

APLA Merit Award Address

"I don't think there was anything I participated in during my three years on the APLA Executive that gave me as much pleasure - and as much fun - as preparing and presenting this Merit Award. I hope that the recipient may one day forgive me." - Susan Libby, extract from preface to Merit Award Address, 1997

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen: There is at least one person in the audience who is VERY apprehensive about what I may be about to say - with good reason, I may add. Having absolutely no desire to reassure that person, I may as well tell you that I realized a long time ago that I'm not going to get out of this building alive, so I might as well enjoy myself while I'm here. This I now propose to do.

It is my very pleasant duty this evening to present the APLA Merit Award to one of our colleagues, as a mark of our respect for that person's abilities and achievements. The APLA Merit Award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to library service in the Atlantic Provinces, whether by a significant addition to library literature, contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems, or leadership in library associations at local, provincial and regional levels.

This evening we honour a colleague's achievements in all these areas, as we present the 1997 APLA Merit Award to Suzanne Sexty of Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Suzanne earned her B.A. from Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, and M.L.S. from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. In 1968 she arrived in Newfoundland to take up a position as



Merit Award Recipient: Suzanne Sexty

Head of Cataloguing at Memorial University and, as she once told me, "knew as soon as I got off the plane that this was where I wanted to stay."

Considering that she celebrated her arrival in Canada by assaulting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I'm surprised she was allowed to stay!*

Anyway, stay she has, except for the years between 1971 and 1974, which were spent in Boulder, Colorado, while Suzanne's husband Rob was obtaining his Ph.D. During this time Suzanne was Head of Technical Services at the Community College of Denver. You can tell that she is a dedicated tech-services type, because when her son Matthew was born, his birth announcement was sent out on a catalogue card. Later Suzanne became head of the Business Library at the University of Colorado. It is an indication of the stability of Rob and Suzanne's relationship that Suzanne was the chief dragon lady and head of the

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From the President's Desk

Summer is rapidly becoming a memory! It seems quite amazing that a new school year is just days away. I hope everyone managed to get sufficient personal time to re-charge for the fall. The highlight of the summer was the opportunity for Janet Arseneault, Vice President (Prince Edward Island) and Roma Harris (Vice President University of Western Ontario) to present cheques from the Carin Somers Scholarship Trust to Elizabeth Clinton and Randy Rice.

The APLA executive meeting will be held on November 8th and 9th in Moncton at the Université de Moncton. The agenda for the meeting is far from complete but one area which will be considered is the revision and rearrangement of the "standing orders" as discussed at the OGM in St. John's. Other items that will arise include the possibility of a future joint conference with CLA in 2002. I welcome suggestions from any APLA member regarding matters they wish to have considered at the Fall Executive Meeting.

Last year there was a stated goal to organize provincial workshops through the provincial vice-presidents and the Continuing Education Interest Group convener. Earlier this

summer, Karen Adams, Executive Director of CLA approached me with the possibility of a travelling workshop on the topic of the new copyright act. I have not had any further discussions, but this is a topic of immediate concern to all and I hope the proposed workshops can be confirmed in the near future.

Your ideas concerning continuing education can be directed to the Vice President (President Elect) Dan Savage or any other the provincial vice president.

APLA, like other organizations depends on the commitment and energy of all members to advance. If you have been looking for an opportunity to become more involved, there are three convener positions available. The committees and interest group needing your leadership are: Intellectual Freedom, Public Relations, and Continuing Education. Please contact Dan Savage, Vice President (President Elect) regarding any of these positions. If you feel you are unable to add any additional commitments right now, I am sure he would be pleased to receive nominations.

- John Teskey



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From the Editor's Desk

Imagine, it is issue number 2 for us and we haven't even introduced ourselves - the old adage must be true, "Time flies when you're having fun!"

We are John Neilson, Government Documents Librarian from the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton), Linda Hansen, Electronic and Technical Services Librarian from the University of New Brunswick (Saint John), and Michelle Fiander, Reference Librarian from Mount Allison University, collectively known as the "editors of 'The Bulletin'."

As you may have noticed in our first issue (July/August), we are maintaining the same look and feel that Suzanne, Joy, and Bernie brought to the *APLA Bulletin*. There is a good reason for this: we see no

need to mess with success - our predecessors, and you as the readers and contributors, certainly made the *Bulletin* a success. Also, as librarians, we know we know what a pain changes in format size can bring to the folks who add us to their library collections.

Another thing we discovered very quickly in our maiden voyage is the importance of all those who contribute their time and talent to creating the articles you find within our covers. Editors only edit; writers create - and *APLA Bulletin* contributors do it very well. We also discovered the importance of the APLA membership and their support for our efforts. So, we're going to take the opportunity presented by this column to thank you all publicly.

Give yourselves a round of applause, a pat on the back, and don't be surprised when we call upon you at sometime in the future to write a few words for your *APLA Bulletin*.

Oh, one more thing - we love compliments but we are also open to suggestions and criticisms. Please feel free to send us story ideas and comments. Of course, you might then be the one that gets asked to turn that story idea into an article.

Enough about us and on to 'the Bulletin', and special thanks to everyone who helped us get issue number one out and contributed mightily to this, our second foray.

- John, Linda, and Michelle

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LIBRARIANS IN MS BIKE RALLY

(Reuters)



Book Babes on Bikes are l to r: Peter Higham, Michelle Fiander, Anita Cannon, Ruthmary MacPherson

Four intrepid librarians from Mount Allison University participated in a bike-a-thon to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Fund raising by the "Book Babes on Bikes" was kicked off at Bitters Pub, Memorial University, during APLA '97. The cyclists, emboldened by excellent Newfoundland beer, appealed to the charitable instincts of their colleagues (and a few innocent bystanders), by passing a hat and hors d'oeuvres tray. Over \$200 was collected. Further fundraising efforts increased the team's total donations to more than \$750.

The bike-a-thon took place August 9 and 10 and covered 150 km in a round trip between Fall River and Truro, NS.

Thanks to all who supported the team from Michelle, Ruthmary, Peter, and Anita of the R.P. Bell and Whitehead Libraries, Mt. Allison University.

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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



Academic

The **Robertson Library** at the **University of Prince Edward Island** has undergone many personnel changes in the last few months. **Frank Pigot**, Reference Librarian responsible for the Prince Edward Island Collection, **Jennifer Taylor**, Reference Librarian responsible for Health Sciences and **Cathy Dillon**, Periodicals Librarian have all retired as of July 1. **Dan Savage** has resigned his post of University Librarian, also on July 1. The Library is pleased to welcome **Sharon Clark** and **Dawn Hooper** as our new Reference Librarians responsible for the P.E.I. Collection and Health Sciences respectively. **Cathy Callaghan**, Head of Reference, will take on the duties of Acting University Librarian.

Frank Pigot has most generously offered Robertson Library two afternoons a week on a volunteer basis. Frank has already begun some projects with the Reference Collection.

