely monitoring developments in 1995.

I responded to the revised Report of the Alliance of Libraries, Archives and Records Managers (ALARM) on behalf of APLA. The emphasis on continuing education is very welcome, considering the training needs in all types of libraries. Following further revisions the revised Report has been published under the title "Towards a Strategy for Human Resource Development in Libraries, Archives and Records Management". CLA will be sending copies to all APLA members.

As I mentioned in the last column, APLA prepared an Information Rights package which was distributed to all members. APLA executive and committee members have also been active in planning activities for Information Rights Week in various locations in the Atlantic area.

As a part of APLA's new procedure for regular liaison with library associations in the Atlantic region I wrote to the 13 associations contacted last fall to update them on APLA's activities. I also urged them to use the APLA listserv for their own notices and announcements.

Planning for APLA '95 is now in its final stages. By the time you receive this you will have received the Conference package from the organizing committees in Charlottetown. May 25 to 28 is just around the corner!

-Charles Cameron

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ited to one computer make or model. It can run on a range of host computers."

With Quest, users will also be able to access databases stored on CD-ROMs and Internet resources. "It's quick and easy to pull up the library catalogue at Emory University, or any other catalogue meeting the information standard Z39.50, with the tap of a few keys," says Mr. Pope. The ability to access such catalogues, he says, will be crucial to supplying the needs of students and scholars that extend beyond the resources held in the UNB libraries.

Mr. Pope is responsible for overseeing the myriad details of implementation. Brian Lesser, senior technical analyst with UNBF Computing Services and the architect of PHOENIX, will also play a key role in the university's changeover to Quest. He is responsible for dealing with technical issues and the conversion and loading of close to a million records.

Care will be taken to publicize changes in advance through student newspapers and information sessions.

-Joyce Cameron

Information Officer, UNB Development and Public Relations

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APLA '95 to be held May 25-28

The campus of the University of Prince Edward Island will be the setting for the 1995 edition of the APLA annual conference. By now, all APLA members will have received their pre-registration package, detailing the many sessions and events that we know you will enjoy. From the preconference workshops on Thursday, May 25, through the sessions on Friday and Saturday, and culminating in the Champagne Brunch on Sunday, May 28, participants will be "Building Better Bridges, Forging Stronger Links".

Two preconference workshops will be offered. Peter Rukavina will be offering a full-day session entitled "Getting Webbed: a Hands-on WorldWideWeb Workshop (wherein webs will be woven)." The Workshop is designed for beginners and will work through the following steps: gathering the required software from the Internet; setting it up; creating documents, pictures, sounds, and video to serve the Internet; and flipping the switch to create a live-and-on-the-Internet web-server. No technical, programming, or computer skills are required. Cost of the workshop is \$110.00; pre-registration is necessary. Cost includes two coffee breaks and lunch.

Thursday afternoon, Caren Mofford and Sharon Munro will offer an interactive workshop entitled "I'd Rather be Eaten by Sharks! Survival Strategies for the One-Person Library". Topics will include ensuring that services are relevant for clients and administrators; networking; developing strategic plans; focusing on your responsibilities and accountabilities; time and paper management; and professional development plans. Cost for this session is \$50.00 and includes a coffee break; again, pre-registration is required.

Friday and Saturday will see over twenty-five sessions offered to attendees; whatever your interests, there will be something for you at this conference. Keynote speaker Heather Menzies will address the topic "Divining the Library Tradition in the Internet/Information Highway Debate".

Over thirty exhibitors will be displaying and demonstrating their products and services. The official opening will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday (immediately following the keynote address). The exhibit area will be the location for all refreshment breaks (including complimentary lunches on both Friday and Saturday).

As busy as the days will be, the evenings will be opportunities for FUN, FUN, FUN. Thursday evening will see the Past Presidents' Reception, an opportunity for friends and

food (a favourite combination of the Local Arrangements Committee) to mix and mingle. Friday evening after the Ordinary General Meeting, there will be another reception, with yet more food and friends.

The Merit Award Banquet will be held Saturday evening. Join us in honouring this year's Merit Award Winner and stay to enjoy the music of The House Party Band. This band is a popular Island group who have been entertaining Islanders and visitors for four seasons of "Prince Edward Island House Parties". The five member group combines fiddling, fun, song, and dance with an Acadian flare and features Albert Arsenault, Helene Bergeron, Grady Poe, Paul Gallant, and Louise Arsenault. You will not want to miss this event! Price information is on your Registration Form.

