

Shirley Elliott Named to Order of Nova Scotia

By Patricia Gallant

At an investiture ceremony on October 21, former Legislative Librarian Dr. Shirley Burnham Elliott was recognized for her efforts to preserve and document the history of Nova Scotia by becoming one of five outstanding Nova Scotians to be awarded the Order of Nova Scotia for 2003.¹ Shortly before the ceremony, I spoke with Dr. Elliott about the award and her distinguished career.

The Order of Nova Scotia was established by provincial statute in 2001 "to honour individual Nova Scotians who have distinguished themselves by an outstanding contribution to the cultural life or to the social or economic well-being of the Province, by an outstanding achievement or by excel-



SLIS Director Dr. Fiona Black (left) joins Dalhousie faculty and alumni to honour Shirley Elliott, ONS.

ling in any field of endeavour to the benefit of the people of the Province or elsewhere." Up to five recipients may be selected annually.² This year Dr. Robert Arnold Burden of Springhill, Alex Colville of Wolfville, Hugh Allan (Buddy) MacMaster of Judique, and Sister Dorothy Moore of Membertou were also honoured.

Born in Wolfville and educated at Acadia University, where her parents were classmates and graduates of the class of 1908, Shirley Elliott had never considered becoming anything but a librarian. Her mother, Jean Steadman Haley Elliott, was a library pioneer in the Atlantic Provinces. Leaving Wolfville to attend Simmons

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WORKSHOPS, COURSES / COURS, ATELIERS

Many staff of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region had the opportunity to attend a workshop on Effective Meetings. This practical, down-to-earth presentation was well received and is already being put into practice by some staff. Also, this year's annual workshop for all staff of the region was entitled 'Stress as a source of motivation' and presented by Regional Forum member and consultant for Pro-Result, Roseline Wilson-Cormier. Following the workshop, staff that had reached various chronological milestones with the regional library were recognized through a verbal account of their contribution to the library region.

PROGRAMS / PROGRAMMES

Most libraries of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region are now participating in the Hackmatack Book Award reading program. Children are eagerly reading the books allotted to their libraries and looking forward to casting their votes for the 'best' book on the list. The Riverview Public Library has embarked on an Adopt-a-Book campaign. The library's focus for this fundraising effort is music. A collection of books on the theme was pre-selected by the library, which is now looking for individuals to 'adopt' these books. The campaign got off to a great start with local fiddler Ivan Hicks on hand for a publicity event. Mr. Hicks also supported the campaign by adopting the first book. Authors have visited a number of libraries in the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region over the past few weeks.

During Public Libraries Week, local author Lesley Johnson visited the Port Elgin Public Library to present a writing workshop for young people. During Canadian Children's Book Week, Bob Barton was well received at the Riverview and Moncton libraries. Moncton author Pat Browne was a resounding success as 'Coach Pat,' presenting his book *Wrookey: Chompitty Chomb Chewsday!* in a lively, interactive program.

The Ward Chipman Library launched a new wireless laptop program in early October. The Library has purchased 30 wireless laptop computers which students can check out for up to two hours. Students may use the computers to connect to the university network, networked library electronic resources, and the Internet. They can also access a number of software programs available to students at UNB Saint John. The service has been extremely popular with students; from the first week in October to the first week in December, the laptops were checked out over 8,400 times. The Circulation staff at WCL has worked especially hard to make this new service a great success.

The Saint John Library Region has hosted many authors in the last couple of months, including Richard B. Wright at the Central Library and Beth Powning, reading from her soon-to-be-released novel, at the Sussex Library. In celebration of Canadian Children's Book Week, Bob Barton gave readings at the library in Campobello and in St. Stephen and Patrick Browne was in the Children's Department of the Central Library. Robert Rayner read from his third book at both Grand Manan and St. Stephen. Linda Hall, author of ten novels and a member of Crime Writers of Canada, gave a

reading at the Grand Manan Library. On December 10th the West Branch launched a new book, *New Brunswick Short Stories*, edited by Dorothy Dearborn.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES WEEK / SEMAINE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES PUBLIQUES

La Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean a célébré la troisième Semaine des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick, du 20 au 26 octobre 2003, sous le thème 'Destination Imagination,' par une foule d'activités spéciales. Parmi celles-ci, citons entre autres: le Concours régional 'Ma carte, mon passe-partout,' tournées d'auteur, Expositions de peinture et de livres, concours d'écriture, Heure du conte spéciale, et Conférences. Le public a visité en grand nombre les bibliothèques publiques et bibliobus durant cette semaine. La Semaine des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick permet de reconnaître et de célébrer la contribution des bibliothèques publiques dans les communautés. Madame Dominique Demers, auteur bien connue, a effectué une tournée dans six bibliothèques publiques de la région du Haut-Saint-Jean, du 20 au 23 octobre 2003. Elle a rencontré les jeunes et leur a parlé de son oeuvre, de son métier d'écrivaine et de sa passion pour le livre et l'écriture. À la fin de chaque rencontre, des échanges très intéressants ont eu lieu entre l'auteur et les jeunes. Plus de 360 jeunes ont eu la chance d'échanger avec l'auteur Dominique Demers.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

The Saint John Library Region was pleased to host the Launch of the 2003 Public Libraries Week for the province of New Brunswick. Our theme was 'Destination Imagination' and gave all staff the opportunity to remind people that their public library is still the best source for books to read for pleasure and for information. The launch was attended by more than 125 people who came to hear author Richard B. Wright, winner of the Governor General's Award for his novel *Clara Callan*. Staff were thrilled to see so many people at the event and attribute the size of the crowd to the radio advertising that we were able to do thanks to the support from APLA's grant. Many other special events took place around the region, including the popular 'Soup & a Story' program at the St. Croix Public Library, a 'Dads and Kids' program at the Sussex Regional Library, and a Book Buying event hosted by the Friends of the Library at the Ross Memorial Library. The East Branch celebrated its 35th Anniversary and the Sussex Library celebrated its 30th Anniversary with special guests, entertainment and many proud library patrons and staff. Each library in the region participated in our Silent Auction of donated materials. Most of the items for sale were vintage books that could not be added to our collection. Many library patrons were keen to add some of these treasures to their personal libraries. The highest bid was for \$165.00 for two volumes. More than \$1300.00 was raised and will be used to purchase new materials for all ten libraries in our region.

