

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Bulletin

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Membership has its privileges

by Jennifer Richard, Vice President/President Elect

On February 3, 2005, the Ontario Library Association graciously hosted a meeting of the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC) during the OLA Super Conference in Toronto. In this meeting we exchanged ideas about future collaboration and shared the activities and achievements of our organizations. On February 5, the group met with members of CLA's Executive Council to create a better mechanism for communication and cooperation between the groups. CLA Executive Director Don Butcher announced that presidents of all the provincial and territorial library associations would receive free CLA memberships and registration to the Calgary conference in order to facilitate continued talks.



The Partnership

In 1998 the Ontario Library Association restructured its organization to enhance and make sustainable the services and programs it provides to its membership. It was agreed in 2004 that OLA share this success by including other provincial associations in the Education Institute and the OLASore. This new alliance was named "The Partnership." The founding members were BCLA, LAA, OLA and SLA. Both APLA and NSLA have now officially joined The Partnership. The website (www.thepartnership.ca) will be updated shortly to reflect our participation.

Benefits of membership:

The Education Institute offers our members teleconferences, webcasts, workshops and professional development opportunities at member rates. Teleconferences and webcasts can be done at any location across the country, at home or at work. There is no limit on listeners per location and the price includes all bridging and long distance costs. Professional opportunities vary in price and format. For example, a teleconference is \$48 and a two-day workshop \$189, compared to \$68 and \$249 respectively for non-members. Although the member rate has always been offered to APLA members, we were not able to participate in the revenue-sharing aspect of The Partnership. Now that we have joined, APLA will receive \$12 of the \$48 fee paid by every APLA member who participates in a teleconference. For other sessions the revenue generated will be about 12% of the fee.

The Education Institute can provide opportunities for our members to develop their own teleconferences or webcasts and APLA can promote workshops and conferences in the Atlantic region through the Institute's printed catalogue and the website. An added bonus is that developers of teleconferences are paid a flat rate of \$200. Identification and

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development of regional workshops, teleconferences and webcasts will be coordinated by the Continuing Education Interest Group. Please contact Jennifer Richard or Heather Sanderson, the convener of the Continuing Education Interest Group, for more information.

Other benefits of The Partnership:

The idea of collaboration on a peer-reviewed e-journal was introduced at the PTLAC meeting. Such a journal would be electronic only and would not interfere with association publications such as the *APLA Bulletin*. This e-journal would publish both theoretical and practical/applied articles pertaining to all types of libraries. As a member institution, APLA members would be able to submit articles and would also have representation on the editorial board and/or the peer review.

Reciprocal conference registration rates are a condition of The Partnership. APLA members can now attend OLA or BCLA or NSLA at the member price, without being members of those associations.

Collaboration with the OLASore is an additional feature. APLA publications or products could be sold or distributed through the OLASore, and OLA will help APLA create our own store brand. The APLASore would be featured at our conference. As with the Education Institute, there is a revenue-sharing aspect to this initiative as well.

For more information, visit The Partnership website. Upcoming teleconferences include:

- **RECREATE OR REENERGIZE:**
 Creating a Personal Strategic Plan to Find the Passion in Yourself and Your Career
 March 17, 2005
- **STAFF PLANNING DURING A TIME OF DEMOGRAPHIC TURMOIL**
 March 22, 2005
- **THRIVING IN YOUR THIRD QUARTER:**
 How to Tap Into the Abundance of Your Life and Your Work When You're 40 or Better
 March 23, 2005
- **NON-FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE WORKING WITH/IN FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES**
 March 24, 2005
- **TEACH STUDENTS TO PROCESS INFORMATION USING A VARIETY OF ANALYSIS AND NOTE-TAKING SKILLS**
 March 29 and 31, 2005
- **FACILITATING:**
 Getting a Group to Where They Need To Be
 April 11, 2005
- **TAG: YOU'RE IT!:**
 Starting and Running a Successful Teen Advisory Group
 April 19, 2005

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From St. Jerome's Den

What do James Murray, Greer Garson, and David Shulman have in common? OK, so this one is a bit of a stretch, but they all had, or played someone who had, an interest in words.

When David Shulman died on 30 October 2004, the *Oxford English Dictionary (OED)* lost one of its most ardent contributors and watchdogs. In the preface to the 2nd edition of the *OED* (1989), the editors noted that "during the span of the project [to produce the edition], the files of the Oxford Dictionaries Department continued to benefit from the labours of the directed readers, the material submitted by voluntary readers, and the resources of independently compiled collections." David Shulman was in the list of those acknowledged as making a contribution. Shulman's contributions have been recognized in all subsequent editions including the online version. In the November 7, 2004 *New York Times* obituary, Jesse Sheidlower, the current editor-at-large of the *OED*, is reported as saying that few contributors were more prolific than Shulman and that fewer still possessed his knack for sending usable material.

Depending upon the source of your information about Shulman, he either singly or in

collaboration with others traced the origin of thousands of words including doozy, hot dog, jazz, and shyster. And to what did he attribute his success in the quest for the origin of so many words? Shulman, a self-described "literary Sherlock Holmes," credited his success to patience and the existence of the New York Public Library. He haunted the rare books collection of the library, working his way through pulp novels, trade magazines, and old copies of the *Police Gazette* seeking original uses of words as well as variations in spelling and meaning. Shulman's obituary in the *Times online* relates a story of how "he once spent months ransacking old issues of *Delicatessen*, the defunct trade paper, to disprove the validity of a rare spelling of 'pastrami' in *Webster's*."

