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CONFESSIONS OF AN INTERNET CONVERT

What would it take to convert a "proud-to-be-Luddite" into a "reasonably capable Internet user"? It would take proof that it was worth the effort needed to learn how to use "yet another system". Remember, a Luddite is not necessarily opposed to technological progress. Rather, a Luddite questions the benefit of such progress. So with a sense of curiosity, liberally laced with cynicism, I set out on a quest to discover what it is about the Internet that has so many people singing its praises and that has people coming to introductory classes even when they don't have a computer!

WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

In this year's pre-conference packet, there was a handout entitled "An Internet Primer." It was prepared by the APLA Microcomputer Interest Group and gave an introduction to what the Internet is and what you need to use it. This handout also included a select bibliography to get you started in your reading [the text of this was reprinted in the *APLA Bulletin*, v. 57, n. 1, p. 17.]

It would be hard to explain the Internet in any better words than those used by Jean Amour Polly when she said that the Internet "is the global network of computers and their interconnections that lets me skip across oceans and continents and control computers at remote sites." (1) Polly also drew a comparison between the Internet and a radio receiver by noting that you do not know the full wealth of programming, music, and information that is on the radio until you use it. As it is necessary to have certain equipment in order to access radio programs, it is also necessary to have certain equipment in order to access the Internet. You do need a telephone line, microcomputer with a modem, and a communications software package. Since Internet uses telephone lines, you may have to pay long distance charges.

HOW CAN LIBRARIES USE THE INTERNET

There is not enough space to list all the possible ways to use the Internet, for as with most services in libraries, the list

would be limited only by an individual's imagination. Basically, the Internet can be used to communicate electronically with other people, both those who are known to you and those you have yet to meet. You can also use it to search other library catalogues and public databases and to get citations or documents from these. For libraries it offers a way to expand our services by offering ourselves beyond the physical space we occupy and by availing of the wide world of libraries which also exists beyond this space.

One way to explain the Internet is by a few examples of how it is used. For some it is a means of connecting with others who have similar interests or needs. A friend with an autistic child belongs to a group where all the other participants have an interest in autism. They are doctors, social workers, teachers, and other parents, and together they act as a support group for this parent who lives in a community where there is no such group. A senior citizen uses the terminal in his retirement home so that he can access the public library catalogue. Now he can ask the home delivery librarian for books that he never thought about before. Some libraries have set up "genre groups" which are the modern day version of book clubs, while others have young adults and children participating in discussion groups with people in other cities.

Many documents are available on the Internet and can be electronically sent to you. Included among these are the text of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); various public domain texts such as *Alice in Wonderland* and works by Shakespeare; and a copy of the *Meech Lake Accord*. You can also use a thesaurus or dictionary, or check the U.S. State Department's travel advisory for various countries.

Personally, I have used the Internet to answer two "impossible to answer here" reference questions, get background information on setting up a freenet, get information for this article, and keep current on library issues such as intellectual freedom and library access for the disabled. (2)

These are examples of how people have accessed the Internet by using gopher, veronica, ftp, and discussion groups. If you are new to the Internet and feel that that last sentence just dropped you into a black hole, do not worry. Gopher, veronica (and friend archie), and ftp are all subjects for another article. The discussion groups, which are also referred to as mailing lists, reflectors, aliases, and listservs, are an interesting way to get immediate satisfaction from the Internet.

SUBSCRIBING TO A DISCUSSION GROUP

Once you have access to the Internet, subscribing to these discussion groups is free. The following are examples of just a few of my favourite groups with instructions on how to subscribe. (3) In each instance send the message "subscribe group name your first name lastname" (e.g. subscribe AXSLIB-L Suzanne Sexty) to the email address which is listed.

APLA-L: a forum for APLA members who want to share ideas between conferences. Subscribe by emailing: mailserv@ac.dal.ca

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BI-L: a forum for bibliographic instruction dialogue. Subscribe by emailing: listserv@bingvmb.bitnet

IFREEDOM: a forum on censorship and intellectual freedom which is moderated by Larry Amey at Dalhousie. Subscribe by emailing: listserv@snoopy.ucis.dal.ca

PUBLIB: concerned with the use of Internet in public libraries. Subscribe by emailing: listserv@nysernet.org

PUBYAC: focuses on public library services to children and young adults. Subscribe by emailing: listserv@lis.pitt.edu

Other groups of interest to children's librarians include: JOINKIDS and KIDLIT-L.