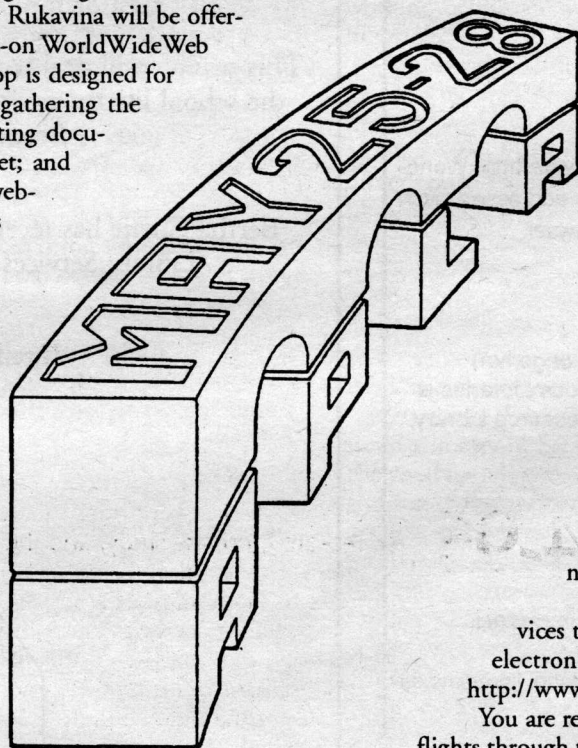
The Champagne Brunch on Sunday will mark the ending of APLA '95. The brunch will offer the opportunity for people to discuss some of the topics that have been brought to the fore during the Conference. Members of the Local Arrangements Committee will no doubt be eavesdropping on as many conversations as possible in order to pass along hints and suggestions to the APLA '97 planning team.

In your registration package is a postcard that you can send to visitors services to get the 1995 edition of the Visitors Guide. You can also access the guide electronically via the Province of Prince Edward Island's WWW site: <http://www.gov.pe.ca/info/>.

You are reminded that Canadian is the official Convention airline. Please book your flights through the ConventionAir service at 1-800-665-5554 or have your travel agent contact them, giving the event number 2222. You will be eligible for 1000 Canadian Plus points in addition to the Canadian Plus miles earned.

Do you need a pre-registration package? Do you have any questions or comments about the Conference? Please contact Conference Coordinator, Sharon Clark, by Voice (902-628-4361), by Fax (902-628-4305), by Email (sclark@upe.ca), or by mail (APLA Conference '95, c/o Robertson Library, U.P.E.I., 550 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 4P3). Register early! We look forward to seeing you in May.

*-Sharon Clark, Conference Coordinator, and
Nichola Cleaveland, Local Arrangements Committee*



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The following is an update to the previous listing of Internet servers (http=WorldWideWeb server) available to include all four Atlantic Provinces. The addresses given are in standard URL format and can be used in any WorldWideWeb browser.

- Acadia University - <http://www.acadiau.ca/>
- Antigonish Community Network - <http://www.grassroots.ns.ca/>
- APLA - <http://cwaves.stfx.ca/APLA/welcome.html>
- Centre Universitaire Saint-Louis-Maillet - <http://www.cuslm.ca/home page.htm>
- Chebucto Freenet - <http://www.cfn.cs.dal.ca/> ** (Information on various Libraries is available here, including Dartmouth Regional Library, IWK Family Resource Library, Halifax City Regional Library.)
- Dalhousie University - <http://ac.dal.ca/>
- Government of New Brunswick - <http://www.gov.nb.ca/>
- Memorial University - <http://www.mun.ca/local/welcome.html>
- Mount Allison University - <http://www.mta.ca/>
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- Nova Scotia Community College (Yarmouth) - gopher://nt.burridgec.ns.ca:70/1
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- Nova Scotia Provincial Library, NcompasS database telnet://rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca
- NSTN - <http://www.nstn.ca/fourth.html>
- Prince Edward Island - <http://www.gov.pe.ca/info/>
- Saint Francis Xavier University Library - <http://www.stfx.ca/>
- Saint Mary's University - <http://www.stmarys.ca/>
- Technical University of Nova Scotia - <http://www.tuns.ca/index.html>
- TeleEducation New Brunswick - <http://tenb.mta.ca/tenb.html>
- University of New Brunswick - <http://degaulle.hil.unb.ca/UNB.html>
- University of Prince Edward Island - <http://www.upei.ca/index.html>

ATLANTIC ILL OFFICES VIA THE INTERNET

- Dalhousie (NSHD - Killam Library, Social Sciences and Humanities only) - DALISSH@ac.dal.ca
- Memorial U. Health Sciences - NFSMM - hslill@morgan.ucs.mun.ca
- Nova Scotia Public Libraries:
 - N.S. Provincial Library - inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca
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NEWS

