

Beyond Libraries?

—by Louis Vagianos

For the past 30 years librarians have been subjected to a constant stream of theorizing that libraries would soon go the "way of all flesh." Worse still, during the past five years an assortment of "doomsayers" from a variety of disciplines have argued the demise is both inevitable and deserved. The arguments which support their position are complex, but they can be described quite simply.

Society, and by extension its institutions (including libraries), is undergoing a period of profound change—a change in scope and scale unseen since the Renaissance. The change is technology driven and transformative in nature; and the technology driving the transformative change is information technology.

Information technology has evolved from the wedding of computers, telecommunications, and micro-electronics and is creating a new society based on information services; moreover, the information services which underpin the new society have been built on commercial activities which arose from the commoditization of information. The result is an emerging information economy and society which has altered the way we make decisions, govern, work, play, study, learn and transact business.

Information-based or information-intensive services per se are not new. They have existed for thousands of years. What is new stems from three factors:

- 1) for the first time in history, information-based industries have become the major source of economic growth;
- 2) technology has altered the amount, context, form and delivery of information services; and
- 3) the rate of technological change and the speed of diffusion of technological innovation has surpassed any previous period in history.

Speaking to the U.S. Senate in 1970, Sir Stafford Beer encapsulated the meaning of these factors when he said: Society has become a complex

organism, and it needs a nervous system. Managing the development of informational science and technology is all about this task. There is no other message than this.

Given the foregoing, libraries and librarians should have been among the vanguard of those managing informational science and technology and in developing information services; more important, they should have remained essential components for ensuring the resulting system worked in the public interest. The practical reality, though, is that libraries and librarians are not at present either major players as managers or relevant participants as developers. Most of the decisions relating to informational science and technology are made outside of the field and almost all of the development work is coming from external agencies.

The question is why?

Although much of the failure to remain prime players can be blamed on circumstances beyond our control, to my mind there are several factors which have accelerated the decline of libraries and minimized the role of librarians which can be laid squarely at our door. Let me elaborate briefly.

I was educated to believe libraries and librarians were crucial participants in the chain of learning. It is neither a fluke nor an accident of history that libraries were among the first social institutions created by society. It was inevitable, because libraries were both indispensable and unique. Unique in that libraries were assigned the task of preserving the racial memory; indispensable because transmission of the culture which evolves and is refined from that memory was later subsumed as the "raison d'être" of librarianship.

I was also educated to believe that to fulfill this dual mission librarians had to become aggressive modulators (that is mid-wives in the communication process), individuals who understood the file (messages involved) and manipulated, expedited and improved

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Gwen Creelman, a Mount Allison librarian, former President of MAFA and current President of the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations, and Geoff Carpenter, a member of the negotiating team, walk the picket line. Mount Allison University librarians and faculty went on strike April 3rd and were still out at press time.

Not Another Library Tour! Library Instruction in the Atlantic Region

by Joy Tillotson
Library Instruction Interest Group

Introduction

Chances are, if you are a first year student in a university or college in the Atlantic Provinces, you had a library tour last fall. Chances are also good that it was given by a librarian who was doubtful about whether library tours are a successful way to teach people about library use. How do we know this?

We sent a survey to Atlantic Provinces Library Association members with the January/February issue of the *APLA Bulletin*. The responses overwhelmingly mentioned the orientation tour as a method of instruction and tours also led the list of least successful methods of instruction. A number of factors were suggested as leading to successful library instruction, including small class size and focused subject matter.

Twenty-one librarians responded to the survey. Eighteen were from academic libraries, two were from public libraries, and one was from a special librarian. If people would like to see the completed surveys, they should come to the Library Instruction Interest

Group meeting at the conference or contact the convener of the interest group.

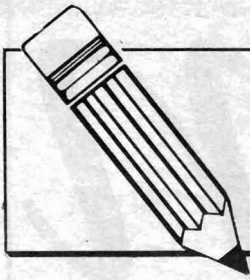
What is taught

Users are taught about their library's catalogue, periodical indexes (in paper, CD-ROM or online) and reference books, as well as being given an orientation to the facilities of the library. We did not ask specifically about teaching general principles of information retrieval as opposed to specific sources and no responses mentioned this approach. This may be an area for further investigation and discussion in the Interest Group.

How it is done

Orientation tours were offered by almost all libraries. Next most common were instructional classes. One library used computer aided instruction and a number indicated that they used audio-visual presentations. Instructional classes seemed to be subject focused and people also offered classes focused on CD-ROM and online

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From the EDITOR'S DESK

You are holding in your hand the last issue that the current *Bulletin* team will produce.

It has been three years and eighteen issues since we took over. Three years since that first issue when we didn't know how in the world we would fill four pages (the size suggested by a special committee set up to recommend on the *Bulletin's* function) let alone the eight pages the previous Editor, Andrea Johns, had taken the *Bulletin* up to. Certainly we didn't see how we could possibly do it all by the fast approaching deadline.

But we managed—somehow—and have been managing ever since.

We should never have had any doubts, for although putting out the *Bulletin* in those first days seemed a very lonely effort, it soon became clear that isn't the case at all.

The *Bulletin* is, quite simply, the APLA membership talking to itself. In that sense, all 400 plus of you have contributed over the last three years, through financial support in the form of your dues and, most importantly, as readers.

An amazingly large fraction of that 400 plus have contributed more directly—as news-gatherers, as participants in events we have covered, as members of the executive to whom we report, as members of the editorial and management boards, and—most essential—as writers.

For me, the biggest reward of doing the Editor's job has been the opportunity to meet and talk with so many APLA members over the last few years, far more than I ever could have done without the *Bulletin*. For that I would like to thank the APLA membership as a group.

There are several individuals I would like to single out for special appreciation.

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Among these is the former Editor, Andrea Johns, who passed along such a healthy publication in the first instance, did so much to smooth the transition, and subsequently provided so much support.

Others who have played an important role include a succession of APLA executive. Peter Glennister, outgoing Treasurer of APLA, a constant in that executive, has always been an essential and hardworking smoother-out of wrinkles at the Halifax end of production. All the provincial VPs over the last three years have played an especially vital role in newsgathering, news writing, and in providing the ideas and contacts required to generate stories and articles from such a diverse and widespread region and professions. The current set of provincial VPs—Susan, Gwen, Elinor, and Priscilla—are typical of the calibre of VP APLA has managed to attract, and it has been a particular pleasure to work with them.

Also deserving of special mention are Kathleen McConnell and Greg MacKenzie, our long-time publishers and partners in the down and dirty of publication production. Their ideas, their hard work, their unflappability and their willingness to go beyond the call of duty when the hour is late and the press deadline is looming have been among the things which have made the *Bulletin* possible at all and the experience so rewarding.

I would also like to thank—and I can't thank them enough—the *Bulletin* staff.

First among these I include several people whose names appear nowhere in the *Bulletin* masthead. Donna Gogan, Filis Fahey, and Marita Webb are three of the pillars in our library who make it possible for virtually any professional activity to happen. Those of us behind the scene know that their work and influence is everywhere apparent in each and every issue. My personal gratitude to each of you for your dedication, loyalty and hard work.

Finally, I would like to thank Gwen, Moira, and Nancy, the official editorial team. Their roles have always exceeded their job descriptions, and such a prolonged team effort has given me a new appreciation of how a collective effort can really be made to work. They, more than anyone, have made the *Bulletin* one of the most satisfying professional activity I have so far experienced.

Best of luck to the incoming editorial team, who I believe will be based at Acadia University. I will leave it to them to introduce themselves.

For now, goodbye.

—Braadd Burningham

Bits And Bytes From APLA '92

Program Highlights Pre-Conference Workshops



Dr. Charles McClure, pre-conference workshop leader, 'Evaluating Library Services.'



Jane Beaumont, pre-conference workshop leader, 'Automation in School Libraries'

Registration is limited for the two pre-conference workshops on Thursday, May 6th. Don't delay.



Keynote Speaker, Dr. Blaise Cronin
Well-known for his controversial views on the information marketplace, Dr. Cronin will address the mortality of traditional librarianship and present

some strategies that might enable librarians to face the changing world and remain competitive. Following his address Friday morning, delegates will have the opportunity to explore their futures in the information marketplace in one of four discussion groups. Led by Marion Pape (Public Libraries), Elaine Rillie (School Libraries), Betty Sutherland (Special/Corporate Libraries) and Bill Birdsall (University/College Libraries), group participants will examine how questions and issues raised by Dr. Cronin may affect them. Rapporteurs will produce a synopsis of the discussion for distribution on Saturday to all participants.

Solely CD

Floundering for information on the latest CD-ROM products for your library? Make sure you visit our CD-ROM Fair at the Hilton any time Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a hands-on sampling. On the menu are popular reference products such as Bibliodisc, Dialog OnDisc, InfoTrac, SilverPlatter and WilsonDisc; full-text databases from Grolier, Infomart, Micromedia and Statistics Canada; and cataloguing utilities from Utlas and OCLC. Featured in this technology smorgasbord will be laserdisk technology from UMI and a MacIntosh CD-ROM workstation.

Dutch-Treat Networking Dinners

The cod may be scarce, but good ideas aren't. Dutch-Treat Networking Dinners are an informal way of sampling bits of Halifax's cuisine while sharing bytes of information with friends and colleagues. These topical dinners will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, hosted by local discussion leaders. The number of participants will be limited, so sign up early at the Registration Desk.

Feasts And Festivities—No Seaweed Pie Here!

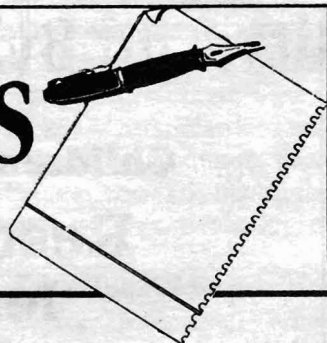
On Thursday night, take part in the Past Presidents' reception at the Hilton Hotel to honour APLA's former leaders. Join old and new colleagues over treats and a tankard or two.

Stop by the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in the heart of Halifax's historic downtown on Friday night to hear Canadian author Monica Hughes read from one of her latest science fiction books. Linger over some tasty tidbits while swapping fish tales amidst the flavours and relics of the past.

Don't miss the Saturday evening Merit Award Dinner and Dance. Join us in honouring the achievements of an Atlantic Librarian in the elegant Commonwealth Ballroom of the Halifax Hilton. Entertainment will be provided by "Four the Moment," a dynamic four-woman a capella group

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



As we rise from winter and anticipate the rebirth and renewal that is spring in the Atlantic provinces, we find that it's conference time again. And what a renewal awaits us at the 1992 APLA Conference. The local Arrangements and Programs committees have provided us with great programs and facilities.

I hope members will take time during the Conference to participate in the business of the Association. The Strategic Planning Session on Friday, 3:30 p.m., gives you an opportunity to provide input into APLA's future. The Interest Group meetings on Friday from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. are your opportunity to participate in the business of these groups. The Ordinary General meeting, First Session, Saturday, 7:00 a.m.—9:00

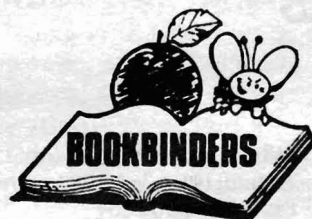
ACPU Colloque des bibliothécaires

Le Comité des bibliothécaires, de l'Association canadienne des professeurs d'université, organise un colloque qui aura lieu du 26 au 28 novembre 1992 sur le thème "Les bibliothécaires d'université: perceptions et réalités." Il se tiendra au Citadel Inn, à Halifax, en Nouvelle-Écosse. On y traitera entre autres des perceptions et des réalités de la profession, des bibliothécaires d'université et les influences gouvernementales, la collaboration avec les associations ou syndicats de professeurs et avec l'administration, le fusionnement des associations de bibliothécaires et de professeurs, l'orientation des carrières, la terminologie contractuelle, le perfectionnement professionnel, la charge de travail et le vieillissement de la profession. Les frais d'inscription, qui comprennent une réception, les pauses-santé et le déjeuner du samedi, sont de 150 \$ avant le 19 octobre et de 175 \$ après le 19 octobre 1992. Pour les étudiants, les frais d'inscription sont de 75 \$ avant le 19 octobre 1992 et de 100 \$ après cette date. Pour deux délégués ou plus de la même association de professeurs ou de bibliothécaires, les frais sont de 125 \$ chacun. Vous pouvez obtenir des renseignements supplémentaires en communiquant avec votre association locale de professeurs ou de bibliothécaires, avec Robert Moore ou avec Nancy Gordon, au secrétariat de l'ACPU, après le mois de mars 1992.

a.m., and Second Session, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. give members the chance to provide direction to the incoming Executive. Your input is essential for the continuing health of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

Enjoy the Conference!
Judy Head

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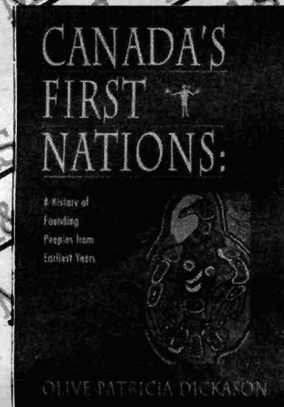
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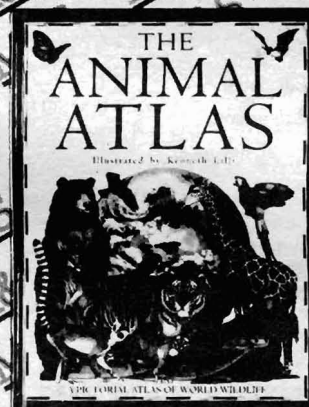


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the connection between interested users and the racial memory. As a result, the role of libraries changed and the work of librarians has grown from the passive work which characterizes archival functions to that of selectors, organizers, manipulators and disseminators. In short, librarians became educators and protectors of a public trust.