In addition to being a word sleuth, Shulman had worked as a cryptanalyst for the United States Army, a puzzle compiler, and an author. He was an avid collector of American ephemera including 20,000 postcards. He donated his collection of cryptographic material and ephemera to the New York Public Library.

[This is for those of you who are interested in establishing the "word connections" of James

Murray and Greer Garson. Murray was the first editor of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. In a breathless scene from *Adventure* (1945) Garson, as librarian Emily Sears, educates Clark Gable on the dictionary meaning of "it."]

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APLA welcomes its newest members

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PEOPLE / GENS

In the Haut-St-Jean Library region, the Andrew and Laura McCain Library in Florenceville has a new manager: Julie Craig. Her position took effect on January 11. Effective February 1, Sarah Kilfoil assumed the position of Director of the Grand Falls Public Library and Leigh Ann Cumming was appointed to the position of Public Services Librarian for the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region effective December 20, 2004.

In the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region there was a special dinner to recognize Ruth Mitchell, who retired from her position as Assistant Regional Director on December 31. Nathalie Richard has left her position as the Director of the Dieppe Public Library to accept a position as the Head of Reference and ILL at l'Université de Moncton. Also, Daphne Holmes has resigned from her position as Library Manager at the Dorchester Public Library. She is leaving New Brunswick winters behind in favour of new adventures in sunny Florida. The region has welcomed two new employees in recent weeks. Lia Tran joined the team at the Moncton Public Library in December; she is replacing Annie Michaud in the Children's Department while Annie continues her maternity leave. Annie and her family welcomed a new baby boy, Maxime, in October. Carole Boudreau began working as a library assistant at la Bibliothèque publique de Bouctouche in January. Carole brings with her a variety of education and experience.

Dans la région de bibliothèques de Chaleur notons tout d'abord l'arrivée de Ginette Doucet à la bibliothèque de Caraquet le 7 septembre. Par ailleurs, suite aux demandes d'augmentation du personnel des bibliothèques de Beresford et de Petit-Rocher, nous avons procédé au transfert de Thérèse Chedore, le 28 septembre. Thérèse, qui occupait un poste à Dalhousie, partage maintenant son plein temps entre Beresford et Petit-Rocher. Michelle Vallée s'est jointe à l'équipe régionale de gestion et occupe le nouveau poste de bibliothécaire des services publics. Elle travaillera, entre autres, à l'élaboration de formations et agira aussi à titre de personne ressource en ce qui concerne le développement, le soutien et l'encadrement des programmes et activités d'animation, du

marketing et de la promotion, ainsi que des relations publiques. Michelle a commencé à visiter les bibliothèques afin de prendre connaissance des couleurs locales et de s'empêcher de la personnalité de notre région. Elle a hâte d'entrer pleinement dans ses fonctions et de côtoyer davantage tout le personnel!

New Brunswick Public Library Service Provincial Office is pleased to welcome Teresa Johnson to the permanent position of Research Librarian. Le Bureau provincial du SBPNB est heureux d'accueillir Teresa Johnson au poste permanent de Bibliothécaire-recherchiste.

MEETINGS / RÉUNIONS

Library Managers and Directors in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region attended a meeting at regional headquarters on January 7. The meeting featured a presentation titled "Boys and Learning" which offered information on gender differences in the learning patterns of children and young adults and suggestions for ways to encourage boys to read more.

CHILDHOOD LITERACY / ALPHABÉTISATION DES ENFANTS

Children that started kindergarten in the Fall of 2004 received a public library card. This is in addition to the cards that were sent to every public school student in the Spring of 2004. This initiative, which is part of the Government of New Brunswick's Quality Learning Agenda, aims to encourage youth and their parents to use the resources and programs offered by public libraries and bookmobiles. We are continuing to analyse the success of the "A library card for every public school student" project. As of December 31, 2004, roughly 10% of the cards that were distributed have been activated (11,190).

Les enfants qui sont entrés à la maternelle à l'automne 2004 ont reçu une carte de bibliothèque publique. Ceci s'ajoute aux cartes qui ont été distribuées à tous les élèves des écoles publiques au printemps 2004. Cette initiative, qui s'inscrit dans le cadre du Plan d'apprentissage de qualité du gouvernement du Nouveau-Brunswick, vise à encourager les jeunes et leurs parents à utiliser les ressources et les

programmes offerts par les bibliothèques publiques et les bibliobus. Nous continuons l'analyse de l'impact de la campagne "Une carte de bibliothèque pour chaque élève des écoles publiques." En date du 31 décembre 2004, environ 10% des cartes qui ont été distribuées ont été activées (11 190).

EVENTS / ÉVÉNEMENTS

On December 16, 2004, L.P. Fisher Library in Woodstock celebrated its 90th anniversary. Staff and patrons were treated to music, food and a visit from Santa Claus.