POLICY / POLITIQUES

At their meeting of November

26th, the University Senate approved a new Collections Development Policy for UNB Libraries (Fredericton). The policy applies to the Harriet Irving, the Science and Forestry and the Engineering libraries and is the result of broad consultation both within the library and externally.

SERVICES & COLLECTIONS

Some 1,500 new titles have been added to UNB Libraries' electronic journal offerings in 2003. The major additions have been the Wiley, Blackwell and Oxford lists as well as the IEEE/IEE Electronic Library and the SAGE Criminology package. In recent months, UNBF has moved approximately 55,000 monographs and close to 400 boxes of archival materials to a new storage facility at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. Although there was some concern on the part of faculty about access to these materials, the library has been able to meet the promised 24-hour turnaround on the retrieval. Plans are to move more materials to the facility in 2004.

AWARDS / PRIX

La Bibliothèque publique de Kedgwick a reçu le prix de reconnaissance 2003 de l'Association des bibliothécaires professionnels du Nouveau-Brunswick (ABPNB) pour souligner les résultats exceptionnels en terme de prêts par usager en milieu francophone. Avec une moyenne de prêts par usager supérieur à 30 (statistiques 2001-2002) la Bibliothèque publique de Kedgwick affiche à ce chapitre la meilleure performance au Nouveau-Brunswick pour une bibliothèque oeuvrant dans un milieu francophone.

Submitted by
Mireille Mercure



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

College of the North Atlantic

Students enrolled in Distributed Learning courses through the college can now get access to a number of college library services through their college course website. Each DL course website currently provides students with direct links to the college's OPAC (iLink), *eLibrary Canada*, the *Canadian Business Resource*, and *CBCA Fulltext Reference*.

The college libraries have adopted a mission statement. "The mission of Library Services of College of the North Atlantic is to provide the College Community and, whenever possible, the general public with access to quality library services; to develop library collections that support and complement the curriculum; to establish library environments in which users can effectively engage in individual research and study; and to empower College students with the knowledge and skills necessary for independent, lifelong learning."

The College of the North Atlantic campus in Doha, Qatar is evolving nicely. The new, permanent facility will be ready for September 2004 and will house two state-of-the-art libraries. For a look at our services and facility

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

in Doha, you can visit the Qatar campus website at www.cna-qatar.com/public_html/.

Jordan Pike is now the librarian in Gander. Jordan is from Mount Pearl, NL. He attended Memorial University and received a BA (English major/History minor), and then went on to study at Dalhousie University and received an MLIS this winter past. Ron Knowling, who Jordan is replacing, has recently taken a librarian position with the public libraries in Gander.

Susan Prior is the new librarian at Prince Philip Drive Campus. Susan is originally from St. Catharines, Ontario and graduated from the University of Ottawa with an Honours degree in English Literature before completing a Master's of Library Science at the University of Toronto. Susan says she "loves St. John's and is delighted to be working at the College."

Joanne Deluney has moved from Gander to our Happy Valley-Goose Bay Campus.

Lynn Cuff, Librarian at the Bay St. George Campus in Stephenville, has been appointed as provincial coordinator of library services. Lynn can be reached at lynn.cuff@cna.nl.ca or by calling (709) 643-7762.

(Submitted by Lynn Cuff)

Memorial University of Newfoundland

A Research Fair for librarians who are considering a research project was held on November 28. Laura Scott discussed bibliographical research, Louise McGillis covered qualitative research, Dorothy Milne spoke about quantitative research, and Pam Cline Howley reviewed surveys.

The Memorial University Libraries launched a public rela-

tions campaign in November. A coloured insert was prepared for distribution in the staff/faculty newspaper, The Gazette, and the student newspaper, The Muse. A poster promoting electronic resources at the library has been distributed. The committee, chaired by Danial Duda, is planning the launch of the new 'Commons' in the QEII Library.

During the fall, the Executive Committee of the Memorial University Librarians Council organized a series of meetings on career progression for librarians at Memorial University. Adele Wiseman from the Faculty of Business facilitated the meetings.

Queen Elizabeth II Library

Danial Duda has had his contract extended. He will be replacing Martin Howley, who is taking a one year sabbatical starting January 1, 2004. Martin will be working with Jonathan Swift's personal library.

Louise White will begin a sabbatical in January, 2004. Louise will be working on the proposal for an Atlantic Canadian Serial Repository. This is a joint effort of academic libraries in Atlantic Canada to ensure that one paper copy of all serial publications is kept in the region.

Gillian Byrne was hired by

the Queen Elizabeth II Library as an Information Services Librarian with responsibility for statistical and data sources.

Susan Cleyle, Associate University Librarian, Queen Elizabeth II Library, is on maternity leave until May. Su's responsibilities have been split among a number of people.

There was poetry on the buses and poetry in the subway; now there is poetry in the library at the Queen Elizabeth II. Patrick Warner, Head of Lending Services and a published poet (*All Manner of Misunderstanding*), sought permission from a number of Newfoundland poets to post copies of their poems in the library. There are framed poems displayed in areas where patrons are often waiting, such as the elevators, lobbies, and reserve desk. The poems will change every three months.

An information commons is in the making at the Queen Elizabeth II Library. Computer furniture is being assembled, wiring has been laid, and plans are underway for a grand opening at the beginning of the winter semester.

Elizabeth Hamilton returned to St. John's on November 17 and 18 to repeat her rave-winning APLA presentation on finding statistics, with extra content, for two workshops attended by



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Memorial librarians and other librarians in the St. John's area.

(Submitted by Karen Lippold)

Health Sciences Library

The Health Sciences Library has formed a Space Committee to develop a plan for the long-term redesign of the library's space to best meet the changing needs of library users and the library.

(Submitted by Pam Morgan)

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Central Division Libraries

The number of school-housed public libraries in Central Division has increased by one, bringing the total of branches now being housed in local/regional schools to 14 out of 33. Harbour Breton Public Library moved from the Lion's Club Building into the local high school at King Academy. The grand re-opening was held October 1 with 65 residents attending. The new facility is off

to a good start with everyone working hard to achieve one goal: improved public library services to the community.

Many libraries in Central have been busy all fall, hosting several special events in honour of Children's Book Week, National Child Day, and Youth Info Fair Day.