Public

The **Provincial Library System** is pleased to welcome back to its staff, **Norma Collier**. Norma has been appointed the new Branch Services Librarian.

The **Confederation Centre Public Library** became the first of Prince Edward Island's 24 provincial libraries to introduce a computerized catalogue system. ABBYCAT - a combination of Abegweit and catalogue - contains information on approximately 160,000 different titles, over 250,000 items

including books, CD's, cassettes, videos and magazines. The new system was praised at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 5. The Provincial Library took one of its major steps toward a computerized system with the distribution of new technology-based library cards in June. The computerized catalogue system will be launched in **Summerside** by the end of August, and then in the other branches in the fall.

- Janet Arsemault
Vice President (PEI)



Public

St. John's Public Libraries is holding a ticket draw to raise funds for the Library's talking book collection. The prize is a print, "The Jolly Roger - New Bonaventure" by Newfoundland artist **Donna Clouston**. The prize was donated by the artist. Draw date is September 30, 1997.

The successful bidder for the **Provincial Information and Library Resources Board's** tender for periodical subscription services for 1997-98 is W.T. Cox Subscriptions Inc. of North Carolina. This is the fourth year for the tender and the first year that it

has been awarded to a company outside of Canada.

As of July 28th the URL for the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board's web site is: <<http://www.publib.nf.ca/>>.

Children in St. John's were invited to "Set Sail" with their library and join the summer reading programme. Over 300 children registered at **A.C. Hunter Children's Library**, and at **Marjorie Mews** and **Michael Donovan** branches, signing a contract stating how many books they would read between July 2 and August 15. Boys and girls who navigate through the world of books and honour their contract will receive a reading kit and certificate and have their names entered in a draw. The main prize is "Matthew", a limited edition bear made by **Mary Hood** of Burnt Island Bears, especially to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the landing of John Cabot. Other prizes will be awarded and kits will be available on or after August 15.

Academic

Louise White of the Queen Elizabeth II Library has left her position as Head of Lending Services to become Head of Periodicals. She is now working part time.

Barbara McDonald of the Queen Elizabeth II Library is leaving Information Services to become Head of Lending Services. She goes on sabbatical August 1 and returns to Lending Services in January.

Queen Elizabeth II Library is host to an exchange Librarian. **Maya Thee** from the **University of Bergen** in Norway will be at the QEII until December. While at Memorial she is researching the "Canadian Literacy Canon in English". She is developing a web site that will list core writers alphabetically and by categories such as geography, ethnicity, theme and

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genre. In addition, she will list sources like e-serials, e-text archives, publishers and bookstores, and resource guides for teachers.

The provincial college, a merging of 5 regional colleges, has selected and is now using its new name: **College of the North Atlantic**. Plans and procedures for accommodating the Learning Resource Centres across the College with the formation of different focus groups. To date, there is a Technology Focus Group to discuss all issues related to a union catalogue and information technology services to students. A second group for policies has been struck to bring uniformity to circulation, inter-campus and interlibrary loans. - *Beverley Neable*
Vice President (NF)

*Academic***Université de Moncton - Campus d'Edmundston**

Sr. Jeannine Michaud (directrice de la bibliothèque) et **Huguette Losier** (commis au comptoir du prêt) ont pris leur retraite le 1er juillet 1997.

Deux nouveaux employés sont entrés en fonction cet été : **Guy Lefrançois**, directeur de la bibliothèque (juillet 1997) et **Sandra Plourde**, commis de bibliothèque (août 1997).

Alan Burk, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton), convened a

meeting at CLA 1997 to see if there was enough interest to form a CLA electronic publishing interest group. There was a good turnout. From the meeting, terms of reference were drafted and then submitted to the CLA executive. It was recently announced by CLA that the Electronic Publishing Interest Group now exists.

Anyone who would like more information about the group or become involved may contact Alan Burk at <burk@unb.ca>.

*Public***Albert-Westmorland-Kent (AWK) Regional Library**

Since the **Moncton Public Library** is to be the site of the pilot project for online circulation for the province, many efforts over the past months have been geared to preparing for this exciting advance in automation. Patron records are being entered into the database from registration cards, the last round of smart barcodes is being applied, barcode readers are being tested and dates for staff training have been set.

Three other libraries, in AWK - **Dieppe, Riverview** and **Shediac** - now have online access to the provincial catalogue.

The provincial summer reading club has been very successful in this region. More children than ever have registered for the club. Those who complete their reading contract will not only receive a certificate but also a math game, Kinto, many boxes of which were received by the Regional Library as a gift.

On New Brunswick Day, **Gabrielle Leblanc (Shediac Public Library)** received a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of the contribution she has made to her community and the province through her library programs.

Saint John Regional Library

The **Saint John Free Public Library** is partnering with the **University of New Brunswick Libraries' Electronic Text Centre** to place eighteenth century primary source documents on the World Wide Web. The content of this collection represents the social, legal and business history of the Saint John area, and the extent of the holdings for this time period is approximately 100 documents.

Funding has been received from Industry Canada through SchoolNet in support of this project, and the Board and Staff of the Saint John Free Public Library are very pleased with the learning opportunities provided by the Staff of the Electronic Text Centre and the introduction to standards in this field.

York Regional Library

York Regional Library has recently added a collection of videos for use in-house with storytime activities. Twenty-seven in all, these videos come with public performance rights, so possible copyright violations are no longer a worry. The videos for the Storytime Collection are available to library staff only, upon request.

Summer Reading Club 97 with its 'Readers are Winners' slogan and its sports theme is very popular with York Regional Library's youngest patrons. Two thousand and forty-nine of them, age 3 to 9, are enrolled in the program which is being held at all 20 of York's branches.

York Regional Library's Giant Annual Book Sale raised \$13,500 to help buy new books for the Region's branches. Patrons and staff were impressed with the Carleton Street Armoury, the sale's new venue. Not only is the Armoury a hop, skip and a jump across the street from York and very convenient for staff manning the sale, the new location allows them to hold the sale on Saturday and Sunday when ample parking is available in the

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downtown area.

A 2600 square foot addition is being made to the **Andrew and Laura McCain Public Library** in **Florenceville**. The construction, begun July 14, will provide a children's room, a reading room, a computer area, and increased storage space. With memberships and circulation up 60 to 70 per cent respectively, the addition is sorely needed. Staff hope to be in the new \$330,000 addition by Christmas.

In June a display of quilts at the **L.P. Fisher Public Library** in **Woodstock** highlighted the work of acclaimed quilter **Lottie Smith** and that of three other local quilters. The display attracted lots of interest from patrons and quilting groups from across New Brunswick and the State of Maine. Lottie Smith's quilts have been presented to royalty; one is currently hanging in Fredericton's Centennial Building.

