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Plans are well under way for the 46th Annual APLA Conference to be held in Fredericton at the University of New Brunswick from May 31 - June 2, 1985. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the university. The City of Fredericton celebrates its bicentennial year as well.

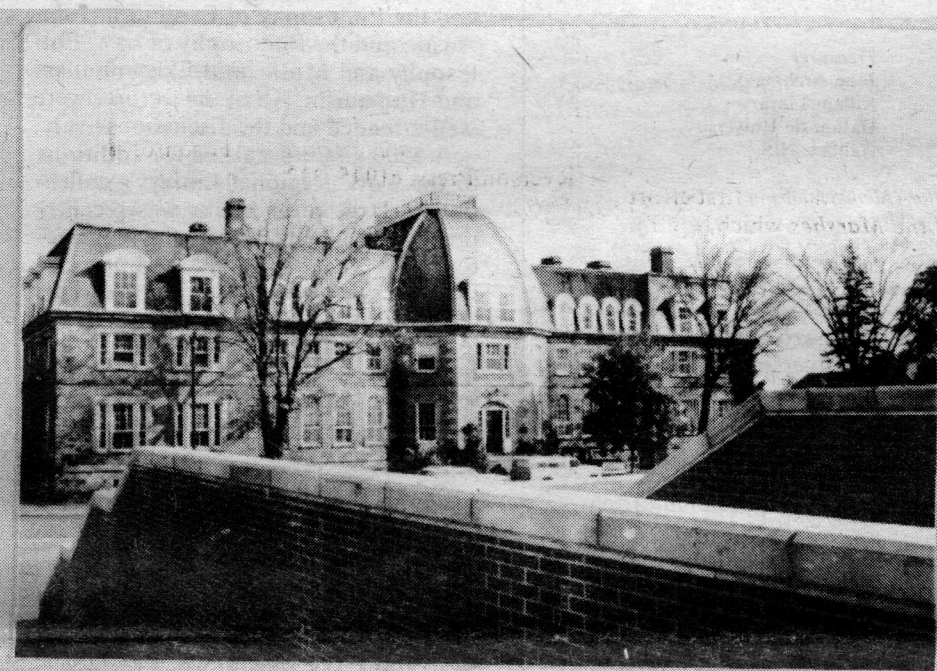
The theme of this year's conference is Learning for Life.

Preceding the conference, on Thursday, May 30, there will be a full-day CLA Seminar on the *Reference Interview* to be given by Patricia Dewdney and Dr. Catherine Ross, both from SLIS.

Friday morning will be taken up by meetings of various committees. Keynote speaker Allan Tough of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education will address the conference theme on Friday afternoon. The title of Mr. Tough's address is *Adults as Independent Learners — Implications For Librarians and Adult Educators*. Sheila Laidlaw, University Librarian at the University of New Brunswick and Dig Nichols, Supervisor of Continuing Education, Dartmouth School Board, will respond following Mr. Tough's address. On Saturday morning, Mr. Tough will speak at the Committee on Library Instruction workshop.

Three workshops are planned for the second half of Friday afternoon's activities. Irene Aubrey, Director of Children's Services at the National Library of Canada, will be speaking on *Collections Development and Children's Services*. Archivist Robert Fellows of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick will present a workshop on *Local History and Genealogy Collection Development*. A tour of the Provincial Archives

## Conference Programme



The Old Arts Building, UNB Campus.

will be given Saturday afternoon for all those interested. Prof. Anne Galler, Chairman of Library Studies at Concordia University will address the topic *A Library Technician's Course For the Maritimes*. The annual general meeting begins at 7:00 that evening.

Registration will continue throughout the day from 9:00 - 7:00. Exhibits will be open at the same time. Over thirty exhibitors are likely to be in at-

tendance.

On Saturday morning, the Committee on Library Conservation will hold a panel discussion on *Funding, Restoring and Controlling Special Collections*. David McCallum, Network Officer at the National Library, will speak on *Network Activities at the National Library*. Kathryn Mikoski will address the topic of *Location and Document Delivery Services at the National Library*.

During the afternoon, the APLA Trustees will present a panel "Friends of the Library" groups. *Legal Collections Development* will be presented by Prof. David Townsend of UNB. Glenn Murray will give a talk on *Introduction to Bulletin Board Networks*, and Valerie Wiles will speak on *Document Delivery at CISTI*. Paul Lancaster and Gail Doherty of the Oromocto Information and Volunteer Centre will address the topic *Information Services and Libraries. Meetings at Work* will be presented by Dr. Hubert King of the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

On Sunday, the annual general meeting will continue. The installation of the new APLA executive and a joint meeting of the old and new executives will also take place.

The annual general meeting on Friday night will be preceded by a chowder dinner, compliments of the exhibitors. One free drink will be provided for the reception which begins at 9:00. A cash bar will be open until 1:00 a.m. Saturday's banquet will consist of baron of beef, chicken and a cold buffet. Dancing will follow. Continuing with tradition, the champagne brunch will take place on Sunday.

Accommodations will be provided at Tibbets Hall on the UNB campus. Meals will be served in adjoining Lady Dunn Hall. Information on hotels within close proximity of the university is included in the registration package. There are no restaurants within convenient walking distance of the university.

The Local Arrangements Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to this year's conference which should prove to be an enlightening and enjoyable experience.

## How Adults Learn — Implications For Librarians And Adult Educators

Workshop Leader: Allen Tough, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

Date: Saturday, June 1, 1985

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (N.B. — This is a change from the two separate workshops listed in the preliminary conference program)

Location: APLA Conference, Fredericton, N.B.

Understanding how adults learn is crucial to the effective planning of libraries and other adult education services.

The APLA Committee on Library Instruction is sponsoring an all morning workshop with Allen Tough to look at the practical implications of his research for library and adult education planning and service delivery.

Allen Tough's book *The Adult's Learning Projects: A Fresh Approach To Theory And Practice In Adult Learning*. OISE, 1971, 1979, represents pioneering research in the field of the adult independent learner. His findings, for example, have shown that between 70% - 90% of all adults take on at least

one major learning project a year. The average time spent on these projects is 100 hours. Tough has noted: "that librarians and other professional helpers will be used much more as they improve their ability in understanding and fitting into the adults ongoing change efforts".

Libraries are an integral part of adult learning. It is hoped that this session will also provide an opportunity to librarians and adult educators to look at improved means of coordination and cooperation between these two areas of community learning.

People may register for the sessions involving Allen Tough only, on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, at a special rate of \$35.00.

# APLA Bulletin

The *APLA Bulletin* is a bi-monthly organ of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. The Association seeks to promote library service through the provinces of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, to serve the professional interests of librarians in the region, to serve as a focal point for all those in library services in the Atlantic Provinces, and to cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual concern.

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## NEWS

### New Brunswick

The Dr. Walter Chestnut Library in Hartland sponsored a special fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 30, in Hartland. The theme of the evening nostalgically recalled the period when riverboats plied the Saint John River, carrying cargo, produce and passengers to and from riverside and lakeside communities between the river's mouth, Fredericton and Woodstock. Robin Hanson, owner and operator of the paddleboat *Pioneer Princess*, was guest speaker. Dressed in an old-time Captain's uniform, he recalled those bygone days when riverboat trade was of paramount importance. In the fall, when the Hartland Library moves to its new permanent location in the beautiful and historic Nevers Pharmacy building, the money raised by this benefit dinner will be used to purchase additional furniture and shelving.

In Chatham, a campaign is underway to consider seriously the construction of a new library — or at least the acquisition of larger quarters. The Chatham Public Library, currently situated on the second floor of the Beaverbrook Civic Centre, is both cramped and inaccessible to many citizens. Sources of support, financial and otherwise, are being explored.

There have been some changes made at the Oromocto Public Library since Jennifer Gammon took over as head librarian in September of 1984. Then, there were no cassette players; now there are two listening stations and 1,200 tapes. An enthusiastic volunteer service has been created to assist the staff with the numerous maintenance tasks so necessary to the smooth functioning of the library. On one Friday morning each month, senior citizens are invited to join the library staff for coffee and refreshments and an hour of quiet

browsing before the library doors open to the general public.

What started out as a decorated cardboard box — a make-believe caboose for the youngest members of the Oromocto Public Library — has become a permanent fixture. Originally just a box that the children curled up in to read, it couldn't stand so much fond use and finally fell apart. Librarian Jennifer Gammon was able to convince the town of Oromocto that a wooden caboose was absolutely essential. And by March, the children had their new, gaily painted, wooden caboose. A present from the town, it was constructed by John Guy Ringette.

In February and March, a very successful series of informal lectures entitled "Varieties and Philosophy" was held each Thursday evening at the Fredericton Public Library. Philosophy professors from the University of New Brunswick and Saint Thomas University presented the talks on a range of topics, including: Ethics, Saint Augustine and Western Thought, Teilhard and the Philosophy of Evolution, John Austin and the Philosophy of Law, Philosophy and Music, and Existentialism and Humanism. All of the lectures were well-attended and the discussions lively.

A \$500 gift, earmarked for additions to the York Regional Library's collection of large print books was recently presented to the library by the Fredericton Chapter of the IODE, in appreciation of this special library service. This continues a tradition of support of the local library begun by the IODE before the establishment of a regional library service in 1955.

### Nova Scotia

The New Glasgow Public Library is now open Sunday afternoons between September and May on a permanent basis. The hours were extended for a trial period in 1983-84 to determine public interest and the trial was a success from the beginning. Favourable comments on the new hours and continued steady use during the trial period resulted in the decision to make Sunday hours a permanent part of the schedule.