Visiting storyteller Elinor Benjamin delighted kids in Point Leamington and Glovertown libraries, while paper sculptor/illustrator Ron Broda extended his visit at the Eastern Horizons conference and held drawing workshops in Gander and Botwood libraries.

During Children's Book Week, illustrator/graphic artist Chuck Temple, well known for the Brady Brady series, captivated kids with his cartoon drawings and computer graphic antics in Fogo Island, Centreville, Lewisporte and Buchans.

Central Division Office has a new Assistant Manager, Ron Knowling, who transferred from the College of the North Atlantic Library, Gander Campus. Ron started at Central shortly after

the previous Assistant Manager, Ron Sheppard, transferred to Corner Brook.

Staff from many of Central's 33 Library CAP [Community Access Program] sites were able to get together in St. John's on November 24-26 to participate in the first ever provincial CAP conference 'Making a Connection.' This was an excellent opportunity to bring all provincial library staff together to discuss important issues such as online government services, user fees, sustainability, and fund-raising – issues not only pertinent to CAP Sites, but all public libraries everywhere.

(Submitted by Pat Parsons)

AWARDS

Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the trust has made its 2003 award to Sean Walsh in the amount of \$1500.

Mr. Walsh is a native of Newfoundland, having grown up in St. Alban's. He holds a

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Bachelor of Arts (English Major, Theology Minor - 1997) from St. Francis Xavier University and is currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Studies degree at Dalhousie University.

CONFERENCES

Eastern Horizons Children's Literature Conference

The second Eastern Horizons Children's Literature Conference, 'Write On: Celebrating Children's Literature,' was held at the Delta Hotel in St. John's from October 16-18 this year. Most people attending the conference were teachers, daycare workers and librarians from across Newfoundland & Labrador, but some came from as far away as Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. In over fifty sessions during two days, conference participants had the opportunity to hear enthusiastic teachers and top-notch children's authors and illustrators talk about Canadian children's literature, the creative inspiration that produces it, and its practical applications. Related highlights included the launch of Kevin Major's new book, *Anne and Seamus*, and three free public readings for parents and children. A palpable feeling of energy and renewal pervaded the conference, which is the only one of its kind in Atlantic Canada.

Submitted by
Dianne Taylor-Harding



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Halifax Public Library

Halifax Public Libraries' celebration of Public Library Week, held from October 20-26, was by all accounts a great success. Recognized at all 14 branches, the day was marked by special invited guests and politicians, who either performed for or mingled with patrons, often cutting cake or taking time out for a chat. The Library was pleased to offer customers a chance to meet some of Halifax's best known faces (and voices), including CBC's *Canada Now* anchor Linda Kelly, children's author Budge Wilson, Olympic paddler Steve Giles, and *Herald* cartoonist Bruce MacKinnon, just to name a few.

HPL Wins Industry Canada Award

Halifax Public Libraries is pleased to announce that it has recently won Industry Canada's LibraryNet 'Best Practices' 2003 award in the category of 'Community Enhancement.' This award, which recognizes innovation in public library projects, was presented to the HPL for its 'IT Skills Project.' The project involved the development of an array of pre-packaged programs to meet customer demand for courses on IT-related topics.

New website address for HPL

As of September, Halifax Public Libraries has assumed a

new website address. We're now at halifaxpubliclibraries.ca. Our old address (www.halifax.library.ns.ca) should still direct patrons to our new one, but we do encourage you to bookmark the new address!

Sackville Public Library Now Open After Damage Caused by Hurricane Juan

Halifax Public Libraries is pleased to announce the re-opening of the Sackville Public Library. The branch, closed since the end of September due to extensive damages incurred during Hurricane Juan, re-opened on Tuesday, November 18. Damage to the library included water damage to the program room, the circulation area, the foyer and elevator.

Normal branch operations and hours have now resumed, though due to ongoing construction, normal branch programming as well as the library's hold system will be temporarily suspended until work is complete.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

New Minister of Education Appointed

We welcome the Honourable Jamie Muir as Minister of Education. Minister Muir has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from Dalhousie University and Master's and Doctorate degrees in education from the University of Virginia.

Before entering politics, Minister Muir was a high school teacher in Truro; Director of Inspection Services at the Nova Scotia Department of Education; Inspector of Schools in Cumberland, Colchester and East Hants; lecturer at University of Prince Edward Island; Assistant Professor at

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Memorial University of Newfoundland; Senior Research Associate at the Atlantic Institute of Education; Principal of the Nova Scotia Teachers College; and lecturer in the Education Department at St. Francis Xavier University.

New Senior Executive Director For Department of Education

The Department of Education has a new Senior Executive Director for its Higher Education Branch. Wayne Doggett was appointed to the position beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1. Mr. Doggett has spent most of his 22 years in Nova Scotia's public service in the Department of Education. He has had research, planning, policy and evaluation roles related to both the public school and post-secondary systems. A graduate of Acadia and

Oxford Universities, Mr. Doggett has taught economics at Acadia and served for six years as Nova Scotia's representative on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. "Mr. Doggett brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position," said Dennis Cochrane, Deputy Minister of Education. "I know he is looking forward to working with our partners to build a stronger Nova Scotia through our investments in students, universities and the community college." Mr. Doggett is replacing Susan Clark, who left the department in June to take the position of vice-president academic and provost at Trent University.

Infant and Toddlers Storytime

Five experienced children's programmers took turns sharing their tips and programs for infants, toddlers, and their caregivers at an all-day session at the

Nova Scotia Provincial Library on September 15. The emphasis was on current and future programming at public libraries. Jill Webster facilitated the workshop, which attracted 12 attendees from Nova Scotia public libraries. Speakers included Carol McDougall, Director of the Read to Me! Nova Scotia Family Literacy Program; Heather MacKenzie, Halifax Public Libraries; Sarah Clark and co-presenter Lori Noseworthy, both from AVRLE; and Joanne Head, WCRL.

DALSLIS

The Associated Alumni of the School of Library and Information Studies held a wine and cheese reception for students on October 21st at the Dalhousie University Club. The evening also included two special events: the awarding of the 2003 Outstanding Alumni award to Marie DeYoung (Class of 1980), Director for Library Services and Online Learning, Nova Scotia

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Marie DeYoung receives the 2003 Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award from Tanja Harrison, Chair of the SLIS Associated Alumni.