"The Fly Tyers of New Brunswick" - an exhibit of photographs, biographies, and brilliantly coloured, hand-crafted salmon and trout flies - was on display at the **Newcastle Public Library** from July 7 to August 1. The display is the work of **Budd Kitchen** and **Dewey Gillespie** with help from many New Brunswick fly tyers, anglers and river guides.

- Charlotte Dionne
Vice President (NB)

*Academic*

Dr. William Birdsall, University Librarian at **Dalhousie University** for the past fifteen years, has chosen to retire from his position effective September 30, 1997. Dr. Birdsall will continue his appointment in the library as a librarian. Re-appointed for his fourth term of office last year, Dr. Birdsall indicated in his letter of resignation that, "This is clearly a time for exciting change for Dalhousie in general and the libraries in particular. I feel that it is time for new leadership in the University Libraries". Dr. Traves, President and Vice-Chancellor of Dalhousie, commended Bill for his strong leadership in the development of the library at Dalhousie and regretted Bill's decision.

Dr. Birdsall is currently on leave until June 1, 1998. **Elaine Boychuk** will continue in her post as Acting University Librarian until a search for a new University Librarian has been completed.

Public

The official opening of the **River John and Area Community Internet Access Centre** took place on July 24 on the veranda of the River John Library. This Centre, located in the River John Library, provides free Internet Access, training in the use of the Internet and other computer applications, and highlights the importance of information technology.

A Volunteer Committee operates the Centre, made possible by Industry Canada's Community Access Program. A unique feature of this community access site is that community residents volunteer to not only operate the centre but also to provide after hours access to the site in the library in order to increase availability. Many other agencies, individuals, small businesses, and the **Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library** have assisted with this Community Access

Program (CAP Site).

The special event of the opening was the launch of the River John web site <<http://www.riverjohn.com>> developed by summer student Melody Clarke. Wire Nova Scotia administers the summer students for Nova Scotia CAP sites. It is of special note that River John is a small rural library of 700 square feet with four computers to search the Internet free of charge.

The River John site is a particularly fine model of community access and it has all the ingredients for success. Local businesses are using the site to publish marketing materials, learn new skills, and explore sources of supplies and markets abroad. The student networker for Wire Nova Scotia, Melody Clarke, is able to return to her community and contribute excellent skills to promote River John in a significant way. Community leaders notice the renewed self-confidence that the people in the community have in themselves and their community as they find out more about their culture, history and economy.

In October **Western Counties Regional Library** will be launching its first cookbook, entitled "Come to Supper: Favourite Recipes from South Western Nova Scotia." The aim of the book is to present readers with affordable and relatively simple supper dishes. Most of the recipes have come from library users. "Come to Supper...." is dedicated to our borrowers. All proceeds from the cookbook will go directly to the library's book budget.

Western Counties Regional Library's "How Much Is A Million?" penny campaign currently stands at slightly over \$8,000. Organizers expect to reach a regional mark of \$10,000 at the conclusion of the campaign on August 15th.

Plans are currently underway to form Friends of the Library groups in all 10 branches in the region. Two

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groups are already up and running and a schedule of start-ups for the remaining branches has been drawn up.

At this year's CLA conference Western Counties Regional Library's Past Chair, **Gary Archibald** was elected President of the **Canadian Library Trustees Association**. CLTA is very fortunate to have such a hard-working and dedicated person take on the presidency.

Regional Director **Trudy Amirault** also attended the conference and was delighted to discover that she was the grand prize winner in the exhibits area. The prize is an all expense paid trip to the CLA conference in Victoria next June!

A Working Group comprised of **Janet Pelley** of **Colchester-East Hants Regional Library**, **David Witherly** of **Annapolis Valley Regional Library**, **Gary Archibald** of the **Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia** and **Debbie Taylor** of **Nova Scotia Provincial Library** worked to develop standards and define a core program of services and products offered in regional libraries province-wide. The Working Group submitted a draft report to the **Standards and Core Services Advisory Committee** on July 11. The Advisory Committee is comprised of all regional library directors in Nova Scotia, as well as **Heather MacKenzie** representing the **Nova Scotia Library Association**, **Gary Archibald** from the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, and **Marion Pape**, the Provincial Librarian. It is anticipated that the draft report will be available for use by the library Funding Formula Review Committee in August.

The end of July brings some farewells to the **Nova Scotia Provincial Library**. We say goodbye this month to **Debbie Taylor** who has been the acting Coordinator of User Services

for the last ten months while **Andrea John** has been on parental leave. Also waving goodbye is **Kendra Barnes**, who has been filling the LA II position in User Services for the last two and a half years. Both Kendra and Debbie will be missed and we wish them both well in the future.

The welcome mat goes out to **Arlene Watts** who returned to User Services this month after being on leave. We're also welcoming **Carole Compton-Smith** who has entered into a job exchange with Andrea John for the next year. Carole, who has been teaching in the Library Technician program at the **NS Community College**, will be the Acting Coordinator of User Services.

The **Cape Breton Regional Library** recently held book sales at the **Glace Bay** and **North Sydney Libraries**, and in the community of Ingonish, where the **Victoria North Regional Branch Library** is located. In each case, close to \$1000 was generated.

Other

The **Nova Scotia Provincial Library** is administering the contract for the 1997 Wire Nova Scotia (WiNS *97) Youth Employment Program operating out of Community Access Sites across Nova Scotia on behalf of Industry Canada. In turn the **Centre for Community Enterprise Networking (C/CEN)** operating in conjunction with **UCCB**, is running the day to day operations and coordination of this province-wide program.

WiNS *97 was officially launched at a reception in Sydney on July 25, 1997. Among the 75 attendees at the launch were **Premier Russell McLellan** and **Senator Al Graham** who spoke emphatically about federal support for community access. In his

speech, Premier McLellan verbalized his support for the Centre for Community and Economic Networking and its work and he thanked Senator Graham for continuing involvement in strengthening the Cape Breton economy. The Premier also stated that the Community Access Program (CAP) was a great one and that he appreciated the support that Industry Canada was giving UCCB by supporting WINS 97. The Premier indicated that the main strength of Nova Scotia is in its communities and that he believed CAP will have a great influence and will bring a real advantage to rural Nova Scotia.

Provincial Librarian, **Marion Pape**, also spoke at the launch noting the many partners involved in the NS Community Access Program's work. Also making remarks were **Dr. Jackie Thayer Scott**, President of UCCB, who highlighted the importance of technology on the survival of rural Canada and **Dr. Bruce Dienes**, Coordinator of WiNS 97, who introduced the six WiNS Regional Coordinators who in turn related their experiences in the various regions of Nova Scotia. WiNS is unique across Canada and we are fortunate to have the multiple partnerships/organizations involved, who are supportive and enthusiastic.

