

## ST. GALL TO EVANSTON: LIBRARIES FROM THE 7TH TO THE 20TH CENTURIES

[Alice Harrison, Head Librarian of the Atlantic School of Theology, was on a six-month sabbatical leave during the Spring of 1992. Her research project was "The Globalization of Theological Education for the 1990s Within the Context of Ecumenicism: Library Resources". An APLA Memorial Awards grant enabled her to undertake part of her research in the UK. Her travels took her to six countries where she visited twenty-eight libraries. Of these twenty-eight, she describes below a few which might be of interest to Bulletin readers.]



One of the most interesting libraries visited was the Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen (the Abbey Library of St. Gall) in Switzerland. This is the library of the former Benedictine Abbey of St. Gall. It all began with a solitary monk's cell founded by the Irish missionary, Gallus, in 612. Later, under St. Omar, after 719, it was developed into a Benedictine Abbey. By the ninth century, it reached the height of its religious and economic fame. It was noted for its school and library being one of the main centres for culture. It was also noted for its book illuminators, monks whose names are associated with St. Gall manuscripts.

The Abbey Library contains about 100,000 volumes. The most unique treasures are the 2,000 manuscripts,

dating back to the early and middle ages. In the collection are beautifully written and illuminated manuscripts in Irish, Carolingian, and Ottonian style. Others are from the Renaissance period of the Abbey in the 15th and 16th centuries. There are unique documents for biblical study. In addition to the hand-written works there is a collection of 1,650 volumes of incunabula.

The Library Hall has been described as the most beautiful rococo interior in Switzerland. It was constructed in 1758. The ceiling frescoes depict the first four Oecumenical Councils, Nicaea (in 325), Constantinople (381), Ephesus (431) and Chalcedon (451). The painted figures in the side lunettes portray the Church Fathers.

This library did not become a museum but has remained a living library open to a studious public. It even serves as a scientific lending library. One is allowed to ask for any volume and is shown into a reading room. The only requirement is to don a pair of white giveaway gloves to prevent soiling the books. As one enters the Library, shoes are left outside and replaced with slippers, so as not to mark the beautiful floors.

On leaving the Library, as I glanced back there was a Greek inscription over the entrance. I was told it said, "The Medicine Chest of the Soul".

A second library, not to be missed, was the Austrian National Library. Recently it was in the news when the Spanish Riding School caught fire. They were afraid the fire would spread to the Library. The TV report showed a very orderly group of persons rescuing the books as they passed them out of the Library. Fortunately, the Library and books were saved, as were the sixty-seven Lippizan horses.

This baroque library is beautiful beyond description, and is considered one of the great libraries of the world. When built, 1723-1726, there were two aims of the architects, according to tradition. It was to form a splendid frame for the book treasures and to

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## FROM THE SUMMIT TO THE FUTURE

In the second of this year's Friday Lectures organized by Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies, a capacity crowd gathered in the Killam Library's MacMechan Auditorium to hear three active members of Nova Scotia's information profession discuss their experiences at the National Summit on Information Policy held in Ottawa last December. Dr. Mary Dykstra, Marion Pape, and Kay Crinean together provided an interesting and thought-provoking discussion on the implications and developments of this Summit meeting. Organized by the CLA and ASTED, the two-and-a-half day conference initiated a process of consensus-building between various shareholders in Canada's information sector. These shareholders, operating amid rapid changes in technology and often competing interests, included delegates from libraries, universities, cable companies, and government sectors, as well as constituents representing Canada's public and private sectors.

Dr. Dykstra, the Director of the School of Library and Information Studies, summarized the Summit proceedings detailing the four major

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## LIBRARY BROWSING LEADS TO THE DISCOVERY OF A MINI-ICE AGE

While relaxing in the library with a handful of journals, Andre Levesque made what may very well turn out to be the discovery of his lifetime. The biology graduate student at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton discovered the existence of a previously unknown mini-ice age in Maritime Canada.

"I needed a break from counting pollen grains in mud samples and went to the library, grabbed a handful of journals from the shelf, and started

flipping through them," Mr. Levesque explained. "I was about to put down an issue of the scientific publication, *Boreas*, when I came across an article providing new data on climate change in Europe during the late-glacial period." Dating from 14,000 to 10,000 years ago, this period is generally regarded as a warming period globally. It represents the transition from the last glacial to the present warm, interglacial climates.

"What is peculiar to this period in both Maritime Canada and northwest Europe is the Younger Dryas, a cooling

event which interrupted the warming of the late-glacial period for 800 years, beginning 10,800 years ago," Mr. Levesque added. At the time, Mr. Levesque was looking into the possibility that glaciers may have reformed in central New Brunswick during the Younger Dryas cold period and so gave the article a little closer scrutiny.

"The more I read, the more intrigued I became with the authors' hypothesis and supporting data that a cooling event

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# From The President's Desk



**T**his column will be short, just as the past year has been. For a full report of what the President has been doing, please check the annual reports for the President and for the Finance Committee.

As this is my last chance to speak to all of you, since some of you unfortunately cannot be at the annual conference, I would like to make it an opportunity to reflect on what this past year has meant to me. In some ways, this column will be a promo for standing for an office in the Association. If you have not already renewed your membership, you have a chance to tick that you are willing to stand for office. If you have already renewed, then just let me know that you forgot to tick the appropriate box. This is not a time to be modest. APLA is one association where putting forth your own name is not only acceptable, but indeed it is encouraged.

Although I have been an active member of APLA for many years, I had always shied away from running for the venerated position of President. Like everyone else, I had a number of "good" reasons for not running. I felt that I didn't have time; didn't know enough about the Association; wasn't well enough known/was too well known; didn't know enough about the other provinces or about library-related issues. These reasons served me well enough up until a couple of years ago when I realized just how much I owed to my profession, to libraries in general, and to APLA in particular.

We all choose our own ways to pay off our "debts". For me, standing for this position seemed like a good way to settle some of my "debts" to APLA. These debts include friendships which have grown over the years, a network of like-minded persons with whom I can share ideas and who have often

provided me with encouragement or new points of view, opportunities for continuing education, and a broader appreciation of the role of libraries other than academic ones. But, lest I get too sanctimonious, let me tell you that I have also enjoyed one devil of a good time each year at the annual conference.

Well, my plan worked—in part. My conscience has been somewhat assuaged because I feel that I have "given something back" to APLA. But, there is one small problem as I have also gained so much from this year in new friendships, new learning experiences, and an even greater sense of the library world as a whole. So where does this leave my debt to equity ratio? It leaves it in the healthy state of having enough debt that I want to continue contributing to the growth of the Association, but with a good solid equity from which to continue. Thank you for this year. See you in Fredericton.

—Suzanne Sexty

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glorify Emperor Charles VI. The Hapsburg Collections had been housed in various places from the 15th century until the Library was built. The rich holdings include 6.4 million items, including 2.4 million printed books, 50,000 manuscripts, 8,000 incunabula and a papyrus collection of nearly 195,000 papyri.

Crossing the Atlantic back to North America was, in a way, also a crossing ahead in time! Time was spent working in three libraries in the Chicago area. All three are in the city of Evanston, a suburb of Chicago. Two were theological libraries. Recently both Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Library (Methodist) and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary Library (Episcopalian) had restoration work done to preserve and modernize their 1900 era libraries. The restoration work was done by the same architect, Laro Architects Ltd. The third library was the newly-constructed Northwestern University Library. This large university library is a concrete construction with three radial towers arranged in a plaza design. There, all the latest of technologies are available for information retrieval.

Whether the libraries were those of the monks of the Middle Ages, or those of the technologies of the twentieth century, all were a delight to visit to one who loves to take a "Busman's/Buswoman's holiday".

—Alice Harrison  
Atlantic School of Theology

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in Europe could be identified shortly before the Younger Dryas. I noticed my own data from Joe Lake in central New Brunswick showed similar patterns Mr. Levesque said. His core sample taken from this lake showed a drop in the organic content of mud deposits not only during the Younger Dryas cold period but also just before it.

"Less organic or vegetative material and more clay in the sediment suggest a cold period, and I realized that Maritime Canada may have experienced a short but intense cold period before the Younger Dryas around the same time as Europe did. I rushed back to the lab to confirm my guess."

Confirm it the Fredericton native has. Since that discovery in the fall of 1991 Mr. Levesque has collaborated with several other researchers, and they have developed three lines of evidence proving the existence of this hitherto unknown event in Maritime Canada. The result of their work was published in the Feb. 18 issue of the British journal *Nature*. Entitled "A Previously Unrecognized Late-Glacial Cold Event in Eastern North America", the article details this cooling event in Maritime Canada that lasted for 250 years beginning 11,160 years ago. The researchers have named the new late glacial climate cooling the Killarne Oscillation, after Fredericton's Killarne Lake, which contains the best evidence of its existence.

## CACUL WORKSHOP INCENTIVE GRANTS

The Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL), a division of the Canadian Library Association, is pleased to announce that workshop incentive grants of up to \$300.00 each will be awarded annually to support continuing education activities in academic librarianship across the country. These grants are to provide funding support and encouragement for workshops and seminars at the local, regional, and provincial levels.

Applications should be submitted to Debbie McGugan, Education Library, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W0. Phone: (306) 966-5975. FAX: (306) 966-8719.

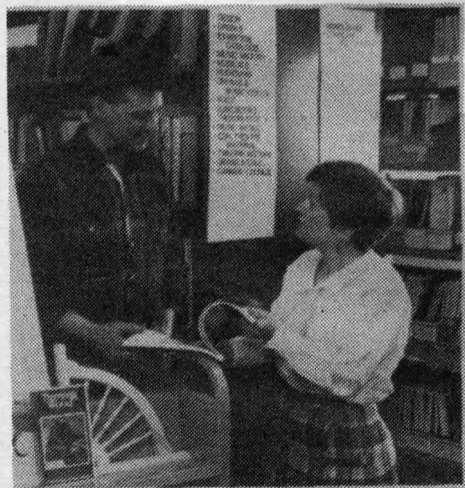
## CULTURAL AFFAIRS LIBRARY: A LIBRARY FOR ALL NOVA SCOTIANS

**A**n amateur craftsperson who lives 45 minutes from the nearest town wants to learn more about tole painting. A teacher wants to find an interesting play for an elementary class. An art student needs materials for a research paper on Mik'maq artists. For these, and many other Nova Scotians, the Cultural Affairs Library in Halifax is a rich and valuable source of cultural information.