Community College; and the official launch of a special new scholarship at SLIS in honour of the late Barbara Patton (former faculty member at SLIS). The first recipient of this award is

first-year student Myrna Allen.

One of the School's long-standing friends, Dr. Shirley Elliott, former Legislative Librarian of Nova Scotia, was awarded the Order of Nova Scotia on October 21st. In honour of this, twelve current and former faculty members, staff and alumni held a special lunch for Dr. Elliott at Acton's in Wolfville on November 2nd.

(Submitted by Judy Dunn)

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Acadia University

The Vaughan Memorial Library at Acadia University welcomes three new staff members to the Access Services team. Jean Kelly earned her Honours Diploma in Library and Information Technology from the Nova Scotia Community College in 2000, and comes to Acadia from the Kings County Academy library. Valerie Kneel holds a

Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Waterloo and worked at the Library Services Centre prior to her appointment at Acadia. Elisabeth Porter holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Sociology from Acadia University and has worked in several areas of the Vaughan before; she returns to the Library after several years as a Coordinator with the Department of Health.

University College of Cape Breton

Wayne Cole, formerly of Sierra Nevada College, is the UCCB Library's new Director, Library Services. Mr. Cole has been with the University College since August.

Anne Fisher, most recently from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has been hired as Information Services Librarian with responsibilities to our School of Arts & Letters and

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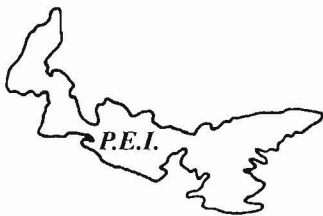
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School of Community Studies.

Alexander Sidorov, formerly of McGill University, has recently accepted the position of Digital Librarian.

UCCB Library staff bid a regretful goodbye to our friend and colleague Jim Watson, who recently accepted the position of Education Librarian with Trent University. Jim was very active in APLA affairs, acting as Convener of the Access to Government Information Interest Group and presenting at our APLA conferences. UCCB wishes Jim all the very best.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand



ISLANDLIBRARIES

On December 1st, the islandlibraries group, composed of the Robertson (UPEI), public, and Holland College libraries, launched IsleAsk, a new collaborative e-mail reference service. Visitors to the islandlibraries website (islandlibraries.ca) can click on the IsleAsk logo at the top right corner of the screen and fill out the ensuing form to send a question. The server routes the query to UPEI, where it is vetted by the reference staff and then routed to the most appropriate library in the islandlibraries group. One of 12 librarians will respond to the user via e-mail within 24 hours. Behind the scenes, IsleAsk uses Alberta's open source AskAl software to manage questions.

With only modest traffic in already existing (but separate) institutional e-mail reference services, the IsleAsk librarians

do not expect to be overwhelmed with queries at the outset, and the usual disclaimers and provisos (for example, no medical or legal opinions, no provision of homework) apply. By the project's March 31st end date, however, they hope that IsleAsk will have broken new ground for continuing collaborative endeavours and that the public will view IsleAsk as a reliable, responsive and local source of information. Promotional activities are planned for the December to March period.

(Submitted by Brenda Brady)

ROBERTSON LIBRARY

The Robertson Library had a busy Autumn term, as UPEI experienced record-setting enrollments for the second academic year in a row. All Library service points have seen plenty of use, and the Library Instruction Centre (LINC) has hosted dozens of classes. The implementation of our new SIRSI Unicorn integrated library system also provided its share of challenges, but lots of hard work kept things running, and everyone – users included – seems to be adapting to the new environment. A more recent change has been the transition to a new campus 'smart card' system, which has required extensive upgrades to library photocopiers. At 'press time' the Library was also going live with the new IsleAsk virtual reference service in partnership with Holland College and the Provincial Library Service.

Looking ahead to the new year, we see our greatest demand ever for winter term library instruction, the roll-out of a 'new and improved' version of our OPAC, the completion (hopefully!) of the first collective agreement for the UPEI Faculty Association (including librarians), further development of the CAUL scholarly portal, and a

thousand other delights. In the meantime, we extend compliments of the season to all in the Atlantic library community.

(Submitted by Simon Lloyd)

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

Once again, the Provincial Library Service is pleased to partner with the TD Financial Group and the Canadian Children's Book Centre to provide a free book for all students in Grade One. Over the next several weeks, the book given away is the international bestseller *The Girl Who Hated Books*, written by Manjusha Pawagi, illustrated by Leanne Franson, and published by Second Story Press. This book tells the story of a little girl who hates to read but discovers a whole new world inside books when she must help the characters return to their original stories. The book is available in both official languages.

The Provincial Library Service is celebrating its 70th anniversary. Over the next several months, celebrations will be held in our libraries to commemorate when they joined the Carnegie Library Demonstration project that began in 1933. This project was an experiment, or model, of what a modern library service could be for the Atlantic Region. Small localized libraries existed before this time, but it was because of this project that PEI began to provide a free public library service to everyone on the island.

(Submitted by Allan Groen)

Submitted by Shirley MacLeod



Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership

The Nova Scotia Library Association is pleased to announce the establishment of the "Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership," which will be awarded annually by NSLA for leadership in the Nova Scotia library community.

The award, announced at NSLA's Annual General Meeting on October 25, 2003 in Dundee, Nova Scotia, will honour the unflagging and constant support Dr. Horrocks has provided the Association from its beginnings to the celebration of its 30th anniversary, which will take place in 2004. The Nova Scotia Library Association was established in 1974 to promote and facilitate the exchange of ideas, problems and solutions among people concerned with library service at all levels and in all areas of Nova Scotia. The General Meeting of the Association is hosted annually by various library-related organizations throughout the province.

Dr. Horrocks is Professor Emeritus, School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University; Editorial Consultant, Scarecrow Press; and Contributing Editor for the *Library Journal*. He was present in Yarmouth in 1973 to support the establishment of the Association and has been a member since its incorporation in 1974. In 1990 he received the NSLA Lifetime Membership Award.

His work in libraries - for those who work in them and those they serve - was first recognized at the Manchester Public Libraries in England when he was the first recipient of the W.H. Brown Prize for public service. This was an annual reward, funded by a grateful library user, to recognize the contributions of the library staff to the public good.

Dr. Horrocks is the only person to have received top awards from three national associations - the Canadian, British and American library associations.