BOOKFAIR / SALON DU LIVRE

Le 20e Salon du livre d'Edmundston aura lieu du 31 mars au 3 avril 2005. Il se tiendra à la Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany en raison de travaux de rénovation au Centre des congrès. Les portes seront ouvertes pour les bibliothécaires le jeudi 31 mars de 12 h à 16 h. Par contre, les bibliothécaires qui le désirent, pourront commencer à bouquiner dès 9 h, ce même jour, durant les visites d'écoliers. C'est le thème "Lire c'est divin" qui a été choisi afin de souligner les vingt ans du salon. De nombreuses activités sont prévues qui s'adresseront à tous les publics. Parmi les auteurs présents, il y aura Louise Portal, Pauline Gill, Andréa Richard, Serge Patrice Thibodeau, Rino Morin Rossignol, Édith Bourget, Bryan Perro, Anne-Marie Sirois, Jean Paquin et Annie Groovie. Les principales maisons d'édition d'ici et d'ailleurs y seront présentes pour y présenter leurs nouveautés.

PROGRAMS / PROGRAMMES

As part of the midnight madness at the St. Croix Public Library a special Christmas storytime with Edwin the Elf (the local Town mascot) was presented.

SPECIAL PROJECT / PROJET SPÉCIAL

Le personnel de la Bibliothèque Rhéa-Larose poursuit l'indexation du journal local *Madawaska*. Ainsi l'inventaire pour l'année 2004 est maintenant disponible en format électronique sur le site Internet de la bibliothèque sous la rubrique "Ouvrages de référence en ligne, listes de périodiques", à l'adresse www.umce.ca/biblio/. Vous y trouverez l'ensemble des index produits jusqu'à

maintenant, car nous poursuivons l'indexation des années antérieures. Ainsi l'année 1980 vient tout juste d'être complétée. Le journal *Le Madawaska* a connu des changements majeurs en 2004 qui sont reflétés dans le présent inventaire. Un nouveau journal est créé, soit *La République* qui paraît à compter du 23 avril 2004. Pour les fins de l'indexation, nous avons intégré le journal *La République* à *Le Madawaska*, tout en respectant l'ordre chronologique de parution. Cet index est un inventaire des articles parus au cours de l'année 2004 et regroupés par sujet. Il donne la référence complète pour chaque article paru durant l'année sur ce sujet. L'indexation du journal *Le Madawaska* constitue un outil de référence essentiel pour retrouver de l'information à caractère local, régional et provincial.

DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING / DONS ET LEVÉES DE FOND

Several libraries in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library region gratefully accepted a new round of funding from Industry Canada. These funds were used for various things, from upgrading computer equipment and peripherals to purchasing software.

FACILITIES / LOCAUX

The Shédiac Public Library in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library region experienced water damage in mid-January due to a sprinkler malfunction several floors above the library. There was some damage to walls and equipment, but the damage to the collection was minimal. In typical Shédiac Public Library fashion, the staff opened the library the very next day, ready to greet their patrons with smiles on their faces.

Submitted by Mireille Mercure

NOVA SCOTIA

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Automated Library System

Sirsi and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library have determined that the best possible solution for the

migration of the NcompasS system from MultiLIS to Unicorn is to wait for the next complete version of the software. The new software being developed will accommodate some of the special functions requested by our consortium. These changes will result in better service delivery by our region. Problems experienced in the second test database created will be resolved with this next version. The release date of the software is January, 2005.

It is anticipated that the "live" date for use of the new system will be late spring. A contract calendar will be negotiated when the new software has been tested. Preparations continue for the migration with database cleanup and equipment upgrades. Training and other aspects of the conversion have been tentatively moved to April and May.

Community Access Program (C@P)

The Fall/Winter Youth Internship program provides programming in Windsor, Wolfville, Kentville and Port Williams for a 15-week period ending in mid-March 2005.

Additional C@P funding will be added to the programming budget to provide 10 of the 11 branch locations with programming staff. Programs being offered include one-on-one computer tutorials, pre-school story and craft programs as well as after-school craft programs and kids' computer programs. It is hoped that 2005-2006 C@P funding will allow for the continuation of this programming in the upcoming fiscal year.

Branch Services

The official opening ceremonies at the new Windsor Regional Library were held on November 27 with a capacity crowd in attendance. Patrons and staff are delighted with the new facilities and increased collection size.

During December, several special events were held in our valley libraries:

- Berwick librarian Lynn Silver held a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in conjunction with the Town's 24th annual Santa Claus celebrations.

- Author, artist and Hockey Heritage Society founder Garth Vaughan was at the Windsor Regional Library on December 1 for a children's reading from his new book *Tommy's New Block Skates*.
- The Kentville Library hosted a special Holiday Craft Fun session for children on December 10; on the 18th, the library offered "Music of the season" where local musicians shared their love of music with visiting patrons.
- The Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & District Library also hosted special Christmas-themed craft and storytime events for children on December 18.
- The bookmobile serving the eastern part of the Valley participated in the New Minas Santa Claus parade again this year.