For these reasons, libraries became a type of peoples' university and librarians a specialized group of teacher/advisors in that they developed and espoused a policy of access that helped change North America. In fact, libraries and librarians became one of the key socializing agents of the 20th century, because they did not condone an elitist definition of excellence. Quite the contrary! The service ethic within good libraries, based on an understanding that no one is the same, allowed librarians to embrace with grace and vigor the axiom: everyone can and should be helped to be more excellent. All that was required was an environment in which individuals could develop at their own speed towards their own definition of excellence.

So what went wrong that remained within the power of the profession to control? Why are libraries and librarians losing their place as key players in the educational chain?

As I noted earlier, there are many reasons (some beyond our control), but our inability to respond to two challenges stand out for me: the technological revolution which has spawned a new type of information technology and information commoditization; and the education, and training of professionals and the type of individuals we are recruiting to deal with it. Again, let me elaborate briefly.

The problem of commoditization can be summed up as follows:

Like it or not, information has taken on the characteristics of a private economic good, like an automobile or steel, and this is introducing a range of significant challenges to public institutions which must be overcome. Consider:

In the past, information was always viewed as a resource—free to anyone who had an interest or the skill to utilize it. Being central to the process of learning it was seen as a part of a chain, with users struggling to understand how the links were connected. How, for example, did one aggregate data to gain useful information? What is the secret of converting information to knowledge and knowledge to wisdom? Besides, throughout the learning process of discovery and analysis, any product created was routinely placed in the public domain for anyone's use—generally free of charge.

The move to the commoditization of information has changed the nature of access to information and particularly

the way information is used in the public domain. Just think for a moment about how it has affected access within libraries and educational institutions on at least three levels:

- *intellectual* (More and more information is being withdrawn from the market, often under the guise of security needs or lack of market value, only to be permanently buried in some archive or resurface as a part of different proprietary packaging.)
- *financial* (New and stiffer charges are being introduced on a regular basis as vendors gain control of huge segments of the information markets.)
- *equipment* (Where access is dependent on special software, hardware, prohibitive capital costs, maintenance, and special training requirements, extraordinary power has been passed on to a new group of "gate-keepers" and merchants.)

Most libraries and librarians have accepted this trend, unwittingly I hope, as a necessary evil and merely adjusted their roles. The result has been twofold: the value added services, once the province of libraries and educational institutions, are being "pirated" or subsumed by skillful privateers under the guise of privatization; and libraries and librarians are slowly returning to a long since dormant tradition of accepting as their primary role the duties of archivists and preservers.

As to the type of professional being recruited, two factors stand out: Despite the fact that we are in competition with others for the best and the brightest, recruiting is not aggressive and the resources at our disposal (e.g. scholarships, special laboratories, etc.) for changing the situation remain minimal. Worse still, in our haste to try to hold market-share, we have given up much of the market, because many library school curriculums and training programs have not been willing to acknowledge and respond to the obvious changes which must be faced and met in the market place. Too many schools and too many library leaders are content to see graduates with tailor-made skills for particular markets (that is, students trained within a narrow range of procedures) rather than professionals able to continually redefine and refine their roles to meet constantly changing market conditions. The latter group requires professionals who have gained an education which is interdisciplinary and which is grounded in theory and concept.

I may be a minority voice in stating the foregoing and I certainly can be accused of oversimplification. But the trends I noted are real, and they are having a telling effect. Change is required and many options are open to us. What we have going for us is one central fact which remains certain and fixed: the social need to maintain the racial memory and to provide citizens

with access to information within a relevant context, a reasonable time, and in whatever form is suitable remains and it should continue to define the focus of librarianship.

True we are being pushed and pulled by external events beyond our control, but we have not been cast aside and we need not be! Ours remains a noble enterprise with a proud heritage. We have much to offer. We should not seek refuge in the excuse that we lack resources or that times and competition are tough. If you've been around as long as I have you'd recognize this cliché for what it's worth.

Let me end by quoting three paragraphs which introduced the program I wrote as University Librarian at Dalhousie University in 1966 to help the architects and library staff understand the building we were planning:

A new University Library, utilizing all the available advances in modern technology from which it can benefit without sacrificing any of the relevant features found in traditional libraries, is being planned for Dalhousie University. It is our wish that the Library become an even more effective resource in support of our teaching and research programmes than it has been in the past.

In planning the new University Library, one should bear in mind the fact that no one, literally no one, can guess correctly about future developments. For example, consider the following questions: "What are the future implications of our current excitement about the quality of education? What of our fluctuating student enrollments? What will new methods of teaching, e.g. television, computers do to study habits? Will universities be forced to teach introductory remedial courses in basic subjects? What is happening to our professional schools, and more particularly to graduate schools? What of the new machines? What about research? Is the trend away from pure research temporary?" Clearly, these problems will remain unsolved for many years, but they must be considered during the planning process.

It is our feeling that in today's world, while the printed word remains an important medium, it is no longer the only major medium of communication. The inroads of the so-called audio-visual media upon readers' time should serve to impress us with the fact that there must be developed a unity in all the media of communication, and the Library is strategically equipped to provide the unifying vehicle. So, what else is new? Let's stop worrying, roll up our sleeves and go about doing our job!

(Louis Vagianos is the Founding Dean of Dalhousie School of Library and

Information Studies, a former director of libraries, computer centres, university presses, and public policy institutes, and is currently working for his own company, Blandford Information Specialists.)

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from Halifax whose powerful, inspiring and soulful harmonies tell the story of Black history in Nova Scotia. The evening will wind up in true maritime fashion with dancing into the wee hours!

Come To Halifax

The city of Halifax has its own special appeal with its historic downtown area, the best shopping east of Montreal, unique restaurants and unforgettable nightlife. We hope that our friends and colleagues will join us here for APLA 1992, a lively, entertaining, dynamic, and unforgettably fishy feast of information!

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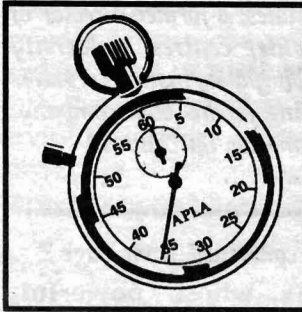
CORRECTION

In the January/February 1992 APLA Bulletin the opening sentence of Mary Dykstra's article reads: "I prefer to change the statement 'Doing research is essential to the development of a professional librarian' to 'Research is librarianship.'"

The sentence should have read: "I prefer to change the statement 'Doing research is essential to the development of a professional librarian to 'Research is essential to the development of the profession of librarianship'" (italics added).

We apologize for this error, which substantially misrepresents Dr. Dykstra's position on this issue.

—B.B.



MINUTES

APLA 52ND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

• FIRST & SECOND SESSION •

Atlantic Provinces Library Association 52nd Ordinary General Meeting First Session
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
Corner Brook, Newfoundland
Friday, 24 May 1991

1. **Call to Order**
The President called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.
2. **Establish Quorum**
A quorum was present.
3. **Welcome**
The president welcomed those in attendance to the First Session of the fifty-second Ordinary General Meeting. The Parliamentarian, Richard Ellis, was introduced, as were members of the 1990-1991 executive.
4. **Agenda**
- 4.1 **Additions and Changes**
There were no additions or changes and the Agenda was adopted as presented.
5. **Minutes of the 51st Ordinary General Meeting**
- 5.1 **Corrections**
In minuted item 14.2, the name of C. Lippold was corrected.
- 5.2 **Adoption**
MOTION: It was moved that the minutes of the 51st Ordinary General Meeting be adopted as corrected. (S. McLean, J. Tillotson)
CARRIED
6. **Business Arising From the Minutes**
There was no business arising from the minutes.
7. **President's Report**
S. McLean took the chair to enable A. John to respond to questions arising from the President's Report as published in the APLA Bulletin v. 54 (6), May-June 1991.
A. John provided a brief verbal summary on the objectives of developing APLA through the implementation of strategic planning. It was noted that similar efforts with long-term planning had recently been undertaken by both the Canadian Library Association and the Ontario Library Association. The president explained that APLA's strategic planning session was scheduled to coincide with the annual fall executive meeting in order to make best use of the organization's financial resources.
On a question about the level of outside participation in strategic planning, it was explained that additional APLA members would be solicited from each province to contribute to the planning session, that questionnaires would be sent to all APLA members for input, and that further communications could be submitted to the provincial vice-presidents.
On a question regarding the implementation of strategic planning, the president explained that a draft document would be prepared for circulation at the 53rd Ordinary General Meeting in 1992.
There being no further questions, A. John returned to the chair. The president declared the report received.
8. **Vice-Presidents' Reports**
- 8.1 **New Brunswick**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 8.2 **Newfoundland**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 8.3 **Nova Scotia**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 8.3 **Prince Edward Island**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
9. **Secretary's Report**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
10. **Financial Report**
- 10.1 **Treasurer's Report**
P. Glenister circulated a report.
MOTION: It was moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as distributed. (P. Glenister, G. Whitford)
CARRIED
- 10.2 **Financial Examiner's Report**
The report was distributed. The president declared the report received.
11. **Executive Committee Reports**
- 11.1 **Aims and Objectives**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.

- 11.2 **Committee on Committees**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 11.3 **Finance**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 11.3.1 **Budget 1991-1992**
P. Glenister circulated a draft of the proposed 1991-1992 budget.
MOTION: It was moved that the budget for 1991-1992 be accepted. (P. Glenister, J. Tillotson)
CARRIED
On a question regarding a proposed increase to the APLA Student Prize, it was explained that the increase would require a change to Standing Order 8.17.
MOTION: It was moved that Standing Order 8.17 be amended to increase the annual APLA Student Prize from \$100 to \$250. (P. Glenister, D. Cumby)
CARRIED
- 11.3.2 **Appointment of Financial Examiner**
MOTION: It was moved that Pauline Hildesheim be the financial examiner for 1991-1992. (G. Whitford, P. Penny)
CARRIED
The president expressed her thanks to Ms. Hildesheim for her continuing work in this capacity.
- 11.3.3 **APLA Memorial Trust Fund**
P. Glenister circulated a report and noted a balance in the fund of approximately \$12,650.
The president declared the report received.
- 11.4 **APLA Memorial Awards**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 11.5 **Publications**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 11.6 **Intellectual Freedom**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 11.7 **Bulletin Management Board**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 11.8 **Nominations and Elections**
S. McLean presented an oral report, thanking the vice-presidents of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for their assistance. She announced the results of the election as follows:
Vice-President/President Elect: Suzanne Sexty
Vice-President, Prince Edward Island: Priscilla Ykelenstam
Vice-President, New Brunswick: Susan Collins
The president declared the report received.
12. **Interest Group Reports**
- 12.1 **Collections Development**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.2 **Community College and Technical Libraries**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.3 **Conservation of Library Materials**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.4 **Continuing Education**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.5 **Francophone**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.6 **Library Instruction**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.7 **Library Technicians**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.8 **Microcomputer**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
- 12.9 **Newspaper**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991.
Convenor D. Cumby noted a change in the reported scheduled time for the 25 May conference session. The president declared the report received.