Since the Library first opened its doors to the public in 1978, it has offered a free mail service, delivering books to Nova Scotians living outside the Halifax-Dartmouth area. It presently serves approximately 1,000 regular patrons across the Province, from Clark's Harbour to Cape North.

The Library, managed by the Department of Tourism and Culture, is located on the third floor of the Catholic Pastoral Centre in the shadow of the Halifax City Library. It carries material on decorative, performing, literary, and visual arts. It also has information on multiculturalism and heritage. The Library's goal is to promote cultural development by loaning this information to all Nova Scotians.

"It's rural Nova Scotians who benefit most from the Library," says Clary Croft of the Costume Society of Nova Scotia. "It's the craftsperson or artists from Baddeck or Smiths' Cove who are starting new projects with few local resources. The Library is always there for them."



Gillian Webster and cabinetmaker Fred Farrel look through one of the library's many books on woodworking. (Photo: N.S. Information and Communications.)

"I live in a rural area and don't drive," says Marilyn Burns, an avid quilter from East Chezzetcook. "I wouldn't have access to this material without the mail service."



Local craftspeople get together for a craft session at the Cultural Affairs Library. From left: Rita Chambers, lacemaker; Don Lounder, weaver; Fred Farrel, cabinetmaker; Gillian Webster, librarian; Elaine Johnson, basketweaver. (Photo: N.S. Information and Communications.)

Once people discover the mail service, they are faithful users. One woman who moved from Nova Scotia missed the service so much she called from Toronto requesting books. "We don't normally go outside the Province," says Gillian Webster, librarian and sole staff member, "but this woman was a loyal user, so we did."

This is just one example of how the Library's patrons always come first. Although Gillian has many administrative duties, she finds time to show first-time users around the Library and acts as a consultant. She prepares information for people who call in advance, and conducts tours for interested groups.

Many groups depend on the Library for material. Artistic directors of community theatres and high school productions come in regularly to pick out plays. Teachers and students of craft classes, dance programmes, colleges, and universities often borrow from the Library.

"Students often find books they can't get anywhere else," says David Overton, Chairperson of the Dalhousie Theatre Department. "I've been sending students to the Library for about 12 years with good results."

The Library is small, carrying approximately 10,000 volumes. "The Library's size is one of its greatest strengths," says Gillian. "It's easy to browse here because it's small and specialized; still it's very indepth."

The Library's wide range of material comes in various formats. In addition to books, the Library subscribes to 130 magazines and carries approximately 80 videos. "The selection is great," says Veronique MacKenzie-Bourne, instructor with Dance Nova Scotia. "I mainly use the videos to help my beginning modern dance students who don't have much opportunity to see this form of dance."

A quick look at the books on the Library's shelves reveals a wide variety of information. Subjects range from basketry to woodworking, from opera to exhibition management.

The Library also has a reading room for Canadian plays published by Playwrights Canada Press. Whenever possible, Canadian material is collected, especially if it's relevant to Nova Scotia. Because the library serves the entire province, it acts as a link connecting craftspeople and artists across Nova Scotia. With Gillian Webster's enthusiasm and the Library's help, an old bench from the barn may get moved to the front room, some kids might receive a standing ovation in a crowded gymnasium, and a student could learn a little more about her heritage.

For more information on the Library, write: Cultural Affairs Library, P.O. Box 456, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2R5 or call (902) 424-7734 or 424-7523.

—Jennifer MacIsaac  
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## STATE OF THE ART TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CNIB LIBRARY

**T**he CNIB Library for the Blind will be replacing its current circulation system with state of the art technology for its library services and its alternate format production tracking.

The new approach at the CNIB will address both the needs of its registered users and the more than 400 agencies which depend on the Library for their alternate format collections to support their print-handicapped users.

The Library is truly a library without walls. It serves its customers at home via free mail. The new system will give users several options for accessing library services. For example, they will be able to choose automatic selection which uses reader-interest profiles to automatically browse and select material for them. For those adept at computers, online use of the public access catalogue and other online features will be available. An interactive voice facility will be able to link users with all aspects of the Library's services. These important developments will ensure that blind and visually impaired users have the same independence of choice and privacy in addressing their library and information needs as sighted users accessing local library services.

The requirements for the new system were developed after extensive study by the Library of its environment, clients' requirements for service, and its future directions in relation to other agencies and information access technologies and services.

The Request for Proposal is being developed in conjunction with the functional specifications, and will be issued to the marketplace early in 1993. The creation of a MARC database of all the Library's special format collections will be the first phase of the Project.

The Library recently issued a Request for Information to vendors across North America. Several vendors responded and the information was used to develop a budget for the implementation of the System. This budget and the source of funding were recently approved by the Library's Board of Management.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY GIVES \$128,000 TO HELP LIBRARIES SERVE PATRONS WITH PRINT-HANDICAPS

For the first time, the National Library will provide financial assistance, totalling \$128,000, to 24 libraries across the country, as part of its Adaptive Technology for Libraries Program. This matching contributions program is designed to help Canadian libraries obtain specialized equipment to make the written word accessible to those who cannot read conventional print.

Three libraries in the Atlantic Provinces were recipients of assistance. In Newfoundland, the **Queen Elizabeth II Library of Memorial University** received \$3,815 to purchase one personal microcomputer and CD-ROM drive with specialized software to provide large print and speech access to the Library's catalogue and CD-ROM databases. In Nova Scotia, **Dartmouth Regional Library** received \$6,015 to purchase one closed circuit television and specialized software and hardware to provide large print and speech access to the Library's catalogue. The **Confederation Centre Public Library** in Charlottetown, P. E. I. received \$1,873 for one closed circuit television with large print software.

The Adaptive Technology for Libraries Program provides up to half the cost of adaptive equipment to a maximum of \$15,000. Funding is available for a variety of items such as magnification devices, electronic document scanners, and braille and

voice output software. The recipient library must match the funds received from the National Library with an equal amount.

Over forty libraries applied for funding to be received in 1993. Applications were reviewed by a subcommittee of the Advisory Group on National Library Services to Persons with Disabilities. The Advisory Group is composed of representatives from the library and education communities, representatives of associations of Canadians with disabilities, and National Library staff.

"In promoting the conversion of the written word to a format accessible to those unable to read conventional print", says National Librarian Marianne Scott, "the National Library of Canada is helping the hundreds of thousands of Canadians with print disabilities to attain one of their fundamental rights: access to information."

The Adaptive Technology for Libraries Program is part of the National Library's initiative under the federal government's National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities. Under the Strategy, the National Library will receive 1.35 million dollars over a four-year period for programs aimed at increasing the availability and accessibility of information in alternate formats.

The program runs until March 31, 1996. Applications for funding to be received in 1994 were due by April 1.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE ATLANTIC REGION CANADIAN MUSIC CENTRE

Some interesting things are happening at the Atlantic Region Canadian Music Centre. The office is located on the third floor of the Centre for Canadian Studies on the campus of Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. Open, as yet, for only a minimum number of hours due to insufficient funding, the Centre does have some services in place of which students, in particular, are availing themselves.

The catalogue of the library holdings of the Canadian Music Centre is accessible through the MAC Apple Centre for Innovation server on the Campus. Users may find reference to the scores of the CMC's associate composers (who are selected by a jury of peers), and discover whether a specific work is available in either the Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, or Montreal libraries. The meagre holdings of the Sackville office are not included in the online catalogue, as yet, but as its collection grows, those holdings will also be noted. The Centre hopes to make the catalogue accessible on the Internet and thus available at most universities in Canada and indeed, around the world.

Scores of works may be borrowed by individuals from other regional offices, or private copies may be

purchased. Requests may be made by letter, phone, or e-mail, as well as in person. The Atlantic Regional Office also has available some scores of works of the Atlantic Canadian Composers Association (ACCA). A MAC terminal is presently located in the Alfred Whitehead Music Library of Mount Allison University. Relevant reference tools are available here, in what is regarded as one of the best music libraries of the Atlantic Region. The proximity of this music research facility to the Atlantic Region CMC serves well.

Plans are underway for educational development through the Centre. Use of enhanced CD-ROM products will highlight specific Canadian compositions. An electronic keyboard will permit reading scores on location, as well as editing with some MIDI (musical instrument digital interface) applications.

For further information on the Atlantic Region Canadian Music Centre phone (506) 536-4161 or contact Peter Higham, Gwendolyn Ebbett, Nancy Vogan, or Willis Noble, all at Mount Allison University. Queries may also be directed by electronic mail to CMC@MTA.CA

—Peter Higham  
Mount Allison University

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themes covered in Ottawa. Briefly they include: 1) establishing equitable access to information for all through private-public partnerships; 2) the development of technological literacy in Canada's workforce; 3) guaranteeing Canada's competitiveness in the world by focusing on research and development in information technology and telecommunications; and 4) strengthening Canada's infrastructure by developing the communication networks that will soon be the highways for the new economy. Dr. Dykstra noted that the Summit provided a positive point of departure for librarians to become key players in industry, government, and other sectors in order to build a vibrant information-based economy in Canada.