In addition, Dr. Horrocks has received awards from:

- The University of Pittsburgh
- Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- The Atlantic Provinces Library Association
- Beta Phi Mu, the international scholastic honour society for librarians
- The Association for Library and Information Science Education
- The New Jersey Library Association
- The Writers Federation of Nova Scotia



Dr. Norman Horrocks (left), Frances Newman (Chief Librarian, Cumberland Regional Library), and Michael Colborne (Nova Scotia Provincial Library).

Nomination criteria will be posted on the Nova Scotia Library Association website, nsla.ns.ca. The first "Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership" will be presented at the association's annual meeting in October 2004.

Contact: Peggy Hiscock - Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library - (902) 755-6031 - E-mail: phiscock@nsngp.library.ns.ca

Professional Partnering Program a Success

The CLA-SLIS Student Chapter would like to send a sincere "Thank You!" to all the APLA members who are participating in the Chapter's Professional Partnering Programme. In just its second year the programme has matched 35 SLIS students with area professionals for a one-year partnership. The individual pairs decide what they would like to do together, but activities have included workplace tours, job shadowing, workshops, résumé reviews, and chats about our profession over coffee.

The programme's 2003-2004 Opening Reception was held at the Dalhousie Arts Centre on November 4, 2003 and was a wonderful opportunity for practitioners, students, and SLIS faculty and staff to meet and mingle.

If you are interested in being a professional partner, or would like more information, please contact Elizabeth Millar, CLA-SLIS Student Chapter President, at emillar@dal.ca.

Submitted by Judy Dunn

APLA Memorial Awards

Financial assistance for study and research is available from the APLA Memorial Trust. Projects that contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the library profession as a whole are encouraged. To apply, please send a letter outlining your proposed research, estimated costs, and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 15, 2004 to:

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APLA Memorial Awards Committee, Queen Elizabeth II Library
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Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

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

This award provides an annual, non-renewable scholarship to a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree of Master of Library Science. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and financial need is a consideration. The successful applicant will have been accepted in a program for a Master's degree in library science and information studies that is accredited by the American Library Association. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2004.

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

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2004 APLA Merit Award

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association invites nominations for the Association's Merit Award. The Award is conferred on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces. Nominations accompanied by appropriate documentation of the nominee and her/his contribution(s) should be sent by January 31, 2004 to:

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Eileen Wallace Research Fellowship in Children's Literature

The Eileen Wallace Research Fellowship in Children's Literature, valued at up to \$5,000 (CDN) per annum, invites proposals for research and scholarship using the resources of the University of New Brunswick's Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection. Proposals are welcomed from anyone who can provide evidence of competence and scholarly background and outline a practical and worthwhile project using the resources of the Collection. Applications forms are available on our website at www.lib.unb.ca/collections/clc/ or from:

Office of the Dean of Education, University of New Brunswick, PO Box 4400, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3
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The deadline for application is March 1st of any year, with the fellowship to be awarded after July 1st of the same year.

Call For Nominations

The executive offices requiring nominations for 2004/2005 are:

Vice President, President Elect
Vice President (Membership)
Vice President (Newfoundland & Labrador)

Guidelines.

1. No member of the Nominations and Elections Committee is eligible for nomination.
2. Any APLA member may nominate any other member for elective office.
3. Every person nominated shall be a personal APLA member in good standing and shall file a letter of acceptance with the Secretary of the Association.

Please send nominations no later than February 29, 2004 to:

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First Timer's Conference Grant

Have you never been to an APLA annual conference?

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

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

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

Applications should be submitted by March 31, 2004 to:

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Harlow: Memorial University of Newfoundland's UK Campus

by Karen Lippold

While many people in Canada know that Queen's University has a campus in an English castle, they do not know that Memorial University of Newfoundland has a campus with a longer history in an old maltings in Harlow, England. The Maltings is about a 40-minute train ride from both London's Liverpool Street train station and Cambridge. With the Harlow Mill train station only a 10-minute walk away, the campus is well situated for travel into London or up to Cambridge. Stansted Airport is an inexpensive half-hour bus ride away, making the campus a gateway for discounted flights to the continent, Ireland and the rest of the UK.

Memorial and our campus in England were meant to be. It cannot be an accident that The Maltings, a building with a cone-shaped roof in which barley was roasted as part of the brewing process for beer, is on St. John's Walk. Nor can it be just fate that the Victorian schoolhouse that houses a large classroom and a faculty apartment is on St. John's Lane and is called St. John's House. And how else can you explain that one student residence is in a 17th-century building originally called St. John's Cottage, now Cabot House? Memorial did not name these streets or buildings. They had these names before the University bought The Maltings in 1968.

Memorial students have been going to Harlow since 1969.

There are a wide variety of programs that use the campus. Students and professors in History, English, Folklore, Geography, Business, Political Science, Theatre Arts and the Visual Arts go there on a regular basis and take advantage of Harlow's location to engage in specialized programs. Business, Engineering, Education, Pharmacy, Social Work, Nursing and Medical students stay at Harlow while doing internships and

tions to the problems posed by a small collection, little money and no library staff in situ. Louise White and Victoria Marshall were the first librarians from the Queen Elizabeth II Library to be given responsibility for the Harlow library. Through their efforts a collection grew and was catalogued and classified, and contacts were made with local English libraries to arrange library privileges for our students and faculty.

The generosity of the Essex County Libraries has been a constant. They issue Essex County Library cards to our students and faculty, allowing them to borrow books and access interlibrary loans and online resources, and they arrange full-semester loans of books for faculty. The Old Harlow Public Library is a 3-minute walk from the campus, making it easy to pick up ILLs and to return books bor-

rowed in person from other branches. Harlow College, a sixth-form college in the town centre, allows our students to use their collection and also extends borrowing privileges. The Anglia Polytechnic University libraries in Cambridge and Chelmsford allow unrestricted in-house use of their resources.

The refurbishment of the campus during the summer of 2002 meant an upgrading of the residence rooms to include ensuite bathrooms and Internet hook-ups. It also meant a brand new resource room with space



The Harlow Resources Room

work terms in England. The programs are not limited to Memorial students. Students from other universities, recently including a class from Germany, join Memorial students and faculty for programs at Harlow.