- 12.10 **Trustees**
There was no report from this interest group.
13. **Special Committee Reports**
- 13.1 **Committee on Copyright**
The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.54 (6) May-June 1991. The president declared the report received.
14. **Annual Conferences**
- 14.1 **1991-Corner Brook**
S. Sexty, Program Convenor, gave an oral report. She expressed her thanks to the many volunteer organizers and to all those who chaired and presented sessions at this year's conference. She noted there were 156 registered delegates and over 50 exhibitors/sponsors. The president declared the report received.
- 14.2 **1992-Halifax**
It was noted that the Elaine Toms and Donna Richardson are the Program Convenors for Halifax conference; the Local Arrangements Convenor is Elaine Boychuk. The conference is scheduled for May 8-10. The president declared the report received.
15. **Resolutions Committee**
Committee chair Jocelyne Thompson announced that resolutions should be presented to the committee in writing before 2 p.m. on 25 May. Movers and seconders were required to attend both the Pre-Resolution session and the second session of the 52nd O.G.M.
16. **New Business**
Agenda item 16.1, Strategic Planning, was discussed by the president during her report.
17. **Report from the School of Library and Information Studies**
Director Mary Dykstra presented an oral report. She noted that the School had had an accreditation review by the American Library Association. During the past academic year, Ron Lewis was Librarian-in-Residence while Barbara Cowan was the SLIS Researcher-in-Residence.
She noted that in addition to an active speakers' program during 1990-91, the Library School had held successful workshops in conjunction with Dalhousie's School of Business Administration. Dr. Dykstra noted that despite budget cuts at the university, the School has been able to hire a new faculty member on the retirement of Prof. Boris Raymond. SLIS has also been active in fund raising through its alumni. The School continues to attract an excellent calibre of students who are actively involved in several library-related projects for both Dalhousie University and the outside community.
18. **Adjournment**
The president declared the First Session of the Fifty-Second OGM adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Lambly
APLA Secretary

Atlantic Provinces Library Association 52nd Ordinary General Meeting Second Session
Glynnmill Inn
Corner Brook, Newfoundland
Sunday, 26 May 1991

19. **Call to Order**
The president called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.
20. **Resolutions**
Jocelyne Thompson, Chair, read the following resolutions to the membership:
Resolution #1
Whereas, the Canadian library community has benefitted through the many contributions made to it by Beth Miller as librarian, teacher, volunteer and friend; and Whereas, the membership of APLA wishes to express its condolences to her family; It is moved that the APLA Executive send a message of condolence to the family of Beth Miller.
(S. Sexty, P. Penny)
CARRIED
Resolution #2
Whereas, it is not the purpose of the annual conference to be a revenue-generating project; and Whereas the last several annual conferences have produced revenue; and Whereas the revenues are primarily a result of the extraordinary efforts of the Local Arrangements Committee; and Whereas it is becoming difficult to send people to the annual conference because of decreasing budgets and increasing costs; and Whereas the Association will benefit from the attendance of a variety of people; It is moved that the APLA Executive study the feasibility of allocating profits which result from the 1991 and subsequent annual conferences for purposes to include:
• APLA's income for general revenue;
• helping to defray the expenses of a first timer's (timers') attendance at the next annual conference;
• a project or projects recommended to APLA by the Local Arrangements Committee which will benefit the library community of the host province; and that the result of this feasibility study be reported to the membership and appropriate action be taken before the 1992 conference.
(S. Sexty, J. Tillotson)
The mover, S. Sexty explained that the conference profits generated were not forecasted. Rather, since organizers were expected to prepare "break-even" conference budgets, the additional revenues were unplanned yet resulted almost as a natural occurrence. Generally these profits came not from delegates' fees but from other canvassed financial support. In the past, profits had not been used to enhance future conferences.
B. McNally asked if the motion's wording on "appropriate action" by the executive could include a report in the APLA Bulletin to allow first timers to take advantage of any conference

funds which would be available.
On a point by M. Schenk that revenues should not be diverted from the APLA Memorial Fund, S. Sexty explained that since conferences were never budgeted as profit-generating, these additional monies were never anticipated as revenues to be used for APLA's annual budget.

S. McLean noted that while she agreed with the intent of the motion, she felt that there should be an integration of any planned profit allocation through existing channels, such as the General Activities Fund.

There being no further questions nor amendments, the president called for the vote.

CARRIED

Resolution #3

Be it resolved that the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to:

- i) the speakers, panelists, presenters, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of the 1991 APLA Conference;
- ii) the sponsors who have contributed in many ways to the success of the 1991 Conference:

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Members of the 1991 conference Local Arrangements Committee, Program Committee and their convenors Elizabeth Behrens, Karen Lippold and Suzanne Sexty for their outstanding efforts in organizing the 52nd annual conference.
(A. John, S. McLean)
CARRIED

21. **Other Business**
The convenors for the 1992 Halifax conference announced that the conference will be held at the Halifax Hilton; the theme will be "Beyond Fische and Chips: A Menu for the Future."
A. John commended S. Sexty and E. Behrens for their excellent efforts in organizing the Corner Brook conference. She expressed her thanks to the 1990-91 executive, including outgoing executive members C. Dionne and D. Carter, past-president S. McLean and to committee and interest group convenors for their work on behalf of APLA.

22. **Inauguration of the New President**
A. John formally presented incoming president J. Head with the gavel. J. Head introduced the new executive for the year. The incoming secretary for 1991-92 is Faye Hopkins.

23. **Adjournment**
MOTION: It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 a.m. (P. Glenister, E. Behrens)
CARRIED
The president declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Lambly
APLA Secretary

Third National Conference On Bibliography

The Third National Conference on Canadian Bibliography: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities, sponsored by the Bibliographical Society of Canada and the Association for Canadian Studies, will be held with the Learned in Charlottetown on 31 May and 1 June, 1992.

The purpose of this conference is to review progress since the first national conference in 1974; to identify existing gaps within Canadian bibliography; to examine the impact of technology on

bibliography; and to make recommendations to close the gaps and to increase the dissemination of bibliographies.

The conference will feature a number of key-note speakers. G. Thomas Tansell, Vice-President of the Guggenheim Foundation, will speak on the relationship between enumerative and descriptive bibliography. Robin Alston, Director, School of Library, Archive and Information Studies, University College London, London, England,

will speak on computers and bibliography. Robert Estivals, who teaches at the Université de Bordeaux 3, is President of the Association internationale de Bibliologie and will speak on 'Bibliographie, bibliologie et bibliométrie...'. E. Ingles will speak on the *Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies III*.

Over the two day period, there will be ten concurrent sessions. Each session will consider two subject areas. The subject areas to be covered are as follows: Fine Arts and Architecture,

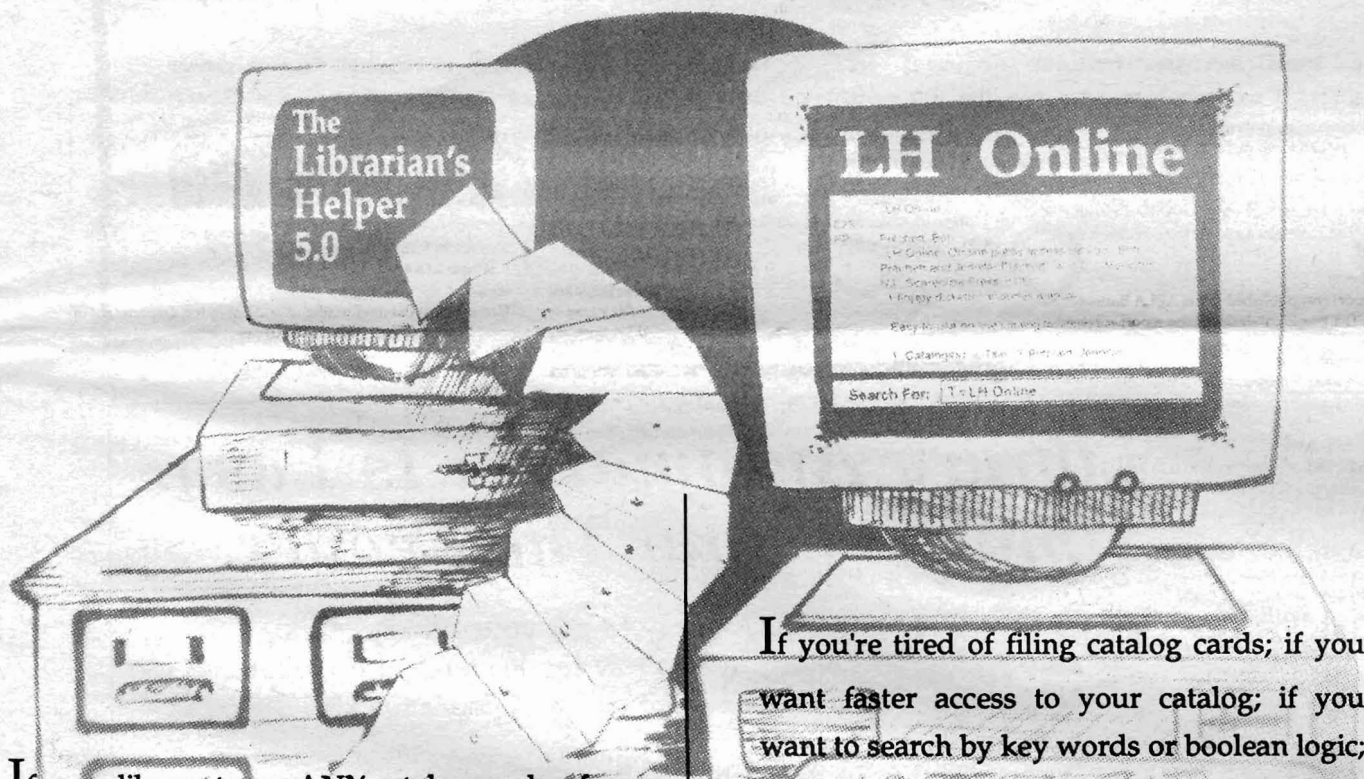
Music, Geography, History, Performing Arts, Communications, Economics and Business, Political Science, Canadian Literature in English, Canadian Literature in French, Women's Studies, Education, Anthropology, Sociology, Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, Law, Native Studies, Religion, and Multiculturalism. In each session, following the presentation, a respondent to the two papers will speak for ten minutes on issues raised/not raised and the final fifteen minutes is set aside for audience participation. A plenary session will conclude the Conference.

For further details, please contact:

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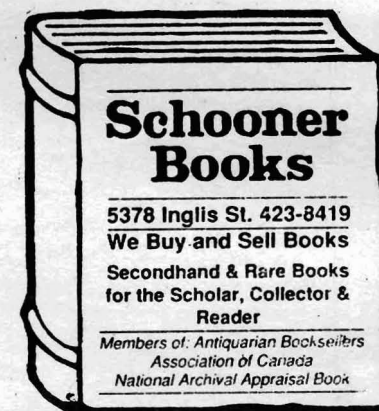
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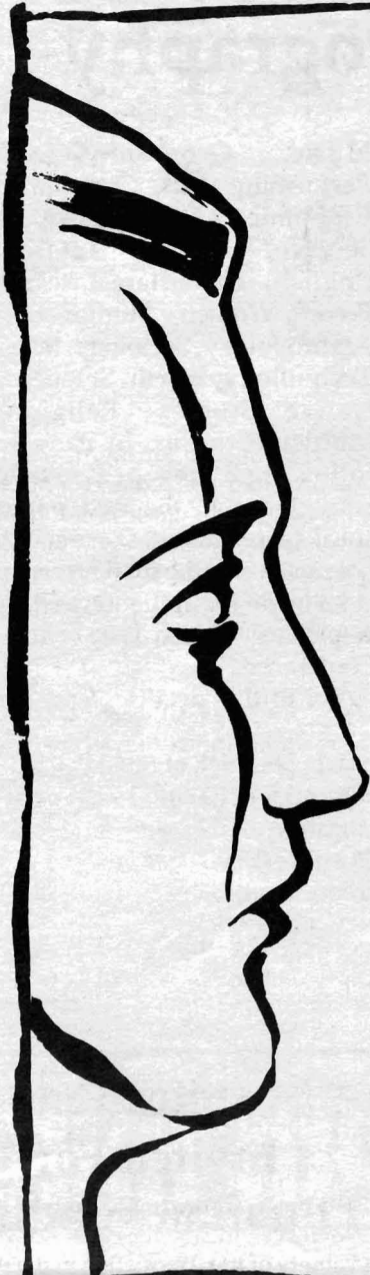
Applications Invited For Librarian Funding

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.

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

The deadline for applications is May 15, 1992. For application forms or other information, please contact Richard Ellis, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Margaret Williams Trust Fund, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University, St. John's, A1B 3Y1, or call 737-7428.





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Report of the PRESIDENT

The year has flown by with activity in several areas.

Setting the Course

At the 52nd OGM, the President reported that the Executive was undertaking a strategic planning process. The result, a Draft Strategic Plan, will be presented at the 1992 Conference and we will seek ratification at the OGM.

Resolution #2, May 1991

The Executive was directed by this resolution to "study the feasibility of allocating profits which result from the 1991 and subsequent annual conferences" for various purposes and to report the results of that study to the membership. After much discussion, the Executive decided that each conference should be treated individually with respect to the decision on how to deal with either an excess of revenue over expenditures or an excess of expenditures over revenue.

With respect to the net profits from the 1991 Conference, the Executive decided to create a First Timers' Award by investing the proceeds and using the earnings to fund first time attendance of one or more members annually at the APLA Conference. The Committee on Aims and Objectives is developing guidelines and criteria for the award, and these will be enshrined in the Association's standing orders.

Representations

The Executive had occasion to represent the interests of the library community with respect to several situations over the past year.

New Brunswick:

- District Library Resource Teacher, School District 19
- funding of public libraries
- freedom to read, School District 20

Nova Scotia:

- qualifications of different types of staff in libraries
- hours of service, Public Archives of Nova Scotia
- freedom to read in Nova Scotia schools

Prince Edward Island

- proposed Public Libraries Act with particular reference to the role and qualifications of the Provincial Librarian

Other:

- PS2000 classification of Library Science Group
- Canadian Studies Research Tools Program, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

- importance of *Atlantic Provinces Book Review*
- access to government databases on law.