The **Nova Scotia Library Association's** annual conference will be held October 24-26 at the Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth. The conference is being hosted by the Halifax Regional Library, and has as its theme "Building Bridges, Forging Partnerships". A wide variety of workshops are planned. Details of the conference are available on the Association's website <<http://www.library.ns.ca/nsla/conf97.htm>>.

- Faye Hopkins
Vice President (NS)

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library in which Rob, as a lowly graduate student, was studying and researching, while Rob was one of those dedicated but demanding graduate students who make librarians' and library administrators' lives a misery - and they're still married.

Between 1974 and 1981, Suzanne was a freelance library consultant in St. John's, and starting in 1981 she spent three years working under contract for Memorial, doing, she says, "whatever Memorial told me to." I feel it is fairly safe to say that those years were the last time that happened. Following a year's leave in New Zealand in 1984/85, Suzanne began work in Information Services in the Queen Elizabeth II Library at Memorial. In 1989, she assumed her present position as Library Instruction Coordinator.

But a recital of the jobs she has held doesn't begin to give an idea of everything Suzanne has been up to. In addition to being a member of the American Library Association, she is a member of the Canadian Library Association, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, and the Newfoundland Library Association, and has been very active in all these organizations. Within CLA, she was on the Executive of the Canadian Library Trustees Association from 1989 to 1991, and was a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1969 CLA conference. Within NLA, she has served at various times as President, Vice-President, and co-convenor of the Library Week Committee.

And within APLA - well, where would APLA be without Suzanne? She has served on the Executive as Vice-President for Newfoundland from 1982 to 1984, as Secretary from 1986 to 1988, and as Vice President/President-Elect, President and Past President from 1991 to 1994. She was also Convener of the Library Instruction Interest Group from 1989 to 1991. She was the Convener of the Local Arrangements Committee for

the 1986 conference, and of the Program Committee for the 1991 conference. This year she served as the Convener of the Organizing Committee for the whole conference. In addition to all this, she has been the Postmaster of the APLA listserv since 1993, a member of the Communications Committee since 1995, and Editor of the APLA Bulletin since 1995. I believe it is generally accepted within the APLA Executive that Suzanne is the unofficial Corporate Memory and Walking Encyclopedia on APLA's activities and functioning, and she is probably the only person who actually HAS memorized the Procedures Manual.

I'm not sure whether this is common knowledge, but I know it will be of considerable interest to Sara as the new Past-President. With all the service she has given to APLA, and all the offices she has held, Suzanne tells me she has never been ELECTED to any office, and while I'm not really sure, I think there may have been just a little wistful note in her voice.... I trust Sara is taking notes - would you like me to speak more slowly?

Suzanne has also given many hours of her time to public service. From 1976 to 1991, she was a member of the St. John's Library Board, serving as Vice-Chair from 1979 to 1980 and as Chair from 1980 to 1982 and again from 1987 to 1988. She served on the Provincial Public Libraries Board from 1983 to 1993, serving as Vice Chair from 1986 to 1989 and Chair from 1989 to 1991. She is currently a member of the National Library of Canada's Advisory Group on National Library Services to Persons with Disabilities, and reads university textbooks for the making of tapes for the blind. She is active in her church, and is also a volunteer with the St. John's InfoNET Association.

Suzanne lives and breathes libraries. Her dedication is such that she even spends her vacations visiting them. Just a short while ago Rob was telling me that during one of their

vacation trips some years ago Suzanne took pictures of every small library she could find in New England. But he says she has grown and matured since then. Now she concentrates on big libraries in large urban centres like Chicago. I'm not sure that many husbands would consider this great progress, but it seems Rob has learned to be thankful for small mercies.

Suzanne continues to be active within the university community, conducting research and serving on various academic committees. For instance, she was a member of the committee that hired Dick Ellis for Memorial - and she's quite prepared to shoulder her share of the blame. She has made many presentations at library conferences, and her work has been published in both library literature and business literature, sometimes with Rob as co-author. I'm very glad that Rob was able to be here for the presentation tonight - I am relying upon him to prevent Suzanne from making a break for it, something which I'm sure she must be contemplating by now. As an additional precaution I have recruited guards for the doors from among the local library community. Fortunately it was not difficult to find recruits, with many people saying they were glad to see Suzanne get what was coming to her. At least, I think that's what they said...

To judge by the letters I received nominating Suzanne for the Merit Award, that sentiment is shared by many in the Atlantic library community. I have refused to tell Suzanne who nominated her, wishing to save my colleagues from retribution. I told her only that I received three letters from two provinces. Without identifying the authors, I would like to quote from these letters.

"If a book were to be written entitled "The Joy of Libraries", Suzanne Sexty would have to be the author. Sue has given leadership to all types of libraries, be they small public libraries in Newfoundland while chair

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of the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board, to Newfoundland libraries as organizer of Newfoundland Library Week, or to Atlantic libraries as president of APLA. This leadership stems from a deep interest in libraries in their many forms and manifests itself in constructive action on their behalf."

"She is open and forthright and these are among the qualities that have earned her the respect of her peers. Her sense of humor and zest for life have a strong appeal and make working with her an enjoyable experience."

"Suzanne Sexty's energy on behalf of libraries in the Atlantic Provinces can best be described as indefatigable. The same descriptor applies to her work for our Association. Every team needs a motivator, an energizer - regardless of who is the captain - and for many years Sue has served our Association in this role, in addition to her contributions as [an] elected officer. This fact is also recognized beyond our own membership by numerous elected representatives at all levels of government who have had the occasion to meet or correspond with her as she 'talks libraries and the vital nature thereof.' How could anyone not pay attention to Sue in full flight?"

"Suzanne's record of service in APLA speaks for itself in demonstrating her commitment to the Association and to the profession, but what it may not reveal is her own interest in developing and encouraging new librarians through her own personal efforts as well as through the Association. At every conference and meeting you will find Sue greeting new people and ensuring that newcomers feel included and welcome. She believes in mentoring and she stands as a wonderful example of a well-rounded person with a dedication to the profession, a commitment to service, and an enjoyment of life."

I'm told that Suzanne has inspired several library workers to go on to library school - and she has even found jobs for some of them! "Suzanne's personal experience with all

types of libraries has added a meaningful dimension to her APLA contributions. She has gained experience ... and shared the results of her experiences by means of workshops, discussions and document delivery to those who ask. Suzanne Sexty's long-term support for our Association and its members make her a most deserving recipient for the Merit Award."

"Following her year as President of APLA, Sue felt that she had been able to 'give something back' to APLA, after all that libraries, librarianship and APLA had given to her. Sue has been continually 'giving back' throughout her career and it would be most fitting if the Atlantic Provinces Library Association were to recognize her outstanding contribution."

"All of the above factors reflect a part of the reason why she should receive the Merit Award; the rest of it is that she is a generous, caring person who has given a large part of her life to the advancement of libraries, and who will continue to provide inspiration and encouragement for many of us."

On behalf of the members of APLA, it is now my very great pleasure to present the 1997 APLA Merit Award to a most deserving Suzanne Sexty.