It was more than 20 years after classes started at Harlow that a library was developed for our UK campus. When a new wing was added to The Maltings, the Lord Taylor Room became a meeting room and a library for the campus. Running a library long distance without full-time staff and without a large budget was a challenge. Faculty and the Library tried a number of solu-

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and Internet connectivity which has made having a better library at the Harlow campus a real possibility. There is room for the over 2,000 books in the collection, for the books on loan for the semester from the Queen Elizabeth II Library, for books on loan from the Essex system and also room to grow. A filing cabinet houses 500 reserve readings. Eight computer workstations plus hook-ups for eight laptops allow ready access to Memorial's growing collection of electronic indexes and serials. Video, slide and rare book collections are housed under controlled access in the Lord Taylor Room.

So how do we do it? I am the designated Harlow Librarian at the moment. I have a small budget of \$900/year to buy material for the campus. Usually the professors going to Harlow request more books, slides and videos to buy than my budget can cover. We buy in England. I am a great fan of Amazon.co.uk. Staff in the acquisitions section of the Queen Elizabeth II Library place orders with their staff credit cards and have the material shipped straight to the Harlow campus. Once the Harlow campus has the material, they send us the invoices and fax us the title and verso pages. This is when the cataloguing staff in the QEII swings into action to catalogue and classify the material. They attach the call numbers to the faxes we receive and I mail them to England to be put on the books and videos.

Nine hundred dollars per year means the book collection at Harlow is growing slowly and cannot meet the needs of the students and faculty at the campus.

To counter this problem, professors and students going to Harlow receive semester-long loans of books from the Queen Elizabeth II Library. The loans cannot be recalled during the semester. The DistancePlus staff in the QEII package these books in 70-lb bundles, the largest package Air Canada accepts before its overweight charges kick in. If these bundles have to go as extra luggage, and they often do, the Queen Elizabeth II



The Maltings

picks up the cost. The cost of semester-long book loans through the Essex County Libraries is paid for by the academic programs rather than by the Queen Elizabeth II.

To increase access to our paper collection in Canada, we tried to use Ariel software to supply book and journal articles. It did not work. The campus in England uses a commercial Internet provider and there was no stable IP address, which Ariel needs. To get around this problem we scan articles and send them via file transfer protocol (ftp). In the fall of 2002, DistancePlus staff sent over 1,500 pages, which the Harlow staff downloaded and printed.

Internet access to our catalogue, electronic databases and electronic journals makes it easier to do research at Harlow. The campus got broadband access in December 2002, but is not part of Memorial's suite of IPs. Off-campus log-in via our proxy server lets faculty and students take advantage of all Memorial's electronic indexes and journals. As this collection grows, Harlow benefits along with our other distance education users. The increasing number of book records in our catalogue with tables of contents attached means that students can request just the chapters they need to have, and have them scanned and posted to the ftp server. However, access to books still remains a problem.

Individual book chapters do not replace a couple of solid books devoted in their entirety to a topic. In the past, only the faculty would select the books sent to Harlow for the semester. A recent development is letting students choose the books they want to take. This encourages students to decide on their research topics before they go and to select a few appropriate books.

The library keeps getting better and better at Harlow. It is better now there is an OPAC that does not require UK staff to file cards into a card catalogue. It is easier dealing with Amazon.co.uk, who can supply what we order quickly, and who send it directly to the Harlow campus, rather than ordering through North American vendors. It is better now that we can use e-mail rather than regular

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Eric R. Dennis Collection of Canadiana

by Pat Townsend

In December 1916 Dr. George B. Cutten, President of Acadia University had the opportunity to view the "card catalogue of the Edwards Library consisting of over 5,000 titles and probably over 8,000 volumes." He considered the collection "a most valuable one, and at the present time impossible to duplicate." Major J. Plimsoll Edwards had been gathering a library of Canadiana for many years. He began his collection in Montréal and, after moving to Nova Scotia in 1893, continued to build it. He came to Nova Scotia to become Manager of the Londonderry Iron Works and in 1916 moved to Halifax to become Inspector of Income Taxes for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. A President of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society (1918-1921), he was particularly interested in gathering Nova Scotia imprints for his col-

lection. Cutten's enthusiasm for the Edwards Library did not wane and in January 1917 the front page of the *Acadia Bulletin* published, with the headline 'Important,' a letter from Cutten to the Alumni and Friends of Acadia University stating:

"I have undertaken something on my own responsibility which seems to me of great importance to the University. I should feel that I had been faithless to the trust imposed in me had I not grasped this opportunity. I purchased a library – probably the best collection of Canadiana outside of Government ownership – consisting of about 15,000 volumes of books and pamphlets. I have agreed to pay \$10,000 for it. On account of war conditions I did not feel like asking the Governors to take the responsibility; I alone am shouldering that; but I am trusting to the loy-

alty of the Alumni and friends to share it with me."

The Halifax papers enthused over the purchase:

"The most important deal in books probably ever made in Canada has just been completed in the purchase by Dr. Cutten, President of Acadia, of Major Edwards' historical collection of books. Dr. Cutten is to be congratulated in securing this collection for Acadia, because it is thereby insured from being broken up - the fate of most private collections - and perhaps sold out of the country."

Over the next few years money slowly came to Acadia from Alumni and friends to reimburse Cutten for buying the collection. June 1919 brought the announcement that Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Clara Dennis of Halifax would pay the outstanding amount with the stipulation that the collection would be named in honour of their son, Captain Eric R. Dennis, an Acadia student killed in the First World War during the opening stages of the attack on Vimy Ridge. The university gratefully accepted this and the collection has been known as the Eric R. Dennis Collection of Canadiana ever since. A catalogue of the Collection was published in 1938. The collection is particularly strong in nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Canadian imprints, with an emphasis on history, politics and sermon literature. We are presently undertaking a major project to make this important collection available through our online public catalogue.

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mail and overseas telephone calls. It is better now that users can search databases on their own and access thousands of journal articles online. It is better now that we can scan articles in the Queen Elizabeth II Library and make them available to Harlow on an ftp server. Virtual reserves also hold promise for Harlow.

Are there still some problems? Of course there are. The honour system of book sign out which is currently used has problems. Not having staff whose sole responsibilities are circulation and stack maintenance means the book col-

lection is not as well ordered as it should be. Having just a small book collection is problematic. We need more access to academic books that our students can borrow.

I am exploring ways students and faculty can have borrowing privileges at academic libraries in the area. If I succeed in this, it will be a major step forward.