As is suggested in the Draft Strategic Plan, it is hoped that APLA can take a more proactive stance with respect to representing the interests of the library community in the Atlantic Provinces. It will be important to organize to achieve that strategic goal if the membership wishes that it be pursued.

It has been an honour to serve as President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. Thank you to all members who have assisted me during this year. All good luck to Suzanne Sexty as she assumes the position of President.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Head

Report of the PAST- PRESIDENT

Good grief! Is my term as Past-President over already? In many ways I think I am just getting good at this APLA stuff.

There were many things achieved over the past year, each the result of the contributions of individual APLA members: the Strategic Planning Session, lobbying activities, conference sessions, APLA publications... the list is impressive.

In November, the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council met at the Ontario Library Association conference in Hamilton, as guests of OLA. I attended in the place of Judy Head. It was immensely valuable to hear how other associations carry out their business, and I left with many ideas for APLA. I also spoke at a "Cross Canada Check-up" session, on the issues facing libraries in Atlantic Canada.

Elections were held in April and the results will be announced at the annual conference in Halifax. Two positions were acclaimed: Treasurer, Kevin Crick and Vice-President Newfoundland, Elinor Benjamin, who has energetically agreed to stand for a second term.

Dr. Alfred Bailey is the recipient of this year's Merit Award. Dr. Bailey's accomplishments have been long recognized in the literary and academic worlds; the library world will pay tribute to his contributions at the Merit Award Banquet during the annual conference.

Before I fade away I would like to thank the conference organizers, Elizabeth Behrens, Elinor Benjamin, Karen Lippold, Suzanne Sexty and the countless volunteers, for their tremendous energy and vision in planning the 1991 conference in Corner Brook. In a voluntary organization such as APLA, their selfless

contributions are a model and an inspiration for what we can each bring to APLA.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea John, Past-President

Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, NEW BRUNSWICK

Libraries in the province have been severely affected by government funding cutbacks, and, given the current economic situation, there is apprehension that further reductions may follow. In the public library system the cutbacks have resulted in lost positions, staff layoffs and reduced materials budgets. The Association wrote to Premier McKenna urging him to provide adequate support for public libraries in New Brunswick.

In addition to the funding cuts, the budget also included a public-sector wage freeze, which included all municipal and university employees, for one year. In the universities, faculty associations agreed to a voluntary salary freeze for one year as a condition for exemption from the act, but some support staff union locals opted out of the voluntary freeze and were subject to the legislation. Staff in public, school, hospital and special libraries have all been directly affected by this legislation.

The amalgamation of various New Brunswick government functions has meant that public libraries are now part of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing and the Provincial Archives was transferred to the Department of Supply and Services. For school libraries the uncertainty over budget cuts is compounded by the reorganization of school districts which has reduced the number of districts from forty-two to eighteen. Prior to the amalgamation, School District 19, the fourth largest in the province, cut the position of library resource teacher and transferred the coordinator to a teaching position. The Association wrote to the Chairperson urging the District Board to reconsider its decision.

Another issue of concern in the schools was the recommendation of the District 20 (Saint John) School Board that the Department of Education consider the removal of *Huckleberry Finn* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* from the list of approved studies. A Saint John community organization, known as PRUDE, had complained that these books portray minorities in a negative light and asked for their removal from the optional reading list. The issue aroused considerable controversy and public debate. APLA was prepared to contact the Minister when the School Board amended its decision and announced it was up to individual teachers to decide if students will study these two books.

On a more positive note, the Legislative Library celebrated its 150th birthday in October and held a wine and cheese

reception with Marianne Scott, National Librarian, as guest. This year's summer reading club, with the theme "Back Pack a Book/Moi, Ca m'tente de lire" was very successful and brought many young readers into the province's libraries. The first pay equity adjustments for librarians in the provincial civil service were implemented in October and increases will be phased in over a three to four year period.

Librarians in the province have been approached on the subject of forming a New Brunswick Library Association. A Formation Committee met in Fredericton in October and members agreed to work toward the establishment of the New Brunswick Professional Librarians Association/Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(les) du Nouveau-Brunswick. The group was to meet again in March. APLA has contacted the Chairperson of the Formation Group and expressed our willingness to work with this new association.

As part of my activity on behalf of APLA, I interviewed Jocelyne LeBel, Director of New Brunswick Library Service, for publication in the *APLA Bulletin*. It was the fourth in a series of interviews of Provincial Librarians in the Atlantic Provinces. In an effort to improve the visibility of the Association in the province I have been contacting some of the people involved in local, or library-related, groups for reports of their activities. The Library Council of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association issues a newsletter, *Resources*, and they have agreed to add us to their mailing list to provide better information on their activities and concerns. I hope to establish links with other groups in the province that will help to improve the communication between APLA and the library community in our province.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Collins

Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, NEWFOUNDLAND

It's been an interesting and busy year for the VP Newfoundland, although it must be confessed that much of the busyness was the result of wearing a different APLA hat, that of Conference Treasurer of APLA '91. Mopping up after a conference, as anyone who has done it will know, can certainly eat into one's summer. I was able to prepare only four "News from Newfoundland" columns for the *APLA Bulletin* this year instead of six, but did succeed in submitting a profile of our Provincial Librarian, Pearce Penney, for the *Bulletin's* series on Provincial Librarians, as well as a travelogue on Western Newfoundland, which we hoped would help to entice APLA members to venture forth to our conference.

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I attended two meetings of the Newfoundland Library Association in St. John's, but had to miss the most recent one in March due to commitments in Corner Brook. I hope to attend the Annual Meeting in May. Much useful information for my column has been gleaned from the Association's *Bulletin*. I have also been relying on Association President, Karen Lippold, to keep me informed on activities. I also joined the Learning Resources Council (formerly the Education Media Council) of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association to try to keep current on school library issues, as well as trying to touch base with the Council's president, Marilyn Rees, occasionally.

Aside from the effects of cut-backs and lay-offs throughout the Newfoundland Public Service, some of which have directly affected library service in the province, there are no burning issues to bring from Newfoundland to the attention of APLA this year, with the exception of concern over a certain St. John's bookseller, who, with designs upon library materials budgets, was lobbying the government to try to force libraries in the province to purchase materials locally or go to Public Tender with their materials orders. Since this concern was first brought to the attention of the APLA executive in January, the Newfoundland Department of Justice has brought down a ruling that library materials orders need not be submitted to Public Tender, and a subsequent meeting of the Director of the Provincial Public Libraries with the bookseller involved has, we hope, brought him a better understanding of the special needs of library acquisitions departments, and what kinds of services he must be prepared to provide if he wishes to do business with libraries.

In October, I participated in the APLA Strategic Planning Session held in conjunction with our regular executive meetings, and am looking forward to attending the follow-up session being held at the conference on May 8.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my second year as VP for Newfoundland. One of the greatest personal benefits for me, is that I am forced to take a more active role in trying to stay in touch with other librarians and institutions in the province and the region. When you live in an isolated area like Western Newfoundland, it is very easy to let this aspect of librarianship slide into a passive state, and participation at this level in APLA does not allow this to happen. If you find that you are suffering from this syndrome, I would heartily recommend that you consider running for an office in APLA, the next time the opportunity presents itself.

Respectfully submitted,
Elinor Benjamin

Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, NOVA SCOTIA

The following is a report on my activities since May of 1991.

During the fall, APLA *Bulletin* information was sent to all libraries listed in the *Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries*. A detailed explanation of the kind of material required for submissions, and deadlines for publication were distributed to every library. Bimonthly reminders were sent to selected libraries. The response was highly

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favourable, as approximately 10 libraries and/or organizations submitted news for each issue of the *Bulletin* during the past year.

My participation in the Strategic Planning Process has been very rewarding. The Strategic Planning Questionnaire was reviewed in the summer, and recommendations for changes were sent to the Vice-President/President-Elect. Suggested names of participants from Nova Scotia Libraries/Organizations were sent to the Past-President for her consideration. Two people were subsequently appointed to attend the Strategic Planning Meeting in the fall: Alexis Little, N. S. School Libraries Association (for school libraries), and Laura Jantek, Halifax City Regional Library (for public libraries). As Ms. Little was unable to attend, Betsy Mitchell, a fellow school librarian, came in her place. After the meeting, written comments on the Strategic Plan Draft Document were submitted to the Vice-President/President-Elect prior to its distribution. I look forward to the discussion that will take place at the Conference. It is hoped that this document will provide meaningful direction to the future of APLA.

Appropriate letters and renewal notices for the current year were sent to approximately 50 lapsed members on two separate occasions during the past 12 months.

As an ex-officio member of the Nova Scotia Library Association Board of Directors, I attended the annual conference, as well as executive meetings, whereby the membership and executive were updated on APLA's Strategic Planning Process and other activities that pertained particularly to Nova Scotia. Information on issues taken up by NSLA was channelled back to the APLA Executive.

Several matters were drawn to the attention of the President during the past 12 months: the hiring of a librarian in a technician position; a new library association—HALL (Halifax Area Law Libraries); the Canadian Cooperative Conservation Project; the reduction in open hours at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia; the loss of the Canadian Research Studies Tools Program at SSHRC; a potential censorship issue that involved parental concern about the content of a series of children's books being used in Nova Scotia's elementary schools. Appropriate action was taken by the executive, as necessary. The closure of the Canadian Book Information Centre in Halifax was also investigated, and information on the situation was forwarded to the President.

Provincial Librarian Marion Pape invited the Nova Scotia Vice-President to attend, as an observer, a preliminary meeting about strategic planning in the Regional Libraries. As I was unable to be present, Treasurer Peter Glenister attended on my behalf.

Suggestions for a new *Bulletin* Editorial Team were given to the present Editor. Names for nominations for Vice-President, Nova Scotia were submitted to the Past-President. Queries about the Conference were referred to the appropriate individuals.

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership as Vice-President, Nova Scotia during these past two years. I look forward to continued involvement with this worthwhile library association.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Whitford

Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

"May you live in interesting times" would be an apt description of the past year for Island libraries. Changes in library operating structures, staffing and library reviews have all contributed to this.

One of the most significant events was the introduction of a major bill covering public library legislation. This will put in place a legal mandate which has been absent, for the most part, for over 55 years. It is expected the bill will come into force by April or May.

Another momentous happening was the announcement of the Regional Rural Library System, creating two separate regional units. Until now, the branch library system has basically operated as it was set up during the Carnegie Demonstration of the '30's.

During the year an independent review was carried out on the Provincial Library operations. This was followed by major senior and middle management changes.

The Provincial Library received the final feasibility study by Beaumont and Associates. This precipitated an independent study by the Computer Service Division of government. Their recommendations are currently being reviewed.

On the academic side the headline was the announcement of the early retirement of the University Librarian, Merritt Crockett, effective August 1, 1992. Crockett has been in this position since 1969. A search committee was struck but news has been slow in coming. A further development was a library review by an independent team of two. Their recommendations will, no doubt, influence the final search procedure.

Robertson Library also made steady progress with the implementation and introduction of the DRA automated system and various CD-ROM products.

Letters were sent out in the fall to encourage APLA renewals and new membership applications. Contacts were also made individually and membership was promoted at professional librarians' (PEIPLA) meetings.

The Vice-President along with two other APLA members participated in the strategic planning session held last fall.

PEIPLA received approval in January for their submission requesting funds from the APLA General Activities Fund. As a result a teleconference on local area networks took place in April.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Vice President, Prince Edward Island, this past year. I've welcomed the opportunity to learn more about the Atlantic Provinces library community.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Ykelenstam

Report of the BULLETIN EDITOR

Since this is the final report of my three year term as *Bulletin* Editor, I intended to include a few statistics to illustrate our progress

over that time. As I write this, the librarians and faculty at my university are on strike and my files not readily available, so I will have to rely on memory.

Our advertising revenue is up substantially this year over last year. Revenue is, on a per issue basis, three times what it was three years ago—a 200% increase.

Our standard issue size has increased from eight pages to twelve and, sometimes, sixteen.

Although judgements about quality are a sometimes subjective matter, the *Bulletin* continues to be the only regional library publication indexed in *Canadian Periodical Index* and *Canadian Magazine Index*, and I do not believe that *Canadian Library Journal's* assessment that the *Bulletin* is the best regional library publication in the country is less true today than it was over three years ago when it was first made. Judging by the numbers, our advertisers certainly seem to have confidence in us; recently we have even been getting New York advertising agencies (well, one) calling about ads.

All of which leads me to the conclusion that APLA members have more to say to each other than ever before; more need to hear it; are participating in the dialogue in greater numbers; and are doing the job at least as well as they ever have. Part of the *Bulletin's* task, although a secondary one, is to communicate our regional concerns to the larger library community. If you have noticed an increase in the number of Atlantic region items in *CLA's Feliciter* lately, it is not completely coincidental. The rest of the country is also, it seems, interested in hearing what we have to say to each other.

I have thanked a number of people key to the *Bulletin* over the last three years elsewhere in this issue, but I would like to end this report by repeating my thanks to the APLA membership, and to Moira Davidson who was Acting Editor of the *Bulletin* for six months of our three year term, to Gwen Creelman who put the *Bulletin* on such a sound financial footing, and to Nancy Cohen whose instant, uncomplaining response to snap meetings and unannounced floods of faxes to proof was more necessary and essential than she perhaps realized.