Marion Pape, the Provincial Librarian of Nova Scotia, discussed the role public libraries will play in Canada's emerging information infrastructure. Comprehensive, well-organized public information, available in our public or regional library, enables

members of our society to bring past knowledge and experience to bear on current issues and problems. Technology, she said, presents tremendous opportunities to transform the public library system into a set of nodes in Canada's information highway, further positioning our institutions as the dynamic service institutions that they are today. To illustrate her point, Ms. Pape detailed the strategic planning process of Nova Scotia's regional and public libraries. An interesting model of interlocking information nodes was shown connecting public libraries to community, government, university and research libraries, through the regional library's collective database. Librarians, she noted, are not particularly accustomed to being powerful agents of informational change—usually a mood of protectiveness and reluctance to change holds librarians back. There exists, however, a strong need to create broader electronic access to information, even as the costs of information technology

rise and budgets are being cut. Public libraries, Ms. Pape pointed out, must act as the conduit to information for all sectors and levels of society, emphasizing that the principle of equity is the cornerstone to any democratic society.

The last speaker of the morning was Kay Crinean, a consultant at the Technology Transfer Office, a Federal-Provincial unit with the mandate of facilitating the development and use of technology-based industry in Nova Scotia. Ms. Crinean, coming from the vantage point overlooking both the private and public sectors, gave a very inspiring talk on both the Summit conference and the future of NovaKnowledge, an organization she helped establish. Like it or not, she said, both technology and market forces will be the prime shapers of library services in the future. Changes, however painful, will bring new opportunities to the library, but partnership is crucial: change must be faced up to together, not as separate groups. Nova Scotia, she said proudly, has a powerful

community spirit and all players can easily be included in the switch to an information-based economy. Using words like "vision", "energy", and "confidence", Ms. Crinean detailed key strategic thrusts NovaKnowledge is making in order to revitalize Nova Scotia's economy. In conclusion, Ms. Crinean stated that libraries must plan and prepare, possessing a coherent vision of the services and products that they are offering. Most of all, she stressed, libraries must have a strong, united human resource network behind them in order to make their vision work.

—David Veinot  
MLIS student, Dalhousie University

[Editor's Note: For a full account of the Summit and APLA's response, see the article by Suzanne Sexty, APLA President, on page 5]

# NATIONAL SUMMIT ON INFORMATION POLICY

[Editor's Note: Background paper for Session #306, Saturday, May 29, 1:30—3:30 pm]

The Canadian Library Association's December communique about the National Summit on Information Policy, and APLA's response, were completed too late to be printed in the January/February 1993 issue of the *APLA Bulletin*. In that issue, you had an opportunity to read Elizabeth Hamilton's article "Putting a Cloud in a Bottle: Report on the National Summit on Information Policy".

During the Summit, it was felt that a number of themes had been identified and that these would form the basis for future deliberations. These "five compelling themes," as outlined by Dr. Stuart Smith, Chair of the Summit, have been extracted from the communique and are reprinted below. The rest of the communique was devoted to summarizing the proceedings.

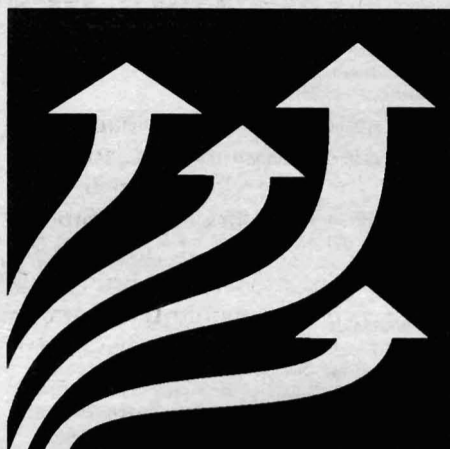
We are also reprinting APLA's response and welcome your thoughts on the subject. Plan on being at the discussion of the summit at the annual conference in Fredericton.

## FROM THE CLA COMMUNIQUE

"Five compelling themes":

- the need to establish a National Data Policy Board, to co-ordinate the policies of agencies like Statistics Canada and the Privacy Commissioner;
- the need to support the Minister's voluntary approach to the protection of privacy, with a reservation about whether the proposed code of ethics would be adequate;
- the need for a variety of approaches to deal with the complex issues of education and training, such as distance education, being available at preferential telecommunication rates;
- the need for libraries to integrate more visibly the new technologies with their services, if they are to build on their acknowledged role as the locum for offering access to information for the public;
- the need for government to harmonize policies that affect information transfer, such as telecommunication tariffs and taxation.

The following response to the communique on the National Summit was sent to CLA for consideration at the winter meeting in Charlottetown, P.E.I.



## APLA's RESPONSE

APLA is circulating the summit communique to various library associations within the Atlantic region and we are soliciting their opinions. As well, we will be continuing a dialogue with our members in order to provide continuing input on this issue. We see a need to more fully explore the questions raised at the Summit, and view these questions as a challenge which will require regular, ongoing discussion. At this time, we are offering our initial response to the communique and the Summit itself, with a belief that this is only the first of such communication between APLA and CLA.

## THE SUMMIT AND THE "FIVE COMPELLING THEMES"

CLA/ASTED and the sponsors are to be commended for organizing an event which allowed such a diversity of voices to be heard. However, having said that, it is unfortunate that there was not a still wider representation of the various stakeholders in the formation, dissemination, and use of information. In particular, there was an absence of direct input from the "end users of information", the public, including its many and diverse groups such as adult new readers, immigrants, the text impaired, and the geographically disadvantaged. When represented, these groups were represented by intermediaries such as the CNIB Library, not by end users. The education sector was also greatly underrepresented, yet we were continuously trying to discuss issues involving training, ethics and morals education, creative learning, and critical thinking. Further discussions should include persons from these groups.

As well, there was an overemphasis of the role of technology in the provision of access to information. While it is recognized that technology is important, it is still only a means to an end, not the end itself. It was as if technology, not the humans behind the technology, or the humans using the technology, would be the *raison d'être* for an information policy. This problem

was convincingly summarized by one participant, whose statement "You may be on the electronic highway, but we are still on the cow path" expressed the frustration of those who wanted to discuss needs of information users and the uses of information, not the technology.

There should be more to the discussion of information than the discussion of technology, yet the more is not evident in the "five compelling themes." Although at least two of the original topics, "Achieving equitable access" and "Developing the human potential," should have been concerned with the potential and needs of individuals, these concerns are not adequately addressed in the themes. Even the issue of privacy, as articulated by the Minister of Communications and singled out in the themes, seemed more concerned with technology, i.e., cellular phones and fax machines, than with issues such as the right of individuals in the provision and dissemination of personal information. The themes are replete with words such as data, telecommunication rates, technologies, and information transfer, but are lacking those of information handling skills, equitable access, individual rights, or social and cultural value.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

At the outset we were told that the Summit was an agenda setting meeting. The agenda has presumably been set by the identification of the themes. While there might be some questions as to how to interpret some of these themes, they do provide a basis for proceeding. As well, they provide an opportunity for libraries not only in what they say, but, and possibly even more importantly, in what they do not say. There is an increasingly crucial need for librarians, and those who support libraries, to work together in defining, promoting, and, where necessary, expanding their role in the provision of equitable access to information. How and to what extent this involves the more visible integration of new technologies is a matter which must be discussed. However, technology should not be the only reason for libraries to assess their place in a national information policy. And the needs of technology should not suppress, override, or in any way dilute the basic and underlying principles of dissemination and access, which should continue to be developed.

Now it is necessary for CLA, with ASTED and the sponsoring agencies, or on its own, if necessary, to ensure that this momentum is not lost. It is necessary to continue the dialogue with the various levels of library associations and to expand this dialogue into the private and public sectors, involving

individuals, associations and organizations which either create, promote, provide access to, or use information.

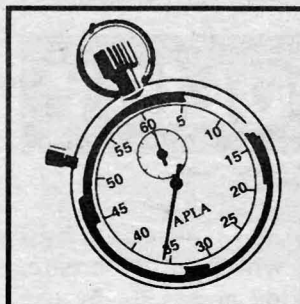
## RECOMMENDATIONS

We feel that CLA, with the cooperation of the provincial, territorial and regional library associations, must present a dynamic presence for libraries as part of its role as the national voice of libraries. We offer the following recommendations:

- CLA should take a leadership role in ensuring the continuation of the discussions which were begun at the National Summit on Information Policy.
- CLA should continue to lobby for, and participate in, the formation of a federal national information policy.
- Action necessary to ensure another summit in 1995 should be initiated by CLA/ASTED.
- Discussions, and partnerships, between CLA and library associations, should be actively pursued by CLA. Here technology can be a major factor, as CLA should explore the possibility of gaining access to Internet (possibly through Ottawa freenet) and to ensuring that library associations also become participants of Internet.
- CLA should work at the national level in developing partnerships with library related associations, such as literacy coalitions, education associations, writers' alliances, and with the relevant government agencies and private sector participants, while assisting library associations in doing the same within their respective locales.
- CLA should act as a clearinghouse for materials on government policies and practices concerning information policy and should provide a mechanism for access to these materials.
- CLA, with the library community, should develop a clear and concise statement of the philosophy, objectives and goals of libraries in respect to information. As a start, this should involve an update of the CLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom.

In summary, APLA looks forward to working with CLA as partners in ensuring that the voice and concerns of librarians are heard during this vital period as the country develops a national information policy.

—Suzanne Sexty



# MINUTES

## APLA 53RD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

• FIRST & SECOND SESSION •

MINUTES APLA 53RD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING  
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Atlantic Provinces Library Association  
53rd Ordinary General Meeting  
First Session  
Acadian Room, Halifax Hilton Hotel  
Saturday, May 9, 1992  
7:00a.m.

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to order

J. Head (President) called the meeting to order at 7:35a.m.

#### 2. Establishment of a quorum

A quorum was established.

#### 3. Welcome

J. Head welcomed those in attendance to the First Session of the 53rd Ordinary General Meeting. The Parliamentarian, Dick Ellis, was introduced, as was K. Adams, Executive Director of the Canadian Library Association. J. Head noted that P. Ykelenstam, Vice President, Prince Edward Island, sent regrets.

#### 4. Agenda

##### 4.1 Additions and Changes

Agenda Item 6.1 (Strategic Planning) was moved to Unfinished Business on the Agenda for the Second Session of the Ordinary General Meeting.