If you want to see more about our campus at Harlow, you can explore the web pages at www.mun.ca/harlow/. The home page for the Harlow Campus Library is www.library.mun.ca/harlow/.

En 2004, le Nouveau-Brunswick est en fête. Cette année, nous célébrons le 400^e anniversaire du premier établissement français en Amérique du Nord à l'île Sainte-Croix. Fort de l'expérience et de la connaissance de ses éclaireurs et faisant preuve d'une habileté à utiliser quelques simples outils, Samuel de Champlain découvrait ce petit coin de pays. Comme tout explorateur, il apprit beaucoup tout au long de son parcours. Dans notre ère moderne, les spécialistes de l'information ne fonctionnent-ils (elles) pas de la même façon? Nous partons à la recherche de l'inconnu, guidés par nos outils de base et nos aptitudes professionnelles. Grâce à notre expérience de travail et l'appui de nos collègues, nous aidons les usagers à trouver leur parcelle d'information, leur bout de terre ciblé.

C'est avec grand plaisir que nous vous invitons, au nom de la communauté des bibliothèques du Nouveau-Brunswick, à vous joindre à nous lors du Congrès annuel de l'APLA (Atlantic Provinces Library Association) qui aura lieu à Moncton du 27 au 30 mai 2004, sous le thème 'Destination Exploration.' Ce sera l'occasion de réexaminer notre profession à travers l'œil d'un explorateur. Quel chemin avons-nous sillonné, quel progrès avons-nous fait? Quels outils du passé ont-ils servi le mieux nos réalisations? Quelles modifications devons-nous faire dans le but de nous adapter aux besoins de nos aventures futures? Que découvrirons-nous au-delà de l'horizon?

Spécifiquement, nous analyserons les moyens par lesquels nous pourrions tendre vers les buts fixés et répondre aux besoins culturels, éducatifs, informationnels et récréatifs de nos usagers comme nous l'avons toujours fait. Le relief se transforme continuellement et notre

profession répond à ces démarcations mouvantes, tel un voilier qui se redresse dans le vent. Cap sur l'Hôtel Delta Beauséjour à Moncton en 2004! Venez en grand nombre en faire une Destination Exploration!

Comité organisateur

Le président du Comité organisateur du Congrès annuel 2004 de l'APLA est Ivan W. Douthwright, bibliothécaire à Atlantic Baptist University.

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Destination Exploration

2004 is a special year for New Brunswickers: this year we proudly celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first French settlement in North America, St. Croix Island. Samuel de Champlain built on the experience of those who went before him and used his know-how and some simple tools to make his

way to his destination. Like any great explorer, he learned a lot along the way. Information professionals work in much the same way: we start with our basic tools and skills and combine them with our experience and that of others to help our users find their information destinations.

It is the pleasure of the New Brunswick library community to invite you to join your colleagues in Moncton for 'Destination Exploration,' the 2004 Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. We will look at our profession through the eyes of an explorer...where have we been, and what have we gained from having been there? What are the tools that we used to get to our present destination and how will those tools need to be adapted for future journeys? What is there waiting for us beyond the horizon? We will look at how we can continue to meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of our clients as we have in the past. Their landscape is changing and ours is changing right along with it. Make Hôtel Beauséjour in Moncton your destination May 27-30, 2004. Join us for Destination Exploration!

Planning Committee

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Hurricanes and Libraries

by Suzanne Sexty

Isabel, Juan, Kate -- unfriendly visitors? Without a doubt. On September 9-15, 2003, Category 2 Hurricane Isabel wreaked havoc in North Carolina and areas north; on September 29, Hurricane Juan devastated Halifax and parts of the Maritimes; and then on October 7, Newfoundland narrowly escaped damage from Hurricane Kate as the storm lost strength far off the island's coast. Fortunately it does not appear that there was any substantial damage to libraries in the Atlantic provinces. However, libraries have not always been so lucky when hurricanes have come to visit. Here we will reflect on the activities of some hurricanes of the not-so-distant past - Hugo (1989) and Andrew (1992).

Hurricane Hugo was a classic Cape-Verde tropical cyclone that moved across the Atlantic Ocean for more than 12 days. Hugo formed from an area of disturbed weather that emerged off the coast of Africa. On September 10, 1989, a tropical depression had formed, reaching tropical storm strength by September 12. Based on satellite estimates, Hugo became a minimal hurricane late on September 13. On September 14, the tropical cyclone was estimated to have winds in the 177-185 kilometres-per-hour range. Hugo was still almost 1,600 kilometres away from any land area at this time.

Moving west on September 17, Hugo slammed into the islands of Guadeloupe and Montserrat near midnight with 230-kilometres-per-hour winds. Twenty-one people were reported killed, while 12,000 were left homeless. Leaving Montserrat, Hugo then struck the US Virgin Islands. On St. Croix, the destruction was tremendous: Hugo was the worst hurricane in

the history of St. Croix. Thousands of people were left homeless, and \$2 billion in damages was reported.

Hurricane Hugo severely damaged a number of libraries in St. Croix, including the Grove Place Public Library and the Florence Williams Public Library. The Grove Place Public Library was refurbished and relocated on the grounds of the Sunny Isle Shopping Center. For a considerable period of time following the hurricane, this library, now renamed the Sunny Isle Public Library, was the only library of any kind on the island. It was outfitted with a computer terminal which provided access to the Virgin Islands library system (VIALS), making it possible for patrons to access the library collections of all the public libraries, three public high school libraries, and the two curriculum centres of the Department of Education. Patrons could check out books and access other services of the public library system. In 1995 both the Sunny Isle and the Florence Williams branches again suffered severe damage when Hurricane Marilyn struck the islands.

After crushing St. Croix, Hugo turned to a more northerly path, reaching the far eastern tip of Puerto Rico by noon on the 19th, killing 12 people and leaving over 30,000 homeless. Crossing the mountainous terrain of Puerto Rico, Hugo weakened as it emerged into the Atlantic Ocean. By late on September 20, hurricane forecasters in the United States estimated Hugo (now with 169-kilometre-per-hour winds) would continue moving west toward the southeastern Atlantic coast. As Hugo continued moving northwesterly, the storm grew in size

and intensity over the warm waters of the Gulf Stream. Incredibly, in the final ten hours before landfall, Hugo rapidly strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of 217 kilometres per hour. The eye of Hugo passed over Sullivan's Island, South Carolina near midnight on September 21. While the island did not sustain as much damage as other locales, the entire 10,000-volume collection of the Edgar Allan Poe Public Library was destroyed. Hugo continued on to South Carolina, landing in Charleston where there was much damage from rain and flooding. The storm then moved northeastward across the far northern Atlantic Ocean. By September 23, Hugo had been downgraded to an extratropical storm. Hugo was tracked for two more days as it moved northeastward across eastern Canada and into the far north of the Atlantic Ocean. The Maritime provinces received strong winds as a result of Hurricane Hugo, but there was no further damage to libraries.