It is time for some new blood, new ideas, and new energy and I believe the incoming *Bulletin* team will bring just that to the publication. I wish them all the satisfaction we have felt over the last three years.

Respectfully submitted,
Bradd Burningham

APLA Rep. for THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES BOOK REVIEW

What a year of change this has been for the *Book Review*. Change evident enough to our readership, in the stylistic and editorial alterations to the publication, but change even more evident to those "behind the scenes."

I have reported already in the *Bulletin* on our funding difficulties with the Canada Council, and our necessary adaptation to a much lower level of support from this body than we have been used to in the past. I have also reported on the subtle, and not so subtle, pressure exerted by this body on our

decision making and future plans for the *Review*, and how the models for book selection tools which Council members appeared to favour were (a) from Western Canada; and (b) somewhat different (and more "popular" in style) than the *Review*. I have also made mention of our fears that money previously channelled into Atlantic Canada from the Council for publications like our own could, in future years, be diverted to other parts of the country.

I could be accused, from the paragraph above, of having a pessimistic outlook, but such circumstances as these, coupled with other factors (a change in editors, the lessening of ties with Saint Mary's University), have forced the Board of Management to do some extensive thinking and take some positive steps to plan for a "new" APBR, with a new philosophy. Just what this revised appearance and outlook will be is not well defined at present. We have put our collective hands to the plough however, since what is happening during the month of March is that a study is being conducted by a Halifax consulting firm, which will involve approaching those groups which make up the readership of the *Review*—writers, illustrators, publishers, librarians, academics, etc. Those conducting the study will be soliciting opinions and asking questions about the *Review*—as it is now, and how people would visualize it in the future. Should it retain in-depth reviews? Should it become more of a news magazine? Should it include more photographs? Should the size be changed? Are we really serving those groups which we claim form our readership? (The money for the study by the way came from ACOA, with yours truly getting more practice at filling out a grant application.)

The results from this study are expected at the end of March. Our executive meets at the beginning of April, and we will then be formulating our request for funding for 92/93 to Canada Council, with details of our future plans for the *Review*.

We have a way to go yet, before APBR—the Sequel emerges, but the journey towards our goal is proving most interesting!

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Reade

Report of the TREASURER

Financial Statement Fiscal Year ended 31 March 1992

The Association's financial status is still very healthy, again due in large measure to a successful conference, held in May 1991 at Corner Brook. With the excess revenue from that conference, the Executive has decided to establish a fund to generate interest to provide financial assistance to first time APLA conferees beginning with the 1993 Conference.

While Bulletin revenues were up, memberships were down and, with a decline in interest rates over the year, interest income was less than anticipated.

While the Statement indicates a deficit, this resulted from the transfer of \$1000 to the Memorial Awards Fund directed by last year's Conference because there was an operating surplus in 1990/1991. Consequently, under Standing Order 8.28, up to \$116.71 is available this year to transfer to the Memorial Awards Trust Fund.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure 1991/1992

Item	Budget	Subtotal	Actual	Subtotal
I. Revenue				
1. Bulletin Fund				
1. Advertising	4800		5649.30	
2. Back Issues	0		50.00	
3. Royalties	50		32.28	
4. Subscriptions	1850		1756.03	
		6,700.00		7,487.61
2. Conference Fund				
1. Receipts	0		488.50	
2. Seed grant repayment	500		1500.00	
3. Corporate donations	0		8420.00	
		500.00		10,408.50
3. General Fund				
1. Membership fees				
1. Personal	10000		9412.50	
2. Institutional	3000		2850.00	
		13,000.00		12,262.50
2. Other				
1. Interest	2000		1841.55	
2. Miscellaneous	0		0	
		2,000.00		1,841.55
TOTAL		22,200.00		32,000.16

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditure 1991/1992

Item	Budget	Subtotal	Actual	Subtotal
II. Expenditure				
1. Bulletin Fund				
1. Packaging, supplies	750		667.16	
2. Printing	6500		7081.47	
3. Postage, shipping	3500		4057.88	
		10,750.00		11,806.51
2. Conference Fund				
1. Expenses	0		.86	
2. Seed grant (1)	500		1500.00	
		500.00		1,500.86
3. General Fund				
1. APLA Prize				
1. APLA Prize	250.00		250.00	
2. Executive travel				
1. APLA Executive	6000		6696.33	
2. Presidential travel (2)	1000		989.95	
		7,000.00		7,686.28
3. Registration, memberships				
4. Office expenses				
1. Postage	120		126.04	
2. Student Assistant	240		280.00	
3. Supplies, telephone (3)	1500		805.95	
		1,860.00		1,211.99
5. Executive committees				
1. Aims & objectives	30		0	
2. Bulletin Management Board	30		0	
3. Committees/Interest Groups	30		0	
4. Membership (4)	700		464.79	
5. Merit Award	75		70.96	
6. Nominating/Elections (5)	250		125.00	
		1,115.00		660.75
6. Standing committees/Interest groups				
1. APLA Memorial Awards	30		0	
2. Intellectual freedom	30		0	
3. Publications (6)	3000		2375.66	
4. Community colleges	30		0	
5. Conservation	30		0	
6. Trustees	30		0	
7. Library instruction	30		0	
8. Library technicians	30		0	
9. Collections development	150		85.41	
10. Microcomputers	30		0	
11. Francophone	30		0	
12. Continuing education	30		0	
13. Newspapers	30		0	
		3,480.00		2,461.07
7. General Activities Fund (7)				
		8,000.00		5,983.09
8. Miscellaneous				
		150.00		122.90
9. Transfer to Memorial Awards				
		1,000.00		1,000.00
TOTAL		34,305.00		32,883.45
(Deficit)/Surplus (8)		(12,105.00)		(883.29)

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditure 1991/1992

Item	Budget	Subtotal	Actual	Subtotal
III. Accumulated surplus				
1. Savings		0.00		7,200.32
2. GIC		10,000.00		10,000.00
3. Investments		10,958.41		4,861.37
4. First time Conferenc Grants Fund (9)		0.00		8,908.50
TOTAL		20,958.41		30,970.19

Notes

- (1) Increased by \$1000, Executive meeting, 26 January 1992, 12.3 (p. 7).
- (2) Decreased by \$500, Executive meeting, 26 January 1992, 12.3 (p. 7).
- (3) Increased by \$500, Executive meeting, 26 January 1992, 12.3 (p. 7).
- (4) Increased by \$350, Executive meeting, 26 January 1992, 12.3 (p. 7).
- (5) Increased by \$100, Executive meeting, 26 January 1992, 12.3 (p. 7).
- (6) Increased by \$1800, Executive meeting, 6 October 1991, 12.5 (p. 6).
- (7) Increased by \$2000, Executive meeting, 6 October 1991, 12.3 (p. 5).
- (8) Artificial deficit due to Memorial Awards Trust Fund transfer.
- (9) Created, Executive meeting, 26 January 1992, 9 (p. 4).

That this fiscal year also ended with another surplus far from the budgeted deficit of \$10,517.55—amended to \$12,105—is due again to a number of unexpended items, particularly among the Committees and Interest Groups. This was partly offset by a greater than usual General Activities Fund expense, chiefly attributable to the costs of the Strategic Planning process, and the 1992/1993 budget will not make demands on the GAF to the same extent.

Because, with the exclusion of conference donations, our revenues are still below the \$30,000 threshold, we continue not to require GST registration nor to claim eligibility for rebates on tax paid.

With this report I conclude my term as Treasurer. I am grateful to the APLA membership for having entrusted me with their accounts and I wish the same support for my successor.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Glenister

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Committee

Much of the work of the committee was concerned with the organization and implementation of the strategic planning process. This included executing a questionnaire which was sent to the membership; overseeing a weekend retreat in October at which the results of the questionnaire were discussed and a strategic plan was drafted; and the organizing of a planning session at the annual conference. The committee would like to thank Elizabeth Mills, Executive Director of Voluntary Planning (NS), for acting as facilitator for the process.

As well, the committee worked on the guidelines and procedure for a First Timers Grant. While the terms of the grant are yet to be accepted, it is proposed that the grant will normally provide full funding for someone who is attending their first annual conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Sexty

Report of the SECRETARY

As APLA Secretary for the 1991-92 term, my main duties were concerned with organizing the fall and winter Executive Meetings. The fall meeting took place at the Inn on the Lake, Waverley, N.S., on October 6, in conjunction with the Strategic Planning Session held on October 4 and 5. The winter meeting of the Executive was held at the Citadel Inn, Halifax, on January 26, 1992. All Executive members were present at both meetings.

The agendas for the Committee Meetings and the Executive Meetings were prepared in consultation with President J. head. Minutes from the Executive Meetings were prepared and distributed to the Executive members and Interest Group Conveners.

I wish to thank, the APLA Executive members, and the Committee and Interest Group Conveners for their assistance and cooperation during the past year. Special thanks are also extended to Peter Lambly for his assistance with the arrangements for facilities for the fall Executive Meeting and Strategic Planning Session.

It was a pleasure to serve as 1991-92 APLA Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted
Faye Hopkins

MEMBERSHIP

Committee

Please refer to the accompanying figures for a detailed breakdown of membership statistics by province and category of membership. While it is disappointing to note the number of nonrenewals, we are happy to welcome the large number of new members from Newfoundland, no doubt encouraged to join by the wonderful conference held in Corner Brook last year.

The Membership committee welcomed the use of DASC Industries to send renewal reminders to lapsed members. Thanks to our Treasure for these arrangements.

As this is my final report to the membership, I would like to thank the members of the Executives for their work and co-operation throughout these last two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslye McVicar

APLA MEMORIAL AWARDS

Committee

1. 1991 Award:

The Committee has received two applications for funding in support of research projects. Because of the early deadline for reports we have not had a chance to consider the applications. The announcement of how the funds were awarded will be made at the Annual General Meeting in Halifax.

2. Donations and Contributions:

APLA contributed \$1000 to the APLA Memorial Awards Fund this year and there was a private donation of \$25. As a result of this and increased investment income, the amount which may be awarded by the allowable funds formula is slightly larger this year.

3. Members of the Committee:

Thank you to Marguerite Jones, Susan McLean, and Charmaine Romkey for serving on the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Schenk, Convenor

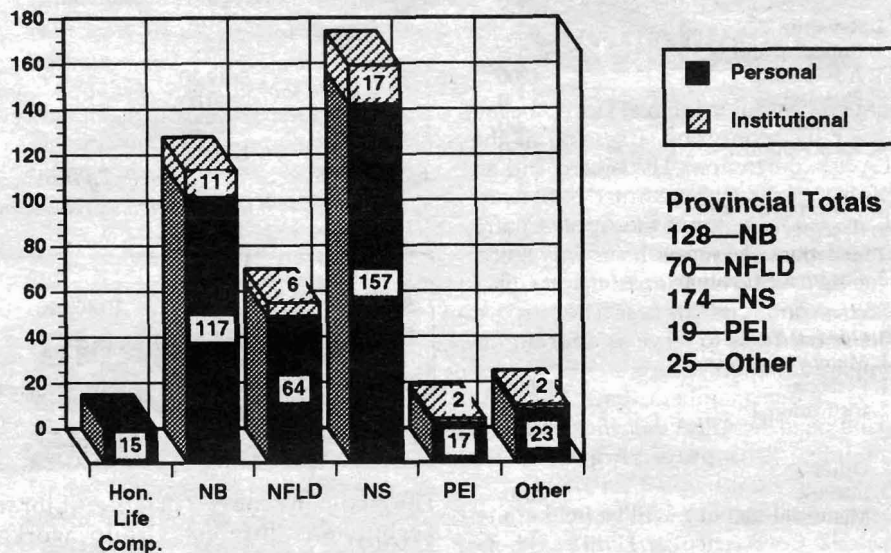
Committee on COPYRIGHT

The report of the Copyright Committee is brief in that we have not met this year.

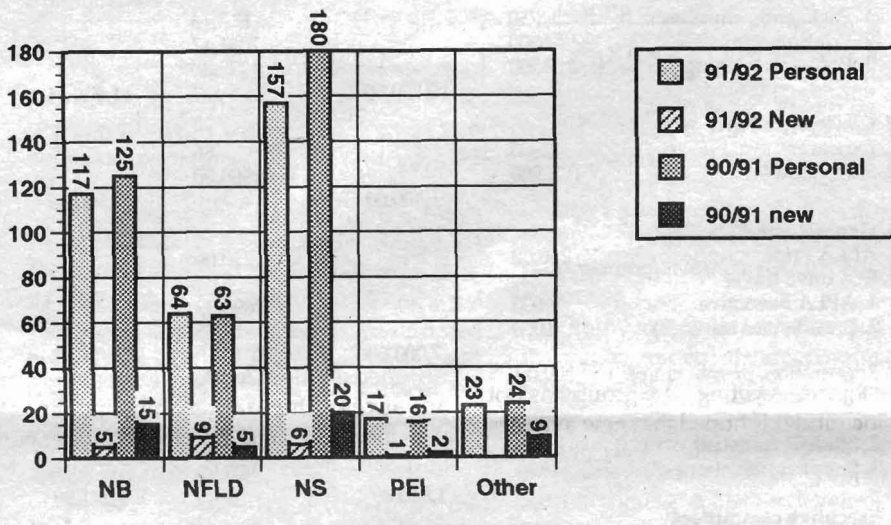
It is my understanding that some movement is taking place in copyright legislation and that the present Minister responsible for copyright is much more amenable to the exception clauses in Phase 2 for libraries than was the former Minister and has agreed to open discussion at the cabinet level. On another front, it is my understanding the AUCC is considering negotiating an agreement with CANCOPY for all of the universities and colleges of Canada.