The **APLA WorldWideWeb** server is now available at the following URL:
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This is still under construction, and a number of new items will be added over the next month. If you have any suggestions or comments about the Web site or its content, please contact me (mieggott@sandnc.stfx.ca)

The **Herbert Marshall McLuhan Foundation** and the **Nova Scotia College of Art and Design** are pleased to announce "**The McLuhan Probes**," a new Web site. The McLuhan Probes is a visual celebration of McLuhan's ideas, conveyed for the first time in a global interactive digital medium—a medium he foresaw and wrote about so much. You can find The McLuhan Probes at the following URL:

<http://www.mcluhan.ca/mcluhan/>

Searching the Net. Have you ever tried to search for information on the Internet and been frustrated by either too much information or not enough? One of the most useful sites for searching for information on the Internet is the **W3 Search Engines page at the Centre Universitaire d'Informatique of the University of Geneva**. This site uses standard fill-in-the-forms Web pages to access a wide range of Internet search engines. In order to use this site your WorldWideWeb browser must support forms (i.e. most of them). You can access the site at:

<http://cuiwww.uni.e.ch/meta-index.html>

- Mark Leggott
St. Francis Xavier University

APLA '95 Addition to Program

Saturday, May 27: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Censorship or Selection: Is That the Challenge?

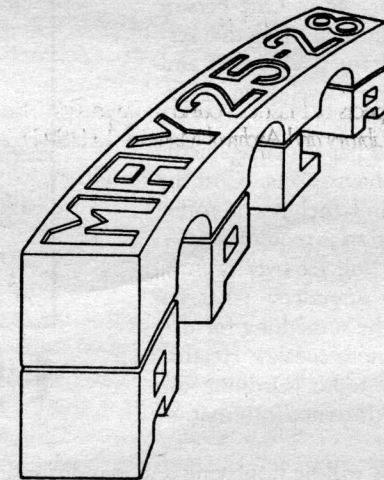
This session will deal with the speaker's experiences with censorship in the school library environment. Implications of current intellectual freedom issues will be discussed.

Speaker:

Bertha Currie has recently retired from her position as Supervisor of Library Services at the Halifax District School Board.

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Western Counties Regional Library Board requires a Regional Library Director

POSITION

Plans, organizes and develops library service to community. Acts as Secretary-Treasurer to the Board. Recommends policies. Prepares budget. Monitors and approves expenditures. Responsible for the hiring, supervision and release of all staff. Plans and co-ordinates the work of all staff. Rules on union/management decisions. Participates and works with provincial, regional and national library organizations.

QUALIFICATIONS

BABSc, BLS/MLS. Clear driver's license. 8 years professional experience including public library rural and/or urban with at least 2 years administration. Knowledge of computers and automated systems and applications required. French is an asset.

REQUIREMENTS

Normally a 35 hour week, but hours are variable to meet regional library needs. Public speaking essential. Driving in a variety of weather conditions. Ability to travel at very short notice. Knowledge of federal, provincial and municipal legislation and funding essential. Involvement in library associations and trustee organizations required.

COMMENTS

This position requires the ability to plan and organize. Common sense essential.

DESCRIPTION OF REGION

Western Counties Regional Library serves 68,700 people through 10 branches in the southwestern part of Nova Scotia. It covers the counties of Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne and is a bilingual region. Its staff is 29.27 FTE including 5 professional librarians and its collection is 138,468 volumes. The region is about to embark on a major automation program which will see all its 10 library branches automated and inter-connected. In addition, work is about to begin on the upgrading and relocation of a major branch.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO

Chairman of the Board, Western Counties Regional Library, 405 Main Street, Yarmouth, NS B5A 1G3

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Friday, May 12, 1995

Microfilm / continued from page 1

The term "safety film" for cine or sheet film was used because acetate did not burn as easily as earlier nitrate plastics. Acetate films have also been used as sleeves for protecting archived negatives. Until the late 1950s, cellulose acetate films were used as a very thin material for sound tape for some early computer and video recordings. Kodak black and white Pan-X roll film is still produced on an acetate support. Polyester entered the scene in the late 1950s, and soon replaced cellulose acetate as the base material for sound recording tape. The demand for a strong, long-lasting microfilm brought about the use of polyester for microfilm in the 1980s, but it co-exists with cellulose triacetate-based microfilm.

What can your institution do to protect against loss from acetate deterioration? The following is a list of suggestions which may help you to organize a film collection preservation program. See the attached bibliography for sources of materials or information.