In an effort to aid libraries in recovering from damages inflicted by Hurricane Hugo, and the Loma Prieta earthquake which also occurred in 1989, the American Library Association established the Disaster Relief Committee which provided funding for libraries that had suffered serious damage as a result of a natural disaster. OCLC also offered a disaster relief program that provided assistance in the basic recovery of card catalogues and equipment and consideration of discounted online activities for libraries that needed to rebuild their databases, but most of the recovery funding came from the American agency

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FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

On August 14, 1992, Andrew started as a tropical wave off the west coast of Africa. By August 16, it had been transformed to a tropical depression. Between August 17 and August 20, the system moved to about 925 kilometres east southeast of Bermuda. On August 20, satellite images showed that Andrew had become a tropical storm with winds of 74 kilometres per hour.

A weakening of a low pressure system to the east southeast and the development of a ridge to the north of Andrew created conditions favourable for further development. On the morning of August 22, Andrew reached hurricane strength and, 36 hours later, reached the borderline between a Category 4 and 5 hurricane on the Saffir Simpson scale. Andrew moved west for the next two days and passed over the Bahamas on August 23 and 24. After leaving the Bahamas, Andrew moved towards southeast Florida and made landfall near Homestead, Florida at 5:30am on August 24 as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 232 kilometres per hour, gusts of 278 kilometres per hour, and a minimum pressure of 922 millibars. Andrew crossed southern Florida in four hours. When it reached the Gulf of Mexico, it turned to the west northwest, crossing the south central Louisiana coast as a Category 2 hurricane. Andrew weakened rapidly shortly after landfall and was downgraded to a tropical depression.

Hurricane Andrew caused enormous damage in the Bahamas and Florida. Significant storm surge was created in both locations. In Florida, peak storm surge of 5.2 metres arrived when the tide was high. Andrew

dropped significant amounts of rain on southeast Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Hammond, Louisiana reported 303 millimetres of rain.

Twenty-six people died as a direct result of Hurricane Andrew, while indirect loss of life raised the death toll to 65. Good hurricane preparation and evacuation programs helped minimize this number. Andrew destroyed 25,524 homes and damaged 101,241 others. In Homestead, Florida, 99% of all mobile homes were destroyed. Damage in the United States was estimated to be near \$25 billion, making Andrew the most expensive natural disaster in US history.

When Hurricane Andrew smashed into south Florida it damaged or destroyed approximately 60 libraries and information centres. Most libraries were not prepared for the magnitude of the disaster that befell them and suffered accordingly. A catastrophe the size of Hurricane Andrew is likely to be beyond the immediate capacity of any library to successfully survive, regardless of any precautions taken beforehand, especially if such a storm hits the facility square on as it did in many cases. The most severe library damage was experienced by Miami Dade Public Library and Dade County Schools. As well the homes of 68 library employees were completely destroyed and those of many others were rendered uninhabitable.

In the week following the hurricane, six libraries were used as food collection sites for Dade County's relief efforts, and some non-essential library employees were re-assigned to county-wide emergency duties that included collection and distribution of food and medical supplies. The

library system's storytellers, 'Imagination Factory,' were also busy helping relief efforts by providing outreach entertainment at several emergency relief shelters. The wrecked South Dade Regional Library was turned over to the Army for use as a command centre and the Homestead Branch Library's grounds were also used by the Army.

While it is difficult to imagine an upside to such a destructive event as Hurricane Andrew, just such a side does exist. In the aftermath of the storm, the branch libraries were kept open as communications centres. They provided businesspersons with places to get information, seniors with somewhere to read the paper, and children with a place to do homework. The citizens were impressed by the important role that libraries could, indeed did, play in providing information, cultural, and recreational services. When officials were deciding which public buildings would be renovated and rebuilt first, they listened to these citizens and libraries were given a priority.

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Roch Carrier Visits UCCB

On October 17th the University College of Cape Breton welcomed Roch Carrier, National Librarian of Canada, to campus. M. Carrier toured the university and spoke to the UCCB and local library communities as part of the University College's Visiting Speaker Series.

UCCB librarian Laura Syms was instrumental in approaching the National Library and organizing the visit. A Roch Carrier Committee was formed and plans for the visit were developed and finalized.

With M. Carrier's classic story "The Hockey Sweater" in mind, a raffle featuring a hockey jersey as prize was deemed an appropriate fundraiser to tie in with the visit. The debate ensued: should we raffle the Montreal Canadien jersey or the Toronto Maple Leaf jersey? The committee decided on the latter. In selling the tickets, we learned team loyalties are truly entrenched, as one purchaser claimed if he won the Toronto jersey he would set it afire. Fortunately, the sweater was won by a Maple Leaf fan! Many thanks to Arnie Rudderham and Rudderham's Source for Sports of Sydney for donating the jersey. As a result of this generosity over \$200.00 was donated to UCCB's Scholarship fund.

A library exhibit displaying books authored by M. Carrier as well as his biography was mounted. The exhibit, featuring a decided hockey theme, also made note of our National Librarian's many awards.

A delightful M. Carrier addressed a group comprised of



Wayne Cole (Library Director, UCCB), Roch Carrier, and Scott Stewart (Associate Professor, Philosophy, UCCB).

local public and academic libraries' staff, UCCB faculty, students and members of the public. The appreciative audience was regaled with stories of M. Carrier's life, career, and observations regarding information professions. M. Carrier responded to questions touching on many topics, including tech-

nology's impact on library services and Canada's publishing industry.

M. Carrier's visit to UCCB ended with a brief tour of the UCCB Library where celebratory cake was enjoyed by library staff and our Canadian National Librarian.

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Interest groups are a great way to get involved in APLA. With all the different APLA interest groups there's one to suit everybody. Look over the list and contact the convener of the group that suits you best.

APLA Interest Groups And Conveners

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