In summary, there is nothing to report as far as activity of the committee is concerned; however, by the time the 1992 conference

Current APLA Membership



Personal & New Personal Members 1991/92 and 1990/91



rolls around there may be some significant developments on the copyright front that would warrant having a session at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Lewis, Chair

Committee on COMMITTEES

All committees and interest groups were convened and most engaged in some activity during the year. These activities included publishing newsletters; meeting for information; submitting articles to the *Bulletin*; and planning sessions for the annual conference. While it is preferable that these committees and groups are active, it is also important that they are prepared to respond to requests for advice. This year the executive had cause to call on the committees on intellectual freedom and copyright for advice and special action. Both committees responded fully, quickly, and expertly.

I would like to thank all the convenors for the work which they have done this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Sexty, Vice President
(President Elect)

Standing Committee on INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Daily newspapers in the Atlantic region were alerted to APLA's support for intellectual freedom by two press releases sent out during Freedom to Read Week.

One release highlighted 1991/92 challenges to Canadian materials, including parents' objections to the *Impressions* series of language arts texts, which were said to contain messages of death and the occult; the complex issues surrounding the suit against the Halifax feminist quarterly *Pandora* on the grounds of sex discrimination because it refused to print a letter to the editor written by a man; and Dartmouth M. P. Ron MacDonald's call for a ban on the right-wing tract *Stop apologizing*, which its author describes as a statement of principles for white, middle class, Anglo-Saxon men.

The second release had a more international focus, drawing attention to 1991/92 censorship of magazines and newspapers around the world: Censorship tactics have ranged from banning individual issues of *Newsweek*, in China; through burning down the printing plant of *Al-Fair*, in Tunisia; to murder of a controversial columnist, Mian Abd Arrashied, of *The Nation*, in Pakistan.

The APLA Executive wrote to the Nova Scotia Department of Education, supporting their stand-firm stance against withdrawal of the *Impressions* text series.

Recognizing that would-be censors are increasingly turning their attention to audio-visual materials, the committee has planned an APLA Conference workshop, *You can't show that: censorship and intellectual freedom in film and video*. Speakers will be Geoff d'Eon, Executive Producer of News and Current Affairs with CBC Television; Fred Holtz, who teaches video production at Queen Elizabeth High School; Gordon Parsons, Director of the Atlantic Film Festival; and Wally Wason, of the National Film Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Murphy, Convenor

PUBLICATIONS

Committee

This year the Publications Committee produced the 1991-1992 *APLA Membership Directory and Handbook*. It was printed in Saint John, New Brunswick, where the working committee resides. It was mailed out from Saint John as well by committee members, with assistance from staff at the Saint John Free Public Library.

The difference between this year's *APLA Membership Directory and Handbook* from the last one produced is in the typeset. We got the printer to use a typeset from Wordperfect and the result, in our opinion, is a clearer, easier-to-read, handbook.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cunningham, Chairperson

COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT

Interest Group

The Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG) is now in its seventh year. Membership, currently at 24, includes primarily librarians of the Atlantic Region's academic, public and special libraries.

In May of 1991 CDIG not only held its annual meeting at the APLA Conference but also sponsored a seminar on the impact of the goods and services tax on libraries' collections budgets. CDIG will sponsor two programs at this year's annual conference in Halifax. Micheal Lonardo and Slavko Manojlovich, both of Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University, will present a workshop on computer assisted collection development. The other workshop will examine cooperative collection development, its feasibility and implications.

As mentioned in last year's report the business meeting and annual conference programs are important to CDIG members but *CollNet*, the quarterly newsletter, is still the main vehicle of communication among all CDIG members. And still, as mentioned in last year's report, *CollNet* has been well supported by some members, but some individual members representing different types of libraries are not heard from. Again a major objective of the coming year, as it has been in other years, will be to actively encourage these members to participate more fully in the Collections Development Interest Group. More participation by all its

members will make this Interest Group a more viable and meaningful resource for all collections librarians in the Atlantic Provinces.

*Respectfully submitted,
Laura R. Peverill, Convenor*

COMMUNITY COLLEGE & TECHNICAL LIBRARIES

Interest Group

CCTLIG was again relatively inactive. A meeting was held at the 1991 APLA conference in Corner Brook, attended by six librarians, where an exchange of provincial news and individual library developments occurred. Some interaction by phone occurred during the year, but the planned newsletter was cancelled due to lack of submissions. An annual meeting is planned for the conference in Halifax.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Carter, Convenor*

CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Interest Group

At last year's annual meeting of this interest group, Jan Michaels, Preservation Officer at the National Library of Canada, spoke on 'Preservation Education in Canadian Library Schools'. This was an excellent and timely talk. Michaels is submitting this to a leading Canadian library journal. This will permit many others the opportunity to read what has happened to preservation in Canadian library schools. Following the meeting, reports were given from each of the Atlantic provinces. To each conference attendee, the Interest Group gave a button which read 'Achieve Immortality! Write on Permanent Paper!'. These were printed through the courtesy of Miramichi Pulp & Paper. During the year, the Chairman distributed to members two items. One was a copy of the Atlantic School of Theology Library's audio-visual catalogue, *The Conservation of Archival and Library Materials*; the other was a copy of Harold Holland's then unpublished paper 'Conservation of the Winslow Papers'. This paper had been presented to the International Institute for Conservation Canada Group meeting in Vancouver. Several committee members submitted briefs on the discussion paper for 'A National Strategy for Preservation in Canadian Libraries'.

*Respectfully submitted,
Eric L. Swanick, Convenor*

MICROCOMPUTER

Interest Group

The Microcomputer Interest Group began the year by sponsoring a session at the APLA '91 conference, "Hypercard and an Apple in the Library," presented by Stewart Walker—Coordinator of the Apple Centre for Innovation at Mount Allison University.

The APLA Microcomputer Interest Group Newsletter continued this year. The purpose of the Newsletter is to serve as a forum for sharing information.

One of our members, Paul Tewana, contributed to the APLA Bulletin by writing an article, "Computerizing a Small Library."

Our annual meeting will be held at the APLA '92 Conference in Halifax. Items discussed at this time will be the sponsorship of a session at next year's conference and organizing a workshop to discuss INTERNET.

*Respectfully submitted,
Diane N. Buhay, Convenor*

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Interest Group

The unfortunate loss of Beth Miller, the Continuing Education Workshop speaker for last year's conference, just prior to the workshop, certainly cast a damper over the interest group meeting. The group has not met since and it is hoped that new avenues can be developed at the APLA Conference in May in Halifax.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carole Compton-Smith*

FRANCOPHONE

Interest Group

The APLA Francophone Interest Group has not met since the last annual conference. There is no annual report of activities.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gérard Lavoie, Chair*

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

Interest Group

The St. John's contingent met twice this year: to discuss ideas for the APLA Bulletin and to plan the conference workshop.

Bernie Conran took responsibility for the "User Mailbox" column. Joy Tillotson organized the survey of library instruction in Atlantic libraries. She will compile the results and report them in the next APLA Bulletin.

At the May conference Michael Chiasson will present a workshop for the interest group. Mr. Chiasson is a well

known St. John's playwright, actor and director with a great deal to teach about how to create good rapport with an audience.

This is the third and final year for convening the Library Instruction Interest Group in St. John's. The new location for the group has not been decided yet.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara McDonald, Convenor*

LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

Interest Group

The co-convenors of the Library Technicians Interest Group worked independently this past year to represent our fellow library technicians and assistants in several ways.

Gail Malone was able to attend the Fall 1991 APLA Strategic Planning Seminar and thereby maintain our group's visibility in the organization.

Valerie (Brooker) Bauer participated in the Fall 1991 term of the UNB Library Assistants program by conducting a session entitled, "Professionalism for Non-Professionals" and, yes, informing the students that membership in APLA has many advantages for non-professionals!

Our interest group has arranged a session for this year's Conference; Christine Mecklewright of Canadian Airlines, Vancouver will address us concerning "Women and Technology." She knows of what she speaks, having lost and then regained employment due to technological advances. Since all technicians in all provinces have suffered from budget cuts and/or been laid off because of technological changes in libraries, this should be a pertinent session.

Finally, we were unable to meet our mandate of a Salary Survey for 1991-1992. Personal and career constraints have made it impossible for us to begin this project. But we are optimistic that a good number of technicians will attend both the meeting of our interest group and the session. Hopefully, some enthusiastic persons will be able to assist us in this project for 1992-1993!

*Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Bauer & Gail Malone
Co-convenors*

NEWSPAPER

Interest Group

Once again this year the major activity of the Newspaper Interest Group has been the planning of a workshop at this year's conference. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Sandra Burrows, the Newspaper Specialist at National Library, as our guest speaker for this year's program.

Special thanks to our provincial contacts, Charles Cameron (Nfld.) and Priscilla Ykelenstam (P.E.I.), for their continued support of the group. Last year's program focused on reports from each of these provincial representatives on the state of the newspaper plans in their provinces. Copies of these reports are still available from Dave Cumby.

Minutes from last year's presentation and advance notice of this year's workshop have been sent to all major university,

archives and public libraries in the Atlantic region.

Lynn Murphy and Dave Cumby will be stepping down as Co-convenors after two years of service and we look forward to supporting the work of the new convenor(s). With the conference in Halifax we are looking forward to a good turnout at the program and the subsequent interest group meeting where the new convenor will be chosen and other matters of business discussed.

*Respectfully submitted,
David C. Cumby
Lynn Murphy
Co-Convenors*

TRUSTEE SPECIAL

Interest Group

During the early part of the year very little was done by the Trustee Special Interest Group. However, during late November, early December, I finally got up steam enough to begin the work of convenor for the Trustees. I must at this time express my sincere gratitude to Judith Roy who has looked after the organization of the Trustee seminar without the help or assistance of the many trustees in Atlantic Canada. It must be stated directly that the success of the Trustee Special Interest Group is the direct outcome of the work of Judith Roy.

I believe that the Trustee Special Interest Group would become very valuable to APLA if the Provincial representatives from the Atlantic provinces were enabled to meet in a face to face meeting at the first fall executive meeting each year. Remember, the Trustee is a very valuable asset to the Public Library System.

There is a meeting for the Trustee Interest Group scheduled for Friday, May 8. Your participation will greatly improve the influence of the trustee in your community and APLA.

With the participation of you the trustee we can have a Trustee Interest Group meeting—the first in a number of years.

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*Respectfully submitted,
Cal Taylor, Convenor*

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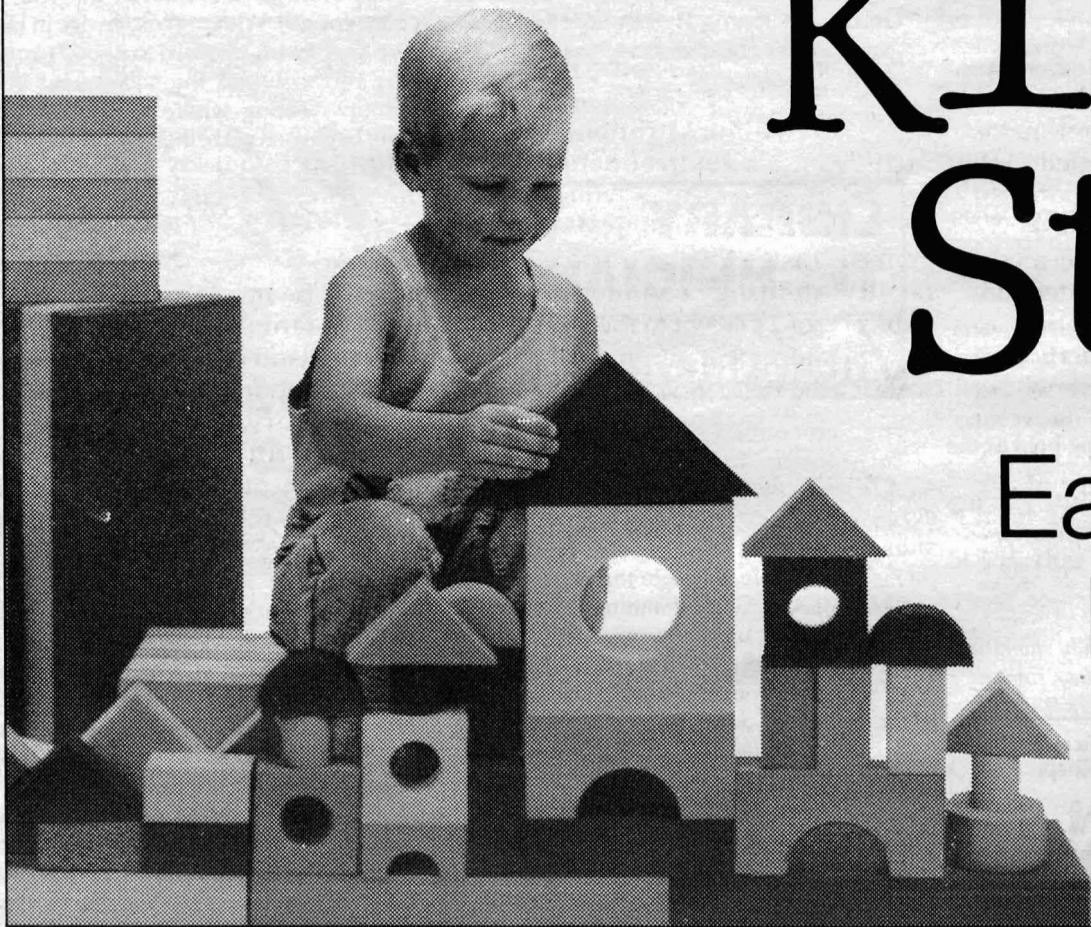
General Activities Fund

The Finance Committee received five applications for funding from the General Activities Fund and approved funding of \$7276, including funding in support of the Strategic Planning process.