1. Survey your collections. Record the media's date, edge marks (such as writing or notches), and condition. Identify the plastic support. Note any items in poor condition for priority duplication. These should be separated from the rest of the collection and placed in cold storage (less than 10 degrees C).
2. Monitor suspect collections for the presence of acetic acid using a product such as A-D Strips. Items in fair condition should be placed in cold storage and monitored closely.
3. Monitor and control the storage environment. Cool (less than 21 degrees C) conditions at moderate RH (20% to 50%) will extend the useful life of acetate materials. ANSI Standard IT9.11-1994 and ISO Standard 5466-1992 provide recommended storage conditions for photographic films.

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A-D Strips, film base deterioration monitors. Single package US\$29.95.

-Karen E.K. Brown, Council of Archives New Brunswick, and Harold Holland, Provincial Archives, New Brunswick

M. Eileen Burns - A Tribute

Few people have been identified with so many and varied aspects of volunteer work in the city of Halifax as was Eileen Burns. With her death on January 16, 1995, civic, cultural and community associations lost a friend and advocate. No group could be more conscious of this than those connected with libraries. She was the proverbial tower of strength in any library undertaking; she was a consistent and persistent driving force working openly or quietly behind the scenes to promote libraries and the welfare of librarians.

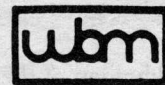
As an enthusiastic member of the local Halifax Library Association she joined in the growing movement to build a library as the city's war memorial to those who lost their lives in World War II. The culmination of the movement was the formal opening of the Halifax Memorial Library on November 12, 1951. At first, the new library was under direct control of the Halifax City Council. In May 1952, however, a legally constituted library board of nine members became the governing authority. Eileen Burns was one of the nine members appointed to the new Board. She served on it and its successor, the Halifax City Regional Library Board, until 1974, except for a three-year period from 1964 to 1967. During these twenty years, she held the office of Vice-Chairman from 1954 through 1956 and again in 1973 and 1974. Throughout the time of her Board membership her constant interest, ready availability, good counsel, and willingness to promote the Library's cause at all times contributed to its steady growth.

Meanwhile, Eileen's own personal project was moving forward. She had set up and nurtured a library in St. Patrick's High School where, as a teacher of English, she had seen the need for a library organized to serve students and staff. This was the practical demonstration of the greater plan. She firmly believed that libraries should be in all the schools and recognized standards should be followed and maintained. So, with her usual charm, tact, and calm perseverance, she set to work. By the Fall of 1969, her goal of a school libraries department for the Halifax school system was realized when the first School Library Supervisor was appointed. Within a year the benefits were evident, as each of the schools saw well organized and efficiently run libraries begin to function.

Eileen Burns did not limit her library enthusiasm and activity to Halifax. When possible, she attended the annual conferences of the Canadian Library Association. In so doing she became a working member of the Canadian Library Trustees' Association, serving on its Executive and becoming its Chairman. In 1973 she received the CLTA Merit Award, which is given for outstanding leadership as a library trustee in public library service in Canada. This was a recognition in which she took great pride.

Despite her many interests and activities, or perhaps because of them, Eileen Burns was always approachable, always gracious, always sympathetic and helpful. She had an ability to smooth the way in what could be a difficult situation. Above all, she was a good friend to the many friends she made in a long and altruistic life.

-Mary E. Cameron
Chief Librarian, Halifax City Regional Library
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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

NEW BRUNSWICK/ NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Joyce Waterhouse retired in January after a career at New Brunswick Library Service (NBLS) that spanned 16 years. As Head of Technical Services, Joyce was responsible for cataloguing and classification, as well as for the implementation of automation both at NBLS and in the regions. Eunice Stringer has been appointed Acting Head of Technical Services.

The recon proceeds with 68,427 bibliographic records and 331,838 item records having been added to the INLEX database since the start of the recon in January 1994 to the end of January 1995.

The *Nashwaak Review* was launched at the Moncton Public Library in December. Founding editor Stewart Donovan says the journal will provide an opportunity for both new and established writers to publish their material.

An exhibit of millinery dating from the turn of the century was on display at the Port Elgin Public Library to celebrate Heritage Week. Entitled *It's Old Hat*, the exhibit was loaned to the Library by a former Board member, John Moss.

Members of the Saint Antoine Public Library Board recently met with their MLA Camille Thériault, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour, to press home their need for a second employee.

Marc Pilon resigned as Director of the Chaleur Regional Library in January. Regional Director since September 1991, Marc has moved to Morocco where he is responsible for the setting up of a university library.

The Kennebecasis Public Library received a donation of \$500 from the Kennebecasis Quilting Guild to go toward the purchase of quilting videos, books, and craft material while the Sussex Public Library received a donation from a patron to go towards the purchase of children's books.