Project applications for Canada Works Program have been approved for the Dartmouth Regional Library. They will be able to hire five workers for thirty-two weeks to continue retrospective indexing of the Dartmouth City Council minutes and to continue the inventory of the book and audiovisual collections.

The Halifax City Regional Library began to use the UTLAS system late in February. Their participation in the system will add the holdings of Nova Scotia's largest public library to the microfiche catalogues available in the ten other regional libraries. The other regional libraries have been using UTLAS, provided by the Department of Education, since 1982.

Japan Week will be held during the first week of June in Halifax to highlight the twinning of Halifax with Hakodate, Japan. Visits will be exchanged between the two cities and there will be displays of Japanese cultural materials in Halifax during the week. The Department of School Libraries has prepared a bibliography of books and audiovisual materials that are presently held in school libraries and in the department's central collection for use by students and teachers.

### Newfoundland

The Newfoundland Library Association held its Spring Meeting on Wednesday evening, March 20, at the new CISTI Branch Library in the Institute for Marine Dynamics, St. John's. Fol-

lowing a business meeting at which a further donation to the Margaret Williams Trust Fund was approved, Pam Hiscock of Memorial University's Extension Service spoke about the Library Certificate Programme. The Programme, being developed in conjunction with the Newfoundland Public Libraries will be open to anyone working in libraries in Newfoundland. While it will not be fully underway until 1986 it is hoped that a few courses will be offered in the fall of 1985. At the conclusion of the talk, Joy Tillotson gave a brief overview of the workings of her Library.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to library board members in the western region who had served for five, ten and fifteen years or more. There were sixteen board members who have served for fifteen years or more and some who have given as many as thirty years of service.

## Coming Event

June 9-14, 1985: *A Workshop in Paper Conservation* at Mount Allison University. Practical [hands on] instruction including deacidification, encapsulation, mending techniques, etc. Course instructor: Mr. Harold Holland, Paper Conservator, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. Contact Marilyn McCullough, Continuing Education Department, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., E0A 3C0. Fee: \$200.00. Enrollment limited. Register by May 1.

## Notices

### Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

Applications are now invited for the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award which has been established to promote the development of librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador. The late Margaret Williams was a long-time librarian at Memorial University of Newfoundland and University Librarian at the time of her death. The award provides funds for scholarships, research special projects or work exchange opportunities.

Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to librarians or to persons wishing to get a library science degree at an accredited library school.

A librarian is defined as any person

1. with an MLS degree or its equivalent;
2. working at least 75 per cent of his/her time in a school library;
3. in sole charge of a school, public or special library;
4. working as a senior library assistant or technician or the equivalent in a public library system or college or university library.

Librarian candidates must have two years work experience in a library, preferably in the province.

Up to \$1,000 may be awarded this year.

Deadline for applications is May 31, 1985.

For further information and an application form contact:

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# Annual Reports

## Vice-President, New Brunswick

1984 was New Brunswick's 200th birthday. The festivities for this occasion generated a great deal of activity both in and on behalf of libraries. As part of the festivities, the National Library of Canada's exhibition "New Brunswick Authors/Ecrivains du Nouveau-Brunswick" will tour the province for 1985/85.

### Legislative Library

As part of the celebration the Legislative Library published two works: *Elections in New Brunswick, 1784-1984 — Elections au Nouveau-Brunswick, 1784-1984* (Fredericton, 1984, 311p.) and *New Brunswick history; a checklist of secondary sources, second supplement — Guide en histoire du Nouveau-Brunswick; une liste de controle, deuxieme supplement* (Fredericton, 1984, 214p.).

In October the Library hosted the meeting of the Association of Parliamentary Librarians of Canada. The meeting was sponsored by the Speaker, the Honourable James Tucker. Topics discussed at the meeting included conservation of library materials, application of microcomputers in libraries and research services for parliamentarians.

In May 1984 Jocelyne LeBel was elected Chairperson of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick. Margaret Pacev is a member of the Special Libraries Interest Group which consists of staff from various governmental libraries. As a member of the group, Margaret has been responsible for initiating discussions with the University of New Brunswick to study the possibility of offering a basic library technician's course as part of the University's extension programme.

The Bicentennial was also a great year for publications. Copies of many of these are now available in the Legislative Library. Citations of these acquisitions will appear in bibliographies in *The Fiddlehead* and in *Acadiensis*.

### University Libraries

Among other items university libraries were recipients of a number of Canada Works programs which enabled them to access/inventory specific collections. The Law Library at U.N.B. will be hosting the 1985 annual meeting of CALL (Canadian Association of Law Libraries) from 13-16 May.

## Public Libraries Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library

The main highlights for the year 1984-85 in the Haut-Saint-Jean region can be summarized as follows:

To celebrate the N.B. Bicentennial, the Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library Board published a book entitled *Decouvrons le Nouveau-Brunswick/Discover New Brunswick* listing books on N.B. history available in the service points of the regional system. The publication was made possible

through a financial contribution of the City of Edmundston Bicentennial Committee. A few copies of this publication are still available free of charge.

The semi-annual meeting of the New Brunswick Library Trustees' Association was held in Edmundston on May 26, 1984 for library trustees and staff of the Haut-Saint-Jean library region. Forty-five people attended this successful conference where a workshop on microcomputers was presented and talks were given by the Honorable Jean-Pierre Ouellet, Minister of Historical and Cultural Resources; Mr. Winfield Hackett, executive director of the N.B. Bicentennial Commission and Jocelyne LeBel, acting director of the New Brunswick Library Service.

Accounting records of the Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library are now done by computer following a service contract signed with an accounting firm outside the library. Results are positive and interesting.

The St. Leonard Public Library was relocated in December 1984 in a new attractive building of 180 sq. metres (2,000 sq. ft.). The old premises (122 sq. metres) were located in the town hall on top of the fire station. The new building is centrally located and provides needed facilities for exhibits, meetings and children's programmes, plus needed additional shelving. An access ramp has been built outside the building to allow handicapped and elderly people to come to the library. Circulation figures have increased significantly following this relocation of the library.

With the opening of this new building, all six libraries in the Haut-Saint-Jean regional system are now housed in attractive premises. The move towards the establishment of new library facilities started in February 1981 with the opening of the new Saint-Quentin Public Library, followed by Edmundston in April 1981, Saint-Francois in April 1983, Kedgwick in May 1983 and Grand Falls in August 1983.

Public library boards of the region were pleased to meet and discuss with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Historical and Cultural Resources, Mr. Michael O'Rourke, when he visited the Haut-Saint-Jean region at the end of July. There is hope that this visit to the libraries of the province by a government official will contribute to a better understanding of the library situation at the governmental level.

Many successful activities took place in the various libraries of the region during this past year. During the National Book Festival in April-May 1984, three N.B. authors, Carole Spray, Dyane Leger and Jean Peronnet, visited our libraries. A workshop on puppet making by Karen Franklin of Fredericton was given to a group of employees and also to the public of the Edmundston and Grand Falls area. The Summer Reading Club, organized on a provincial basis for the first time in N.B. library history, was a big success in the Haut-Saint-Jean region with 560 certificates distributed to the participants who completed the requirements of the Club. A group of youngsters with the help of the employees in the children's department of the Mgr. W. J. Conway Public Library (Edmundston), created

a puppet theatre and toured the other libraries of the region in August 1984; the tour was entirely successful.

During the Children's Book Festival in November, a group of youngsters at the Edmundston Public Library were involved in the creation of a giant book, while four high school pupils put on a play based on a Canadian book. During the same week, a children's author, Anna Girouard from Ste-Marie de Kent visited and gave readings at the St-Quentin and Kedgwick public libraries. About a year after its opening, the Saint-Francois Public Library started a story hour with volunteer help. Volunteers are also involved in presenting the story hours in the Kedgwick and Saint-Quentin Public Libraries.

To participate in the Bicentennial celebrations, the Saint-Francois Public Library and the Florenceville Public Library (York region) organized jointly a very successful exchange visit of young people during the summer.

Starting in September 1984, the bookmobile schedule has been modified to allow stops every two weeks in certain communities while other places are visited every four weeks.

A camera lending service, following a donation of two cameras by Polaroid Canada Inc., was initiated in two libraries of the region in June 1984. The program was not very successful.

Four students were assigned to three public libraries of our region during the 1984 summer months under the provincial Summer Youth at Work Program. The procedure regarding the hiring of students has caused a lot of concern and problems to library boards of the province. The Haut-Saint-Jean Board has reacted to the procedure by sending a letter of protest, with a suggestion for next summer, to the Department of Historical and Cultural Resources.

The two employees, who were in charge of the Kedgwick and Saint-Francois public libraries on a part-time basis since the opening of these service points in 1983, became full-time employees in July 1984. These libraries are now open 30 hours per week instead of the previous 25 hours.

In a ceremony on July 2nd, 1984, the Saint-Francois Public Library was named Mgr Plourde Public Library in honour of Mgr J. Aurele Plourde of Ottawa, a native of the village of Saint-Francois.

An agreement between the Haut-Saint-Jean and the St. John Regional Library Boards has been concluded regarding a long term deposit of French books for the new Bibliotheque Le Cormoran in Le Centre Communautaire Champlain of St. John. Approximately 1600 books have been deposited and more could be sent in future months.

Starting in January 1985, with the beginning of the International Year of the Youth, books for adolescents in the service points of the region are identified with a red dot placed on the spine.

In the last months of 1984, employees were busy filling in forms (a) for the Scientific Management Corporation study in connection with the N.B. government reform project and (b) for the reclassification study of library employees undertaken by the Province of N.B. Board of Management. We hope that positive results will come out of

these important studies.

## Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library

This report only highlights the main events of the 1984-1985 fiscal year.

Mrs. Ruth Bray, former Children's Librarian at the Moncton Public Library, was promoted to Assistant Regional Librarian for the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library; she was replaced by Miss Lynn Jarvis.

Official openings of the relocated Riverview Public Library and of the new Richibouctou Public Library took place in June 1984. The Richibouctou Public Library was officially opened by Premier Hatfield.

Mrs. Rose Johnson, the employee in charge of the Port Elgin Public Library, died suddenly August 16, 1984.

The Riverview Public Library has started a toy-lending library with funds provided by a local chapter of the IODE and has acquired a video cassette recorder and a color television for children's programs, through a generous donation from the friends of the late Helen Diamond, the previous Chairman of the Riverview Public Library Board.

Mrs. Norma Dobson, past-chairman of the Riverview Public Library Board and of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library Board and a volunteer in the Technical Services Department of the regional Library who donated two thousand hours of volunteer work at this department, is now a full-time student at the Dalhousie School of Library Service.

The St-Joseph Public Library has moved to enlarged quarters, about twice the previous space.

Steps are now underway to construct a new building to house the Saint-Antoine Public Library.

A study of library needs in the Moncton area has been undertaken by Mr. Al Bowron, a library consultant, with a view to moving the Moncton Public Library and the regional library Headquarters to new enlarged quarters.

The communities of Cap Pele, Bouctouche, Riverside-Albert and Rogersville are actively campaigning for the establishment of a public library in their respective communities.

The Regional Library is providing, under contract, library services to the Westmorland Institute, a correctional institution located in Dorchester. Ivan Douthwright is responsible to direct, promote, supervise and organize the library in the Institute.

The 1984 Summer Reading Club was very successful; 836 children received a certificate of achievement signed by the Premier of New Brunswick.

Three authors toured libraries of the regional network: Jean Peronnet, Gordon Penrose (Dr. Zed) and Karen Franklin.

Through provincial job creation programs, seven students were assigned to the regional library during the summer of 1984; also two regular employees, each for a ten-week period, worked in the St-Antoine and St-Joseph Public Libraries.

## Saint John Regional Library

The following report is an overview of an extremely busy year for the board, staff and borrowers of the Saint John Regional Library.

The central library and branches continued their emphasis on improving direct service to the public despite budget restrictions and personnel shortages.

The Bicentennial Reading Club was the major event of the summer months and all public libraries in the region with the exception of Campobello, ran successful clubs and held special closings involving board members, staff and government representatives.

The Saint John Free Public Library was successful in obtaining Federal Government Summer Work grants as were the Ross Memorial, St. Croix and Kennebecasis Public Libraries. New Brunswick Job Creation grants for the hiring of summer students were also awarded to the Information Centre of the Central Library and to Technical Services in the Regional Headquarters.

Some other programmes throughout the year included for example, a Shut-In Club from the West Branch, noon-hour lunch box lectures in the Central Library, special gallery shows and lectures in the St. Croix and Sussex Public Libraries, book launchings in the Saint John Free Public and Ross Memorial Libraries to name but a few.

**Campobello Public Library** held a successful craft fair and celebrated Heritage Day by holding an open house to announce that their restoration proposal had been chosen by the National Parks Centennial Citizens' Committee as one of their 60 projects throughout Canada to receive funding. The board and staff worked very hard to prepare what proved to be a successful presentation. The 87 year old shingled building will be restored in keeping with the National Parks Centennial Citizens' Committee's desire to focus attention on the need to preserve Canada's heritage and natural environment.

**St. Croix Public Library** completed their exterior and interior painting as well as landscaping. Their gallery held one or two displays every month and a history of St. Stephen from the early days of Samuel de Champlain's St. Croix Island settlement, through to the 1950's has been preserved on videotape and is available on loan from the library.

**Sussex Public Library** celebrated their tenth year of operation in November, and hosted the National Print show with assistance from the Department of Historical and Cultural Resources, the National Gallery, the Town of Sussex and local businesses. Their multipurpose room is in constant use by town and community organizations and the board is actively involved in raising funds to purchase furnishings for their expanded premises.

**Ross Memorial Library's** major event was an exhibit titled "Women of St. Andrew's Past", a cooperative effort with the Charlotte County Historical Society Archives at Sunbury Shores. The staff has provided "out-reach" weekly story-telling visits at the day-care and nursery school over and above their regular in-library programmes.

**East and West Branches** have changed heads, they have continued to launch new and innovative programmes for both adults and children such as the shut-in club, personal service to senior citizens homes, instructions in babysitting, the formation of a stamp club and

a young adult reading club. Thursday, August 2nd saw the long awaited opening of the newly constructed **Kennebecasis Public Library** in Quispamsis. The library which serves more than 18,000 citizens is funded on a pro-rated basis by the six surrounding municipalities. Regretfully we accepted the resignation of Jill Foster who, along with daughter Heidi and husband David, is now residing in Sackville.

Newness did nothing to thwart the enthusiasm of both staff and public who are participating in programmes for both the young and senior citizens. The Rothesay Civic Trust has granted significant furnishings, works of art and monies for collection building to this eighth branch in the Region.

March 27th saw the official signing of the agreement between the Saint John Regional Library Board, Conseils scolaire #52 and Le Conseil communautaire Samuel de Champlain. The Boards of **Le Cormoran** and Regional Libraries are extremely grateful to Claude Potvin who gave of this time and professional expertise in the selection of the beginning collection of this soon to be opened school/public library which will serve the francophone community as our ninth branch.

The two staff members are Andre Paris, Librarian and Roxanne Walker, Library Clerk. The collection for this library has been further enhanced by a large block loan, in excess of fifteen hundred volumes from the Board of the Haut-St-Jean Region to whom we all express our thanks.

**Saint John Free Public Library** has increased its size three-fold, increased its registrations over 135% and because of its location and layout has, on several occasions experienced the "full" status with respect to seating — all without one new staff position granted.

First priority staff involvement, as with all libraries in the region, continues to be direct public service. The public use of the meeting and multipurpose rooms increases weekly while the special film showings such as the series from the B.B.C. and the noon lunch hour lectures continue to build their attendance figures.

The City of Saint John Art Gallery displays along with the visiting displays such as the most recent one from Parks Canada have received many words of appreciation from the public.

The Library has on several occasions hosted the meetings of the newly formed area librarians group called LINK (Library Information Network).

A special showing of the newly discovered 1916 film of the 26th Battalion was given to Lieutenant Governor George Stanley. The Library has had one student working for several months under the Millidgeville North High School Work Study Programme.

Under the careful guidance of the Adult Services Librarian as Coach and General Manager, our Public Library Readers placed second in the Cablevision Spelling Bee and received the silver Bicentennial Medal.

In February the Boys' & Girls' Department in cooperation with the N.B. UNICEF Committee held the official opening of the UNICEF Art Festival. Mr. Colin Rainsbury, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF Canada was guest speaker. The exhibit "Children Helping Children" featured works done by students of District #20 Elementary Schools.

The solid and consistent contribution of our volunteers throughout the region continues and the Saint John Free Public Library hosted a "thank you" brunch for their volunteers in December.

The Fund Raising Committee has enthusiastically endorsed a goal of \$25,000 for Project Conservation and the work has progressed at a steady pace both at the Central Library and the Provincial Archives.

The Region has sponsored workshops on mending, audiovisual and story-telling and has also sent staff to training sessions dealing with copyright, statistics, reference and testing for second language training.

Gifts and donations continue to be received into our Archival collection, the most recent being an invaluable file of original letters and documents referring to the Irish immigration and Partridge Island, 1846.

We welcomed the new board members of the Bibliotheque Le Cormoran and Kennebecasis Public Libraries and regretfully accepted the resignation of Mardi Cockburn who gave ten years of faithful and dedicated service to the St. Croix Public Library Board and served as Finance Chairperson of the Saint John Regional Library Board. Mrs. Cockburn is now residing in Fredericton.

Our Region continues to fulfill its mandate to the public and over and above the programmes held and the materials borrowed, our early fall measurement of in-house use and library visits survey conducted throughout the region showed that over four thousand items of the libraries collections were used by the public in a one week period.

Board and staff alike continue to actively serve as members and/or officers in local organizations as well as APLA, CLA and the National Library.

The Saint John Regional Library Board and Staff extends a welcome to our new Assistant Director of New Brunswick Library Service, Mr. Joel Levis, and we extend to all delegates at the APLA conference, best wishes for continued success.

## Workshops

During the last year New Brunswick has had three provincial workshops. In October Prof. Edie Rasmussen of the Dalhousie School of Library Service gave two one-day workshops/demonstrations on library uses and applications of microcomputers. There was a very good attendance on both days. In November we held a one-day workshop on copyright. The panel was chaired by Prof. Fred Cogswell, noted New Brunswick author and President of the New Brunswick Writers Federation. Other members of the panel included Francoise Hebert, long standing member of the CLA Copyright Committee; Harold Horwood, whose many credentials include the authorship of several books and participation in the founding of the Writers Union of Canada; Joseph Day, a Saint John lawyer and an expert on copyright law and Michael Pitman from the publishing firm of Copp, Clark and Pitman. It was a very successful workshop with over 40 people in attendance and good participation. There were a number in attendance from the New Brunswick Writers Federation. In March 1985 Sarah Watstein addressed the issue of burnout in libraries to a very large audience of New Brunswick library personnel.