STUMPERS-L: a place to post reference questions which you cannot answer. Subscribe by emailing: mailserv@crf.cuis.edu

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FROM BLACK HOLE TO RISING STAR

Technical Services work is never done, or at least, never finished. No matter how hard the staff works, no matter how many items they catalogue, every morning new material arrives requiring someone's time and attention. No matter how many resources of staff hours the library commits to the department the backlog never seems to diminish. Librarians once predicted that the acquisition of an automated library system would solve the problem. The problem, however, will not go away. Articles in library journals still deplore the high cost of cataloguing. The Library of Congress has instituted a research program to study the productivity of its cataloguing departments. The National Library has also recently funded a study to investigate solutions to the cataloguing backlog in Canadian libraries. It is as though somewhere in the country's technical services departments a gigantic black hole resides, eating up the library resources.

In the past the Nova Scotia Provincial Library's Technical Services Department also has experienced the black hole phenomena. It could never keep up with the constant influx of material. The Department receives, catalogues, and processes library
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From The Editors' Desk

The fact I am writing this issue's editorial itself communicates a number of things to me. Librarians in academic institutions take their vacations during the "down" time of the school year (Edith is on vacation), and are able to catch their collective breaths before the onslaught of students in September. This leads me to wonder how our confreres (consoeurs?) manage in public and special libraries. Knowing every year that the summer will come gives school, university, and college librarians a chance to charge our batteries.

This summer gave me the chance to take a "busman's holiday" in Western Canada and observe what actually takes place in a number of public libraries. I stand in awe of the stamina of some of the public service librarians. Constantly being bombarded by queries must lead to eventual burn-out. My hat comes off to them.

However, the great equalizer of September is upon us and the summer seems to be in the far-off distance.

Ragland, which for the past few years has served the *Bulletin* well as our graphic designer and typesetter, must, because of other responsibilities, cease to be our go-between. Greg MacKenzie and Kathleen McConnell have served the editors well in acting as agents between us and the printers. Ragland will be working with us through issue number 3 of this volume. If any of our readers have any leads for a replacement, please forward this information to Edith Haliburton.

—Chris Bull
Advertising Editor

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From The President's Desk

I hope you had a relaxing summer and are fresh for the fall activities. I had a very different sort of experience at this year's Canadian Library Association Conference with all the talk across Ontario about Social Contract and its implications for libraries. Some libraries have already anticipated the need to cut back and for others, time will tell over the next year. Although several people were absent from the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC) meeting sponsored by Ontario Library Association (OLA), the Round up session on activities in the libraries was very informative. Every jurisdiction present is actively involved in lobbying.

Information Policy held a very prominent place in the CLA program agenda with two back-to-back sessions being held. CLA Council has mandated the Information Policy Committee and appointed Brian Campbell of Vancouver Public Library as Chair. The Committee has been asked to draft a Terms of Reference and an action plan for presentation to Council in January. There was some debate about how to involve Provincial and Regional organizations such as APLA as a part of this CLA Committee. I have been in touch with Brian Campbell and he will be consulting with liaisons of Provincial Associations and asking for APLA support for an Information Rights Week that is planned for March. Current plans are for simultaneous press conferences in every province. I will consult with the Executive about this at our

September meeting in order to determine how we would like to participate. Everyone is being invited to organize local events around the national event. If you have ideas, please send them to me. This could very well be one of the most important issues of the year and there are a lot of potential media allies with whom we could work.

Another resolution from the CLA Executive was passed supporting the development of Freenets across Canada. A movement has already begun in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to develop Freenet. Several delegates from the Atlantic Provinces recently attended a conference sponsored by the National Capital Free-net, in Ottawa, in association with Industry and Science Canada on "Community Networking the International Free-Net Conference." I will keep you informed on this topic as initiatives develop.

Our newly formed Communications Committee has been meeting over the summer and will also present a report on suggested activities at the Executive meeting.

Potentially the best news of the summer is based on the apparent success of the Don't Tax Reading Coalition that was launched this spring and summer. APLA sent a letter of support of the lobby. Although there is nothing official yet, a very high profile was achieved and everyone is optimistic that the GST will be removed from books and perhaps from periodicals, although that is less certain.

—Marion Pape

Internet continued from page 1...

Is the Internet the best thing since sliced bread, the be all to end all? That is for you to decide. As far as this convert is concerned, the Internet, if used dynamically, can provide libraries with new opportunities to improve service and, not incidentally, our public image.

1. Jean Polly Amour. "Surfing the Internet: An Introduction" *Wilson Library Bulletin*, June 1992, p. 38.
2. By the time that you read this, we will have returned from a trip to Atlanta. Before going I checked the Internet and found information on the city, including a weather forecast and the home schedule for the Braves. On my own time, honest. Since becoming a convert, I have added a modem to my home computer and can now zip through cyberspace at any hour of the night or day.
3. Let me know if you have a favourite discussion group. If there is enough interest we can look at listing them.