##### 4.2 Adoption

The revised Agenda was adopted.

#### 5. Minutes of the 52nd Ordinary General Meeting

##### 5.1 Corrections

Item 14.2 - The word 'the' was moved and placed before "Halifax".

Item 23 - The time was changed to read 10:10p.m.

##### 5.2 Adoption

The President declared the minutes adopted as corrected.

#### 6. Business Arising From the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

#### 7. President's Report

S. Sixty took the chair to enable J. Head to respond to questions arising from the President's Report as published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. There being no questions, J. Head returned to the chair. The President declared the report received.

#### 8. Vice-President's Reports

##### 8.1 New Brunswick

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin, v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.2 Newfoundland

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. Upon questioning, E. Benjamin noted that \$386,000 has been reduced from the Public Libraries budget. P. Penney (Provincial Librarian) was asked if there was any action APLA could take at this time with respect to this matter, to which he replied that there was not anything that the Association could do at this time. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.3 Nova Scotia

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.4 Prince Edward Island

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.5 Membership

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

#### 9. Secretary's Report

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. J. Tilston noted that corrections should be made to the typographical errors as published in the Bulletin. The President declared the report received.

#### 10. Financial Report

##### 10.1 Treasurer's Report

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992.

### MOTION:

It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as published. (L. Melanson, P. Hildesheim)  
CARRIED

##### 10.2 Financial Examiner's Report

The report was distributed by P. Hildesheim. 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.55(6)May-June 1992. In addition to the published report, S. Sixty noted that the Vice-President/President-Elect has been added as a member of the Membership Committee. She also noted that the results of the session on Strategic Planning held on Friday, May 8, 1992, would be addressed at the second session of the Ordinary General Meeting. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.2 Committee on Committees

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.3 Finance

###### 11.3.1 Budget 1992/93

P. Glenister distributed the budget for 1992/93. He noted that the columns were out of line on page two. On a question from the floor regarding deficits, P. Glenister noted that APLA always forecasts a deficit, however, there rarely is one. The reason for this is that monies budgeted to be spent are not spent. I. Wilson questioned if any revenues could be put into the Memorial Awards Trust Fund. J. Head noted that in terms of what happens to revenues generated from conferences, the executive will consider various options and decide where they think the monies can be best used at that particular time. This will be done on a yearly basis. J. Head stated that the Memorial Awards Trust Fund is a possible option for future executives to consider.

### MOTION

It was moved that the 1992/93 Budget be accepted as distributed. (A. John, L. Peverill)  
CARRIED

##### 11.3.2 Appointment of Financial Examiner

P. Glenister, on behalf of the Finance Committee, recommended E. Toms for the position of Financial Examiner. He noted that E. Toms had agreed to accept, should this meet the approval of the membership.

### MOTION

It was moved that E. Toms be appointed as the 1992/93 Financial Examiner. (E. Benjamin, C. Taylor)  
CARRIED

On behalf of the Finance Committee, J. Head thanked P. Hildesheim (1991/92 Financial Examiner).

##### 11.3.3 APLA Memorial Trust Fund

M. Schenk noted that the total donations to the Trust Fund last year amounted to \$25.00. She questioned if there were ways to increase the amount to disperse, and if APLA could actively solicit donations to this fund. J. Head noted that Standing Order 6.2 indicates that it is within the guidelines of the committee to do this. The convener of the Memorial Trust Fund will look into this matter.

### MOTION

It was moved that the APLA Memorial Trust Fund report be approved as received. (P. Glenister, G. Whitford)  
CARRIED

##### 11.4 APLA Memorial Awards

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. M. Schenk added that two awards for funding of research projects had been awarded, the recipients being A. Harrison and S. Manojlovich. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.5 Publications

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. S. Sixty noted that the Newspaper Interest Group has been mistakenly omitted from the APLA Membership Directory and Handbook. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.6 Intellectual Freedom

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. In addition, L. Murphy noted that the Committee will also be investigating the following matters: 1. the censorship of the book *Suffer Little Children* in Newfoundland, and 2. a request from a local publisher who had review copies of an item held by customs for several months. In response to a question from S. Sixty as to how many of the press releases on Intellectual Freedom were published, L. Murphy stated that to her knowledge the Halifax Mail Star published one release. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.7 Bulletin Management Board

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.8 Nominations and Elections

The results of the executive elections were read by F. Hopkins. The results are as follows:

Vice President, President Elect—Marion Pape (acclaimed)

Vice President, Membership—Laura Peverill

Vice President, Nova Scotia—Laura Jantek

Vice President, Newfoundland—Elinor Benjamin (acclaimed)

Treasurer—Kevin Crick (acclaimed)

The President offered congratulations to the new executive members.

##### 12. Interest Group Reports

###### 12.1 Collections Development

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.2 Community College and Technical Libraries

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.3 Conservation of Library Materials

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.4 Continuing Education

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.5 Francophone

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.6 Library Instruction

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.7 Library Technicians

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.8 Microcomputer

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.9 Newspaper

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 12.1 Trustees

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

##### 13. Special Committee Reports

###### 13.1 Committee on Copyright

The annual report was published in the APLA Bulletin v.55(6)May-June 1992. The President declared the report received.

###### 14. Annual Conferences

###### 14.1 1993 Fredericton

S. Sixty noted that the conveners have reported that plans for the 1993 Conference are going well, and that a theme has not yet been announced. The dates for the conference will be May 28-30, 1992. It was noted that the spelling of the name "Neilson" was incorrect on the Agenda.

###### 14.2 1992 Halifax

D. Richardson gave an oral report. She noted that there were over 400 people in attendance at the conference (including speakers, delegates and exhibitors). A total of 24 workshops were available, eight of which had been organized by Interest Groups and Committees. D. Richardson thanked the Program Committee members, the Local Arrangements Committee members, the volunteers, and the executive, for the work towards the success of the conference. She noted that a final Conference Report would be submitted to the executive at a later date.

##### 15. Resolutions Committee

### Announcements

S. MacLean noted that the Resolutions would be formally considered at the Second Session of the Ordinary General Meeting. She added that the Presolutions Session would be held on the afternoon of May 9, and that resolutions could come forward from Committees, Interest Groups and APLA members. Resolutions would be accepted up to 2:00p.m. On a question from the floor, S. MacLean noted that a Resolution must be moved and seconded by members of the Association, and that the mover and/or seconder must be available to speak to the motion.

##### 16. New Business

###### 16.1 National Summit on Information Policy

J. Head introduced K. Adams, Executive Director of the Canadian Library Association. K. Adams announced that the Canadian Library Association, the Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation, in conjunction with the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Communications Canada, the Information Technology Association of Canada and the National Library of Canada, would be holding a National Summit on Information Policy on December 6-8, 1992. The reason for this Summit being held is to raise and address issues of concern as to where Canada is going in terms of an information policy. An invitation is going to any associations, publishers, archivists, etc. who are involved in the use, preservation, etc. of information. K. Adams noted that this is an opportunity to portray the library community as providing some leadership in the policy making decisions. K. Adams stated that responses should be returned by June 30, 1992, and that groups responding would receive an invitation to attend the Summit. It is hoped that there will be delegates in attendance representing all sectors and geographic areas of the country. S. Sixty asked what the objectives of the Summit were. K. Adams replied that there were three objectives: 1. to create a forum to bring people together, 2. establish ongoing connections and to recommend future action, and 3. to ensure that there are questions on information policy on the National Public Agenda. K. Adams noted that there have been motions on CLA's books dating from 1978 requesting such a forum, and that this is seen as the first step in an ongoing process. The final report will be published. J. Head asked the membership for approval for the executive to respond to this document by the end of June. The membership agreed. L. Jantek suggested that the response be published in the APLA Bulletin. The President and Vice Presidents will be responsible for drafting the response.

17. Report from the School of Library and Information Studies M. Dykstra gave an oral report. She noted that there will be 21 graduates from the School on May 21, bringing the total alumni to 680. M. Dykstra added that last year's graduates had been successful in finding positions, and that the majority were now employed in public and special libraries. The remainder of the graduates had found positions in academic libraries, consulting, school libraries, and one was working as a financial analyst. Two graduates have continued their studies at the doctoral level. D. Dykstra noted that E. Toms has been reappointed as Assistant Professor for a three year term. M. Dykstra has been reappointed Director for a five year term. The faculty continues to be active in research and publishing. The combined Law/Library degree has been fully approved and the first candidate will begin studies this fall. It is the only program of this kind in Canada. The President thanked M. Dykstra for her report.

##### 18. Adjournment

The President declared the First Session of the 53rd Ordinary General Meeting adjourned at 9:30a.m.

### Atlantic Provinces Library Association 53rd Ordinary General Meeting Second Session

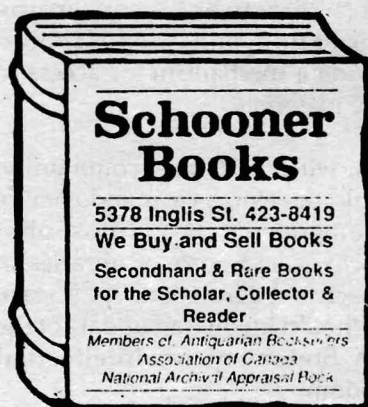
Harbour Suite B  
Halifax Hilton Hotel  
Sunday, May 10, 1992  
9:30a.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 9:37a.m.

#### 2. Unfinished Business

It was noted by S. Sixty that the Strategic Plan Mission Statement and Strategic Goals would be included as a resolution.



## 3. Resolutions

S. MacLean, Chair, read the following resolutions to the floor:

## Resolution #1

Whereas the 1991 Conference at Corner Brook, Newfoundland realized an excess of revenues over expenditures:

And whereas it is felt that by providing funding APLA can encourage persons who do not have sufficient funding to attend their first conference

Resolved that APLA establish a First Timers Conference Grant to be funded from the interest generated by the investment of the net revenues from the 1991 conference and that this First Timers Conference Grant be administered by the Finance Committee.