We are very excited to announce that our regional library system will be receiving \$9,000 over the next several months to further develop and implement programs that support the provincial "Read to Me!" project. These funds are from the IWK External Grants Program and are the result of a provincially-submitted "Read to Me!" proposal, to which four libraries provided input. This money will allow our three current "Babies & Books" sessions to be extended into the spring and fall and permit training/orientations for staff to implement and assess the baby programs in other branches. \$2,500 will go toward rejuvenating our baby and toddler-age book collection. The infusion of funds will allow us to assess baby programs (new to our region) and develop and adapt future programs accordingly.

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

On December 4, 2004 the McConnell Library hosted a gathering to celebrate the 75th book published by Breton Books. Breton Books was started in 1986 by Ron Caplan to preserve out-of-print books on Cape Breton's people and history, as well as publish new works. Caplan's influence in preserving the voice of Cape Bretoners goes back to the early 1970s when he published the first issue of *Cape Breton's Magazine*. He explained that his move into publishing books was natural - an exposure over time to books about Cape Breton.



Local music teacher Donelda Wescott leads a group in a musical rendition of "Peter and the Wolf" on Family Literacy Day at the McConnell Library.

Some of the authors published by Breton Books were at the event for book readings and signings, including New Waterford writer Rennie MacKenzie, author of the 75th Breton Book *That Bloody Cape Breton Coal*. We are looking forward to having Rennie MacKenzie, as well as acclaimed Mi'kmaq poet Rita Joe, as hosts for two of our winter/spring programs.

On January 30 the McConnell Library celebrated Family Literacy Day. This was our fourth annual Family Literacy Day event and it was organized by the Family Place Resource Centre, the Cape Breton Literacy Network and the CBRL.

Approximately 75 people attended the afternoon celebration. Special guests included Deputy Mayor and library board member, Clair Detheridge; Fire Services mascot Sparky; fireman George Muise; Donelda

Wescott and George Howie from the Cape Breton Literacy Network; and Family Place's Blair Hill. A few local businesses supported the event by donating prizes.

At the end of January, Shirley Hefferon retired from the Cape Breton Regional Library. Shirley has been a Library Assistant in Baddeck for 16 years, and she has served her community with warmth and kindness. Patrons and co-workers who have enjoyed her company and service at the library will be happy in the knowledge that they will be seeing her at future events in the community.

Clare Cameron, another staff member in Baddeck



Baddeck Library Staff members at Shirley Hefferon's retirement dinner. From left to right: Clare Cameron, Larry MacDonald, Shirley Hefferon.

said that Shirley enjoys traveling and adventure. I believe it! For many years she has been driving a bookmobile across Victoria County. Her sense of adventure has also taken her to Scotland and across the United States. Patrons and co-workers speak very highly of Shirley. Clare praised her friend and co-worker with these thoughtful words: "I think a lot of people who have gotten to know Shirley over the years, with the Baddeck Library and Victoria Bookmobile, feel very comfortable with her. Like family."

On January 31 a retirement dinner was held in Shirley's honour at the North Star Inn in North Sydney. Thank you very much, Shirley! All the best!

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Acadia University

"You Quote It, You Note It!" (library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism), the first in a series of five online tutorials developed by Acadia librarians, has been honoured with the Acadia President's Award for Innovation. The project team, led by Tanja Harrison, donated a portion of the \$1000 prize money to the Red Cross for tsunami relief; the remaining money will help fund the development and usability testing of the other four modules.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Memorial University of Newfoundland

The second semester of the year is in full swing at Memorial.

Susan Cleyle, Associate University Librarian, Queen Elizabeth II Library, started a one-year sabbatical leave in January. Su will be spending the year focusing on evidence-based librarianship. Alberta Wood, Maps, Media and Data Librarian, QEII, has been appointed as Interim Associate University Librarian, replacing Su during her leave. With Alberta's appointment as Interim Associate University Librarian, Dan Duda had his contract extended to replace her in the Map Library. The Map Library and responsibility for data have shifted to the Information Services Division. Media and microforms have been attached to Lending Services.

Slavko Manojlovich, formerly Assistant to the University Librarian for Systems and Planning, has been appointed Associate University Librarian (Information Technology).

As of January, Patrick Warner, formerly Head, Lending Services, QEII, was assigned to Document Delivery full time. This will allow Patrick to concentrate on the development of the Relais document delivery system. Ralph Tapper is temporarily replacing Patrick in Circulation and taking responsibility for management of the QEII facilities.

Elizabeth Browne, Bibliographic Control Services, is beginning a four-month sabbatical leave in February. Elizabeth will be continuing her bibliographic research on Moses Harvey and other Newfoundland topics.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Provincial Information & Library Resources Board

Western Newfoundland & Labrador Division
(contributed by Ron Sheppard)

Ron Broda completed a very successful tour of

Labrador for Children's Book Week. A renowned children's book illustrator and paper sculptor, Ron entertained children at public libraries in Labrador City, Churchill Falls, Happy Valley, and North West River. In addition, Ron held six sessions at public schools at locations in Labrador and eastern Québec.

Also during Children's Book Week, story teller Karen Gummo provided a well-received story session at Corner Brook Public Library on October 30. Inspired by her Scandinavian and Albertan heritage, many of Karen's stories were honed from family tales first shared around the kitchen table. Karen's ghost story recorded for broadcast at the CBC radio studio in Corner Brook was especially appropriate for the Halloween season!