For a print index to discuss groups, check Michael Strangelove and Diane Kovacs' *Directory of Electronic Journals, Newsletters, and Academic Discussion Lists* (2nd ed., Washington, D.C.: Association of Research Libraries, 1992).

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material for nine of the eleven Regional Libraries in Nova Scotia. Whenever a new branch opened, the Department would be inundated with new material requiring cataloguing and processing. The staff could not manage the influx, and by 1990 the backlog had filled Technical Services quarters and spilled into the halls. This backlog caused long delays in getting material out to the Regions and earned the department a reputation of being "the black hole of the library."

In 1990 a new administration brought a renewed commitment to improving Provincial Library's services to the Regional Libraries. In line with this commitment, Technical Services concentrated its efforts on eliminating the backlog of approximately 30,000 items in 1990-91. By focusing all their efforts on this one goal, and with extra staff provided by a supportive administration, the staff achieved noticeable results by the end of 1991. Accordingly, staff celebrated Christmas with particular joy that year because the halls were cleared and most of the backlog was under control. By the end of the fiscal year, extra staff was no longer required as regular staff could now handle the workload.

The APLA 1992 preconference workshop came at an opportune time for staff of Technical Services. Charles McClure's presentation on evaluating library services motivated staff to take the next step toward better service. They decided to analyze the time it took to catalogue and process material. They found they could easily collect the information required for the evaluation. With some very simple arithmetic and the help of a calculator, they discovered that material spent an average of 12 weeks or three months at Provincial Library. Faced with the facts, all staff agreed that the service was not acceptable. The Regional Libraries, and particularly their library patrons, could not wait three months while material slowly made its way through the Provincial Library. The staff set their goal at a four week turnaround time and everyone searched for ways to speed up the process. Any ideas on streamlining tasks were studied, discussed, and tried. Every new procedure that would save even one day was considered worth implementing if at all possible. Some ideas worked, and some failed, but by July, 1992, the staff celebrated reaching their goal over a pizza lunch. Setting just one obtainable goal that all staff wanted to achieve was the first step. They had only one very important priority and everyone became committed to reaching it.

Technical Services' success in reaching their goal so quickly was surprising. Every new adjustment to the daily routine produced noticeable results. The Regional Libraries' praise and appreciation helped spur the staff on to even greater productivity. Striving as a team to improve just one part of the service at a time realized noticeable results. Encouragement provided the security that empowered the staff to suggest new ways and means to get the material into the hands of our patrons faster. The support of the administration and of the Regional Libraries ensured staff's continued commitment to their goal. The four week turnaround time that had seemed so unattainable at first, now seemed inadequate. The staff decided to strive for a two week turnaround time. To achieve this new goal more creative initiatives had to be tried. Old procedures were eliminated. New ones were established. Nothing was sacrosanct. Even the sacred shelf list card, which took two weeks to get from Utlas, was replaced with a book label affixed to a 3 x 5 card. This innovation allowed the staff to institute other changes in the scheduling and organization of the regional shipments which produced even greater time savings. Anything that delayed the process was scrutinized, and if feasible, stopped.

On September 17, 1992, the Provincial Library moved to new facilities. The material shipped on September 16 had arrived, on average, less than two weeks before. Due to hard work and creative problem solving the staff entered their new facilities knowing they had reached their new goal. Maintaining this goal for a year has been a challenge. The Department has set new objectives to improve the quality of the database and automate the new system. Automation is creating new demands, a need for staff training and a set of new procedures. Technical Services is once again reviewing their procedures to adapt to this new environment while maintaining an efficient and cost-effective service. Reaching new goals while sustaining past achievement will once again challenge the entire staff. However, for now, having reached our goals, the Department feels more like a rising star than a black hole.

—Wendy Duff
N. S. Provincial Library

apla Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group

Members of the APLA Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group met in Halifax on July 14 at the Atlantic School of Theology with Susan Harris, Convener, in the Chair. The cool basement cafeteria of AST was a comfortable place for a meeting in the hot and humid atmosphere covering Halifax at that time.

Alice Harrison, Chief Librarian of AST, gave members an interesting account of the highlights of her recent visits to the Library of Congress, the National Library of Scotland, and the Smithsonian Conservation Laboratories. On these visits she was particularly interested in the handling of rare books and especially the displaying of them. AST is in the process of building a new library, scheduled for opening this fall, and has a significant number of rare books in its collection. As Alice noted from these visits, nobody holds back secrets when it comes to conservation; everybody is ready and willing to share knowledge and experience with others.