Resolved, that this become a Standing Order of the Association.

(S. Sexty, G. Whitford)  
CARRIED

## Resolution #2

Resolved, that APLA write to Ed Roberts, the Minister of Justice for Newfoundland and Labrador, expressing our disagreement with, and disapproval of, the initial and continuing censorship of the book, *Suffer Little Children*, by Derek O'Brien, which has been banned from sale on the Avalon Peninsula of Newfoundland.

(L. Melanson, B. McNally)  
CARRIED

## Resolution #3

Whereas APLA has been engaged in a process to develop a strategic plan for the Association; and

Whereas this process has brought forth a mission statement and statement of strategic goals;

Resolved, that, in keeping with the legal objectives of the Association as stated in the Memorandum of Association, the following mission statement and strategic goals be accepted:

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association represents, promotes, and supports the interests and concerns of the library community in the Atlantic Provinces.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

## STRATEGIC GOAL 1: REGIONAL VOICE ROLE

To structure and position APLA so that the association can effectively serve its mandate as a regional voice.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 2: COMMUNICATIONS

To improve internal and external communications.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 3: VALUE OF LIBRARIES

To promote the value and worth of the library and the value of its workers.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 4: INTEREST GROUPS

To improve the effectiveness of the interest groups.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 5: CONTINUING EDUCATION

To develop an effective continuing education program.

- The goals are numbered for reference only and the order does not indicate priority.

Resolved that the Executive, through the Committee on Aims and Objectives set strategic objectives for these goals and begin implementation of the goals and objectives and

Resolved that the Committee on Aims and Objectives report on the progress of this implementation at the 1993 Conference.

(S. Sexty, G. Whitford)  
CARRIED

## Resolution #4

Resolved that the APLA Executive begin both a written (letters) and public (Media Statements) campaign to protest the insufficient funding of the Provincial Public Libraries Service of Newfoundland which has resulted in the proposed plan to shut down all the public libraries and lay-off of all the staff of the Provincial Public Libraries Service for a two week period.

(G. Malone, P. Parsons)  
CARRIED  
(Four Abstentions)

## Resolution #5

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

the speakers, panelists, presenters, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of the 1992 APLA conference;

ii.) the sponsors who have contributed in many ways to the success of the 1992 conference:

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(E. Boychuk, E. Toms)  
CARRIED

## 4. Other Business

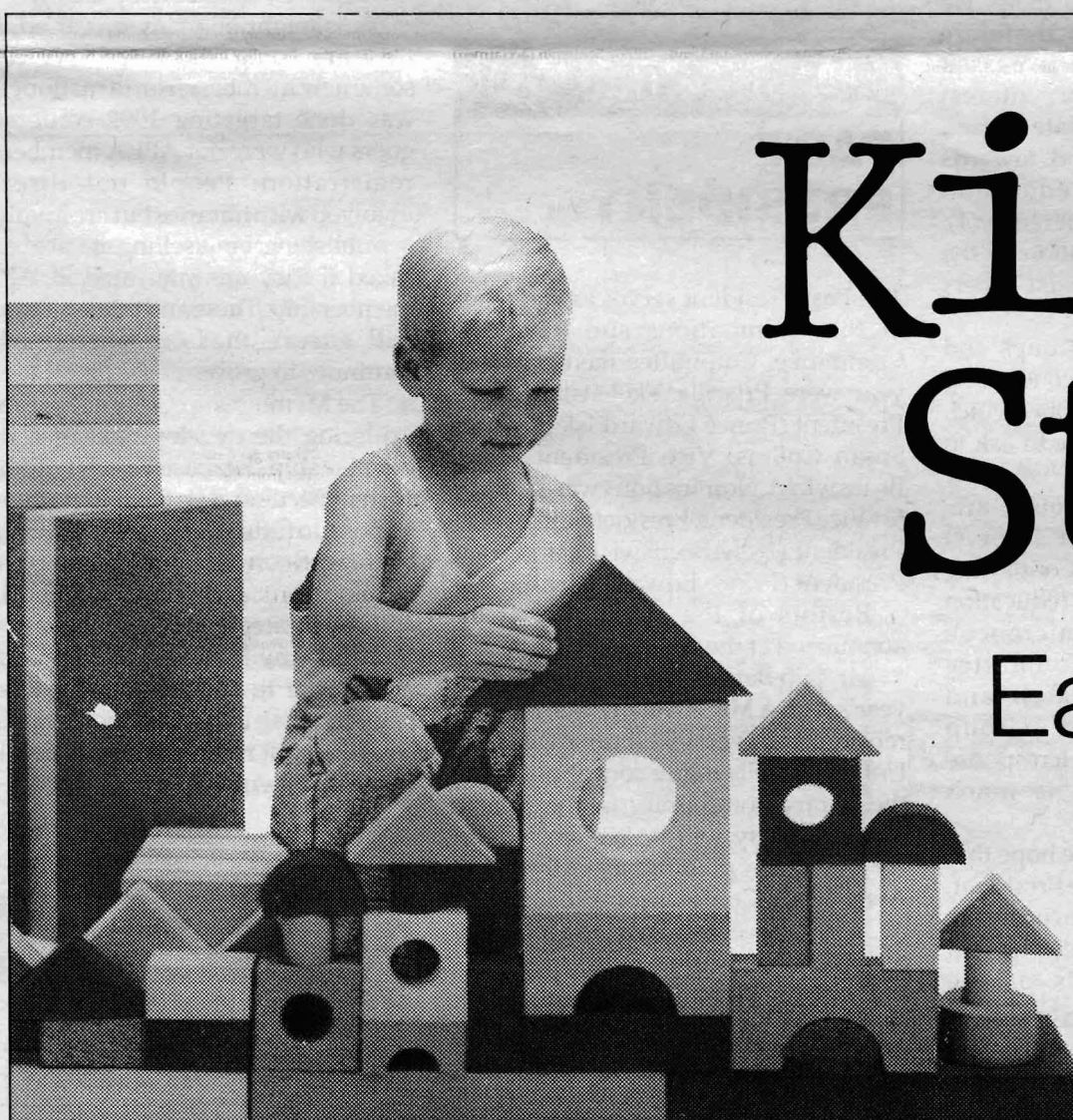
J. Head thanked the outgoing executive members: A. John (Past-President); G. Whitford (Vice President—Nova Scotia); Peter Glenister (Treasurer); L. McVicar (Vice-President-Membership); and B. Burningham (Bulletin Editor). On behalf of the executive J. Head also thanked the Committee and Interest Group Conveners. J. Head thanked the three conveners of the 1992 Halifax Conference for their excellent efforts in organizing the conference: E. Boychuk, E. Toms and D. Richardson. The conference conveners were presented with flower bouquets. E. Toms thanked all members of the Conference Program and Local Arrangements Committees. E. Toms also thanked B. Burningham and the Bulletin Management Team.

## 5. Inauguration of the new President

J. Head formally presented incoming President S. Sexty with the gavel. S. Sexty introduced the new executive for the year, and the new Bulletin Management Board. S. MacLean thanked J. Head for her work as President of APLA for 1991/92.

## 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20a.m.



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# 1992/93 APLA ANNUAL

# REPORTS

## Report of the PRESIDENT

If you have been reading "From the President's Desk" you have a good idea of what the President, with the Executive and Conveners, has been doing this year. However, for the end of the year report, I would like to draw together all these activities and place them within the perspective of how they have helped us to work towards our strategic goals. The number(s) following each item relate the item to the appropriate strategic goal:

- 1) Regional voice role;
- 2) Communications;
- 3) Value of libraries;
- 4) Interest groups;
- 5) Continuing education

(for the goals and mission statements see p.3 of the July/August 1992 *Bulletin*).

Conference attendance during the year included the Ontario Library Association's annual conference and the National Summit on Information Policy (NSIP). A report on the state of libraries in Atlantic Canada was presented at OLA (1,2) and briefs were presented before and after NSIP (1,2,3). The VP (PEI) represented APLA at the CLA Winter meeting where a report was presented (1,2). We also sent CLA a brief on "buying around" (1).

Attention was paid to finding ways of increasing communications both within the Association and between APLA and other library or library related associations. The Microcomputer Interest Group was asked to look at developing an electronic network for the Executive and for conveners of committees and interest groups (2,4). While their work is not yet completed, much progress has been made. As part of the project, the National Library, CLA, and the appropriate ministries in each of the provinces, were lobbied to make them aware of the importance of libraries and the value in linking them electronically (1,2,3). The response to these contacts has been positive and has made these groups aware that libraries are part of the technology age (cf. "five compelling themes" in the CLA communique on NSIP). As a means of increasing our visibility, we have been active members of the listserver (suminfo) which was set up after NSIP (1,2).

While it has long been acknowledged that APLA should have close working partnerships with other library associations in the region, it has not always been easy to establish, and to maintain, these links. This year we have

again made efforts to work with these groups. Letters, with information about APLA, have been sent to these associations (1,2) and, through the efforts of the individual Vice Presidents we have liaison persons in the associations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (1,3,5). In order to demonstrate concrete ways in which we can work together, these letters suggested joint projects including: a regional library day/week (3), developing questions to use during provincial/national elections (3), and developing electronic networks for all our members (1,2).

Lobbying efforts (1,2,3,4), in addition to those already mentioned (NSIP, "buying around," and electronic networks) have dealt with matters of: censorship (NF); library reviews (NB, NF); funding for the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions (CIHM); funding cutbacks (NF); and the role of a provincial librarian (PEI).

For details about continuing education (5), you should read the report of the Finance Committee. In addition to the activities mentioned there, we also had a meeting to discuss the future of continuing education and have asked the Continuing Education Interest Group to review their mandate with an eye to strengthening it and towards developing continuing education outside of the annual conference (4). You should also note mention of the awarding of our inaugural First Timers Conference Grant.