Central Division

(contributed by Pat Parsons)

Public Library C@P Sites are enjoying a "bumper" crop of training sessions made possible under the latest round of Community Access funding. Youth Interns have been hired for 8-12 weeks to provide basic training to the general public. The demand is high, and the waiting lists are long in some of the larger branches. Manager Pat Parsons states, "training services are fast becoming a staple that the public wants year round, and we are looking at ways to do just that. We'd like to offer the training all the time, but in order to do that, it has to become a line item on our budget. It's as basic now as reference services." One branch in Central has taken the "Access" Training one step further by providing computer training to seniors in their homes. Now, that's outreach! Parsons notes, "Seniors don't like to come out in the winter with the heavy snow and icy conditions, but they have these spiffy computers that their kids have given them, so they're keen to get online. Bringing our C@P training to them is a wonderful idea, and, in rural areas, it's do-able."

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

NRC Information Centre St. John's (CISTI)

CISTI Staff in St. John's were recent recipients of a CISTI Award of Excellence for quality service to clients. We also have had a busy few months. In December, we launched a web database of the publications of our host NRC institute, the Institute for Ocean Technology

(serpent.cisti.nrc.ca/DBTWWD/textbase/iot/iotsearch_e.html), and in January hosted the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association for a lunch session, giving a tour of the library and a demonstration of the database. We also had a student intern from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for most of January.

Submitted by Trish LeBlanc

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Holland College

(contributed by Brenda Brady)

Holland College has entered the blogging universe, with recent blogspots on reference and technical tips set up for library staff by Andrea Stewart and Melissa Adams. At this early stage, we are using the hosted services provided by Blogger, but we hope to eventually install blogging software on local servers for internal and student use.

In February, College library staff participated in the College's professional development day with offerings on "How to Create Information Assignments That Work" and "Introduction to the [Ebsco] Professional Development Collection". The presentations provided instructional staff with creative and practical solutions to the challenges of continuing education and of introducing students to research techniques and information-based problem-solving.

Later in the month, along with representatives from the Provincial Library Service and UPEI's Robertson Library, we distributed information about the "islandlibraries" service to members of Charlottetown's Chamber of Commerce at their monthly business mixer.

Robertson Library

(contributed by Simon Lloyd)

The new year finds the Robertson Library as busy as ever, with study areas fully occupied and frequent line-ups at the service desks, while our Library Instruction Centre (LINC) is often jammed almost to overflowing as professors send their students to take advantage of our instructional

program. Yet although the Library building is still heavily used, there are constant demands for more electronic/digital services and resources. Electronic reserves, for example, which were not even offered a few years ago, are now used by dozens of professors. The Library is also, after years of steadily expanding its range of electronic journal and full-text subscriptions, now examining its options in the field of electronic books, having just completed a trial of the ebrary e-book service.

For special collections and other unique content, of course, home-grown solutions are often required, and the Robertson is set to launch PEI PAD, a database indexing locally-published newspapers and periodicals. Thanks are due to Memorial University's Slavko Manjilovich, our own Interim Systems Librarian, Gord Ripley, and to Nicole Greenland, our Systems Coordinator (currently on leave) for their hard work and creativity in making this database a reality.

On the policy and planning front, the Robertson is preparing for an external review, its first since 1992. The composition of the review panel has just been announced, and the details of the review process will be finalized shortly. In contemplating the Robertson's future direction, we should also note the emphasis placed on the Library – and the need to devote sufficient resources to its development – at the official launch of the University's Academic Planning Exercise in late September of last year. Other policy developments include:

- a major revision of the Library's emergency evacuation plan, bringing it into line with new University policies, is now nearing completion.
- as with libraries everywhere, the issue of food and drink in the building poses a perennial challenge here, and we have recently adjusted our policy to allow coffee and other beverages in lidded containers.

Submitted by Shirley MacLeod

NSLA launches mentoring program for Library Technicians

The Nova Scotia Library Association plans to launch the Library and Information Technology Mentoring Program in the fall of 2005. An information session will be held on March 1, 2005 for any Library Technicians in the workforce interested in the program.

The Library and Information Technology Mentoring Program involves pairing students with Library Technicians in the workforce. The goal of the program is to provide students with a chance to investigate different types of library environments.

Through the application process, students are paired with professionals who share similar library and leisure interests. Every effort is made to ensure students have a varied choice of libraries. The program follows the academic year, running from October to April. The pairing will last one academic year, with the option to renew.

The Nova Scotia Library Association will maintain a database of Library Technicians and students who have applied to participate in the program. Each year an NSLA sponsored workshop/sharing session will be held for mentors. The session will provide mentors with suggestions for activities

and topics to cover as well as an opportunity to share experiences.

The mentoring program will begin with a reception to allow students and mentors to meet in a friendly environment. The students and their mentors are then on their own to decide on activities and level of commitment. NSLA will sponsor events throughout the academic year in various regions, depending on the demand. At the end of the academic year, NSLA will host a social event to celebrate the end of the program.