Alice's shared observations from her visits included the following tips:

- Displays should last a maximum of three months.
- Whenever a book is opened for display, it is ruined forever. It will always open again to that place. This can be alleviated somewhat by regularly turning the pages displayed every few days.
- Lighting should be a maximum of 50 lux. If you have lighted cases the rest of the room can be made really dark to exaggerate the effect of the lighted cases.
- Books should be displayed as flat as possible.
- Cradles, when used, should be made for each individual book. A lip on the cradles will help hold a book in place.

On exhibit at the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress during Alice's visit was a display of 200 manuscripts from the Vatican. For this display, no spotlights or showcase lights were used. The display cases of cedarwood had two glass shelves for the manuscripts. The bottom of each case had a vent with a tray of silicagel to absorb any moisture. She found that with wheelchair access for the displays the cases were too low and the labels too

small for ease of reading by the general public. These are all points to keep in mind when preparing displays. Alice circulated pamphlets and documents on preservation and exhibitions obtained on her visits and offered to send copies to interested members. She also noted that a 70-minute video, *Basic Preservation Techniques*, which comes with a 60-page workshop manual, is available for loan from the Atlantic School of Theology Library, 640 Franclyn Street, Halifax, NS, B3H 3B5 for the cost of postage. It was prepared by the Milton Eisenhower Library at Johns Hopkins University.

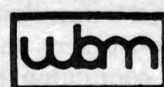
Susan Harris and Edith Haliburton reported to members on the two-session Workshop on Microfilm Standards and Filming Options sponsored by the Newspaper Interest Group and Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group held at the APLA Conference in May (and reported in v. 57, n.1 of the *Bulletin*).

Rashid Tayyeb reported on the good and bad news from the Patrick Power Library at Saint Mary's. Problems in the Rare Book Room have now been fixed. Clean up of the books for the removal of dust, not mold, is still required. It was noted that Endust is no longer recommended for cleaning books, because of a change in the formula. On the bad news front, the Technical Services area of the Library was flooded because the build-up of snow on the roof in the snowy month of March caused a leak into this area. As of now, the Technical Services staff are still having to cope with only half their normal area, with the other half still shrouded in plastic.

There was some discussion of the possibility of a workshop on health and safety aspects of library work and conservation in particular for next year's conference.

The meeting ended with a tour of the new library facilities still under construction at the Atlantic School of Theology. Members of the group were grateful to Alice Harrison for sharing her knowledge and providing the venue for the meeting.

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APLA '94: BACK TO REALITY

Please accept this invitation to visit Baddeck, Nova Scotia, during May 26-29, 1994! Why? Because Baddeck is hosting the 1994 APLA Conference. Though all of you are aware of, and very well may have visited Baddeck, we thought to make next year's conference more fruitful and enjoyable for you, we would, through a series of columns, introduce you to the area, the host properties, entertainment, travel planning, exhibits, the food, and, of course, program highlights. We will also keep you on schedule for your conference planning by way of gentle reminders on when you should book hotel rooms, ground transportation, etc. You don't have to thank us, we're just kindly Cape Bretoners extending the hospitality for which we are famous!

The host properties, the Inverary Inn and Gizelle's, two of the island's most well-appointed hotels, feature resort facilities. The hotels, located across the road from each other, overlook the Bras d'Or Lakes. They offer tennis courts, swimming pools, health club facilities, horseshoes, basketball court, kids' programming, and more. Plus there is a golf course close by (more about local amenities, shopping etc. in a later column!).

There are 200 rooms available at the two properties but book early! The Cabot Trail Relay, a weekend-long foot race over the Cabot Trail, which draws over 600 international competitors, is scheduled for the same weekend as our conference. Since Baddeck is the start and finish point for the race, both spectators and competitors will be looking for accommodation in Baddeck. The conference rates for both hotels are \$68.00 for single occupancy and \$72.00 for double occupancy. In case you would like to extend your visit to Baddeck both properties will offer conference rates three days prior to the Conference and three days after the Conference. What better reason do you need to take a bit of a break and visit Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia's masterpiece?