- Susan Libby

APLA Past-President, 1996/97

**Editors's note: Details of the 'RCMP incident' are available on request from Susan Libby.*



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1998 APLA Merit Award

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association invites nominations for the Association's Merit Award. The Award is conferred on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces. Nominations with the appropriate accompanying documentation of the nominee and her/his contribution(s) should be sent by December 31, 1997 to:

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CONFERENCE REPORTS CONTINUED...

Copyright in the Electronic Age: From a Writer's Perspective

For generations, the compensation that many writers had with respect to copyright was that they owned the rights to their work. In an informative and interesting session, Lawrence Jackson discussed how electronic publishing and the issues of copyright surrounding it has affected writers. He stated that from a writer's perspective, the pay is lousy, and the industry is in the hands of thieves and bullies. As a result, many writers have given up writing for Canadian magazines. This has had an impact on the quality of the content of the magazines.

One of the major concerns of writers is that the big publishers are trying to avoid copyright law. Jackson stated that many do not want to pay to publish works in electronic format, and that the new contracts turn the benefits of copyright over to the publisher, and not to the writer. Writers who refuse to sign such contracts are often turned away by the publishers. A related issue is that many publishers have been putting works on electronic databases without permission for years, when the copyright is still owned by the writer. While there is money to be made by doing so, the publishers have been reluctant to share the profits with the authors of the work.

Writers have to defend their rights. Jackson said that they are recognizing that the way to do so is to establish an agency, similar to that which the music industry has, that will negotiate on behalf of the writers. They are starting an Electronic Rights Reproduction Agency, and he asked that librarians work with the people in this agency to make it as least onerous as possible. Other ways in which librarians can support writers is to run an honesty

check on suppliers by verifying that they do indeed own the copyright to what they are selling. From the writer's point of view, if the vendor does not own the copyright they are trafficking in public property and libraries are part of it by supplying it. He requested that libraries not contribute to the problem.

Jackson noted that several suits have been launched against publishers by writers. The difficulty with doing this is that many of the corporations are wealthy and are run by influential people. Meanwhile, the magazines are beginning to be flimsy and of less quality because the better writers turn to different areas to sell their work. While copyright is a difficult issue for many people, the point which writers would like to make is that they are the creator of the work, and they should not be forgotten in the profit sharing.

- Faye Hopkins

Cape Breton Regional Library

Lecture de poésie par Michel Savard

Quelle heure magnifique j'ai passée en compagnie du poète Michel Savard. C'était une bouffée d'air frais pendant une conférence fort occupée mais très appréciée. Michel a lu des poèmes en anglais et en français, certains publiés et d'autres en voie de l'être. Ses poèmes d'apparence faciles sont en fait extrêmement travaillés, profonds et émouvants. Michel Savard est un poète magnifique et il a laissé un peu de lui-même à chaque personne présente. Une lecture fort appréciée.

Poetry reading by Michel Savard

I spent a wonderful hour with the poet Michel Savard. It was a refreshing break from all the hustle and bustle of the much enjoyed conference. Michel read both in French and in English from

published works and work in progress. His poetry appears quite simple but is in fact deep and moving. Michel Savard, a magnificent poet, gave everyone in attendance something to reflect on. A truly great reading.

- Johanne Jacob

French Interest Group convenor

Using the Internet as a "true resource" for schools

By using his grade 3 son's project on the red shouldered hawk as an example, Frank Coster explored various sites on the Internet with the approximately 20 listeners. We visited individual school, public and community college sites, as well as some consortium sites.

Mr. Coster, International Sales Manager for Follett of Canada, made a point of not only introducing participants to the Follett OPAC, but also to those of various other companies. It was interesting to note the advantages and drawbacks of various page designs: - what was included and what was hidden or perhaps implied, but not necessarily obvious to the uninitiated. The importance of making the home page "user friendly" was something those of us ready to take this step into home pages with our libraries must remember. As well as making the newcomer at ease, we must also keep in mind ease of use for children and those with sight restrictions.

Perhaps more than showing his audience how the Internet could be used as a resource for schools, however, Mr. Coster showed us ideas for how to make our library homepage work best for users as they make their library a resource on the Internet.

- Leslye McVicar

Kennebecasis Public Library, NB

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New kid on the 'Net: An intro to Hotbot [<http://www.hotbot.com>]

by André Gionet

Hotbot is one of the latest additions to the growing number of search engines that are now available to locate information on the Internet. Hotbot is a product of Wired Magazine, and is powered by Inktomi. The latter was a search engine on its own at the University of California at Berkeley. Once you'll get over the flashy colours of the Hotbot's main page (the people at Wired seem to have a certain nostalgia for the 70s), you'll find many interesting features to make an efficient search.

On the first screen, you have a series of pull down menus that give you options to enhance your search. One of these menus allows you to search either the Web or Usenet newsgroup, or both at the same time. The next menu allows you to pick the kind of search you want. You will have the choice between:

- *All the words* will retrieve pages with at least one occurrence of each word in every document.
- *Any of the words* will find pages containing one or more of the words that you typed.
- *The exact phrase* will find pages with the words you typed in the exact order.
- *The person* will look for near matches for the name(s) you typed.
- *Links to this URL* will find people who linked their homepages to yours.
- *The Boolean expression* will allow you to use the Boolean operators and the advanced syntax.

The advanced syntax on Hotbot is:

- AND, & : this operator link together terms that must be present in the pages you wish to retrieve. For example, you could look for Hibernia AND Newfoundland.
- OR, | : this operator tells Hotbot to look for pages containing either terms. An example would be color OR colour.
- NOT, ! : will exclude terms from your query. A fine example would be boxers NOT shorts.
- " " : the quotation marks indicate that you want an exact match with a phrase. For example, you could look for "sea kayaking".
- () : the parentheses will help you build more complex queries for adding or excluding more keywords. Here's an example:

"Nova Scotia" AND (library AND (work OR employment)) NOT public

Also available on Hotbot is a simple, menu driven advanced mode. These are located below the main search form on the main screen. You don't have to use these features in order to conduct a search in Hotbot. They are features that allow you to avoid excessive noise in your results. To activate one or all of the features, you will have to click either on *Open All* or on one modifier of your choice. The first one of these is the *Modify* panel, allowing you control on the content of the pages you want to retrieve. The first pull down menu will give you the choice between *must*, *should*, and *must not*. The next menu will give you the choice between *the person*, *the word*, *the exact phrase*, and *Links to this URL*. Finally, a blank line will allow you to enter the words you wish to include or exclude. The next menu is the *Date* panel. There again, you will have to click in panels. The choices offered to you are *Whenever* or *Within the last*. The latter item will allow you to indicate if you want a documents that was published within a recent period, whether it is in days, months or years. For example, you may want information *Within the last 6 months*. A last option allows to pick up a date that you consider important. With the help of the pull down menus, you can decide to pick up documents that were published *Before or on January 1, 1997*, or *After or on March 30, 1996*.