The types of activities and topics of discussion can vary. Here are a few suggestions:

Topics:

- job applications
- interview tips
- career guidance
- issues related to library technicians
- participation in associations

Activities:

- tours of the workplace
- job shadowing
- attend workplace meetings

- attend library social events
- attend workshops
- introduce students to co-workers and arrange for students to spend time shadowing co-workers attend association function

Mentors must be currently working in the library field. Students must be enrolled in the Library and Information Technology Program.

When the program ends each year, both the student and the mentor will be asked to complete evaluation forms.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

Marlene Mortimore
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or

Erica Smith, Past President
Nova Scotia Library Association
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Join the APLA Discussion List

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

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions about the APLA list, please contact the postmaster, Suzanne Sexty, at ssexty@mun.ca.



Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award Winner

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the trust has made its 2004 award to Catherine Sinnott in the amount of \$2000.

Miss Sinnott is from St. John's. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - English Major, Psychology Minor 2001 - and a Bachelor of Science - Behavioral Neuroscience Major, Biology Minor 2000 - from Memorial University and is currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Studies degree at McGill University.

Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

Applications are now invited for the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award which was 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 librarianship, archival studies, or teacher librarianship.

Annual awards are approximately \$1000.

Deadline for applications is Thursday, March 24, 2005.

For further information and an application form contact:

Mr. Richard Ellis
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APLA Memorial Awards

Financial assistance for study and research is available from the APLA Memorial Trust. Projects that contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the library profession as a whole are encouraged. To apply, please send a letter outlining your proposed research, estimated costs, and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 15, 2005 to:

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Program highlights announced for the 2005 APLA Conference

Peter Webster, Chair of the 2005 APLA Conference Planning Team, and Alan Groen, APLA President, recently announced some of the highlights of the APLA Conference planned for May 25-29 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Webster and Groen commented, "It is our sincere hope that the pre-conference and conference offerings will encourage a great deal of reflection and information sharing amongst our diverse membership." This year's conference planning team has chosen the program theme "Our Libraries, Our Communities" to reflect the many working realities within the APLA membership. Conference program chair Jennifer Evans expressed her excitement about the speakers and sessions in the program: "We've just completed the finishing touches on the details of the program. And it is chock-full of informative sessions, beginning with the pre-conference workshops on May 25 and 26 and continuing with the full conference program on May 27, 28 and 29. We have great speakers and presenters from all around the region and across the country who will address a range of interests that reflect our diverse APLA membership, from librarians to library technicians and assistants; from IT systems personnel to trustees and volunteers. And of course, we've also scheduled some great entertainment and times to socialize with friends and colleagues!"

Highlights of the pre-conference program include a two-day session beginning on May 25 with Karen Jensen, Science Cataloguing Librarian, McGill University, and Peter Glenister, Bibliographic Services Librarian, Mount Saint Vincent University, on "Basic Subject Cataloguing Using LCSH," which will review and update the principles and practices of subject cataloguing using LCSH. And for those concerned about the implications of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy in library practice, the Nova Scotia Public Library (NSPL) and the Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Association for Special Libraries and Information Services (CASLIS) will be co-sponsoring a pre-conference morning session on the 26th entitled "The New World of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

(FOIPOP) and the Protection of Personal Information and Electronic Data Act (PIPEDA): Implications for Libraries and Information Services," with Andrea John, Nova Scotia Department of Education FOIPOP Administrator, and lawyer David Fraser.

Also on the morning of May 26, for those working on the front lines in public and school libraries, Helen Benoit, Director, Children's and Young Adult Services, Hamilton Public Library, and Heather Mackenzie, Resource Manager, Preschool and Elementary Services, Halifax Public Libraries, will be presenting a full-day workshop on "Every Child Ready to Read: The Power of Early Literacy."

A sample of the more than thirty sessions for the full conference reveals something for everyone, including such topics as:

- "The Roadie Librarian: When Reference Goes on Tour" with Lisa Wilson, Librarian, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University
- "Breaking Barriers? Library Services to Diverse Communities" with Glenna Quinn, Head, Collections Services, Angus L. Macdonald Library, St. Francis Xavier University, Charla Williams, Coordinator, Diversity Programs, Halifax Regional Municipality, and Tracey Jones, Manager of ESL, Literacy and Diversity Services, Halifax Public Library
- "Reaching Virtual Communities: Virtual Reference Initiatives in Academic Libraries" with Bonnie Waddell, Chief Librarian, MacRae Library, N.S. Agricultural College and Joanne



The JP Ellis Trio (Mike Lee, Patrick and JP Ellis) will be playing at the APLA banquet, Saturday, May 28 at 6pm.

Smyth, Coordinator of Virtual Reference Services, UNB Libraries

- "Opening Doors to Children: Reading and viewing preferences among users and non-users of six Canadian public libraries" with André Gagnon, Head of Public Services, Regina Public Library, and Ken Settrington, Children and Youth Advocate, Toronto Public Library
- "Service à la Communauté d'une Bibliothèque en Milieu Minoritaire" with Yves Fortin, associé principal Gest'action
- "Wireless Networks in Libraries" with Jamie MacKenzie, Librarian, University of New Brunswick

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- "Lobbying and Influencing People in Our Communities and Government" with Don Butcher, Executive Director, Canadian Library Association
- "Unique and Special Libraries" with Cindi Murphy, Director of Research and Library Services at law firm Stewart, McKelvey, Stirling and Scales' Library, and Darlene Tan, Department of Fisheries Library, Woodstock, New Brunswick

Interspersed with the sessions will also be meetings scheduled for related associations and various socials (don't forget to register for a great time at the banquet!). There will also be time to view the resources of over fifty exhibitors awaiting your arrival!