There is also the food. Have we mentioned the food? To get your interest piqued we are including the recipe for Inverary Oatcakes. So many people ask for it that the Inn produced it on a card for those interested. We figure if you have the recipe now it will give you a head start for next May. The recipe is very straightforward and delicious, and has been pretested on UCCB Library staff with satisfying results! The

INVERARY OATCAKES

1 1/2 cups White Sugar	6 cups Rolled Oats
2 tbsp Brown Sugar	1 lb Shortening
4 cups Flour	1/2 cup Butter
2 tsp Salt	1/2 cup Cold Water
2 tsp Soda	

Sift together flour, sugars, salt, and soda; add to oats and mix well. Add soft butter and shortening mixing until absorbed; do not over mix. Add water and mix for one minute until water is absorbed; do not over mix.

Roll out 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch thick. Cook at 350° f until lightly brown.

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quantities do look large; when the recipe is halved, it makes approximately 40 2"x 2" oatcakes. One thing the recipe doesn't mention, which may not be evident to those who aren't oatcake aficionados yet, is that when you roll out the oatcakes you cut them into squares. Oatcakes are not round!

Until the next *APLA Bulletin* we will tell you of the pleasantric Baddeck and area, take care!

—Faye Hopkins and Laura Pe
Co-Conveners, APLA

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference Committee is seeking proposals for papers to be delivered at the 1994 annual BSC Conference, which will be held in conjunction with the Learned Societies meetings at the University of Calgary, June 7-8, 1994. Areas of special interest are:

- papers on library collections in Western Canada
- papers on library collections about Western Canada
- papers on bibliographical aspects of scholarly research relating to Western Canada
- papers on bibliographical aspects of scholarly research projects situated in Western Canada
- papers on publishing activities in Western Canada
- papers on the book and literacy in Western Canada

Proposals should be submitted by **January 1, 1994** to:

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ALL QUIET ON THE WORK FRONT

We work in a business culture which requires all of us to ignore, deny, or repress most of our feelings. The more successful we are at doing so, the more "professional" we are considered. Perhaps because many of us have never learned to deal with our own emotions, we retreat before a co-worker's or subordinate's emotional upsurge. At one end of the continuum, there is an ever-present subtle discouragement of any expression of negative feelings. At the other, is a not so subtle deep-freeze reaction if employees "lose it" and voice their anger or frustration. In this climate, such expression reduces the status of the employee. Often an employee's "loss of control" becomes the issue, with very little regard for contributing organizational factors. Not only is the voicing of emotions punished, but employee silence is often-times rewarded.

All of this is done at a tremendous cost to ourselves, our co-workers, and our organizations. By continuing to inculcate emotional repression we deny our humanity. Yet we are beings who must express and meet emotional needs in order to lead balanced and happy lives. In not providing and encouraging

an environment in which employees may air their work-related problems, concerns or conflicts, we foster the development of low morale, pettiness, backstabbing, and formation of cliques. Honest, upfront communication is often sacrificed on the altar of false civility.

It is time, or rather well past time, that we acknowledge the harm that is done in the workplace by ignoring the feelings of employees. We must let go of the idea that feelings (ours and those of others) have no place in our organizations. Emotions, openly expressed or not, do affect our view of ourselves, our jobs, our relationships with our co-workers. They determine the "tone" of each day—how we think of our places of work; our job commitment; our belief in our contribution and worth. To ignore or undervalue employees' feelings is quickly perceived as management's lack of concern and respect for the staff.

Managers have a responsibility to take the lead in this area. They must develop in themselves and in their staff the skills necessary for open communication. They must foster a safe environment for expressing conflict and concerns. Additionally, managers must implement guidelines and parameters

designed to aid communication and promote respect and tolerance of differing views.

Too many organizations pay lip service to the humanistic model of management. Buzz words and phrases such as empowerment, communication, and human resource management are bandied about to show. Eventually these ideas lose energy. Employee turnover, absenteeism, and poor motivation are all costly symptoms of our traditional disregard for the emotional reality of the workplace.

Like all difficult endeavours, change of attitude and attainment of skills will take some time. That the needed now is unarguable. To continue to resist or ignore this need is untenable.

—Suzanne
University of Prince Edward I

APLA MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Memorial Awards Committee extends its congratulations to Angela Lonardo, Information Services Librarian, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, and to Peter Higham, Music Librarian, Alfred Whitehead Memorial Music Library, Mount Allison University. Angela and Peter share the APLA Memorial Award for 1993.

During her sabbatical year, Angela will be working on a project at the Information Centre on Higher Education, International Association of Universities, UNESCO, Paris. The focus of her work will be the front-end development of an international database of research institutions, researchers, and research studies on higher education. As an extension of the project, the Information Centre will become a focal point for the formation of an international network of researchers. Angela has been invited to promote the network by participating in the development of an electronic bulletin board and in its moderation. Funds were awarded to help defray her travel expenses.