The Fredericton Library Circle, a loose amalgam of library personnel, met irregularly to discuss continuing education in the province. It is hoped that this group will be active in the upcoming months. We gratefully acknowledge financial assistance from CLA for the copyright workshop and for the burnout workshop we gratefully acknowledge financial assistance from APLA and the assistance of APLA's Committee on Library Instruction. There have been other workshops in the province either locally or on a regional basis.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Eric L. Swanick  
Vice-President, New Brunswick*

## Vice-President, Prince Edward Island

### Prince Edward Island Provincial Library

The automated inventory system using the Mappa Data Base Management System on a Sperry/Univac Computer, expected to be in operation this summer, is designed to assist in the exchange of materials throughout the 22 branch libraries, to give better control over the interbranch request system and to eliminate the mountain of filing which the present manual inventory exchange system creates.

Late in 1984 the Board of School Unit 4 announced plans to upgrade school libraries across the Unit. The amount to be spent is as yet not determined but the Board as given tentative approval for an expenditure of up to \$100,000 depending on the needs.

During the winter an assessment of present school library collections has been carried out by Sandra Richardson, School Library Consultant with the Department of Education. The results of this evaluation will assist the Board in determining the amount of money it should spend, how it should be divided and assist the schools in making their selections when the funds become available.

The Board hopes to complete this part of the process quickly and begin

ordering in the early spring.

Priscella Ykelenstam, Head of Technical Services, gave a day-long workshop on Book Binding Repairs for school librarians at a teachers' Professional Development Day in February. The workshop, which was well attended, covered the basic theories of book repair and included a demonstration of simple repairs that could be easily executed in a school library situation.

### Holland College Library

The Holland College Library has primarily been involved in three major projects during the past year. They are:

- (1) continuing distribution of library material for relocated programs;
- (2) retrospective cataloguing for the Technology Centre; and
- (3) ongoing evaluations of automated library systems.

Library material has been distributed to the Charlottetown area Centre (Royalty and Technology Centres) to support recently relocated programs. This material primarily serves College staff and students, but is available to the general public as well. During last summer, the library undertook to catalogue material at the Technology Centre, which had never been included in the library system. This process is still continuing but at a less intensive pace.

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Last year, a library proposal for an automated system was submitted to the College's Management Team. This proposal served to direct attention on the library's present problems and needs in a decentralized college environment. While it was positively received, the proposal's budget estimate caused some concern.

Systems such as GEAC, LIBSAC and PHOENIX were studied as possibilities, in addition to the ULISYS proposal. Presently, the creation of an in-house system to run in the College's VAX computer is being considered.

The past year has been a busy one for the library and its staff. In all likelihood, the coming year will be equally as full.

## Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

The Atlantic Veterinary College seems to be the project with the highest profile these days. In response to advertisements placed in various journals, donations of Library materials for the A.V.C. are coming to us from the U.S.A., England and Canada. These are mostly in the form of backfiles of journals.

We have received some very impressive files of several journals, such as:

*Canadian Veterinary Journal*, v. 1 (1960) - v. 24 (1982)

*Cornell Veterinarian*, v. 1 (1911) - v. 73 (1983)

*Journal of Dairy Science*, v. 1 (1971) - v. 64 (1980)

*Research in Veterinary Medicine*, v. 1 (1960) - v. (1983)

A shipment arrived from England just before Christmas. These materials, donated by a number of English veterinarians, were co-ordinated by Dr. Bruce Vogle of London, England, a former student of Dr. R. Thomson, Dean of A.V.C. Dr. Vogle, very appropriately, packed the materials in 48 small animal crates for shipping.

The Prince Edward Island special collection stack area had to be expanded considerably this year. This collection of Islandia attempts to be definitive. The publishing in this area has accelerated at a phenomenal rate the past few years with the result that major expansion will probably have to be undertaken in the next few years.

The circulation supervisor attended the CLA seminar on Supervision in Ottawa and found it very stimulating and worthwhile. The reference staff is looking forward to the seminar on the reference interview in Fredericton during the annual conference.

Respectfully submitted  
Frances Dindial

Vice-President, Prince Edward Island

## Vice-President, Newfoundland

The past year was another year of restraint for the majority of libraries in Newfoundland. While tight budgets and salary freezes continued limited progress occurred in several areas.

### Special Libraries

The CISTI Branch Library in the new Institute for Marine Dynamics became the province's newest special library when it opened in late December 1984. Joy Tillotson, Branch Librarian, is developing her collection to meet the research needs of scientists at the Institute, particularly in the area of ice-structure interaction.

Another fairly recent newcomer to the Library scene in Newfoundland is the Canadian Coast Guard Library in St. John's, which opened in September, 1983 with Barbara Porrett as Librarian. The Library collects in such subject areas as shipping, search and rescue, navigation, offshore technology, ice and pollution.

Both the CISTI and Coast Guard Libraries are starting with small collections of monographs and serials upon which they intend to build stronger collections for their primary clientele. On site use and interlibrary loan are available at each.

Turning to other special libraries, new collection development and interlibrary loan policies were adopted at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Regional Library. The Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation Library received a new lease on life when additional funding was secured for the corporation in mid-1984.

### School Libraries

The reorganized high school programme continues to have a positive effect in highlighting the need for better high school libraries. Gradual progress is being made with several school boards providing increased expenditure for library materials. Almost all new schools are planned with a place for a library included; this is also true of renovations. However progress is uneven across the province and many schools have to depend on public libraries for their resources to back up the new curriculum.

The Educational Media Council of the Newfoundland Teachers Association has formed a committee to provide qualitative guidelines for provincial standards for school library service. The committee is to report within two years.

### Academic Libraries

The Bay St. George Community College Library in Stephenville has transferred its holdings to a COM catalogue. The Library has also invested heavily in one-half inch video equipment and renovated the two branch libraries located at the Bown Campus, Stephenville and in Stephenville Crossing.

The Library at the College of Fisheries, Navigation, Marine Engineering and Electronics has been planning its move to the new Institute of Fisheries and Marine Technology which will take place in July, 1985. The Library will have three times its present space in the new building. The Library also received an important donation of nautical books during the past year.

The Libraries at the College of Trades and Technology in St. John's and the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook report business as usual in 1984-85.

Louis White of St. John's, a student at the School of Library Service, Dalhousie University, was given the first Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award in 1984. The amount of the initial award, \$500.00, is expected to be increased to \$1,000.00 in 1985.

### Public Libraries

During the past year several events have been held in observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Newfoundland Pub-

lic Library Services. While many of these have been reported in the *Bulletin* at least two have not. On October 24, the exact date of the Anniversary, a teleconference linked the nine libraries in Community Library Services, all of which are located in Labrador or on the Northern Peninsula of the Island, to the Chairman of the Public Libraries Board, the Chief Provincial Librarian and the Deputy Chief in St. John's. As this is the only area of the province not in a library region, this was an opportunity for these libraries to express their concerns. A public awareness campaign was also aimed at the members of the House of Assembly. By means of a series of handouts which provided information on the public library system, libraries and trustees in each member's District, the members were made more aware of public libraries.

While the year was one of continued restraint, a new library was opened in Holyrood, the 107th in the system and new facilities were opened in Clarendville and Glenwood. These new facilities were made possible largely by local initiatives.

The Public Libraries Board adopted a new five year plan for 1985-90, a prime objective being the establishment of the long awaited Labrador Region. Further attempts have also been made to obtain funding to convert the system's pre-1981 holdings to the microfiche catalogue. The Board initiated a personnel training programme in 1984 with the

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first candidate, Gail Hogan, now a student at School of Library Service, Dalhousie University. A second candidate has been approved for 1985. Several professional committees are at work planning the development of the regional resource libraries and the local librarians certificate programme is being developed in conjunction with the Extension Service of Memorial University.

## Associations

The activities of the Newfoundland Library Association including Library Week and meetings have been reported already in the *Bulletin*. The Association also conducted a membership survey to see how the Association is perceived by its members and how they would like to see it develop in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. Charles Cameron,  
Vice-President for Newfoundland

## Vice-President, Nova Scotia

In preparing this, my first report as Vice-President of APLA for Nova Scotia, I have had contributions from representatives of all the libraries and associations mentioned. For their time and effort in cooperation I thank them most heartily.

### Special Libraries

#### Agriculture Canada Research Station Library, Kentville

During 1984-85, the Library acquired a computer terminal and printer permitting on-line access to its own catalogue, and facilitating interlibrary loan, through the Agriculture Canada central library. As well, literature searching through CAN/OLE and DIALOG is now possible.

To celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Kentville Research Branch, the Library, with the help of COSEP interns and using the minicomputer Datatrieve software, created a bibliographic database — to be published within the next year — of all the scientific papers written by Research Branch staff.

#### Public Archives

The past year saw an 81% increase in acquisitions, attributable to the library's being placed on the mailing lists of most government departments and donations of collections from the Ernest Buckler estate and the defunct Atlantic Institute of Education.

Provincial Employment Projects provided a person to list 400 boxes of stored government reports (non-Nova Scotia items were offered to other Canadian institutions), and enabled the compilation of a bibliography of reports tabled in the House of Assembly and the indexing of pre-1900 Cape Breton newspapers. A Federal Job Creation Project allowed shelf-reading of the main library and Akins Collection, whose items were simultaneously stored in acid free envelopes and boxes.

Microfilming of the *Sydney Record* and the miscellaneous newspaper collection was completed and, in cooperation with the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, the *Truro Weekly Record* was able to be filmed.

The Archives has received, through the sponsorship of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives, a Job Creation Program grant for four persons for 47 weeks to develop, in consultation with existing subject term lists, a controlled vocabulary of indexing terms for material pertaining to Nova Scotia.