Then you can pick a location in the *Location* panel, with the choice of *AnyPlace*, *CyberPlace*, or *GeoPlace*. A *CyberPlace* allows you to tell Hotbot to search your query on a certain domain name, such as *mta.ca* or *nlc-bnc.ca*. This might be useful if you want to conduct a search in your favorites Web publications. *GeoPlace* allows you to pick a geographic region of the world from a pull-down menu. This will tell Hotbot to limit its search to Web sites that have the country suffix for a given region. For example, if you pick North America, Hotbot will limit its search to Web sites having suffixes like *.ca*, *.us*, *.edu*, *.gov*, *.com*, etc.

You can also decide the file types you wish to retrieve. You can decide that you want images, audio files, Acrobat documents, Shockwave sites, etc. You can also specify the extensions of your choice by filling in a form. Be aware that if you check more than one item, Hotbot will return documents containing all specified file types.

Now to get into the really techie stuff, Hotbot also allows you to search for Meta words. Meta words are like subliminal music: they are not displayed on your screen when you are viewing a Web page, but yet they are there.

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To see them, you have to activate the View source function of your browser, and you'll see the Meta words hiding in the midst of HTML tags. On Hotbot, the Meta words are pairs made of a field name and a value separated by a colon with no space. Here are a few interesting examples:

- `title:president` This query will locate documents with the word president in their titles.
- `feature:image` This query will detect documents that contain image files.

You can use the Meta words in an advance query with Boolean operators. A query using Meta words could look like:

`"scuba diving" AND feature:image`

I hope that this little overview will give you the itch to try Hotbot. I also encourage to consult their help documentation, especially if you want to learn more about the Meta words. If you would like to make comments or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at <agionet@nucleus.com>.

SLIS Friday Lecture Series

Friday, 12th September 1997

"The Nine Myths of Literacy in Canada". Terri Tomchyshyn, National Literacy Secretariat, Human Resources Development Canada and Carmel d'Entremont, Adult Education Section, Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture.

Friday, 26th September 1997

"How Does Information Help? The Search for Career-Related Information

by Adolescents". Heidi Julian, School of Communications and Information Management, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand.

Friday, 3rd October 1997

"From Change to Revolution: Reflections on a Lifetime in Australian Libraries". Derek Fielding, University Librarian/ Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Services) retired, University of Queensland, Australia.

Monday, 27th October 1997

"How Geographic Information

Technologies Can Transform the Information Professions"* Michael Goodchild, Director, National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Associate Director, Project Alexandria.

*Co-sponsored by Geomatics Atlantic

Friday, 14th November 1997

"Libraries in Latvia: Facing the Challenges of the Post-Soviet Era". Ilga Leja, Director of Library Services, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, and 1997/98 Researcher-in-Residence, Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies.

Note: All lectures are given in the MacMechan Auditorium on Fridays at 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. except the Goodchild lecture which is given on Monday evening, 27th October 1997 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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TELECOMMUNITIES '97 CONFERENCE - HALIFAX, AUGUST 15-18, 1997

by Carole Compton-Smith and Gillian Webster
Nova Scotia Provincial Library

Background:

This was the fifth conference of its kind, and its theme was "Partnerships". It gathered together representatives from all kinds of organizations and levels of government interested in how to work together to meet the goal of universal computer literacy in the information society. The desire is to build the "electronic commons", as a successor to the old physical public commons or virtual town hall meeting. The board of Telecommunities Canada now formally represents all the community networks in Canada.

Federal involvement in telecommunities:

On day one, in a session called "Introduction to Community Nets and Community Access Sites: Who are we?" Winnie Pietrykowski of Industry Canada explained how the Community Access Program (CAP) works. Each approved community site has obtained Internet hook-ups and computers, and trained staff to manage them and promote computer literacy throughout the community. The CAP program is competitive, and applications must have built-in long-term commitment from the local community before being accepted for funding.

Finding a niche on-line:

Some of the main speakers were seasoned social activists, working for many years to persuade governments to support social justice and develop an informed citizenry. One of these was Ed Schwarz, who is based in Philadelphia. He developed the website called Liberty Net, which you can visit at the URL <<http://libertynet.org>>. To community activists like Ed, e-mail, listservs and chat groups were just newer methods to reach upwards and outwards to their communities.

Harry Adam, the high school principal in a small B.C. town, was one of several speakers whose community was relatively new to the technology of

the Internet and yet was rapidly catching up through peer sharing. His session included a graphic story about a local Bigfoot, who could be historically "verified" through his appearances in photographs up to sixty years old! Harry said that we should remember that information technology was supposed to be used to have fun. His website is called "Lumby, B.C. Canada - The Virtual Village", and you can find it at the URL <<http://www.monashee.com>>. Jo Sutton and Scarlett Pollock spoke at a session called "Internet Support for Women" in which they advocate using the Net for women's equality, e.g. holding meetings online, international women's rights. Women Space online magazine which they edit is at the URL <<http://www.womenspace.ca/index.html>>.

Quality of life:

The conference generated a lot of excitement as both organizers and attendees listened to the experiences of others and detailed how they struggled to find funding, etc as they continue to survive/thrive. Community networks are all about finding ways to improve the quality of life for the geographic (local and/or global) community, and the ways to do this are limited only by imagination. Joan Durrance, from the School of Information at the University of Michigan, joined forces with several Flint-area institutions to create an Internet Training and Community Networking Center at the Flint Public Library. She told stories of disadvantaged teenagers acting together to create a sophisticated site. You can read about their projects at the URL <<http://www.flint.lib.mi.us/weblinks>>.

Treating people as individuals:

All these groups use their community nets as a way of linking diverse members of the community together and stress the technological and social

skills gained by volunteers; all emphasize that the benefits are incalculable, and that the access must remain at no or low cost to the users. There was one refrain heard over and over again - that individuals must feel welcome to come in and learn about the Internet in a comfortable setting, and that there be well-trained staff or volunteers to teach members of the public as much as they wanted to know

Some of the **issues** that remain as challenges once the physical infrastructure has been built and full public access provided in Canada include:

Literacy and Training - Both print and computer literacy have along way to go, especially when a lot of emphasis is put on the under-served of society, who generally do not have home access to computers. Canada has a lot to offer developing countries such as South Africa, according to Ashraf Patel, who came from this country to the conference. He talked about the high rate of illiteracy in his country, and the fact that telephone and Internet connectivity are mainly restricted to the three million whites, while among the twenty-seven million blacks, 60% had never even made a phone call!