Peter will be working on two projects during his sabbatical leave. The first is the preparation of an annotated bibliography of compositions for the guitar by Canadian composers; the other is to do further study

of the music of Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Peter was granted funds to visit the Library of Congress to study musical scores in manuscript.

—Marguerite Jones
Memorial University of Newfoundland

BRIMER AWARDS SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED




The Nova Scotia Library Association has announced the shortlist for the third annual Ann Connor Brimer Award for children's books written by Atlantic Canadian authors.

On the shortlist are *Clearcut Danger* by Lesley Choyce (Formac), *The Metallic Sparrow* by Lance Woolaver (Nimbus), and *Oliver's Wars* by Budge Wilson (Stoddart).

The Award was established in memory of Ann Connor Brimer, who left a bequest to the Nova Scotia Library Association to be used to recognize writers whose books make an outstanding contribution to children's literature in Atlantic Canada.

The winner will be announced on November 12, 1993 during a reception at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax.



APLA Memorial Awards

Travel and Study Funds are Available. Do you need financial assistance to study or do research? Awards are available from the APLA Memorial Trust. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed programme and estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 31, 1994 to:

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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU- BRUNSWICK

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

New Brunswick Library Service is now on the Internet and can be contacted at nbls@unb.ca.

The Moncton Public Library (MPL) launched a year-long birthday celebration on June 18, exactly eighty years from the date it first opened its doors. To mark this date, the Library unveiled a logo and slogan which will be used throughout the year. The slogan *Discover the Treasures! / Découvrez les trésors!* is an open invitation to all to investigate the variety of materials and services the library offers.

MPL will receive funding under the National Library of Canada's Adaptive Technology for Libraries Program. The grant will cover half the cost of a Reading

Edge Kurzweil with English and French language software. This equipment scans and reads to an individual the text on a printed page thus making available to persons with a visual disability the entire range of printed matter.

Le Club de lecture d'été occupe tout le personnel de la région Chaleur. Heureusement que la région bénéficie d'étudiants. Cette année, plusieurs bibliothèques ont obtenu des étudiants à travers les projets d'été Défi et JET-Stream, et deux bibliothèques publiques, soit Dalhousie et Campbellton, ont participé au Programme d'échange jeunesse. Sans cette aide précieuse, le Club de lecture d'été ne posséderait pas l'ampleur qui le caractérise actuellement dans la région Chaleur. Des représentants des communautés de Paquetville et de Landry Settlement ont rencontré le directeur régional dans le but d'éventuellement obtenir une bibliothèque qui desservirait les deux communautés.

Branches and departments throughout the Saint John Region were grateful this summer for the help of student assistants hired under the

federal and provincial summer employment programs. Summer programs this year included Kids Practising Computer Literacy, preschool storytimes, family drop-in programs, special weekly programs for organized groups, special exhibits by New Brunswick artists, etc.

Pearl Hazen retired in August after five years as head of the Sussex Public Library. She is replaced by Pauline Giberson who worked in Acquisitions for 14 years at the Central Library and regional headquarters.

The Saint John Regional Library Board held its quarterly meeting at the Kennebecasis Public Library on July 23. Peggy Saunders and Dorothy Gunn-Robertson attended as the representatives for the Ross Memorial Library in Saint Andrews.

In September, the Region adopted a three-week loan period for general circulation books.

York Regional Library has begun publication of a newsletter entitled *YRL Newsletter*. The newsletter will appear twice yearly.

York's Giant Annual Book Sale raised over \$13,000. In addition, the June event provided new additions to the library collections valued at \$3,000.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is a better place, thanks to the Class of '93. As a farewell gift to the University, seniors raised over \$14,000 to purchase new books for the university's library system. The contribution is significant and is particularly appreciated in that, over the last five years, the university libraries have experienced a 30 per cent decrease in purchasing power. In May, the class celebrated the success of its Adopt-a-Book Program with the unveiling of a university crest in front of the Harriet Irving Library. The crest, which is embedded near the Library's entrance, is engraved with the names of students who donated \$25 or more toward the purchase of books. Each \$25 donor will also be recognized with the insertion of a personalized Class of 1993 bookplate in the volume which they helped to purchase.

A \$21,000 grant will enable scholars of children's literature and the history of childhood to study copies of rare and early publications for children at the University of New Brunswick's Education Resource Centre. This funding is provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's program of support to specialized collections and covers three years. The Children's Literature Collection also received financial support from this national program in 1989. The acquisitions made possible

by this grant will add to the Library's collection of microform reproduction from two of the world's most extensive and highly regarded collections. One consists of nineteenth century children's books from the holdings of the British Library. The other reprints will make available the contents of the collection of Peter and Iona Opie gathered in the course of their lifelong study of childhood. The Opie Collection is now housed at the Bodleian Library of Oxford University. The University of New Brunswick is the only library in Canada providing access to both of these collections.