Saint John Regional Board Certificates were awarded to nine employees and one trustee at the quarterly Board meeting in January. Employees Ian Wilson and Janet Nisbet received the provincial government's service pin and certificate in recognition of their 25 years of service.

Leo Newman has been elected chair of the Campobello Public Library Board while Sarah Phillips has been appointed as the Board's representative on the Regional Board.

The Honourable Paul Duffie attended the 25th anniversary celebrations of Saint John's East Branch Library on January 26. In honour of the occasion, the Minister presented the Library with a collection of books on behalf of the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. Other guests included MP Elsie Wayne, the Honourable Leo McAdam and MLA Elizabeth Weir, as well as library staff and trustees from across the region. Trustee Douglas Spinney acted as Master of Ceremonies.

David O'Brien, Frances Corbett,

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NEWFOUNDLAND

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Brian Nimeroski, Chief Librarian, St. John's Library System, has left St. John's to take a position with the city library in Timmins, Ontario.

During November and December, the Avalon Region Libraries head office was moved from Harbour Grace to the Mount Pearl Public Library.

A major reorganization of public libraries in Newfoundland was announced January 12 by Chris Decker, Minister of Education and Training. For details see the story on page 1 of this issue of the *Bulletin*.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The University Library system of Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) has signed a letter of intent with SIRSI Corp. of Huntsville, Alabama to purchase their integrated online library system, Unicorn.

George Beckett, Associate University Librarian (Health Sciences), has been seconded for a one year trial period to act as manager of a new Health Sciences Information and Media Service (HSIMS). It was formed by the combination of the Medical Audio Visual Services and Computer Services (Medicine) of the Faculty of Medicine at MUN.

The Queen Elizabeth II Library and the Computing and Communications Division of MUN have launched a WorldWide Web home page. The URL is "http://www.mun.ca".

The new college librarian of the Central Newfoundland Regional College is John Whalen. John is based at the Grand Falls-Windsor Campus of the College. He was previously the librarian of the Lewisporte Campus of the College.

Alexandra Hartmann has started her job as librarian of the Labrador West Campus of the Labrador College of Applied Arts, Technology, and Continuing Education.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Christine Melnick, the Information Services Advisor for Hibernia Management & Development, recently resigned to move to Ontario.

The Department of Social Services has hired Karen Halliday to establish a library for them.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Canadian Library Association held its mid-winter meetings in St. John's, February 17-19 with a number of sessions and social activities.

[Editor's note: See *From the President's Desk* on p.2 of this issue for more details].

-Karen Lippold
Vice President (Newfoundland)

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Provincial Library is now in the planning stages of adding new databanks to NcompasS for the collections of the Department of Education Library, Career Resources, Literacy Collection, and Education Media Services.

Operation Bootstrap is a grant program which addresses the needs of rural Nova Scotians for easy access to interactive learning and training initiatives in the area of business information. The main objective is to facilitate access to interactive learning for entrepreneurs, management, and employees so that their businesses may continue or improve their viability and competitiveness. Marion Pape and Andrea John met recently with the Operation Bootstrap Committee and discussed the possibility of a province-wide application. It was agreed that the Provincial Library would prepare an application covering all interested Regional Libraries, phasing in over several years. There is a very real need for information on exactly what interactive learning materials are and where to buy them. To find this information, the federal government has hired Chris Merrick for a few weeks to find out what is available for sale. His research will serve as an excellent selection tool for applicants to the grant program. He can be reached at (902) 424-2453 or by email at cmerrick@nshpl.library.ns.ca. It was encouraging to see the Committee's recognition that libraries are ideal delivery sites for this kind of learning. Please contact Andrea John for more information (ajohn@nshpl.library.ns.ca).

As part of the Provincial Library's service to the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries in the area of children and young adults, work has begun on this year's Summer Reading Programme with "Be A Readasaurus/Soyez Lecturaure" as the theme. This year, for the first time, the artwork for the posters, t-shirts, and sweat-shirts will be bilingual instead of having two separate versions. For further information contact Sue Dirani (sdirani@nshpl.library.ns.ca)

The Halifax County Regional Library has received a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Education to assist in the automation of the Library's catalogue and manual circulation system. In light of the Metro area municipal amalgamation plan, Halifax County Regional Library, Dartmouth Regional Library, and Halifax City Regional Library systems plan to merge their bibliographic and patron databases on to one DYNIX automated integrated library system. This will mean that all patrons of the three libraries will be able to use a single library card to interact with and access the holdings of the three Regional Libraries through one OPAC.

In preparation for moving to the fully automated system, the Administration Office of the Halifax County Regional Library system is installing a NOVELL LAN in February. The LAN will increase

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Norma Collier, Eastern Region Supervisor and Head of Technical Services, resigned her position in order to move to Papua New Guinea with her family. Collier, an Anglican priest, has accepted a position with the parish in Port Moresby.