Expenses

On recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Executive approved increases in the limits for personal vehicle and meal expenses for executive meetings expenses and per diem for speaker's expenses under the GAF.

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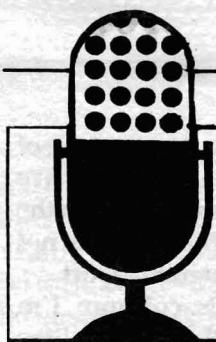
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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

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The funding cutbacks by the government are taking their toll on libraries in the province. One result has been the disbanding of the provincial talking book collection. Each region has received its allotment of titles from the collection and must now serve its own talking book patrons directly. The **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library** has expressed its concern because this decentralization of an expensive and time-consuming service, with no additional resources, inevitably means a much reduced service to a clientele with few alternatives.

In other news from the region, sixteen young sculptors studying at either Mount Allison University or Université de Moncton displayed some of their work at the Moncton Public Library in March. The interesting and often unusual works brought many visitors to the library. In Sackville, Public Library Board member Pat Finney has become very involved in full scale puppet shows. She wrote a script entitled *Sir Orfeo & The Faerie Queen*, made the puppets, directed, and performed in the production. She also recruited local students, musicians, and an artist to take part. Future productions are planned.

The budget restraints are also hindering the restructuring efforts in the **Chaleur Region** but they are proceeding as much as possible. The closure of the paper mills in the region has meant increased use of libraries, and activities, such as résumé preparation and talk groups, have been organized to respond to this growing need. The Nepisiguit Centennial Library in Bathurst is celebrating its 25th anniversary with Silver Jubilee activities scheduled for each month. Some of the events planned include a "living scrapbook" where people submit pictures and memories of events in 1967, and an evening when groups and service clubs will promote their organizations. The library in Atholville recently moved to improved facilities and celebrated its official opening on Friday, March 27th.

In the **Saint John Regional Library** a Recognition Luncheon for Trustees was held on April 12th. The trustees, Shirley MacCallum, Beverly Whelly, Harold McCullagh and Murray Zides

have collectively contributed sixty-four years of service to the library. Mayor Elsie Wayne paid tribute to the Board members and presented each with a book and a gift in recognition of their service. On March 23rd the staff of the West Branch Library and members of the Saint John Children's Literature Round Table held a reception to honour Patricia Tingley, a library staff member and graphic artist whose paintings are on display in the West Branch Gallery. The St. Croix Library has recently secured a copy of the manuscript of the journal of local historian James Vroom, 1892-1983. The journal of over six hundred pages provides an historical account of the St. Croix area.

The Special Libraries Association and the Fredericton Library Circle offered a 2 1/2 day Workshop on Management Skills in April. The Workshop was conducted by Marianne Gessner, Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association, and attended by approximately thirty people from various regions of the province.

The Library system of the **University of New Brunswick (Fredericton)** has successfully completed installation and testing of RLG's Ariel software. Ariel was designed to aid easy image transmission across the Internet and its primary use is to send images of journal articles to a remote site. The receiving Ariel computer prints the image using a laser printer. The process of using Ariel is similar to using fax transmissions, but for the sending library there is a cost advantage. Use of the Internet is free once the institutional fees are paid and thus telephone charges are avoided. The receiving library receives a good quality print on plain paper rather than on fax paper. Once installed, Ariel has proven to be easy to use. UNB is now looking to set up a number of resource sharing agreements to use Ariel. For more information contact Stephen Sloane at (506)453-4740 or SLOAN@UNB.CA if you are using BITNET e-mail.

Another new program on campus will be the introduction of a program to keep faculty and other users up to date with new publications in their areas of interest. The new program will use Current Contents on Diskette to notify users of new publications.

At **Mount Allison University** librarians and faculty went out on strike Friday, April 3. The contract they were working under expired June 30, 1991, at which point members accepted a voluntary zero percent pay increase and extension of the terms and conditions of employment already in place. Previous to striking MAFA (Mount Allison Faculty Association)

was nearly unanimous in rejecting a non-negotiable final offer from the university administration which included a reintroduction of mandatory retirement, a reduction in the number of sabbatical leaves granted, no guarantee of librarian/faculty staffing complement, a reduction of 2 percent to the pay scale, and no movement through the pay scale for the 1992/93 year.

—Sue Collins

•As we go to press, a tentative agreement has been reached. the Strike was suspended Sat. April 18, pending formalization fo the agreement and a ratification vote. —Ed.

NEWS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

Public Libraries

In mid-July, there will be a major change in the Provincial Public Library's reference service in St. John's. Currently, reference service for the city is provided by the General Reference Section of the Provincial Reference and Resource Library, which also provides backup reference services for the entire provincial library system. Beginning in July, St. John's City Library will provide city reference service from its own department in the A.C. Hunter Adult Library. Only the Newfoundland Collection of the Provincial Reference and Resource Library will remain open to the public, leaving the PRRL free to concentrate on its role as the provincial back-up.

The origin of the change is a recommendation made by John Black of Beckman Associates in a study commissioned by the Provincial Public Libraries Board in 1980. After a feasibility study in 1981, the transfer was deferred until a Board-Staff committee was struck in 1989 to re-examine the situation. In March 1990, the Board accepted a recommendation to proceed with the transfer. Since that time, a joint-committee of librarians from St. John's City Libraries and the Provincial Reference and Resource Library has been actively planning the change-over.

The PRRL's collections have never been promoted to any great extent within the provincial system. Further development plans include expanding the number and types of bibliographies and awareness tools, assisting staff at all levels with reference collection development, training of staff in the use of reference tools and interlibrary loans. In addition to a more thorough and timely response to their requests, all public libraries should then be able to make requests based on a better

knowledge of what materials and services are available. Interlibrary loans outside the system should also be handled more quickly and efficiently once the provincial ILL service is removed from a public service area.

In addition, the Provincial Reference Library hopes to liaise with other organizations such as the Newfoundland Teachers Association regarding the information role of the Public Library, and regarding the provision of information on conservation of library materials to libraries in the Provincial Public Library Services.

As part of an ongoing effort to improve the working relationship between public libraries and schools, a Public Libraries staff member, Ralph Dale (Central Region) has been seconded to the Department of Education for a period of several months.

Automation continues in Technical Services. UTLAS records have now been loaded into the DYNIX system as part of the first phase of the automation strategy recommended by Jane Beaumont. This phase will also include an automated circulation system for St. John's City Libraries. The Provincial Public Libraries Board has requested funding for a systems person to work on staff on a contractual basis through the first stages of automation, but must wait upon the provincial budget to see if this can be approved.

It's now official. Pearce Penney, Director, Provincial Public Library Services, has announced that he will retire March 31, 1993. We suspect conferences in Canada will never be the same again.

We were saddened to learn of the death in February of Margaret Ann Fowler, recently appointed (1990) as Burin-Bonavista Regional Librarian. Margaret Ann was born in Brantford in 1946, and after graduating from SLIS (UWO) worked as Waterford Hospital Librarian (1977-79), Bay St. George Community College (now Western Community College) in Stephenville (1979-81), at Red River Community College, Winnipeg (1981-89) and Burin Bonavista Community College (1989-90).

University

A proposal is presently before the Senate of Memorial University to establish a second level in the Library Certificate Program which is taught through Memorial's Division of Continuing Studies using distance education. The new program is to be a diploma program and will be called Library Studies. Level 1 was originally developed with input from public and other librarians throughout the

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...NFLD. News continued from page 15 province in response to a perceived need for better staff training. Rumours from the field are that the level of service in libraries where staff have enrolled in these courses has been constantly improving.

Schools

Calvin Belbin has reported another organizational change at the Department of Education. Effective April 1, the Learning Resources Section will be reporting to the Head of Curriculum. The Working Group established to advise on the implementation of Resource Based Learning throughout the province has

met two times and has already begun drafting a number of documents to help boards and schools with this implementation process.

Newfoundland Library Association

The Association met on March 17 and heard a presentation by George Smith, Director of Information Systems for the Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador Network. He spoke about the database side of information outreach. Plans for the Annual General Meeting in May will include dinner and a talk by Katherine Grier, a storyteller and early childhood education specialist, recently resettled in St. John's where her husband is enrolled in Memorial's

Folklore program. According to NLA president, Karen Lippold, this presentation is intended to help us remember what it was that got so many of us involved in library work in the beginning—a love of stories and books. Grier is presently teaching several courses in the St. John's area, including one at the St. John's City Libraries' A.C. Hunter Library. She will be the featured guest at a workshop for staff in the Western Region of the Public Library System in September.

Colleges

I'm sorry I have nothing much to report on the colleges at present, except what I seem to have been reporting all year:

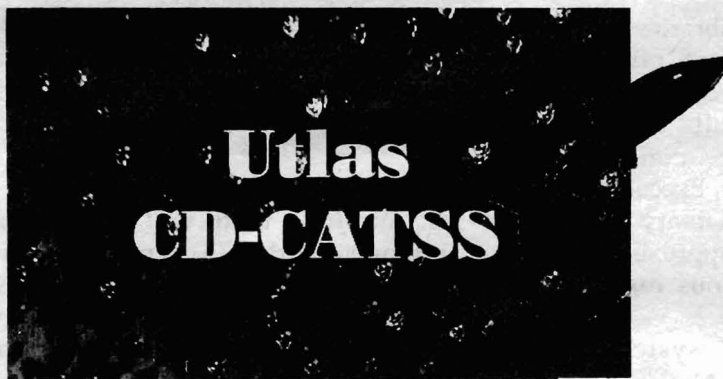
plans for reorganizing the structure of post-secondary institutions are ongoing. It was mentioned again in the provincial budget, on March 26, but not in terms concrete enough to report.

That's all for this column. I'm looking forward to APLA '92 in Halifax and hope I will see you all at the strategic planning session, Friday afternoon at 3:30. Participating in the project as your VP from Newfoundland has been an intriguing experience and it will be interesting to see where it will go from here.

—Elinor Benjamin

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NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Nova Scotia Library Association

The NSLA Annual Conference will be held in Port Hawkesbury at the Nautical Institute, from September 25-26, 1992. For further information, please contact Eastern Counties Regional Library, (902)747-2597.

Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

PARL is offering a replacement service to seniors in homes for special care, and senior citizen's housing complexes. These people previously received bookmobile service, which was discontinued in December 1991. This new service is called Predirected Library Service, and is offered on a monthly basis. Library staff select materials and senior's volunteers pick up and deliver books to seniors receiving this service.

Atlantic School of Theology

Alice W. Harrison, Head Librarian, is on a six month sabbatical leave, February 2-July 31, 1992. She is researching the "Globalization of Theological Education" with special reference to library resources. She plans to publish a *Survey* and *Bibliography* on the topic. Norma Gilchrist-Dobson is Acting Librarian during this period.

Provincial Library

The Departments of Education and Advanced Education and Job Training have been amalgamated into one Department of Education. This reorganization has placed the Provincial Library in the Policy Branch Division. An internal reorganization of the Provincial Library has resulted in three major sections: 1) Systems and Administration, 2) User Services (formerly the Public Libraries and Reference sections) and 3) Technical Services. The School Libraries Section has been moved into the Program Branch (which serves schools directly). A local area network is being installed in the new facility on Kempt Road. Internal operations will be streamlined, which will allow access to DOBIS, UTLAS, electronic mail and

online databases. Dale MacMillan has been appointed Clerk II (interlibrary loans) in User Services. The recruitment procedure to fill the vacant manager position for User Services is currently underway.

Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council

The new slate of officers for the current fiscal year is: Marie DeYoung, N.S. Department of Attorney General, Chairperson; Sandy Scott, N.S. Legislative Library, Co-Chairperson; Jane Phillips, N.S. Department of Community Services, Treasurer; Christine Corston, N.S. Women's Directorate, Secretary. A very successful Performance Management seminar was recently conducted by Christine Almon of the N. S. Civil Service Commission. The NSGLC also sponsored a CLA Copyright Teleconference for its members on April 28.

N. S. Community College Libraries Council

This association was formed shortly after the CLA 1991 Conference. It meets on a regular basis in order to discuss issues of mutual concern. The Chairperson is Nola Brennon, Librarian at N. S. Community College—Institute of Technology.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

In March the library board adopted a New Branch Policy. It deals with several factors, including the ability of a board to financially support a proposed branch, and the distance from existing branches. In the future any proposal for a new branch will be referred to a committee which will examine the proposal in light of this policy and then make a recommendation to the board.

For the first time, students from the Library Technician course at Kings Tech. did work experience at the regional library.

Halifax Area Law Libraries (HALL)

HALL has sent a letter to the federal government supporting the Canadian Centre for Occupation Health and Safety. The government is again suggesting funding for the Centre be withdrawn.

Nova Scotia Barristers' Libraries, including County Bar Libraries and the Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia, have had their funding hit by cutbacks in grants received from the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia. It is not yet known if or how services will be affected. The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Library Committee conducted a province-wide survey of law library collections and services, the aim being to create a profile of legal resources in Nova Scotia.

The April meeting will be on negotiation—getting to yes—with guest speaker Marie Vaziri. Ms. Vaziri lectures at the Skills Training Course for the Nova Scotia Bar Admissions program.

Western Counties Regional Library May 21st will be the Board's annual luncheon to honor retiring trustees and to bring Mayors, Wardens and Council together to learn more about library services and to meet the board members responsible for providing these services.

Black History Month was celebrated at Digby, Shelburne, Yarmouth and Weymouth branches with Cherry Paris as guest speaker. Ms. Paris is the Regional Supervisor for the Human Rights Commission.

Ms. Paris impressed upon her audiences the need for awareness of black history in Nova Scotia. Author of *An Unclouded Day: A Brief Account of the*

Black Loyalists, Ms. Paris focused on better days ahead for the descendants of this significant group of people for whom there is limited written documentation.

Three award winning videos were shown in a mini-film festival, March 5th, 6th, and 9th, held at the Yarmouth Library marking International Women's Day. The films shown were: *Toying With Their Future*, *The Company of Strangers* and *Kea'mu'ta*. The director of this last film, Cathy Martin, was present.

Miss Barbara Kincaid, Chief Executive Officer for the Western Counties Regional Library, approached municipal units in

Shelburne, Digby and Yarmouth counties requesting monies to establish an automation fund to assist in providing a computerized database for the library catalogue. Hopefully, the automation will be staged over the next two-three years.

Two of the Regional Library branches, Lockeport and Clark's Harbour, have changed their open hours. Hours were altered in response to changing patterns of use by the public.

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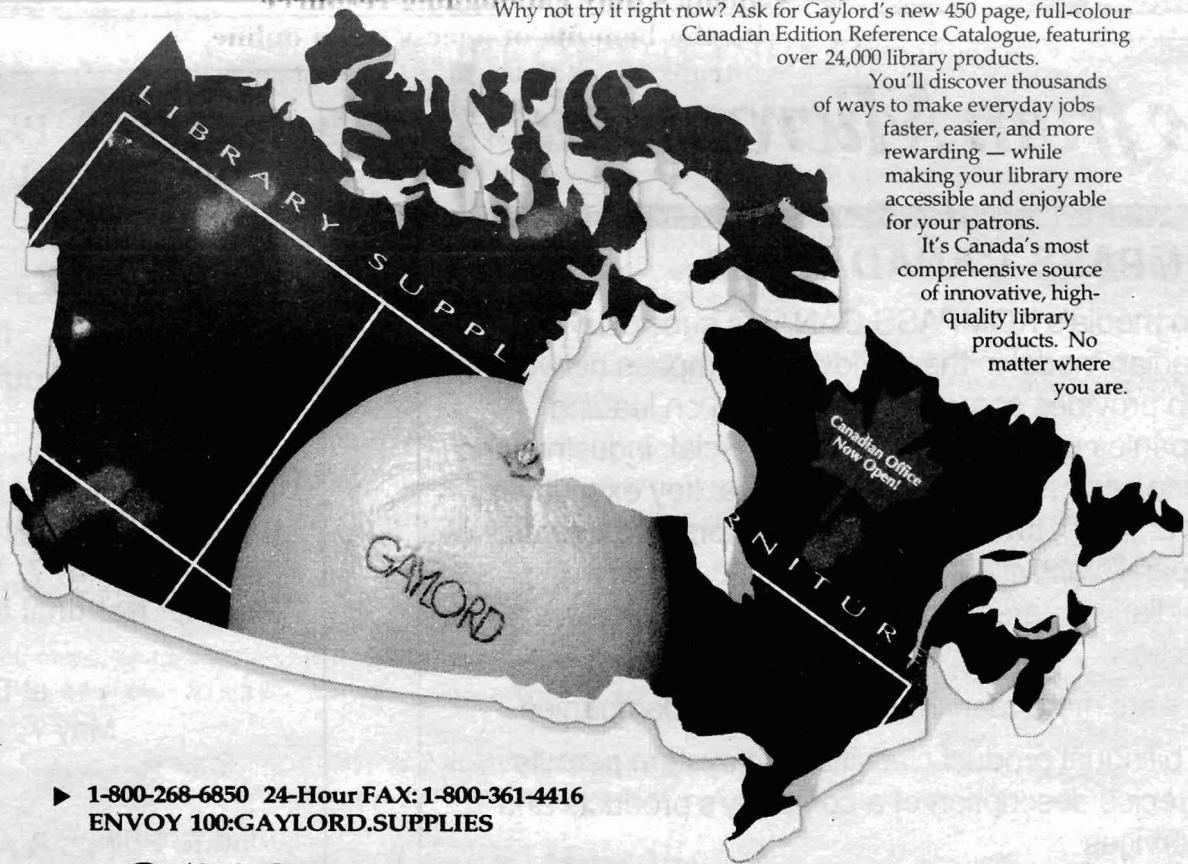
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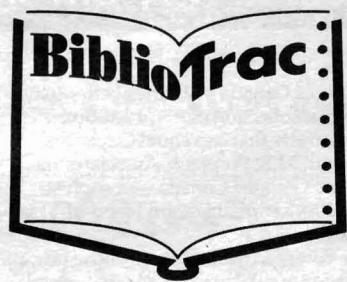
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Alumni will hold their 1992 Annual General Meeting on May 8, 1992 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Acadian Room, Halifax Hilton

—Gwen Whitford

NEWS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

Installation of the DRA acquisitions module has been postponed until January 1993. This decision was made after DRA revealed there would be a new release with substantial changes later this year.

A library review was carried out early in April to determine the state of current operations and examine possible future directions. The two-member team conducting the review included Tom Eadie, newly appointed University Librarian, University of Calgary (formerly from Mount Allison University) and Ron Lewis, University Librarian, St. Mary's University. The final report is expected in May.

Provincial Library

Late February, Albert MacDonald, Provincial Library Director, announced the elimination of the Branch Library Supervisor's position. This position was vacated the summer of 1990 and since that time has been filled by a librarian hired on a temporary basis. The duties of the position will be split between the Summerside Librarian who will be responsible for libraries in the Western Region and the Technical Services/Systems Librarian who will be operating from the headquarters office to be situated in the eastern Region in Morell. The Summerside position now becomes full-time leaving a loss of approximately 25 position hours. It remains to be seen how these combined duties—public and technical—will be handled in the Eastern Region position.

The throne speech on March 23rd revealed nothing on the status of the move to Morell. Meanwhile work proceeds on the building plans. The question remains—when will the actual move take place? At the time of this writing no budget presentations had been made. Until the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs budget is brought down the picture on how and where staff and materials will be allocated remains unclear. Although regionalization of the materials collection is proceeding, no definite announcements have been made on the staff moving to Summerside. In theory this movement should start early this 92/93 fiscal year.

School Libraries

The annual meeting of the School Library Association is scheduled for

May 25th in Summerside. The program will be a cooperative effort with the Language Arts Association. Featured guest speaker will be Avi, a well-known American children's author.

Holland College

Brenda Brady, College Librarian, recently attended a training session on the new Sydney Plus system given in Ottawa by International Library Systems. It is expected the upgrade will be installed at the College in the fall.

Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association

A teleconference on Local Area Networks is being cosponsored by APLA through the General Activities Fund. The session will take place in The Queen Elizabeth Hospital at the end of April. The tele-presenter is Lynn Elias, Librarian, Fulger Medical Library, Toronto General Hospital. General LAN applications, how they work and what they can do for you will be covered. The information applies to small and medium-sized libraries of all types.

Library Week/National Book Festival

Explore your library/Explorez votre bibliothèque is the theme for Prince Edward Island's annual Library Week. As in previous years the week coincides with Canada's National Book Festival, April 25 to May 2.

Many schools and public libraries are planning special activities, displays, demonstrations and programs to celebrate this event. Visiting authors include Barbara Greenwood, Alistair MacLeod, Allen Morgan and Dorothy Perkins. Local writers involved are Elaine Hammond, Deidre Kessler, Frank Ledwell, Hugh MacDonald and David Weale.

—Priscilla Ykelenstam

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searching. Credit courses with significant library content were offered in two institutions (Nova Scotia Teachers College and the Dalhousie Law School) with instruction by faculty members.

Print materials of various kinds are in use, including practice exercises, workbooks, handbooks, pathfinders and point-of-use instruction for library catalogues and CD-ROM indexes. A collection of these, provided by respondents to the survey, will be available for people to browse at the conference (in the registration area or at the Interest Group meeting).

Who gives and gets library instruction

Library instruction (most commonly called library orientation) is usually organized by one librarian and, in other than one-person libraries, two or three people usually participate in it (as many as nine were reported). Library technicians or library assistants are involved in library instruction in half

the responding libraries; one uses student assistants. First and second year undergraduates were most commonly offered library instruction, with only half the academic libraries reporting that instruction was offered to faculty. Both public and academic libraries reported offering library instruction to community groups. Academic libraries reported offering instruction to off-campus students and students in short courses, as well as the traditional full-time on-campus students.

In academic libraries, participants in library instruction represented anywhere from 15% to 98% of the enrollment, with an average of 38%. In the larger schools (enrollment over 5000), the average was 24%.

The fall semester was the most common time to give library instruction but it was apparently available in most libraries as needed, including nights and weekends.

How well does it work

The ideal library instruction would seem to be a small group being taught about a specific topic followed by either an assignment requiring use of the

library or a practice exercise. Four librarians found individual instruction the most successful. The comment from the special librarian was that it was best to give new users some written information about library policies since oral instruction was liable to be forgotten.

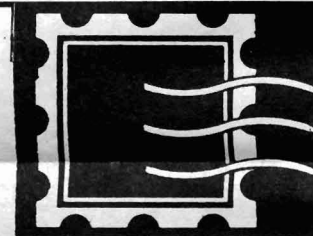
The least successful format would appear to be a large class getting a general tour late Friday afternoon during the first week of classes.

An intriguing area of investigation for the Interest Group in the coming year would be to see why people chose a particular method as their most or least successful. Is it just the thought of facing a sea of glazed eyes that makes people reject the general tour or do tours really not achieve good results? What makes small group instruction so good and is there any way that goodness can be transferred to a setting where it is necessary to reach more than a thousand new students each fall? In these days of examining and justifying all our efforts, any information people have to share about the effectiveness of their programs would be useful.

(Joy Tillotson is Head of Public Services, Memorial University of Newfoundland.)

User Education MAILBOX

Compiled by the APLA Special Interest Group on Library Instruction



The following question was submitted to the User Education Mailbox:

Increasingly, universities are offering courses through distance education. Many students can travel to the university library only on weekends, a time when reference service may be at a minimum. What, if any, bibliographic instruction or library orientation programs are there to meet the research needs of these students?

Please forward responses to these questions, or any additional questions touching on user education, to:

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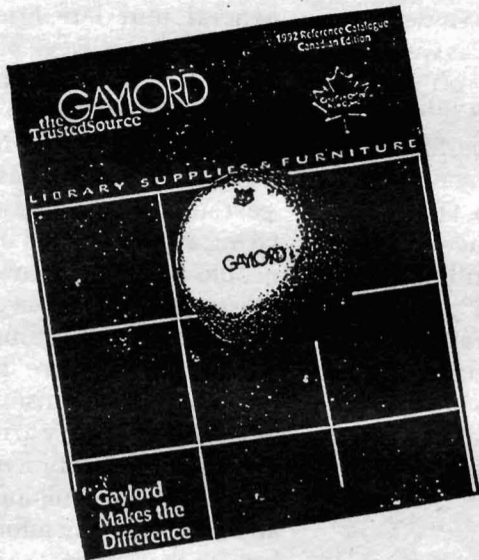
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