#### Commission on Drug Dependency

A special project during fall 1984 involved the selection of reading materials for elementary and junior high school students. A list of the materials will be distributed to school libraries, permitting teachers and librarians to borrow beginning in International Youth Year.

### Nova Scotia Provincial Library

A committee of the Provincial Library Council has continued work on a new funding formula for Nova Scotia's regional public libraries. The current draft has been circulated to regional library boards for reaction and responses by April, 1985.

At an international meeting on Query Referral sponsored by the National Library of Canada in May, 1984, Elizabeth Banfield reported on cooperative reference in Nova Scotia. Recommendations on the development of a query referral network in Canada were submitted by the group to the National Library Advisory Board Committee on Bibliography and Information Services for the Social Sciences and Humanities.

On contract to test the National Library's Interlibrary Loan Protocol involving ten Canadian libraries, the Provincial Library's Reference Department is using and I.B.M. PC-XT with a ten megabyte hard disk. The trial period is three months with user evaluation to assist in modifications to the final version of the protocol.

A survey of interlending was undertaken from March to August, 1984, to identify net lenders and to serve as a basis for a compensation scheme. With a return rate of 60c, the data is being analysed prior to a final report in mid-1985.

Under the aegis of the Library, a public library fiche catalogue users' group met initially in October, 1984. The group formed to discuss changes to and improvements on the regional libraries' fiche catalogues and to exchange information on public usage of the catalogue.

### Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Park

In 1984 the library holdings were relocated to an upgraded building, and a subscription to the Envoy 100 system was initiated, principally for messaging with the National Library.

### Nova Scotia Barristers' Library

1984 saw the development of the Strait Area barristers' library in Port Hawkesbury, bringing to eight the total of County libraries in the province. The Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia has been working with teachers and librarians to help familiarize these professional groups with the resources available in the County libraries and to help promote resource sharing.

### Bedford Institute of Oceanography

In 1984 the library developed small technical libraries for three of the B.I.O. ships.

The Library acted as the first external test site for the integrated system of a Vancouver firm, the Sydney Development Corporation: The Sydney Micro Library System, which runs on an IBM PC, has a public access catalogue and acquisitions, cataloguing and circulation modules.

For six months, funding was received for six extra staff members to work on two individual projects as part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans youth development employment program, FREDY.

### Canadian Learning Materials Centre

A \$75,000 grant enabled the Centre to extend its Leadership Program beyond the initial phase — building a network of persons informed on the importance of a Canadian perspective on education and related issues — to the next: in-service and pre-service seminars for teachers and librarians in Atlantic Canada; coordination of a Canadian Studies summer institute for teachers and sponsorship of a series of regional seminars on museums as learning resources.

## University Libraries

### Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University

The University Senate and Board of Governors approved most of the recommendations of the external review of the Library, prepared by William Birdsall (Dalhousie) and Merritt Crockett (U.P.E.I.) and found the review process to be a successful evaluative tool. The direction of the Library will be guided by these recommendations over the next few years, and began with the appointment for the first time of a Head of Public Services in the person of Nirmal Jain.

In aiming to do away with the handling of coins and, ultimately, monetary transactions by Library staff, a new vending debit card system was installed and tested on copiers and microfilm reader/printers. The units display users' unused balanced after validation and each usage.

In cooperation with the Library, the Nova Scotia Legislative Library, the Public Archives of Nova Scotia and the newspaper, microfilming of the *Kentville Advertiser* was completed by the Association of Atlantic Universities' Microfilming Centre at the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

On December 7, 1984, the 100,000th record was added to the Library's Public Access database. Full processing time has also progressively reduced.

A Friends of the Library organization was established and has already achieved significant donations and pledges of money and materials.

### W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Dalhousie University

The Librarian, Ann Manning, on a study leave to Australia in 1984-1985, was replaced by Linda Harvey, who had returned from an APLA-funded study leave to England.

In August, 1984, a Circuit Rider Librarian for Annapolis Valley hospitals was appointed; the Valley Health Association provides the funding for this position.

Special funding was also provided for storage shelving and audiovisual reels, demonstrating attempts to meet the ever increasing demands being placed on the library.

### Mount Saint Vincent University

The Library provided support for University's Distance Television Education program (DUET) in cooperation with several public libraries within and outside Nova Scotia.

A new position, Supervisor of Circulation and Reserve, was initiated.

High density stacks were installed in order to extend the viability of present library space.

### Angus L. MacDonald Library, St. Francis Xavier University

The Library completed the data logging of its periodical holdings list and print-out, now in use, has proven satisfactory.

The process of installing a COM catalogue began with delivery expected mid-1985.

Approval was given for construction of an addition to the Library to begin in 1985.

### Technical University of Nova Scotia

The Library recently acquired Ro-matix and Energyfiche collections with full text in microfiche and paper index.

The 11th edition of TUNS Library holdings of serial publications was published during 1984. As well, two other lists of holdings — Standards and E and NTIS reports — were produced.

In January, 1985, the Library contracted with UTLAS for retrospective conversion of the catalogue as well as for current acquisitions cataloguing.

### Nova Scotia Teachers College Learning Resources Centre

The Centre has been providing equipment and space for an experiment with computer-assisted learning. Students are upgrading math skills, using a program in a military computer accessed through a micro-computer.

An Artist-in-Residence program was begun on a trial basis.

Students have been volunteering on Saturday afternoons to keep the Centre open.

### Patrick Power, Library, Saint Mary's University

Full authority control for author and subjects within the catalogue database was implemented in February 1984, and the Acquisitions operations were streamlined, utilizing on-line rather than the former batch, mode.

During 1984, circulation exceeded 20,000 in one month for the first time. A Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant of \$20,000 was obtained to strengthen the commerce collection.

In a mutually beneficial project, students from the Dalhousie School of Library Service began reference assistance in the evenings and on weekends.

### Dalhousie University Library

The University Archives received Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Canadian Studies Research Tools Program grant of \$89,000 for a three year project to develop an automated indexing system.

for major business records held by the Archives. Two other SSHRCC grants of \$25,000 each for materials on British Imperial history and French linguistics were also received.

Under the Cultural Properties Import/Export Act, the Library received a grant to purchase an important collection of drawings and prints of the Maritimes done by Stephen Parrish and Charles Platt in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

To accommodate the MacDonald Science Library collections and services within the Killam Library, space planning relating to the renovations to the Killam is underway.

### Atlantic School of Theology

A Summer Canada grant in 1984 enabled a project to update information for the "International Eighteenth-century short title catalogue" project, to catalogue seventeenth century holdings, and to carry out conservation treatment for these materials.

A 1985 Canada Works grant has been obtained to make accessible the non-print materials collection. This will include cataloguing of the materials, storage improvements, recommendations for acquisitions, and the conversion of audio-tapes to cassettes.

A Library Building Committee has been formed and began its work with a search for a consultant.

## Public Libraries

### Cape Breton Regional Library

A new bookmobile to serve rural Cape Breton County was introduced in June, 1984. This vehicle is considerably smaller than its predecessor and, though staffing it was reduced from three to one and school stops had to end, the number of stops was increased.

The region opened a new facility for the new Waterford branch in the Urban Centre Building in May, 1984, and increased its hours of opening from 18½ to 34½.

Renovations were carried out at the Louisbourg and Sydney Mines branches, and hours of service were increased at Sydney Mines and North Sydney.

Planning continued for a new branch as a Centennial Project for 1985 in North Sydney and for a children's extension to the Sydney library.

### Dartmouth Regional Library

"Just For Kids" — the new children's bookmobile replacing a 13-year-old vehicle — was officially put into service in January, 1985.

A Federal Job Creation Project permitted a partial inventory of the collection and the compilation of an oil and gas bibliography.

Major renovations to the Adult Services Department resulted in a centralized circulation desk and included the Checkpoint security system, greatly facilitating the audio- and video-cassette service also begun in 1984.

The Woodlawn Mall branch had circulation just under 300,000, making it one of the busiest libraries in the Atlantic Provinces.

### Western Counties Regional Library

Brochures describing the Direct Mail Service were sent to all households in the region which were more than five miles from a branch. As a result, registration for the service sextupled and its circulation tripled.

The Barrington and Digby branches increased service from 15 to 20 hours. The Shelburne branch was presented with a Talking Books player by the Shelburne Lioness Club in November, 1984. The Yarmouth Public Library and Museum continued its generous support in the provision of extra funds to purchase Talking Books, Large Print Books, and furniture for the branch.

School visits and adult programs in the Clare-Argyle School District began in French for the first time during 1984.

Three students hired under a Canada Summer Works grant, in addition to organizing a summer reading club, produced programs on crafts, exercise, cooking and puppet shows for community cable television.

### Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

In 1984 the New Glasgow library began regular hours on Sundays after a successful trial period in the preceding year. The Sunday hours continue to be popular and standing room only is common which is exciting for a town of only 10,000.

The Lions Club of River John has received the Regional Library Board's support in attempting to establish a library. A building has been renovated by the Club, with the Board to provide funds, when and if available, for materials and staff.

### Halifax City Regional Library

In preparation for the automation of cataloguing and retrospective conversion of existing catalogue records, the library, with the assistance of temporary staff conducted an extensive weeding and inventory project.

For the seventh consecutive summer, a Summer Canada Works grant was received in 1984 to provide outreach children's programming from the North Branch Library.

Another microform reader/printer, display shelving, and books were acquired with \$15,750 from the Edna M. Haviland estate in memory of Alice and Laura Haverstock.