Leona Giddings, library technician Murray River, is retiring after 45 years of continuous service. The community will be holding a reception to honour Leona in March.

Efforts are being made to make permanent appointments to many positions in the Provincial Library Service. Of twenty positions were staffed with people acting in a casual or temporary manner. Competitions have been held for most of the positions, and it is hoped that the permanent team will soon be in place.

The federal government has launched the new program "Computers in Libraries". Under this initiative, reconditioned 286 and 386 computers from federal government departments will be redistributed to rural libraries across Canada. It is anticipated that a number of these computers will be placed in schools across Prince Edward Island.

Library Week will be held April 23-29. The theme is "Reading Takes You Places". A number of activities will be held in public libraries across the Province. A video outlining the many services provided by public libraries will be launched during Library Week.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

At Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island, the retroconversion project is progressing very well. The anticipated completion date is the summer of 1995.

The Library is involved in a year-long trial of a self-check circulation system. Borrowers can check out their own material, as the machine desensitizes material, and issues a receipt indicating the date due.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Sandra Richardson, School Library Consultant with the Department of Education, has assumed several new responsibilities. She will be working with the P.E.I. Media Centre to assist in the production of a catalogue and other promotional material. Sandra will also be working with curriculum consultants to identify and acquire audiovisual resources for the provincial school system.

-Nichola Cleaveland
Vice President (Prince Edward Island)

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Nicholas Barfoot, Star Dashwood, and Douglas Spinney have been appointed for a three-year term to the Saint John Free Public Library Board.

In February, the City of Saint John and the Saint John Free Public Library launched a monthly program entitled *Technology Tuesdays* for staff and the public. The first presentation was entitled *Why Would I Want to Do Windows?*

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

In conjunction with Heritage Week, February 20-26, portions of a 19th century travel diary held in Archives and Special Collections at the Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick, were published in the *Telegraph Journal*. On February 18 and 25, the *New Brunswick Reader* featured the Joseph Whitman Bailey diary, *Rambles in Eastern Canada and New England*, which chronicles the extensive exploration of the waterways of New Brunswick by a UNB student and his friends. Outings were meticulously documented with descriptions of both natural features of the landscape and the local people they encountered. Photographs and hand drawn maps enhance the text.

Librarian Stephen Sloan and Programmer/Analyst David Cunningham of UNB are the recipients of the "CIL Article of the Year" award for an article which they co-authored and which appeared in the October 1994 issue of *Computers in Libraries*. The award was presented to them at the Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington, DC on February 28.

The prize-winning article dealt with integrating several technologies to produce a WorldWideWeb "gateway" to a Z39.50 database. For this project, programming was required in both the C and perl languages. Steve did the perl and Dave handled the C part.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

As a prelude to Information Rights Week, the Legislative Library hosted, in March, a noon-hour lecture by Professor Norman Siebrasse of the UNB Law School entitled *Access and Privacy in the Information Age*.

ASSOCIATIONS

The New Brunswick Library Trustees Association (NBLTA) will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 29, at the Centennial Building in Fredericton. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. This year's workshop will be on online access. The Association hopes to have its new handbook available at the meeting.

The Library Council of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association (NBTA) will hold its spring workshop in conjunction with the Combined Councils of the NBTA on May 5. A videoconference will connect four sites: Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, and Bathurst. The topic will be *Resource Based Learning - Bridging the Distance*. Keynote speaker is Jane Thornley, President of the Canadian School Library Association. Other session speakers will include Andrew Skrobot, winner of the Innovation in Education Grant, Saint John teacher-librarian Pam Smith, Arnold MacPherson, Assistant Director of Curriculum Development and Dawn Weatherbie-Morehouse, Acting Coordinator of Resource Based Learning, both of the Department of Edu-

cation. The registration fee is \$40. For more information or to register, contact Mr. Reg Crossman, RR # 2, Moncton, NB E1C 8J6, Fax (506) 856-3840.

OTHER NEWS

Information Rights Week will be proclaimed on Monday April 3 by the Hon. Frank McKenna, Premier of New Brunswick and Brad Woodside, Mayor of Fredericton. On Tuesday, April 4, a Symposium will be held at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel entitled "Information Rights in a Changing Society". Stan Skrzyszewski of the Coalition for Public Information will give the keynote address. On Wednesday, April 5, an evening lecture, "What the Freenet Can Mean for You", will be held at the Fredericton Public Library. There will be free public film screenings at the National Exhibition Centre, Fredericton, all week. All events are open to the public and free of charge and are supported by the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick. For further information, please contact Jocelyne Thompson, New Brunswick Library Service (voice: (506) 453-2354; internet: jthompson@gov.nb.ca)

-Jocelyne Thompson
Vice President (New Brunswick)

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staff access to the Provincial Library's multiLIS database, Internet, email, and office automation software applications.