ASSOCIATIONS

Due to ill health, Frank Jean has resigned as president of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association. Judy Heron has agreed to act in his place until the next general meeting of the Association in April 1994.

LIBRARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Level I of the Library Assistant Program is again being offered during the fall and winter sessions under the auspices of the Department of Extension and Summer Session of the University of New Brunswick. The program consists of one regular three-hour evening session per week for 26 weeks and approximately five Saturday workshops for a total of 110 classroom hours. Sixty have registered for the program which is being offered on-site in Fredericton, and by teleconferencing in Moncton, Saint John, and Woodstock. Participants come from public, academic, school, and special libraries. The Level II Cataloguing and Classification Course of the Library Assistant Program was offered in Fredericton in July to fourteen participants. The course is being offered again in the fall in Saint John.

—Jocelyne Thompson
Vice President (New Brunswick)

NEWFOUNDLAND

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The collective breath is being held as Provincial Library staff wait for James Walsh, Minister for Tourism and Culture, to peruse the report of the Committee which he appointed to look into claims of mismanagement at the Public Libraries. His response to the Report will also include a decision on whether or not the Public Libraries Board may proceed with the "downsizing" actions it has

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recommended to enable it to live within a budget that has been greatly reduced over the past few years, and to accommodate additional reductions that may be imposed to recover an accrued deficit of approximately \$900,000. It is hoped that a number of key positions which have been frozen since the Review Committee began its task will at last be thawed.

David Gale, a Staffing Specialist currently employed at Treasury Board, is scheduled to take up his duties as Director of the Provincial Library Services, on September 20. Judy Anderson has been soldiering on as a fairly new Deputy Director since the retirement of Pearce Penney, with the assistance of Donna Brewer, Acting Administrator, trying to lead everyone through the maze of new procedures being established at the Public Libraries Board.

A tender to supply books has at last been awarded to Readmore Books, and it is hoped that ordering will return to normal shortly. No new books have been ordered since April 1, so the public is understandably perturbed.

Deirdre Tiffany, Head, Technical Services, also advises that several vendors are in the process of producing a sample microfiche catalogue and that a contract should soon be awarded. This will be good news to staff who have been without a catalogue update for well over a year.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Elizabeth Behrens, Librarian at MUN's Grenfell College in Corner Brook, is taking a full year sabbatical for further studies at the University of Ottawa.

ASSOCIATIONS

John White, President of the Newfoundland Library Association, has announced that Newfoundland Library Week will take place between April 25-May 1, 1994. The theme will be "Looking at Ourselves Through Books". The Association also has a new mailing address: P. O. Box 23192, St. John's, NF A2B 4J9.

—Elinor Benjamin
Vice President (Newfoundland)

NOVA SCOTIA

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Although staff are enjoying their first summer in air-conditioned comfort, things are really heating up at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library! The automation process continues, and the latest exciting development has been the NSTN hookup at NSPL and eight of the regional libraries. E-mail messages are flying all across the Province, and people are tentatively exploring the Internet. Interlibrary loan services will be switching over to the new e-mail system from ENVOY later in the fall, after all regions have participated in an ILL conference. The test database for the Regional Library Union Catalogue has been mounted using the new multiLis software; sneak previews are available wherever the NSTN link has been made.

The Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Strategic Planning process is continuing. Andrea John and Marion Pape are participating on a multi-party committee that is looking at the provision of services to the print handicapped in the Province. The recommendations of this committee will feed in to the Strategic Planning process. Other projects, including the Regional Library Funding Formula Review, and Telecommunications Strategic Planning are also progressing well.

Wendy Duff attended the recent Canadian Association of Information Science Conference in Antigonish, and reports that it was a wonderful mixture of research and practical sessions, with a good balance of librarians and information scientists present.

Andrea John has been re-elected as Councillor for the Canadian Library Association.

Several regional libraries and Provincial Library have recently participated in the 30-60-90 Premier's Roundtable on the Economy. The goal was to encourage people to think of libraries when they think of economic development. Libraries can be a one-stop centre for information on job and/or training opportunities, adult

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upgrading, literacy, or information technology materials and workshops, guides to starting a small business, and much more that will encourage local, sustainable economic growth.