Relevance and Apathy - There is still a widespread attitude that computer literacy has no application to ordinary people; even some libraries have not been approachable in cooperating with the local community net. Many smaller communities have not been as quick to see the benefits as larger ones. Robert Proctor and John Oulette, from the Strait East Nova Community Enterprise Network (SENCEN) spend time demonstrating the benefits of the WWW and related IT functions to anyone who is interested. But they admit that there are some difficulties inherent in their work - for example, they are committed to working in areas where many young

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people have left and there may not be a lot of vitality remaining to support the new networking initiatives. Anyone who wants to get in touch with Robert or John can contact them via E-mail at <sencen@nssympatico.ca>. Yet Newfoundland, as we found out from Theresa Pitman's session, has developed successful Telecentres as a means of partnering with businesses and agencies in small communities.

Growth of the World Wide Web and Control/ Freedom of Information - Business now dominates the WWW. In the last five years, the volume of commercial traffic has shot up from less than 5% to 80% of the WWW content. Doug Schuler, one of the keynote speakers at the conference, who is Chair of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (U.S.) is concerned about the prominence of paid advertizing and the consequence for users to be able to pull out the community information needed. He was instrumental in founding the Seattle Community Net - URL is <telnet://scn.org>. On the optimistic side, public libraries, where they are involved with community networks and community access projects can continue to provide access to information. Keith Gross, Executive Director of the Edmonton Freenet, described its close partnership with the Edmonton Public Library. There is an extensive site at the URL <<http://freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/>>.

Independence and Sustainability - Where does business come in, in relation to helping pay for the networks? Several speakers spoke about adding value to information that already ex-

isted. Business will pay for good service from community network providers and may contribute to the economic development of their area. This is one reason why Industry Canada has been funding specific community projects under the Community Access Program (CAP) program. Michael Binder, Assistant Deputy Minister of Industry Canada was one of the keynote speakers, and he emphasized the role that government had to play in supporting community goals such as economic development and IT training. Community Networks need to be confident in what they offer, and say to their business partners, we are not the competition, we are the community. Again, some pithy words from the Edmonton group.

Role of Libraries - Libraries continue to play a key role in developing quality networks. For example, libraries prepare electronic pathfinder or resource lists for job and career seekers, in some cases linking many sites together such as government information sites and university home pages. Such initiatives can help new immigrants find jobs, housing, education, etc. In a session on Government as Partners, Marion Pape, Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian emphasized the importance of governments developing policies around supporting libraries and community networks to work together for a common end. Several members of the audience wondered how this relationship could be strengthened more. It was suggested that the Canadian Library Association conference in Victoria next Spring, in partnership with Telecommunities Canada, feature ses-

sions on libraries and community networks.

Marion is also the Nova Scotia Chair of the Community Access Committee, which is based on a federal/provincial mandate to facilitate and provide seed money to access to Internet information and communications across Canada. She emphasized the joint work which government and libraries have been doing to bring Community Access sites to Nova Scotia and to develop community information networks in a province-wide strategy over the last two years. The goals of government and libraries towards promoting life-long learning, children's education and electronic access to information are all supported by the report *Public Libraries in Nova Scotia: General Population Survey (1997)*, which polled 1200 adult Nova Scotians about what they wanted from their public libraries.

Partnerships - There are traditional links between the community network objectives and public library (or school or municipal) objectives. There is a common value system between them which is based on social justice. Joan Durrance asked how can these links be strengthened? For example, schools and libraries have been put in place to serve the local community, and most communities have some form of adult education system, but there is often no connecting thread. However, with the new technology, there could for example, be penpal type relationships between younger and older students, as well as more informal distance education learning opportunities.

In conclusion, the conference speakers emphasized that information technology is a powerful tool which any community can take and apply for themselves in all sorts of creative ways. The challenges that remain can be better faced and overcome if all the players work as a team.



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News from SLIS

Dr. Grant Campbell Appointed to Dalhousie

The School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University is very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. D. Grant Campbell to the faculty, with the rank of Assistant Professor, effective 1st August 1997. Dr. Campbell comes to Dalhousie from the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Campbell will teach courses concerned with the organization of information and will introduce a new course on Electronic Text Design in the upcoming academic year. His research focuses on the organization of digital information.

Dr. Campbell holds B.A. and M.I.St. degrees from the University of Toronto, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Queen's University. During his studies he was the recipient of numerous scholarships including a Post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He is the recipient of other honours including the best paper delivered by a graduate student at the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies in 1989 and the OCULA/CANEBSCO Best Paper Award presented at the Ontario Library Association Conference, 1996.

Dr. Campbell has taught courses at Queen's University, the University of Toronto, and George Brown College. Prior to joining the Faculty of Information Studies at the Uni-

versity of Toronto he was employed with the North York Public Library. At the Faculty of Information Studies he was the co-ordinator of the Internet Cataloguing Project, a joint venture of the University of Toronto and ISM Library Information Services.

Dr. Campbell has presented numerous papers at conferences throughout North America, the most recent being "In Search of Taxonomies: The Relevance of Cognitive Reading Models in the Design of Electronic Text in Literary Studies" given to the Canadian Association of Information Science in June 1997. His publications have appeared in *Queen's Quarterly*, *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*, *OLA Access*, *épilogue*, and *Feliciter*.

Ilga Leja Appointed Researcher-in-Residence at Dalhousie

The School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, is very pleased to announce the appointment of Ilga Leja as Researcher-in-Residence for the 1997/98 academic year. Ms. Leja will be on sabbatical leave from her position as Director of Library Services at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD), and has three research objectives for her year of study:

(1) to conduct research on digitization of visual information and the implementation and

use of image databases. She expects to incorporate this work into a plan for increasing the use of electronic visual resources at the NSCAD Library, especially as it increases its role as the premier collection of visual information in Atlantic Canada;

- (2) to study further issues concerning instruction and training, especially as it relates to the development of research skills among university students, which will be translated into expanded programming at NSCAD for library and research skills development; and
- (3) to investigate further her contacts with librarians in Latvia with the intention of exploring opportunities for assistance and teaching in that country.

The Researcher-in-Residence programme is designed to provide an extended opportunity for interaction between leaders of the external professional community and the students and faculty of the School. Throughout the academic year, Ms. Leja will be available to talk with students and faculty members informally, and, in addition, will present a lecture, entitled "Librarians in Latvia: Facing the Challenges of the Post-Soviet Era," in the School's Friday Lecture Series on Friday, 14th November 1997 at 11:45 a.m. in the MacMechan Auditorium. In exchange, the Researcher-in-Residence is provided with a collegial atmosphere for research and the interchange of ideas along with

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office space, access to computing facilities, and some secretarial assistance. Prior to joining the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1990, Ms Leja held positions as librarian at the Sackville High School, the Ontario Legislative Library, the Nova Scotia Legislative Library, and the Nova Scotia Department of Development. She has conducted workshops throughout Atlantic Canada on government information and the role of Special Libraries, among other subjects. As a member of the Novanet Consortium of Libraries, she has served as Chair of the Management Committee and recently as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. She was a member of the Canadian Art Information Professionals Strategic Planning Task Force (sponsored by the National Gallery of Canada), which led to the creation of the Canadian Division of the Art Libraries Society of North America. Ms. Leja has recently served as a library consultant to the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Ms. Leja holds a Bachelor of Arts (French) from Dalhousie University, a Bachelor of Education from Memorial University of Newfoundland, a Master of Library Service from Dalhousie, and she has completed additional graduate studies in French.