Plans are currently underway for a new branch library in the Sackville community. The existing Sackville Branch Library has for many years been inadequate for the usage and needs of the community it serves.

At the Cumberland Regional Library, Assistant Librarian Irene Coombes has retired after nearly 24 years of service as Reference Coordinator for the Region and as head of the Four Fathers Memorial Branch Library in Amherst.

The Regional Library hosted a highly successful Introduction to the Internet at the Four Fathers Branch Library in Amherst on February 7. The turnout was much greater than expected, with over 100 people attending. The group was addressed by Doug Shatford, a member of the Library Board. Leslie Foster from the Provincial Library attended and will be setting up a listserv to aid the participants. Due to the tremendous response, another meeting is being planned at the Springhill High School, which is currently participating in the Schoolnet initiative (Community Internet Access) and has 15 computers available for a demonstration.

The Regional Library observed Black History Month with a display of local black history featuring pictures, posters, and books assembled by members of the Cumberland County Black Association.

At the South Shore Regional Library volunteers will again be assisting low income earners to prepare simple tax returns during March and April. Since the programme began in 1987, volunteers have prepared returns for over 1,400 people.

The South Shore Regional Library is the first in Nova Scotia to receive funding for a mobile branch from a Department of Education Capital Grant. The new bookmobile is on order and should be available to the public in May 1995.

At the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, Part 1 of the Library's Capital Grant for Automation has been approved, and plans for the new bookmobile are in progress.

Bridgetown Regional High School was one of the schools which received funding for the Schoolnet initiative (Community Internet Access Training programme). A 30-hour Internet course has been set up at the school and several Regional Library staff members are in attendance. The Bridgetown Branch Library received an Internet connection for a six-month period as part of this program.

At the Wolfville Memorial Library, Sharon Wendt has been active in spearheading the development of a community network for the Wolfville, Kentville, and surrounding areas. On February 11, a name was chosen for the new network, Glooscap Online, and a board was appointed. For more information contact Sharon Wendt (wendt@fox.nstn.ns.ca)

A demonstration site is being developed at the New Glasgow Library of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library to provide the Department of Education with tested procedures and policies which can be used for launching other public access sites across the Province. Public access to the Internet and NcompasS will be monitored and evaluated to provide information on changing usage patterns, public needs for services such as training, and other implications on library programmes.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Brian Bradley, who joined Mount Saint Vincent University in September 1994, is the Coordinator of Databases and Research, Information Technology and Services. Brian does research associated with licencing of various DBs, options relating to format, and has been heavily involved in CanCopy licensing issues and its implementation.

ASSOCIATIONS

In January Michael Colborne represented the Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference '95 (Navigating the Third Millennium: The Future of Librarianship). OLA hosted the winter meeting of the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC) and generously paid for accommodation and Conference registration for members. A report on the conference is available from Michael Colborne (mcolborn@fox.nstn.ns.ca)

At the meeting in November, NSLA's board of directors approved the final draft of the strategic plan for regional public libraries in the province. Frances Newman has agreed to work on the implementation team, which will begin its work once the plan is officially approved by all stakeholders.

The 1995 NSLA Conference will be hosted by the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library in Truro on October 13-15.

OTHER NEWS

Information workers in the Halifax Metro area from libraries, museums, archives, freenets, records management, and other groups have been meeting to plan activities for **Information Rights Week, April 3-10**. As part of the events planned there will be an official launch of the Chebucto FreeNet. NSLA, Halifax City Regional Library, Chebucto Freenet, Dalhousie

Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

Applications are invited for the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award, which has been established to promote the development of librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants seeking funding for library-related projects or assistance in pursuing graduate studies in the field of library science. This year's award will be up to \$1,000.

The deadline for applications is May 12, 1995. For application forms or other information, please contact Richard Ellis, Chair, Board of Trustees, Margaret Williams Trust Fund, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University, St. John's, NF A1B 3Y1, or call (709) 737-7428.

School of Library and Information Studies, and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library will sponsor a talk by Stan Skrzyszewski of the Coalition for Public Information. Staff training sessions on what information rights are and why we should be concerned about them will also be held. The Provincial Library will be distributing posters, brochures, and information kits to the Nova Scotia library and information community.