The Eastern Counties Regional Library Board announces the appointment of Mary E. MacRury as Chief Librarian and Chief Executive Officer. MacRury has a B.Sc. in Mathematics from McMaster University and a B.L.S. from the University of Alberta. She began her library career as Children's Librarian with Cape Breton Regional Library in Glace Bay, moving to Eastern Counties in September 1981 as Branch Services Coordinator. Over the years, she assumed more administrative responsibilities, becoming Acting Chief Librarian in January 1993. MacRury succeeds Kerstin Mueller in the post. Mueller began as Chief Librarian in 1975. During her 17 and a half years with the Regional Library, service to the seven municipal units expanded from three branches and three bookmobiles to seven branches and two bookmobiles. The local history collection was expanded to include microfilms of census and newspaper records pertinent to the three-county area, and the Library became an official depository for local newspapers.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Dalhousie University Libraries recently received two grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada under its Support to Specialized Collections program.

A grant of \$9,000 will provide support for the study of economic history and theory. The acquisition of collected works of major economic thinkers such as Hayek, Hobson, and Jevons will complement the existing research collection in the history of economic thought. In addition, the catalogue and consolidated bibliography of the Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature will provide details of the world's most important collection of historic economic literature from 1470 to 1850. A grant of \$5,000 will be used to acquire English and foreign language works on Oriental influences in Western art and literature. One of the major Western writers on Orientalism, Edward Said, is engaged to speak in the "Cross-Cultural Issues in the Arts" series presented by the Dalhousie Art Gallery.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Preliminary plans are underway to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Carnegie Library Demonstration in Prince Edward Island. In 1933, several branch libraries were opened, marking the beginning of the Provincial Library System.

An executive was recently formed for the Friends of the Confederation Centre Public Library Inc. The organization serves as an educational philanthropic group and provides support to the Library by raising funds. In addition, the Group hopes to attract and maintain memberships, arrange publicity for the Library, and organize special events.

In connection with the Summer Reading Program, a number of activities were held in the libraries in the System. Among the highlights at the Confederation Centre Public Library were the Teddy Bear Picnic, Peter Rabbit's 100th Birthday, a mystery afternoon, and a magic show. Reading clubs were organized at all of the public libraries, and the participation results will be known early in September.

Congratulations are extended to French Services Librarian Johanne Jacob and her husband, Stephane

Ferland, on the birth of their son, Vincent. Johanne will be on leave until January, 1994; during her absence, Stephane will be assuming her responsibilities on a part-time basis.

The bookmobiles have finished their 20-year run on the roads of the Province. Many patrons have voiced their disappointment at the loss of this service, but there has been no organized effort to reverse the decision. Two permanent employees were affected by the announcement.

Circulation statistics have been compiled for the 1992-93 fiscal year. There were significant increases at the Confederation Centre Public Library and the Western Library Region, but decreases at the Government Services Library and the bookmobiles.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The University of Prince Edward Island has announced the appointment of Daniel A. Savage as Chief Librarian of Robertson Library. Mr. Savage previously held a similar position at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ontario. He will assume his duties in mid-September.

At Holland College, much of the summer was spent converting files for a mandatory system upgrade. The Technology Centre is relocating to unused space at the Royalty Centre, and the Technology Centre Library is moving to a new location adjacent to the Royalty Centre. The Harbourside

Centre, located in Summerside, has received a grant for new equipment from the Windsor Foundation; the Library will benefit from this grant.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The first class of the School Librarianship Program graduated 11 people at convocation exercises at the University of Prince Edward Island. Two surveys are now underway: the first is a survey of graduates to evaluate the program, and the second is a survey of all teachers to assess interest in the program.

School Unit 4 has announced the cancellation of the AV mobile, which for many years has brought audiovisual materials to the schools in the Unit. The collection will now be housed at the Unit 4 Board Office. Librarian Cathy Horne will work half-time at the Board Office and half-time at Montague Senior High School.

ASSOCIATIONS

Plans are completed for the sixth annual barbecue held by the Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association. This social event is one of the highlights of the year for Association members, and attendance has traditionally been high.

—Nichola Cleaveland
Vice President (Prince Edward Island)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA)/Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) joint conference October 22-24, 1993, Halifax Hilton Hotel, Halifax, NS. [For further information, see *APLA Bulletin*, v. 57, no. 1, p. 23]

APLA '94 (Back to Reality: Serving Users in a Virtual World), May 26-29, 1994, Baddeck, Cape Breton.

Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference (Bibliography and Western Canada), June 7-8, 1994, Calgary, University of Calgary. Contact: Bibliographical Society of Canada, P. O. Box 575, Postal Station F, Toronto, ON, M5S 2T1.

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