While all the interest groups and committees have been busy conducting their business there are a number which the Executive has had cause to ask to undertake projects or specific responsibilities. These groups are: Collections Development Interest Group (CIHM lobbying); Continuing Education Interest Group (education outside the annual conference); Intellectual Freedom Committee (review of their mandate); and Microcomputer Interest Group (electronic networking). Their response has been excellent and is much appreciated.

It has been a full year. We hope that you find that the work of the President, and of the Executive, has been consistent with APLA's mission statement and has advanced the goals of the Association as they were agreed to at the 1992 OGM.

I would like to thank everyone—both the Executive and individual members—who have given so generously of their time and expertise during this year.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Sexty*

## Report of the SECRETARY

As usual, the Secretary was responsible for executive meeting agendas and minutes and correspondence. There were two executive meetings, one in October at the Cambridge Suites and one in January at the Inn on the Lake in Waverley. The January meeting also included a session on strategic planning. Many thanks to Laura Jantek who capably handled local arrangements for these meetings. It was a busy year for correspondence as the President carried out APLA's resolve to communicate with many other organizations and to lobby politicians on a number of issues. My thanks to the President, Suzanne Sexty, for being so organized that my part of the correspondence work was easy to do.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Tillotson*

## Report of the PAST PRESIDENT

The Past President serves as convener of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Committee members this year were Priscilla Ykelenstam, Vice President (Prince Edward Island), and Susan Collins, Vice President (New Brunswick). Nominations were sought for Vice President, President Elect, Vice President (New Brunswick), and Vice President (Prince Edward Island).

Results of the election will be announced at the OGM in Fredericton.

Mr. Iain Bates is the recipient of this year's APLA Merit Award. Mr. Bates is retiring as University Librarian, Acadia University. His many contributions to the library community in the region and nationally will be recognized by APLA with the presentation of the Merit Award at the Conference in Fredericton.

As my three year term as a member of the APLA Executive draws to a close, I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve the Association in this way. It has been a pleasure to work with the other Executive members during these three years. I wish to acknowledge in particular the assistance of the 1992-93 Executive which has allowed me to fulfill my Past President duties from a

distance. A special thank you goes to Susan Collins and Priscilla Ykelenstam for their work on the Nominations and Elections Committee.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Head*

## Report of the VICE PRESIDENT (MEMBERSHIP)

Personal membership in APLA for 1992/93 is down from 1991/92. It is down by 45 members, an 11.5% decrease. In fact, declining membership seems to be a trend within the Association for personal membership in 1990/91 was 459, in 1991/92 it was 401, and this year we are 354 members. APLA has shrunk by 25% in two years. The graphs on the following page explain from where we draw our membership.

As to why membership is down, the reasons might be many or varied, but they are being addressed. We drew some new members from a mailout that was done targeting 1992 conference goers who were not APLA members at registration. People not directly involved with libraries but are involved in publishing, bookselling etc. are being asked if they are interested in APLA membership. These and other measures will ensure that our membership continues to grow.

The Membership Committee is also exploring the development of a new membership database which will meet current needs and be flexible enough to respond to future demands which might be placed on it as a result of the development and implementation of APLA's Strategic Plan.

This is my first Annual Report so I would like to thank all those whose patience, assistance, and perseverance have brought me to the end of my first year. Thank you!

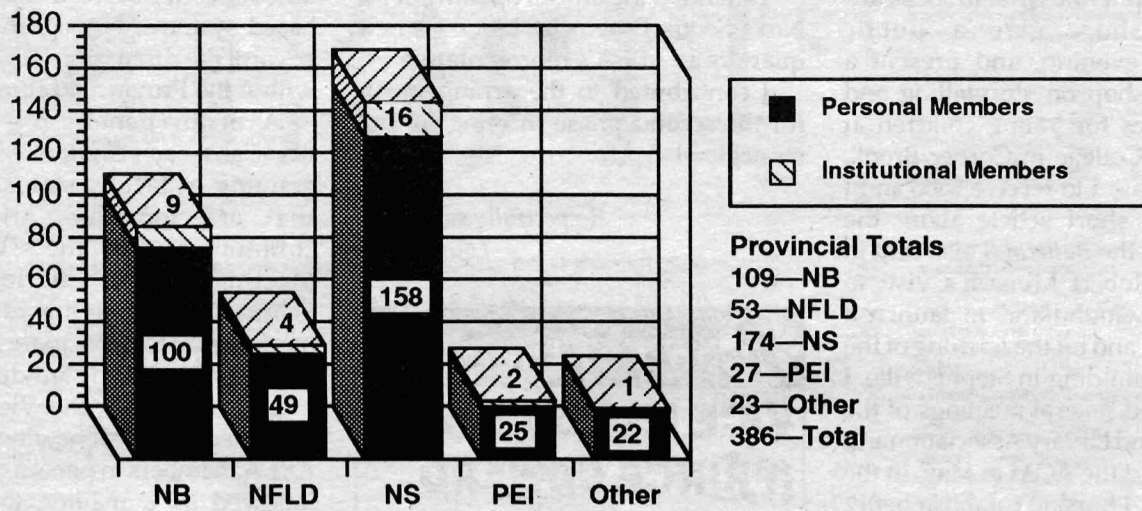
*Respectfully submitted,  
Laura R. Peverill*

## Report of the VICE PRESIDENT (NEW BRUNSWICK)

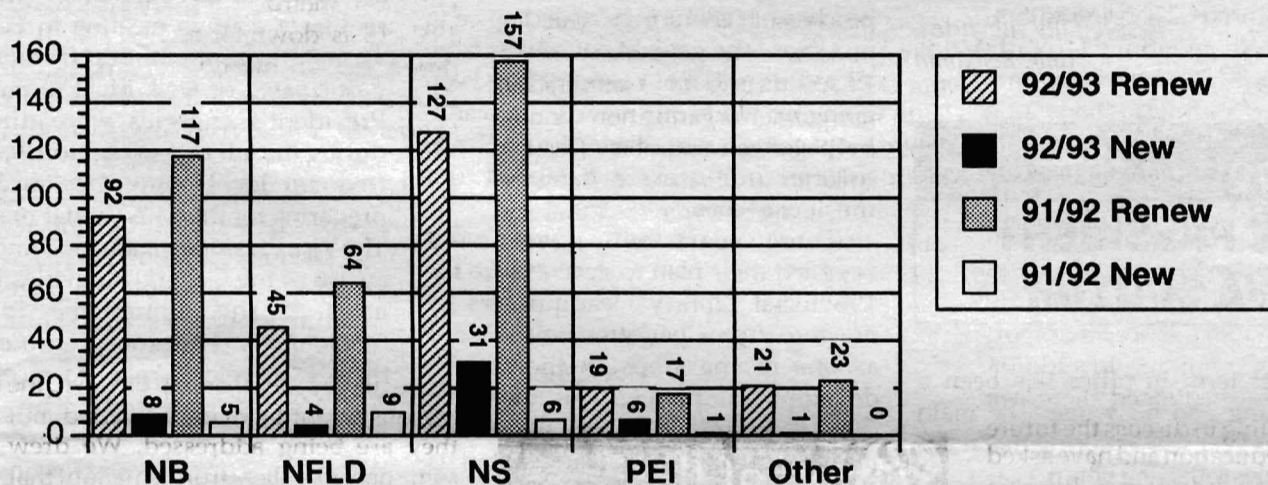
This has been a year in which many of the libraries, and library systems, in the Province have found themselves under review by the provincial government.



### Current APLA Membership 1992/1993



### Personal & New Personal Members 1991/92 and 1992/93



The Library Systems Review was carried out under the auspices of the three departments that provide the funding for school, community college, and public libraries, and its stated objective was improved harmonization of the educational and public library systems. A Task Force was formed to carry out the review, with a final report and recommendations due in mid-November. On behalf of APLA, I wrote to the Task Force and in response to my letter asking that the Association be advised of the results of the Review, I was informed that the decision on making the report public will be made by Cabinet because the document was prepared specifically for them. There have not been any documents released, but the second report of The Commission on Excellence in Education indicated in its section on Libraries that the Library Review Task Force was in the final stages of its review and recommendations would be forthcoming. In the last paragraph of this section, the Commissioners stated that they hoped and expected that a fresh recognition of the worth of libraries, and at least a modest infusion of additional resources, would ensue from the work of the Task Force.

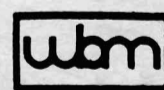
The Commission report, entitled *To Live and Learn: The Challenge of Education and Training*, made its own recommendation concerning libraries in the Province, namely: that the Department of Municipalities, Culture, and Housing and the Department of Advanced Education and Labour explore the feasibility of the following: (a) a partnership between public libraries and community based programs to ensure that libraries are instrumental in the collection and dissemination of adult-literacy and resource materials; and (b) a strong link between public libraries and continuing-education programs (academic and other) of the community colleges and universities, so that libraries may facilitate community access to adult-learning services. A Working Group struck by the Department of Advanced Education and Labour solicited the reaction of APLA to the recommendation and a response was submitted to this group. The Commission on Excellence in Education also issued an earlier report, *Schools for a New Century*, which recommended that the Province spend \$1.6 million, over the next four years, for library books, reference books, audio and video tapes, and educational kits.

Public libraries again suffered from budget cutbacks. As a result, some regions were forced to take drastic measures such as closing branch libraries, reducing bookmobile service, and cutting library hours. More positions were lost due to staffing cuts and some layoffs resulted. Faced with dwindling resources but increasing demands for services, libraries and their staffs are experiencing very difficult times.

A new association of professional librarians came into being in the Province. A formation meeting was held in October in Fredericton and l'Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick / Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick (ABPNB/APLNB) was officially incorporated on December 8, 1992. The APLA Executive has expressed its willingness to work with this new association on issues that affect the library community in New Brunswick, and this year's conference organizers have made arrangements for ABPNB/APLNB to have a presence at the upcoming conference.