Development of the Antigonish Community Network is proceeding at full speed. The WorldWideWeb site is being developed by members of the Grassroots Information Association (GIA), and a number of volunteers from the Antigonish area. The URL for the site is <http://www.grassroots.ns.ca/>

- Mark Leggott
Vice President (Nova Scotia)

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form the Provincial Resource Library.

The amalgamations will see the elimination of several support positions in the regional headquarters slated for closure. No professional positions will disappear as each of the Regions will now have two librarians. It is intended that the new structure will be in place for April 1, 1995.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick, Spring Workshop, April 22, 1995, Saint John, Delta Hotel. The Workshop begins with registration at 10:00 a.m., followed by the keynote speaker, Pauline Bissett of Moncton, President of Promotional Resources Ltd., who will address the topic of promotion of libraries and librarians. After lunch there will be short case studies of successful marketing stories, ending about 1:45 p.m. Opportunities will then be available for a guided tour of the public or university library. Fee for the Workshop including lunch is \$35.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members and those registering at the door. Contact Sylvie Nadeau at (506) 642-3363 or Jean Cunningham at (506) 648-1191.

Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA), Halifax Chapter, Seminar (Managing Electronic Records), May 11, 1995, Halifax, NS, Holiday Inn. The Seminar will present and interpret conventional records management concepts and methods in terms of their applicability to electronic records, and will be of special interest to those working in archives, computer technology, law, libraries, museums, and records management. Contact Kathleen Bugbee, Seminar Registration, ARMA Halifax Chapter, P.O. Box 2381, Station M, Halifax, NS B3J 3E4. Voice (902) 424-5600/Fax (902) 424-0531/Internet kbugbee@gov.ns.ca

Workshop on Instruction in Library Use, May 17-19, 1995, Québec City, PQ, Université Laval. Contact Lorraine Vallières, Bibliothèque scientifique, Université Laval, Québec, PQ G1K 7P4. Voice (418) 656-5900/Fax (418) 656-7699/Internet lorraine.vallières@bibl.ulaval.ca

Creating a World of Opportunities: Liberating People with Disabilities Through Adaptive Technology, Satellite Teleconference, May 18, 1995, 3:30 (sharp) - 5:30 p.m., Halifax, NS, Education Media Services. No registration required. Contact Nancy MacDonald, Education Media Services, N. S. Department of Education, 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax, NS B3K 4X8. Voice (902) 424-2452/Fax (902) 424-0633.

APLA '95 (Building Better Bridges, Forging Stronger Links), May 25-28, 1995, Charlottetown, PE, University of Prince Edward Island.

Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference (The Broad Spectrum of Bibliographical Activity in Canada), June 1995, Montréal, PQ, l'Université de Québec à Montréal. Contact Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference, P.O. Box 575, Postal Station P, Toronto, ON M5S 2T1. Internet: Vincent_t@rmc.ca

Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des Bibliothèques de la Santé Annual Conference (Old World, New World), June 2-7, 1995, St. John's, NF, D St. John's. Contact Catherine Lawton, St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Medical Library, Le Marchant Rd., St. John's, NF A1C 5B8. Voice (709) 778-3414/Fax (709) 778-1216/ Internet clawton@random.ucs.mun.ca or Shaila Mensinkai, Dr. Charles Janeway Child Health Centre, Library Services, Janeway Place, St. John's, NF A1B 1R8. Voice (709) 778-4344/Fax (709) 778-4446/ Internet smensinkai@kean.ucs.mun.ca

Canadian Association for Information Science Annual Conference (Connections: Information, Systems, People, Organizations), June 7-10, 1995, Edmonton, AB. Contact Alvin Schrader, School of Library and Information Studies, 300 Rutherford South, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2J4. Voice (403) 492-4719/Fax (403) 492-2430.

Special Libraries Association, Annual Conference, June 10-15, 1995, Montréal, PQ. Contact SLA, 1700 18th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009. Voice (202) 294-4700.

Interlending & Document Supply, 4th International Conference, (Document Supply in the Electronic World), June 11-14, 1995, Calgary, AB, Palliser Hotel. Organized jointly by the National Library of Canada, the Canadian Library Association, and the IFLA Office of International Lending, the Conference will focus on three specific aspects of interlibrary loan and document supply in the global marketplace, i.e., national and international issues, management issues, and technology. Contact Carrol Lunau, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4. Voice (613) 943-8571/Fax (613) 947-2916/ Internet clunau@nlc-bnc.ca

CLA 50th Annual Conference (Your Golden Opportunity), June 15-18, 1995, Calgary, AB. Contact Susanne Fletcher, CLA, 200 Elgin St., Suite 602, Ottawa, ON K1P 1L5. Voice (613) 232-9625 Ext. 304/Fax (613) 563-9895/ Internet sfletcher@freenet.carleton.ca

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