Over eight years of cooperative activity between the Library Board and staff and the Noa and Sarah Heinisch Foundation culminated in the opening of the Heinisch Audio Visual Room of the North Branch Library in January, 1985. Equipment includes audio and video cassette recorders, Apple IIIe computers, and slide and film projectors.

### Halifax County Regional Library

The Library Board received confirmation from the provincial Department of Education for cost sharing of a new branch in Musquodoboit Harbour.

## School Libraries

### Lunenburg County District School Board

Although funding for staffing and service has recently levelled off, the collections growth, with a 1983-1984 rate of \$8 per pupil, has improved. An additional \$25,000 was also set aside for special grants made upon application of project proposals to a School Board committee.

While there is no formal organization of school librarians, the Lunenburg District Teachers' Centre has been a central meeting place for the six librarians to meet for sharing their energy, concerns and resources.

### Northside-Victoria District School Board

Increased numbers of parents as volunteers and in pressure groups have formed to request better library service by the Board. A Library Liaison Committee composed of school administrators has proposed a new concept of library resource funding for the District.

The provincial Education Department's Media Services has assisted in the expansion of the District's Instructional videotape collection for circulation through the Teachers' Resource Centre. With funds from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, the Northside Teachers local, and the District Board, a portable video recorder was purchased to lend to teachers to make their own instructional tapes.

### Dartmouth District School Board

In January, 1985, the board received from the library department, a brief on school library staffing. The board had considered employing library assistants or professional librarians without teaching certificates. The latter possibility was not viable since the recipient of an M.L.S. in Nova Scotia is granted a certificate without a B.Ed., and as for the former, the board recognized the argument in favour of students interacting with professionally qualified library staff.

The past year saw the introduction of a videotape library of 400 master tapes, obtained primarily from the provincial education media services. The great de-

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## Associations

### Halifax Library Association

On January 19, 1985, to mark the occasion of its 50th anniversary, the Association held a dinner at the University of King's College, the site of the founding meeting.

The Association also published a brochure listing institutions holding collections on oil and gas resources.

### Council of Metro University Librarians

The Council, augmented by one university president and two vice-presidents, proposed a network — NOVANET — to the five parent institutions involved to improve access to the member library resources through the creation of an on-line union catalogue, circulation system, and management facility, with potential for linkage with other systems. Implementation is subject to the availability of funding. The Universities will establish a Management Board comprising the Council (the Head Librarians of Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent, and Saint Mary's Universities, the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, and the Technical University of Nova Scotia) and representatives from other of the participants' inter-university committees.

### Metro Collection Cooperation Committee

A Subcommittee was struck to investigate the categories of libraries which could be designated for Nova Scotia documents depository status, and methods to facilitate document distribution. A program, legislated either through statute or regulation, was recommended, creating a panel of the Provincial and Legislative Librarians and the Public Archivist (or designates) for permitting applicant institutions to receive a monthly checklist of publications for ordering purposes on a full or selective depository basis, with the Government Bookstore serving as distribution centre.

### Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council

The Council's Records Management Committee worked to find agreement on the distinction between library collections and administrative files in terms of ways of handling these two groups of materials considered "public records".

At the request of the Provincial Library, the Council drafted a submission on the proposed changes to the Copyright Act.

### Ad Hoc Committee For the Preservation and Access of Nova Scotian Newspapers

The Committee was successful in obtaining a \$30,000 one year federal grant for personnel to prepare detailed plans for collecting, preserving, and providing access to the province's newspapers

to ensure that each paper now published is being collected and that locations are known for the 500 Nova Scotian newspapers published since the first, the *Halifax Gazette*, in 1752.

### Canadian Library Association

With the Dalhousie School of Library Service as co-sponsor, the first CLA Seminar to be held in the Atlantic Provinces featured "Statistical Techniques For Libraries" in a Halifax workshop appearance by Gail Schlacter. The presentation to the audience of 20 librarians centered on data measurement and description for evaluative and critical reading and use of statistical applications.

### National Librarian of Canada

Marianne Scott, the National Librarian of Canada, spent two days in 1985 visiting libraries and librarians in Halifax as one in a planned circuit of the country. On March 14 she spoke at an informal session to a group of about 40 at the Canadian Book Information Centre, Killam Memorial Library, Dalhousie University. On this, as on trips to other Canadian centres in the year since her appointment, she took the opportunity to publicize the National Library and indicate her own sense of direction for the tasks which face it. On March 15, as part of the Dalhousie School of Library Service's regular Friday lecture series, she delivered an address on the role and responsibilities of the National Library.

### Workshop on Burnout

With assistance from the Vice-Presidents' Discretionary Funds, the APLA Committee on Library Instruction arranged a travelling (Halifax, March 29; Fredericton, March 30) workshop on Burnout conducted by Sarah Watstein at the Bobst Library, New York University; about 40 attended the sessions in Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Glenister  
Vice-President, Nova Scotia

## Secretary

The Executive of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association met on the weekends of October 24, 1984 and February 16, 1985. The regular executive meetings were held on the Saturdays at the Killam Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Working dinners on the Friday evenings gave the Executive an opportunity to informally discuss changes that could benefit APLA.

A third Executive meeting is planned for Thursday evening May 30th in Fredericton, New Brunswick prior to the annual general meeting on May 31, 1985.

Minutes of all the meetings were prepared and distributed to all members of the Executive and to all Committee convenors.

Respectfully submitted  
Gwyn Pace  
Secretary

## President

I have tried to keep members informed of the Executive's and my own activities through the *APLA Bulletin*, therefore, I will only touch on some of the major activities of the year.

The Executive has given considerable attention to procedural matters in an effort to improve the Association's ability to meet the needs of members. It is hoped the results of these efforts will provide greater flexibility, more effective use of APLA funds, and a set of codified policies and procedures for the efficient management of APLA's affairs.

Thanks to the efforts of Peter Glenister, future Executives will have an up-to-date compilation of standing resolutions to assist in the management of the Association. Elizabeth Hamilton, with modest assistance from Jane Archibald and myself, is working on draft guide-

lines for APLA Committees. Through the efforts of the Committee on aims and objectives and the finance Committee the Executive formulated terms of reference for a fund that will, it is hoped, provide more flexibility in the allocation of funds to assist vice-presidents, committees, and APLA members to undertake programmes, special initiatives and individual projects.

We also arrived at a formal agreement with the Provincial Archives of Nova Scotia regarding the deposit of the Association's records. Considerable attention has been given to revising the procedures manual due to Andre Guay's efforts.

Regarding resolutions passed at the 1984 annual conference, the following action was taken:

— A letter of congratulations was sent to Ms. Marianne Scott on her appointment as national librarian of Canada.

— A letter of congratulations was sent to Ms. Shirley Elliott on being granted the degree of doctor of civil laws, honoris causa, by Acadia University.

— A special committee was convened to prepare a brief on the question of Canadian accreditation of Library schools. The Committee consisted of Bev Brucha, Diane MacQuarrie, Ann Manning and Anna Oxley. The brief has been forwarded to the CLA Committee on Canadian Accreditation. Diane MacQuarrie and I will present the brief at the hearings to be held at the CLA conference.

— A request was sent to CLA that it review its current practice in setting registration fees at CLA annual conferences. I also raised the matter at CLA council. The question of conference fees was already being reviewed by the CLA treasurer. His report was made available to CLA council members at the March council meetings, as it has not yet been considered by the CLA board and council I will not report on the details here except to say that I believe the proposal moves in a direction that reflects the sense of APLA's resolution.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members of the Executive for their

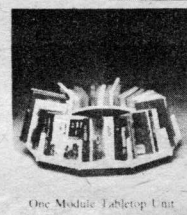
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efforts and support during the year. They have been a hard working group. As well, thanks to all the Committee convenors and members, the people who really keep this association moving ahead. Finally, I express my appreciation to all of you for the opportunity to serve as APLA president.

*Respectfully submitted*  
William F. Birdsall  
President

## Committee Reports

### Committee on Aims And Objectives

The mandate of this committee is to regularly review the aims and objectives of the Association and recommend developments or changes when needed.

This year the Committee held three meetings: at the Annual Conference in Charlottetown in May, 1984 and preceding both Executive meetings in October, 1984 and February, 1985.

The Committee focused their efforts solely on wrestling with the terms of reference for the Vice Presidents' Discretionary Fund. Four drafts were prepared, reviewed and revised. The Committee feels this process highlighted and crystallized the problems inherent in administering this fund and acted as an impetus to the General Activities Fund proposal. A motion was passed during the October Executive meeting to have the Finance Committee look into combining the existing separate funds into one General Activities Fund.

At the February Executive meeting the latest draft of the Vice Presidents'

Discretionary Fund was presented along with the Finance Committee's guidelines proposed for the General Activities Fund. The guidelines, with some additions incorporated, were approved at this meeting thereby drawing to a close the Aims and Objectives Committee's specific concerns with the Vice Presidents' Discretionary Fund. The Committee must now concentrate on monitoring the new General Activities Fund to insure it achieves the desired level of efficiency and effectiveness in its usage and administration.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Priscilla Ykelenstam, Councillor  
H. Charles Cameron, Vice President,  
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Frances A. Dindial, Vice President,  
PEI  
Peter Glenister, Vice President,  
Nova Scotia  
Eric L. Swanick, Vice President,  
New Brunswick  
William Birdsall (ex-officio)

### Public Relations Committee

The Committee has prepared a revised version of the APLA brochure which was issued last year. This revision is being reviewed by the Publications Committee and changes in the appearance of the pamphlet are being considered.

A logo for APLA was again under discussion. The Committee recently has been asked by the Executive to investigate the possibility of arranging for a graphics designer to prepare a new print image for the Association. A designer has been contacted and a cost estimate for budget purposes will be submitted to the Executive. If this is approved some sketches may be available for consideration at the conference in Fredericton.