On May 27, journalist, author and educator Stephen Kimber will give the keynote presentation and Elizabeth Beale, President and CEO of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, will share her thoughts on the role of libraries in the knowledge economy in the plenary session.

Times and locations of all the sessions and events are available on the APLA website at www.apla.ca/apla2005.

The registration fee for APLA members is \$135 if received by April 15. After the 15th, registration for members is \$155. The full conference fees include the Thursday evening reception as well as sessions, refreshments, lunches and access to the exhibits on both Friday and Saturday. Eighty percent of the registration fee can be refunded for cancellations received by May 6, 2005.

There are also registration rates for non-APLA members and students. And lastly, there is also a day rate. For these specific rates, please refer to the conference brochure included with this issue of the Bulletin or the conference website.

The banquet and dance fee is separate from registration at \$35, and a good time will be had by all! (Dance only is \$15.). Further, to get you on your way home on the 29th, a superb Sunday brunch is \$15.

Darlene Beck, Conference Registration Chair, notes, "Cheques should be made payable to 'APLA Conference 2005.' We can't accept post-dated cheques. Also, anyone attending with food allergies or special requirements should specify by May 1."

For reservations at the conference hotel, individual attendees can directly contact the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax. Joyline Makani, Chair of the Facilities Committee for the

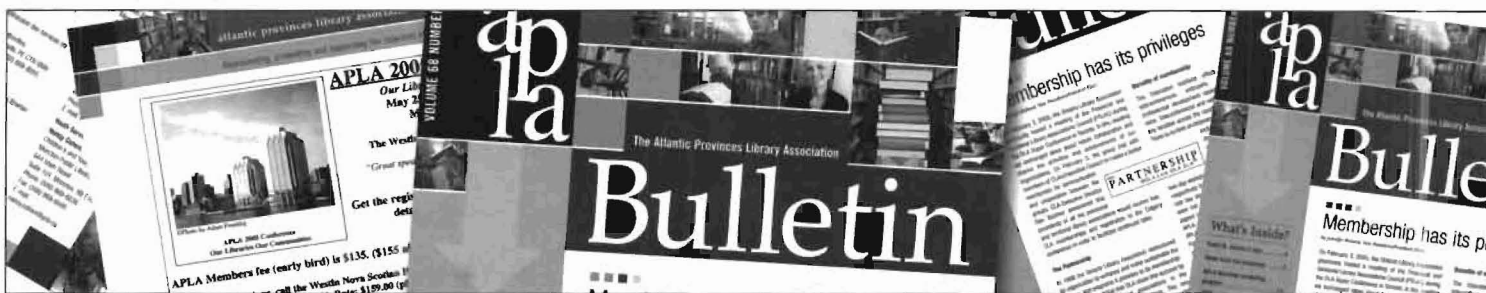
conference, advises that "Delegates should identify themselves as attending the APLA conference to receive the preferred guestroom rate. To ensure a room, reserve early!"

Although the APLA Conference Planning Committee believes it has identified good accommodation value, other sources of information on where to stay in Halifax, can be found by visiting Halifax Tourism at www.destinationhalifax.com.

Conference planning chair Peter Webster is confident that "this 2005 APLA conference will be one of our best ever! We look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces."



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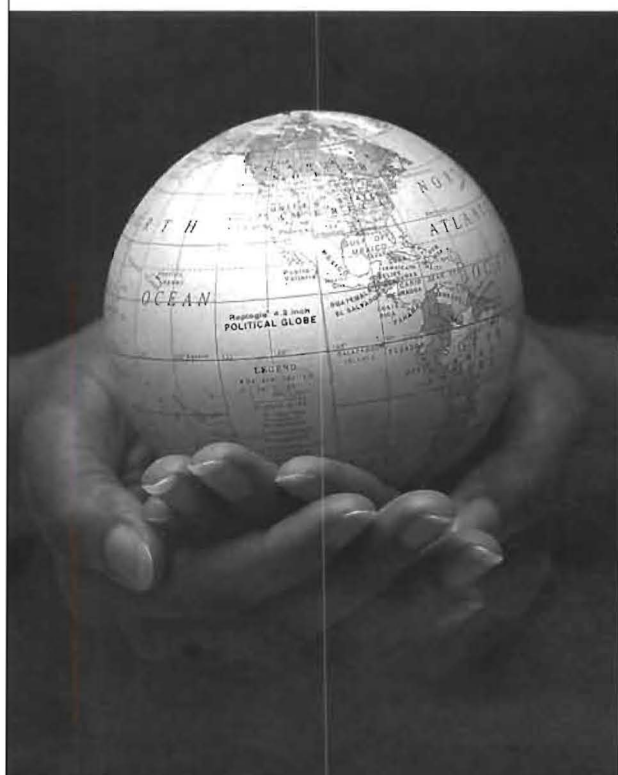


NEEDED: New Editors for the *APLA Bulletin*

Patricia, Erin and Ruth are retiring as editors of the *APLA Bulletin* at the end of the summer: volume 68, number 5 will be our last issue. A new team of editors – two editors and one advertising editor – is needed to run the *Bulletin*.