Dr. Donald A. Wicks Appointed to Dalhousie

The School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University is very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Donald A. Wicks to the faculty, with the rank of Assistant Professor, effective 1st September 1997. Dr. Wicks comes to Dalhousie from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. Wicks will teach courses concerned with information sources and retrieval and organizational management. His research focuses on the application of social network and role theory in understanding information-seeking behaviour of scholars and professionals. His doctoral dissertation, completed earlier this year, is entitled "The Information-Seeking Behaviour of Pastoral Clergy: A Study of the Interaction of Their Work Worlds and Work Roles."

Dr. Wicks holds a B.A. (Hon.) in History from the University of Winnipeg, an M.A. in History from the University of Guelph, a Master of Biblical Studies (Cum Laude) from London Baptist Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario. During his studies he was the recipient of numerous scholarships including three Ontario Graduate Scholarships. He is the recipient of other honours including a best poster award for a conference poster presented by a doctoral stu-

dent at the Association for Library and Information Science Education conference in Washington, February 1997.

Dr. Wicks has been a member of the faculty at the University of Western Ontario since 1995. During his doctoral studies he worked as a librarian for the Addiction Research Foundation and as a research assistant for the Mental Models for Information Systems project, directed by Drs. Patricia Dewdney and Gillian Michell.

Dr. Wicks has given papers at conferences in Canada and the U.S. including the Canadian Association of Information Science, the Great Lakes Information Sciences conferences, the Canadian Library Association, and the Association for Library and Information Science Education. His publications have appeared in *New Media Canada*, *Canadian CD-ROM News*, *Journal of Religious & Theological Information*, and the *Proceedings of the CAIS Conference*.

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From St. Jerome's Den

Summer has passed, and, for many of us September is the real beginning of the new year. The column this time is for all of you who are in need of a little inspiration. By the way, how about sending your favourite quotes, true stories, best jokes, and any other library trivia that interest you, to St. Jerome care of the editors. Now some words from people who thought that information, knowledge, books, and libraries are important.

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

Carl Sagan

"It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish."

S. I. Hayakawa

"For the general practitioner a well-used library is one of

the few correctives of the premature senility which is so apt to overtake him."

Sir William Osler

Perhaps a bit strong on the purple prose, but the sentiment in this one is hard to argue against and the conclusion is worth note!

"To my thinking, a great librarian must have a clear head, a strong hand, and, above all, a great heart. He must have a head as clear as the master in diplomacy; a hand as strong as he who quells the raging mob or leads great armies on to victory; and a heart as great as he who, to save other, will, if need be, lay down his life. Such shall be greatest among librarians; and, when I look into the future, I am inclined to think that most of the men who achieve this greatness will be women."

Melvil Dewey, quoted in *Library Journal*, January 1899

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Cataloguing Beyond the Walls

Charley Pennell introduced the topics of evaluating Internet resources for inclusion in a collection and providing access to these resources. To begin, examples of first, second, and third generation Internet documents were presented --the first were simply text (eg. Gutenberg), the second were texts with some images and a few links (eg. Bartelby), the third generation includes truly functional hypertext in sites with multitudinous links and graphics (eg. *Pride and Prejudice*). This overview of the types of resources available on the Internet illustrated the rapid evolution and fluidity of the medium, both of which spell difficulties for libraries in which organizational schemes have focussed on static materials such as books (ok, serials can be fluid!). The evolution of the Internet and its contents has resulted in a concomitant evolution in the way librarians think about the medium and its place in library collections.

Options for providing access to the materials (metadata such as TEI headers, MARC 856) were described, but unfortunately time did not permit extensive discussion. For more informa-

tion see Charley's excellent web site which includes a complete paper, bibliography, and links to relevant sites such as the Dublin Core project which explores translating HTML metadata to

MARC and vice-versa. <<http://www.mun.ca/library/cat/catnet/>>

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COMING EVENTS

Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick / Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick 5th Annual General Meeting and Conference, Friday, October 3rd - Saturday, October 4, 1997, Saint John Public Library, Market Square, Saint John, N.B. Theme / le thème: Changing Times, Changing Ethics: Professionalism and Librarians / "Une Époque et une éthique en pleine mutation : les bibliothécaires et le professionnalisme". For more information: <http://fan.nb.ca/cfn/info/ip_info/aplnb/fall.html>.

NAWeb97, An International Conference in Fredericton, NB, Canada October 4th-7th, 1997, sponsored by the WWW Courseware Developers and the Department of Extension and Summer Session, University of New Brunswick. For more information:<<http://www.unb.ca/web/wwwdev/naweb97/>>

Nova Scotia Library Association, 1997 Annual Conference October 24-26, 1997 "Building Bridges, Forging Partnerships" Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth, NS. Hosted by: Halifax Regional Library. For more information <<http://rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca/nsla/conf97.htm>>

Children's Literature Institute Workshop, October 26, 1997. Featuring authors Sheree Fitch, Pamela Hickman, and Budge Wilson. For further information please contact Pat Johnston at UNB's Education Resource Centre 506-453-3516; Email <johnston@unb.ca>

Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) 1997 Librarians' Conference "Status and Governance. realizing academic power - what next?" Hotel Newfoundland, St. John's Newfoundland, October 30 - November 1, 1997. For more information contact Nancy Gordon, CAUT, phone: 613-820-2270, fax: 613-820-7244, email: <NGORDON@CAUT.CA>

1997 Conference on the State of Higher Education in the Maritimes, "Preparing for the Third Millennium: Vision, Action and Strategies for Change in Higher Education". Hotel Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, November 13-14, 1997. Sponsored by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. For further information contact Louise Grady at <gradyl@mphec.ca>. / **Conférence 1997 sur l'état de l'enseignement supérieur dans les Maritimes**, "Pour faire face au troisième millénaire: vision, action et stratégie de changement en enseignement supérieur". Hôtel Halifax, Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse, 13-14 novembre 1997. Parrainée par la Commission de l'enseignement supérieur des Provinces maritimes. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Louise Grady à <gradyl@mphec.ca>.

The **Prince Edward Island Teacher-Librarians' Association (PEITLA)** and the **Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada** will be jointly sponsoring the 1998 national conference. This conference, entitled "Connected: School Libraries at the Millennium", will be held May 14-17, 1998 on the campus of the University of Prince Edward Island.

APLA '98, May 21-24, 1998. Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. For more information, please contact André Guay at <andre.guay@acadiu.ca>.