The Committee has been considering the possibility of publishing a Directory of Atlantic Provinces Libraries. Instead of proceeding with this project, the Committee has been asked to prepare and publish annually in the *Bulletin* a

list of provincial, regional and national directories which list the libraries in the Atlantic region. The list will also include information on the cost and availability of each directory.

The Book and Periodical Development Council has approached the Association for information on upcoming professional development seminars or workshops. They have been informed of the programme for this year's conference and will be notified of any future workshops of interest.

Consideration is presently being given as to the role APLA could take in providing information on careers in librarianship and information science. Any comments or suggestions on this matter will be very welcome.

*Susan Collins, Convenor*  
Elinor Benjamin  
Andrea Cunningham  
Tahira Hussain  
Susanne Manovill  
Priscilla Ykelenstam

### Finance Committee

In addition to conducting business in conjunction with Executive meetings, the Finance Committee held two meetings.

The Committee monitored budget expenditures, recommended to the Executive extra funding to the Public Relations Committee, the Library Technicians Committee, the Committee on Library Instruction, and the Conference Committee.

The main activity of the Committee, working in conjunction with the Committee on aims and objectives, was the preparation of draft terms of reference for a general activities fund to replace the vice-presidents' discretionary fund, the special projects fund, the Committee's special projects/programmes budget. The objective was to give the assoc. and the Executive specifically, more flexibility in allocating funds to members, vice-presidents, and committees in order to improve the effectiveness of APLA. The terms were adopted by the Executive at its February meeting.

The Committee also serves as trustees for the APLA Memorial Awards fund. A report on the fund was presented to the Executive. As of December 31, 1984, assets were \$12,661.31.

*Respectfully submitted*  
William F. Birdsall  
President

### Committee on Library Technicians

The Committee is looking forward to hearing Professor Anne Galler from Concordia address the question of a Library Technician's course in the Maritimes. We hope that many librarians and technicians at the conference will be in attendance. With technical schools and universities expressing interest in initiating LA courses, the subject could not be more timely. Also, if library assistants continue to expand in the important role they have assumed in the last two decades, their needs for education and career development must be examined and re-examined. This will not only benefit them but also the institutions and librarians for whom and with whom they work.

Hopefully, the letter with information about APLA membership has reached about one hundred and fifty prospective members by now.

At the coming April 4th meeting we will arrange for a new convenor for next year, draft resolutions for the general meeting and think of ways to involve more people in the work of the Committee.

Again, the Committee would like to express their appreciation for the continued support of the Executive and various committees.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Ria Hodgson  
Convenor

### APLA Memorial Awards Committee

At the time of the March 31 deadline for applications, the APLA Memorial Awards Committee had received three applications for an APLA Memorial Trust Award.

The APLA Memorial Awards Committee has selected the recipients of the 1984 and 1985 Memorial Awards. Ms. Oriel MacLennan, Dalhousie University is receiving the 1984 award to study public information services in university libraries in the United Kingdom.

The 1985 awards are going to Hope Bridgewater, Halifax City Regional Library, to attend a summer school art conference in England relating to English Literature and to Alice Harrison, Atlantic School of Theology Library, to update her information on conservation in libraries in England.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
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# Committee on Library Instruction

The Committee on Library Instruction has been very active over the year with six meetings held, to date, to plan the mid-winter and conference workshops. The Committee has a total membership of twenty-two comprised of a ten person working committee and twelve corresponding members. The annual meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 1 at the APLA Conference in Fredericton.

## Workshops

The Committee sponsored an all day mid-winter workshop in Halifax on burnout in libraries with Sarah Watstein of the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library of New York University. The workshop was organized by Jane Archibald, Linda Lowden and Oriel MacLennan. Seed money was received from the Vice-President Nova Scotia Discretionary Fund and the APLA Finance Committee's Special Projects and Program Fund. There were forty participants in the Halifax workshop. A similar session

was held the following day in Fredericton, also sponsored by APLA. A more complete report will be published in the *APLA Bulletin* as well as a financial report when complete.

A second workshop is also planned for the APLA Conference in Fredericton, titled *How Adults Learn — Implications For Librarians And Adult Educators*, with Allen Tough, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. The workshop will be an all morning session, Saturday, June 1 — 9:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Allen Tough has done extensive research in Adult Independent Learning and will examine this research in relation to planning and service delivery for libraries and adult education. Libraries are an integral part of adult education. The workshop will also focus on discussion between the two fields to examine means of improved coordination and cooperation. The workshop session is being planned by Susan McLean, Elizabeth Frick, Joan Brown-Hicks and Dig Nichols (Dartmouth School Board).

## Correspondence

A research proposal for a Bibliographic Instruction Survey was received from Elizabeth Frick, Dalhousie School of Library Service for the infor-

mation of the Committee. The proposal has been submitted E. Frick to the Committee on Bibliography and Information Services for the Social Sciences and Humanities, National Library of Canada.

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## People

Joel Levis has been appointed assistant director of the New Brunswick Library Service effective March 1, 1985. He served previously as the regional librarian for the Central Region in Newfoundland and most recently as the chief librarian of the Wapiti Regional Library in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Catherine Quinlan has been appointed Health Sciences Librarian at Memorial University of Newfoundland. She had been a contractual employee at the Health Sciences Library since 1983 and prior to that she was dental librarian and head of public services (pro tempore) at the Kellogg Health Sciences Library at Dalhousie University.

The Newfoundland Public Library Services has appointed two new regional librarians. Patricia Parsons returns to the Gander Region after an absence of several years during which she was the librarian at the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation. Margaret McClintock is the new Avalon Region librarian. She comes most recently from a health resource centre in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

At its annual meeting in March, the Halifax City Regional Library Board elected Rein Liiva as chairman and Leah O'Neill as vice-chairman. New board members are Mary Cooley, Marjorie Willison and John Arneaud. The

board honoured retiring board members Nita Graham, Bryce Merrill and Arthur Conrad at a farewell dinner. The three retiring members have given a total of 23 years devoted service to public library development. Mrs. O'Neill has been appointed by Halifax City Council as the library board's representative on the interim board of directors of the Mainland South Community Centre.

Edna Bunckle, the first employee to retire from the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library, was honoured at a dinner hosted by the library board in February. She had worked in the region for twelve years, first at the Westville Library and then as a full-time clerk in the regional headquarters.

Two Atlantic region residents have been appointed to the National Library Advisory Board. The appointment of Graham Murphy, vice-principal of Duncan MacMillan High School in Sheet Harbour, N.S., and M. Eileen Travis, Regional Librarian, Saint John Regional Library, Saint John, N.B., was announced by Communications Minister Marcel Masse in March.

Mrs. Stephanie Edwards retired from the Provincial Reference and Resource Library in St. John's in March, 1985, after 18 years. She was influential in the development of interlibrary loan service in the expanding public library system.

## National Librarian Visits Halifax

In one of a series of visits to Canadian centres since her appointment as national librarian, Marianne Scott spoke to librarians from across Nova Scotia and to Dalhousie Library School students on two occasions in March.

At the Canadian Book Information Centre in Dalhousie's Killam Library on the afternoon of Thursday, March 14, she spoke to a group of about 40 librarians and explained the purpose of her visit and gave reactions to her first year as national librarian. Her travels to regional centres are to publicize and promote the work of the National Library, providing an additional presence to the representatives on the National Library Advisory Board. She mentioned the iNet project as a concern of the board's Bibliographic Communications Network Committee, and studies of a national collection strengths, in cooperation with C.A.R.L., and of user fees as concerns of the board's resources committee.

Preservation is a matter of some urgency for the National Library itself, she stated, with the hope that a preservation officer could be functioning in 1985 to produce a plan for coping with N.L.C.'s scattered collections.

Ms. Scott felt the change in government had produced, to this point, little effect on the library's operations, and that budget cuts were not comparatively as bad as feared.

Although N.L.C.'s annual materials budget is \$2 million, it is faced with rather heavy expenses in following up on legal deposit omissions, and Ms. Scott suggested that librarians could assist by voluntarily encouraging small presses in their regions to forward copies of their titles to the National Library.

Following her address, questions from the audience were put to her on

various matters. Asked about preservation, she felt that the dilemma was between wanting to preserve information and artifacts, that microfilming was often the only solution.

The continuation of the multilingual service is assured, but the emphasis may be altered to more of a guidance role coordinating national cooperation and providing bibliographic control.

The National Library will not be making a public submission to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs on the "From Gutenberg to Teletelidon" white paper.

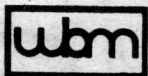
In reply to a question on the progress of the iNet project, she said that its funding was scheduled to end in March 1986, but could easily be extended on the merit of its significant role in sharing technology development with the private sectors, as well as on the expertise gained in designing interface protocols, international standards, and interlibrary loans trials.

She indicated that the National Library was conducting a study on telefacsimile to aid in its document delivery service.

On the relationship on N.L.C. to the Canadian Library Association she said that a meeting was planned for later this year between senior staff of the library and the C.L.A. council.

A reception sponsored by the C.B.I.C., the Dalhousie School of Library Service and the Dalhousie University libraries brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close in a pleasant and informal setting.

The next morning, March 15, as part of the Dalhousie School of Library Service's regular Friday lecture series, Ms. Scott delivered an address on the role and responsibilities of the National Library.