Working on the *Bulletin* is a great way to keep current with what's going on and to meet and keep in touch with colleagues from across the Atlantic provinces and beyond. If you are interested, please contact Patricia, Erin, or Ruth.

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Two APLA members named to the Order of Canada

On February 9, Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson announced the most recent appointments to the Order of Canada. Among them were APLA members Anne Hart and Eileen Travis, who were both named Members of the Order of Canada.

Anne Hart, CM

With creativity and vision, Anne Hart has made lasting contributions to the cultural life of her province. As Head of the Memorial University Libraries' Centre for Newfoundland Studies, she was instrumental in building a priceless and internationally renowned collection of Newfoundlandiana. These heritage books and documents will provide generations of students, scholars and the public with a record of the history of Newfoundland and Labrador. A highly regarded author and poet, she has been a tireless champion of the literary community, supporting and promoting her fellow writers. Her leadership has also benefited local, provincial and national organizations working in the areas of heritage, literacy and human rights.

Eileen Travis, CM

Commitment, energy and enthusiasm characterize Eileen Travis' contributions to her community. The first woman president of the Saint John Board of Trade, she has shared her vision and leadership with organizations such as Opera New Brunswick, the Saint John Arts Council and the Research and Productivity Council of New Brunswick. As the Saint John Regional Librarian, she was highly respected for expanding library services throughout the area and for promoting children's literacy through various reading and tutoring programs.

Source: Office of the Secretary to the Governor General
www.gg.ca/media/doc.asp?lang=e&DocID=4376

First Timer's Conference Grant

Have you never been to an APLA annual conference?

Do you want to go to Halifax but cannot afford it?

Why not apply for APLA's First Timer's Conference Grant?

To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA, residing in Atlantic Canada, and planning to attend her/his first APLA annual conference. Grants are allocated, consistent with general APLA guidelines, to help meet conference-related expenses. If more applications are received than can be met by the fund, money will be awarded by drawing from the names of all eligible applicants. Recipients will be expected to write a short report for the Executive and the *Bulletin* summarizing their conference experience. Applicants should include name, business address, chosen means for contact (mail, e-mail, telephone, or fax) estimated costs (travel, accommodation, meals, and registration), and a signed compliance with eligibility requirements.

Applications should be submitted by March 31, 2005 to:

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Dalhousie University School of Library & Information Studies Associated Alumni 2005 Outstanding Alumni Award

The SLIS Associated Alumni invites nominations for the 2005 Outstanding Alumni Award. This award honours a member of the Associated Alumni who has made an outstanding contribution to Library and Information Studies.

Full details for eligibility and criteria for nominations are available at www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/PeopleGroups/alumni/OAA_Guidelines_04.pdf.

Nominations may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax to:

Selection Committee

Outstanding Alumni Award

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Halifax, NS B3H 3J5

Fax: (902) 494-2451

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All nominations must be postmarked or fax/e-mail dated no later than May 31, 2005.

Nominations of persons previously nominated but not chosen may be resubmitted.

For further information, please contact Debbie Costelo, Chair, Selection Committee, DAL SLIS Associated Alumni - Outstanding Alumni Award at:

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Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

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

This award provides an annual, non-renewable scholarship to a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree of Master of Library Science. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and financial need is a consideration. The successful applicant will have been accepted in a program for a Master's degree in library science and information studies that is accredited by the American Library Association. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2005.

Further information and application forms are available on the APLA website at www.apla.ca or by contacting:

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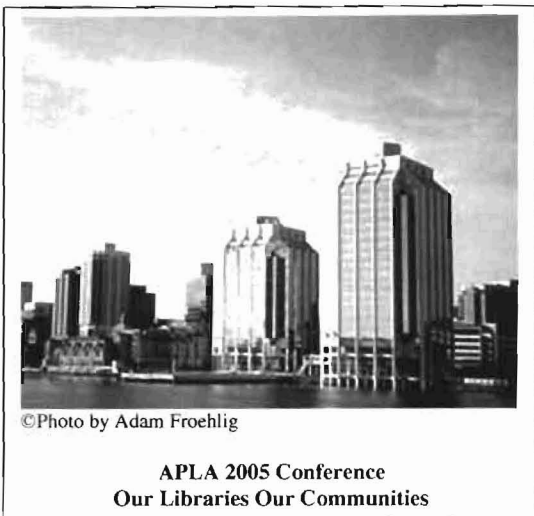
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Submission deadlines for upcoming issues are April 1 and July 1.

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- **GETTING STARTED IN STATISTICS:**
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Get the registration form and conference details at: www.apla.ca/apla2005

APLA Members fee (early bird) is \$135. (\$155 after April 15th!)-Banquet \$35.

For hotel reservations, call the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel at: Tel: 1-902-496-8585 (direct) - Toll Free: 1-877-993-7846. Rate: \$159.00 (plus tax) for a single or double. Book before March 29th for best availability.

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