The Executive meeting in January was held in conjunction with a planning session that brought together APLA members from all types of libraries and each of the Atlantic Provinces to discuss an action plan for implementation of our strategic goals. In addition to myself, New Brunswick was represented by three other librarians who participated in the intensive day and a half session that produced directions for the future of the Association. The action plan which resulted will be discussed with the membership at the Conference.

The major focus of my activities has been in forging links between APLA and other associations and groups in the Province and there have been some positive developments in this area. At their November meeting the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick approved a motion that the APLA Vice-President (New Brunswick) be invited to the annual meeting of the Council and be kept informed of their activities. The Library Council of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association have designated one of their members as a liaison with the Vice-President (New Brunswick) and have extended an invitation to attend their meetings also. A member of the executive of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association has also been designated as an APLA representative who will inform us of their activities. We have been keeping in touch with the newly formed association ABPLNB/APLNB and will continue to work together with them on issues of concern in the Province. I



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believe that strengthening the communication links is important if we are to improve the position of libraries, their workers, and the library community in New Brunswick.

My activities as a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee included a search for candidates for the position of incoming Vice President (New Brunswick). Two very capable people have agreed to stand for election to this office. I have derived a great deal of pleasure from my tenure on the Executive and from the opportunity to meet and work with many different people in the library world. It has given me a renewed sense of community and of commitment to shared ideals, and I doubt that I will ever again have as comprehensive a view of the library 'scene' in New Brunswick. I do want to thank all who have given me advice, support and assistance in my efforts to keep in touch with the issues and act as your voice in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Collins

apply for an APLA General Activities Fund grant to assist in bringing in storyteller Katherine Grier to speak at a staff workshop, give a public storytelling evening, and present a public workshop on storytelling and finger rhymes for young children at WestViking College in Corner Brook. We were pleased to receive \$500 and I submitted a short article about the workshop to the *Bulletin*. I also sent in articles on Robert Munsch's visit to Western Newfoundland to launch a book in May, and on the opening of the new library building in Stephenville. I have attended several meetings of the Newfoundland Library Association and hope to attend the AGM in May. In the coming year, I hope to establish better contacts in the school libraries.

I have enjoyed my third year as APLA VP for Newfoundland, and would like to encourage other Newfoundland librarians to consider running for this office when my term expires in 1994.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elinor Benjamin

submitted a report for the meeting I could not attend.

I attended the official opening of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library's new quarters as APLA's representative.

I contributed to the arrangements for the second phase meeting for our strategic plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Jantek

## Report of the VICE PRESIDENT (PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND)

The year has delivered a varied menu of library-related activities on the Island—final ingredients were added to complete certain mixes; some watched pots didn't boil; and, a few pinches of flavourings added spice to our lives. The general consensus from all sectors is that our grocery bills keep going up while our weekly allowance keeps going down, making it a challenge to offer our users a balanced and nutritional diet.

Three years ago government revealed their plan to decentralize the Provincial Library Headquarters by moving it from Charlottetown to Morell as one of the steps in their rural development policy. This objective came to fruition in March 1993 when the physical move of staff and materials took place. As the plan unfolded, many staff and organizational changes were implemented, in some instances giving employees opportunities to grow and change as well. Regionalization which departed from the Carnegie model was seen as the necessary reorganization to carry the plan forward. Although the physical move has occurred, a few staffing and technical concerns still remain to be resolved.

Some issues have engendered little activity due either to inaction or the nature of the issue. Although the Public Libraries Act was passed in April 1992 and given Royal Assent in May 1992, no real movement has taken place to implement the legislation. The Government Services Library is still part of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (and therefore part of the Provincial Library). It has not yet been moved to the new agency, Government Supply and Services, as recommended by the government reform initiative. No recommendations have been revealed or initiatives taken following the library reviews made at both Robertson Library, U.P.E.I. and Holland College. It is expected once the new university librarian is chosen news on their recommendations will appear.

On the automation front, implementation continued at a steady pace with Robertson Library's DRA system. Holland College Library implemented some upgrades to their Vax hardware and moved to Sydney

Plus. With school libraries the pace was faster and more frenetic as additional schools continue to introduce micro-based systems. No significant moves beyond the discussion stage took place within the Provincial Library system.

A major benefit for university librarians early in the year was the granting of faculty status. The event that affected the entire library community was the CLA Winter Meeting held in Charlottetown in February 1993, giving everyone the opportunity to participate in a full day of professional and staff development.

During the fall the Vice President contacted all non-renewing and lapsed APLA members in person or by phone, followed by a mailing to encourage renewals and reapplications. Potential members were also made aware of fees and membership benefits. A second follow-up took place before the end of January, 1993. At the end of January the Vice President participated in the second APLA strategic planning session, held in conjunction with the regular executive meeting in Halifax. Three other members from P.E.I. participated as well. Most of the Vice President's energies were directed during the fall and winter to attending frequent local committee meetings preparing for the CLA Winter meeting. The Vice President made the committee aware of the General Activities Fund, assisted the committee in the funds, and once approved, encouraged them to develop a plan to recognize APLA's sponsorship. The Vice President represented APLA at the CLA Winter meeting by presenting the President's report at the request of Sue Sexty.

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership as Vice President (Prince Edward Island) during these past two years. I encourage others from the library community to become members of, and participate in, this vital and growing association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Ykelenstam

## Report of the BULLETIN EDITOR

The editorial board of the *APLA Bulletin* moved back to Nova Scotia to the Wolfville area of the Annapolis Valley this year. Our initial qualms at undertaking this important task have, on occasion, seemed fully justified over the months as we have produced our first six issues. It has been a learning process, but each issue gives us the chance of a fresh beginning.

Our approach to the *Bulletin* is that it is the main disseminator of news of library-related activities for the APLA membership in the four Atlantic provinces. Without the help of the Vice Presidents and the members of APLA it would not be possible to carry out this

## Report of the VICE PRESIDENT (NEWFOUNDLAND)

System chaos in the Public Libraries, where I work, and extended illnesses (mine and those of other library staff) have prevented my being as active in APLA this year as I would like to have been. I missed the October meeting, due to illness, but did attend the January meeting, which was combined with the last strategic planning session. I contacted all lapsed members concerning renewal of memberships and have been advising the Treasurer of names that should be dropped from the database of members. I assisted Suzanne Sexty in drafting letters to the Minister of Tourism and Culture to express APLA's concern over the funding cutbacks to Newfoundland Public Libraries. I encouraged the Western Region Libraries Board to

## Report of the VICE PRESIDENT (NOVA SCOTIA)

This first term in office has been a challenging and busy one: The main focus this year was ensuring that news and articles reflecting library issues and events in the province would appear in the *Bulletin*. A new feature is a report by a library school student on the popular "Friday Lecture Series" sponsored by the School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University. This will ensure that the ideas from this useful series will be more widely disseminated.

Various letters were sent to encourage previous members to rejoin and pay their membership fee. There were many returned items from this mailout which were passed along so our membership list could be updated.

I attended two board meetings of the Nova Scotia Library Association and

## apla First Timers Conference Grant Recipient

While there may well be many members who are attending their first APLA conference, there is one whom we know of for sure—**Trine Schioldan**. Trine is the recipient of our first First Timers Conference Grant. She is the librarian at the **Labrador College of Applied Art** in Labrador City (NF). If you notice Trine at the Conference, please say hello to her and welcome her to her first APLA conference.

And for the rest of you newcomers—welcome also. Don't be shy. The members of the Executive will be wearing name tags which will identify them; so, if we don't notice you, please stop us and introduce yourselves.

—Suzanne Sexty

function, and we are grateful to them for their help, support, and their submissions.

Volume 56 of the *Bulletin* is complete with this issue. The issues have ranged from 12 to 16 pages. Advertising revenues are down this year, despite the efforts of our Advertising Editor, Chris Bull. As a sign of the recessionary times in which we live, many familiar advertisers are either not continuing or are cutting the number of times they want an advertisement to appear. Slow payment of outstanding accounts has also had its effect on revenues. As a cost-saving measure for postage, the *Membership Directory and Handbook* was mailed out with the January-February issue.

We have undertaken some preliminary investigations into alternative formats but have decided not to pursue this further at this time. A new Communications Committee was recommended at the APLA Strategic Planning Workshop in January. As a part of its mandate, all APLA publications may come under review, and any changes in format could be investigated at that time.

As Editor, I have attended the two Executive Committee meetings in October and January in my capacity as a non-voting member of the Executive. I also participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop. From my experiences over the past year I have come to appreciate the hard work, dedication and interest of the APLA Executive to further the aims and objectives of the organization and of libraries in the region. I am grateful to them for their patience and support of the editorial team, and I give a special vote of thanks to that team, Betty Jeffery, Assistant Editor, and Chris Bull, Advertising Editor, for the many long hours they have put in over the year in producing the *Bulletin*, and our thanks to our graphic designer, Greg MacKenzie, Ragland Editing & Design, for his patience and efforts to get the *Bulletin* into the hands of APLA members.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Edith Haliburton

## AIMS & OBJECTIVES

### Committee

The major work of this committee concentrated on strategic planning items. The Executive decided at its Fall dinner meeting to look at the Strategic Goal on Continuing Education and determine how this function could be strengthened in cooperation with the Continuing Education Interest Group.

In January, we sponsored a weekend workshop facilitated by Elizabeth Mills, Executive Director of Voluntary Planning, at which an action list for the coming year was developed out of the

Strategic Goals presented at the 1992 APLA Conference. Numerous ideas were considered, and will be presented to the membership for feedback at a strategic planning workshop in Fredericton.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Marion L. Pape, Convener

## Bulletin MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Board held two meetings, October and January, prior to the Executive Committee meetings. It has not been possible for the entire Board to meet at either of these meetings, and generally the hour allotted for discussion has not been sufficient for the issues raised. However, these meetings have provided an opportunity for most of us to put a face to a name on a fax or e-mail message, or to a voice on the telephone.