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# Service For Handicapped Persons

The Service for Handicapped Persons of the National Library of Canada can trace its beginnings to 1974. That year, the National Library sponsored a Task Group on Library Service to the Handicapped. Chaired by Dr. Ian Wees, the Group was set up "to study existing library services in Canada for those unable to use conventional print materials; to examine problem areas and deficiencies; to advise on the planning of a cooperative national program aimed at providing adequate library service to those Canadians who cannot use conventional print materials; and to make recommendations regarding required funding for such a program and regarding the role of the National Library of Canada in relation to other Canadian libraries and agencies serving the handicapped."<sup>1</sup>

The twelve members of the Task Group were drawn from across the country and included representatives from organizations and institutions serving disabled persons. Before submitting its Report to the National Librarian in early 1976, the Task Group conducted a survey of existing library services for handicapped Canadians. The unusually high response rate of 41 per cent to the approximately 500 questionnaires distributed provided an accurate picture of the state of library services for disabled readers in Canada. Holdings of special format reading materials were found to be limited and regional disparity was apparent especially in the area of periodicals and foreign language items. The Task Group made thirty-six recommendations aimed at improving access to library services for disabled Canadian readers.

The National Library's Division for the Visually and Physically Handicapped was established during the time of the Task Group's formation and the submission of its Report. The Task Group was encouraged by this step although it realized that it would take several years and adequate funds, on a continuing basis, to develop a satisfactory program.

According to issue number 1 of *Extension*, the newly created Division's newsletter, the goals of the Division were: "1) the gathering of documentation on library service to the handicapped; 2) the planning and preparation of a directory of Canadian library services; 3) the publication of a newsletter, *Extension*, to be issued on an irregular basis; 4) liaison with those planning the automation of the National Library's Union Catalogue so that special media reading materials for the handicapped will be included in the Library's automated data base, and; 5) the gathering of statistics on the number of Canadians eligible because of visual, physical and perceptual limitations, to use special-media reading materials."<sup>2</sup>

In October, 1978, it became apparent that financial restrictions would prohibit planning for library services to handicapped persons on the scale recommended by the Task Group. When a second proposal by the National Librarian to Treasury Board emphasizing three of the Task Group's recommendations was also rejected, the National Librarian announced cancellation of the program, effective, March, 1979.

Organizations representing disabled readers and agencies and libraries serving these readers continued to press for the National Library to re-establish a program to coordinate library services to handicapped Canadians. In 1981, de-

clared by the United Nations to be the International Year of Disabled Persons, the demand for this program was reiterated in *Obstacles*, the report of the House of Commons Special Committee on the Disabled and the Handicapped. Recommendation 60 of that report called upon the federal government to direct "the National Library to proceed immediately with a program to coordinate reading services for visually and print handicapped persons."<sup>3</sup>

Also announced at that time were a central registry and union catalogue of special format titles. Producers of special format materials would report titles in progress to the registry so as to avoid unnecessary duplication and to ensure cost effective use of their resources. Upon completion of production, records of the titles would be entered in the union catalogue to provide a source of locations for others seeking to borrow the items.

To assist in the development of this new service and advise on priorities, the National Librarian appointed an Advisory Group on National Library Services for Handicapped Person. The ten members of the Advisory Group represent producers, educational institutions, and libraries serving the print handicapped community in Canada.

The Advisory Group wished to see initial efforts of the Service directed to library services for print handicapped individuals. As defined by the Task Group, persons considered to be print handicapped are "those incapable of using conventional print materials because of blindness or severe visual impairment; physical handicaps resulting in the inability to hold or manipulate reading materials, or to focus or move the eyes; and perceptual handicaps commonly known as dyslexia or word-blindness."<sup>4</sup>

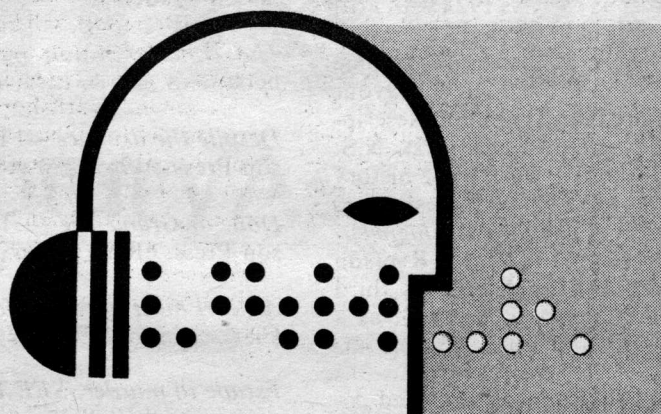
In addition, the Advisory Group recommended that the new service coordinate the proposed registry and union catalogue; conduct a survey of collections and services available to disabled readers and, subsequently, publish a directory listing these policies for interlibrary loan and collection access.

A study conducted by J. Shewchuk, Chief of the Union Catalogue, led to the publication, in August 1983, of *Specifications for a Canadian Union Catalogue and Registry of Library Materials for the Handicapped*.<sup>5</sup> The study was undertaken in order to develop criteria necessary for the establishment of CANUC:H (Canadian Union Catalogue of Library Materials for the Handicapped), and CANWIP (Registry of Canadian Works in Progress), both of which became operational in early 1984 on DOBIS, the National Library's automated system. These two data bases list braille, large print and recorded books held in specified Canadian libraries as well as titles being acquired or in production by certain non-commercial Canadian agencies and institutions.

CANUC:H is also available in a computer output microfiche. The first or base file was issued in February 1985 and contained approximately 12,000 entries. The catalogue is produced quarterly each year in February, May, August and November. Each issue contains a register and cumulative index. Each index issue replaces that of the previous quarter.

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The Service for Handicapped Persons concentrates on collecting and disseminating information on library services for disabled Canadians. Files are maintained on Canadian and foreign libraries which provide such services and also on Canadian and international organizations which have information on disabling conditions. Subject files maintained within the Service for Handicapped Persons cover a broad range of topics as diversified as serving a mobility impaired patron to what computer equipment is available for blind users.

The number of technical aids available to help disabled readers in libraries and in their own homes is steadily increasing. The Service for Handicapped Persons is continually updating its information files on magnifiers, page turners and other useful devices and can direct inquirers to the appropriate manufacturer or distributor for additional information. A manual search of the Service's files can be supplemented by an online search of specialized data bases such as ABLEDATA which is devoted to information on technical aids. For a standard charge the Service for Handicapped Persons will search the ABLEDATA data base on behalf of libraries lacking access to BRS, vendor for that data base.

Are there any standards for library service to disabled patrons? Where can I find a copy of *Ulysses* in braille? I have a patron with retinitis pigmentosa — can you tell me more about this condition? Is there an organization in Canada which looks after the interests of learning disabled adults? What Canadian firms sell page turners? Have any Canadian libraries of similar size taken steps to make their facilities barrier-free? These are typical questions received by the Service for Handicapped Persons.

In addition to responding to specific information requests, the Service for Handicapped Persons is engaged in continuing efforts in the education of library staff who serve disabled readers. For example, through its on-going publication program, the Service will distribute a *Handbook of Library Services for Disabled Canadians*. This Handbook will include factsheets, bibliographies and short directories which will be published at irregular intervals. Furthermore, a training video is being produced to enable public service library staff to create a receptive helpful environment for disabled library patrons. The video, which includes signing for the hearing impaired, will be available for loan from the National Library to any library.

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# Monographs of Will R. Bird

By Arthur Smith, Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University

## Introduction

Though Will R. Bird had begun his writing career as early as 1923 with articles and stories in the periodical press, it was 1925 before his first monographic work appeared. That first endeavour was little more than a pamphlet descriptive of his hometown, Amherst, N.S. His first substantive work was a history of the region in which his ancestry was deeply rooted. *A Century at Chignecto* was published in 1928 by Ryerson Press, which also published his third monograph, *Chignecto*, in 1930, as a part of its Canadian history readers series.

By the 1930s Bird had switched genres. His involvement in World War I and his subsequent revisit to the battlefields in 1931 precipitated a number of titles bearing witness to his wartime experiences. The first works, *And We Go On* and *Private Timothy Fergus Clancy* appeared in 1930. He concluded his military themes with *Ghosts Have Warm Hands*, published in 1968 by Clarke, Irwin.

Bird is most widely known for his historical fiction seeped in the traditions and lore of Nova Scotia. His first effort was *Maid of the Marshes* which he published himself in 1935. His initial work based on the emigration of the Yorkshire settlers in 1774 was entitled *Here Stays Good Yorkshire*, for which he received the 1945 Ryerson Fiction Award. Further works chronicled the lives of the Yorkshire settlers, as well as those of the United Empire Loyalists whose founding of Shelburne was recorded in *To Love and to Cherish*.

The great depth of knowledge and feeling Bird had of the Maritimes manifested itself not only in historical novels, but extended to scripts for historical pageants and to comprehensive travelogues of the region. A complete listing of his monographs follows.

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Applications are invited for the position of Science Librarian. The Science Library is a Department of the University Library, reporting to the Head of Public Services. Duties include Reference work, online literature searching, assisting with collections development, bibliographic instruction and Faculty liaison. Two full-time support staff and three full-time equivalent positions are supervised. The Collection comprises about 20,000 volumes and 650 periodical subscriptions. Qualifications should include an MLS degree or its equivalent from an accredited Library school, a strong background in science, with at least an undergraduate degree with a science major. Experience in a Science library, with some in a supervisory capacity, and experience in online literature searching is highly desirable. Appointment will be at the Librarian III level and salary for 1985/86 is under review. The position will be available June 1, subject to final University budget approval. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed in the first instance to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Acadia University is an equal opportunity employer. Applications, with the names of three referees should be sent by May 1 to Iain J. Bates, University Librarian, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, B0P 1X0.