The new editorial team of Edith Haliburton, Editor, Betty Jeffery, Assistant Editor, and Chris Bull, Advertising Editor, has appreciated the help and support given them by the Executive of APLA and in particular by the Provincial Vice Presidents, without whom most of the information in the *Bulletin* would not have reached the general APLA membership. Two of the Vice Presidents, Susan Collins (New Brunswick) and Priscilla Ykelenstam (Prince Edward Island) are retiring this year, and we thank them for their input and interest.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Edith Haliburton, Convener

## Committee on COMITTEES AND INTEREST GROUPS

All committees and interest groups were convened and several activities were held. The Francophone Interest Group held a successful Microcomputer workshop and a surge of energy came forth from the Microcomputer Interest Group. Intellectual Freedom and Collections Development were characteristically active in responding to issues and involving and communicating with membership.

In setting actions for the coming year, the Strategic Planning team that met in January clearly delineated the need for giving greater recognition and visibility to interest groups and committees. It was also recommended that the Terms of Reference for Interest Groups and Committees be revised and standardized. To that end, there will be an opportunity at the Conference for all

conveners to get together and discuss strategies.

A new communications committee was recommended for consideration and Terms of Reference are being developed for presentation to the membership in Fredericton. It is evident that the Committees and Interest Groups do the major work of the organization. Thanks to all the conveners for making this a successful year.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Marion L. Pape, Convener

## FINANCE

### Committee

#### GENERAL ACTIVITIES FUND

During 1992-93, the Finance Committee approved General Activities Funds to the Francophone Interest Group, the Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association and to the Vice President (President Elect).

The Francophone Interest Group used its funding to offer a workshop on microcomputers (November 12-13) in Moncton. The workshop was presented by faculty from the Universite de Moncton who led the participants through an introduction to microcomputer applications. The presentation covered the basics of DOS, WordPerfect, DBase and Quattro Pro. Fifteen people from public, special, and university libraries attended the two-day workshop. The GAF was for \$500, \$85.36 of which was returned by the local arrangements committee.

A grant of \$500 was made to the Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association to conduct a professional development day (February 5) and coffee break and roundtable (February 6). The development day, entitled "Advocacy and the Library...Gaining and Sustaining Support into the 21st Century" was held during CLA's Winter Meetings in Charlottetown. The timing of the development day

provided PEI librarians with an opportunity not only for continuing education but also to meet with members of the CLA Executive. The development day was attended by 82 library personnel from PEI and 20 CLA members, with 24 PEI library staff and 43 CLA members attending the coffee break and roundtable.

As part of the continuing process of strategic planning, \$5000 was given to the Vice President, President Elect to use for a session during which ways and means of implementing the strategic plan would be developed. The session was held on January 29-30 in conjunction with the winter executive meetings. The participants, in addition to the Executive, were APLA members who represented the diversity of the Association's membership. The results of this meeting will be discussed during a session at the annual conference.

#### FIRST TIMERS CONFERENCE GRANT

In accordance with the wishes of the membership, the revenues from the Corner Brook conference (1991) were put into a First Timers Conference Grant fund. The interest generated from this fund is to be used to sponsor a member who has never attended an APLA conference. There were two applications for the award, with the winner being selected by a draw. This year's recipient is Trine Schioldan who is the librarian at the Labrador College of Applied Arts (Labrador City, NF). Although it was the intent that the grant would fully fund conference attendance, it was realized, after the call was published, that it might not be possible to honour that intent.

While Ms. Schioldan was agreeable to accept the \$700 grant to defray her expenses, it may not be possible to offer the grant next year. Rather, it may be necessary to allow the interest to accrue until it can indeed fully fund an attendance. This is a decision which will have to be made once the interest has been calculated.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Suzanne Sexty, Convener

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## APLA MEMORIAL AWARDS

### Committee

1. **1992 Awards:** Two APLA members were awarded funds in 1992. Slavko Manojlovich of Memorial University of Newfoundland received \$1100 in support of a sabbatical research project. His research activity will involve site visits to a number of academic libraries involved in library automation, and work on client-server based technology at Stanford University. When used with ANSI Standard Z39.50 for information retrieval, this technology provides great flexibility in accessing multiple information resources via a common interface. Upon completion of his research, Slavko has offered to distribute the client software which he is developing to any library in the Atlantic region free of charge. Alice Harrison of the Atlantic School of Theology (AST) received \$400 to assist her in visiting the Christian Women's Information and Resource Library (CWIREs) in Oxford, England, in order to check the CWIREs holdings against the holdings of the AST in the area of women's studies. According to her report, she was shocked to find upon her arrival that the library had closed and its holdings had been given to the Divinity School, University of Manchester. She was successful, however, in getting a copy of the catalogue of the library by contacting the former librarian. She also travelled to Manchester and spent some time working with the collection in its new home.
2. **1993 Award:** To date the Committee has received two applications for funding in support of projects. The deadline for applications for the Award was March 31, 1993. Because of the early deadline for the submission of annual reports the Committee is not able to include its decision in this year's report. Award winners will be announced at the APLA annual conference in Fredericton.
3. **APLA Bulletin article:** The Convener has submitted an article about the history and purpose of the APLA Memorial Awards Fund to the *APLA Bulletin*.
4. **Members of the Committee:** Thank you to Nirmal Jain, Sheila Pearl and Tammy Vella for serving on the Committee.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marguerite Jones, Convener*

## COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT

### Interest Group

The Collections Development Interest Group (CDIG) is now in its eighth year. Membership, currently at 46, includes primarily librarians of the Atlantic Region's academic libraries with a growing number of librarians from public and special libraries.

This year's conference program will include a discussion of the Children's Literature Collection of University of New Brunswick and the general business meeting. This is my last annual report for the Collections Development Interest Group, but I still find myself echoing thoughts and hopes of previous annual reports. So I reiterate that, again, I hope, a major objective of the coming year, as it has been in other years, will be to actively encourage all 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. Pevevill, Convener*

## CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

### Interest Group

The speaker sponsored by this Interest Group at the Conference in May, 1992 at Halifax was Season Tse, from the Canadian Conservation Institute. She spoke on research currently underway in the field of Conservation and Preservation. Her talk was accompanied by an informative slide presentation. Following this programme, the business meeting of the Interest Group took place. Previously submitted reports from the four Atlantic Provinces were highlighted and some discussion of matters of mutual interest took place.

The Canadian Conservation Institute sponsored a workshop in Dartmouth, N.S. in the spring of 1992 entitled "A Framework for Preventive Conservation". This workshop was attended by a number of Interest Group members.

In Halifax, on September 24, 1992, the Canadian Library Association sponsored a seminar on Preservation Microfilming. Copies of the "National Strategy for Preservation in Canadian Libraries" and "Guidelines for Preservation Microfilming in Canadian Libraries" were distributed to those present. Interest Group members and

other individuals from the Atlantic region contributed to the revision of the National Strategy document.

We are very pleased that our speakers at this year's conference, in Fredericton, will be Harold Holland, Conservation and Preservation Manager, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick; Janet Phillips, Reference Department, University of New Brunswick; and Thomas Parker, Records Manager, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. The workshop is entitled "Microfilm Standards and Filming Options". It will be offered in two parts, one sponsored by this Interest Group and one by the Newspaper Interest Group.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Harris, Convener*

## LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

### Interest Group

#### WORKING COMMITTEE AND MEETINGS

Being in the Moncton area for the first time, we had to recruit members for the Working Committee. Eight persons from the region answered positively to our request.

The Working Committee has met three times during 1992/93 to discuss ideas for the User Education Mailbox and the choice of a speaker for the APLA Conference.

#### USER EDUCATION MAILBOX (APLA BULLETIN)

Georgette Landry, from the Bibliotheque Champlain, Universite de Moncton, took on the responsibility for the User Education Mailbox.

#### SPEAKER AT THE APLA CONFERENCE

At the May Conference, Halina de Maurivez, CD-ROM/Online Coordinator from the University of Ottawa, Morisset Library, will be talking about her experiences with CD-ROM instruction.

A special thanks to Marion Pape and people in St. John's who have offered their assistance in starting up with the Committee in Moncton.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine Julien, Convener*

## MICROCOMPUTER

### Interest Group

While the group is not large (less than 20 members), the conveners hope to broaden its focus beyond a DOS-based microcomputer interest group to tackle the broader issues of developments in the world of computers and connectivity. Most of this year's planning has fallen to the conveners, as is the history of most interest groups within APLA, but we anticipate more consultation in the coming year (thanks to new technology), both with our group members and other association members, on matters of mutual concern.

Existing and prospective members will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting conference line-up, headlined by automation guru Karl Beiser, from the Maine State Library, followed later in the day by timely communications and interconnectivity workshops on "WAIS within INTERNET" and "Beyond INTERNET to Z39.50", led by Steve Sloan and Slavko Manojlovich respectively.

Following Karl Beiser's Friday morning workshop, the annual business meeting of the group will be held. A mailing was sent to all existing members containing background material for this year's workshops and interest group meeting. Members will be asked to approve our request to the Executive to change the name of the group to 'Computer, Communications and Connectivity Interest Group' and slightly modify our existing terms of reference.

Dave Cumby will report on the research effort on behalf of the Executive into APLA's use of INTERNET and other communications technologies. At the request of the Executive, two initiatives were undertaken. An information sheet tentatively titled "An INTERNET Primer" is being developed and should be available at the Conference. Also, a mailing is being sent to all committee and interest group conveners to encourage them to attend the above workshops and make more use of INTERNET for their association business.

To take some workload off the conveners, we will be seeking to enlist interest group members for such possible projects as continued research in the communications area on behalf of APLA, the development of an Atlantic directory of library technological expertise, etc.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Cumby  
Brian McNally  
Co-conveners*

**NEWSPAPER****Interest Group**

In 1992-93 the Newspaper Interest Group operated with a small group of interested APLA members, including a Co-convenor in New Brunswick, a Convenor in Newfoundland, a provincial contact person in Nova Scotia, and three other members. Communication with members was via fax and envoy. The Interest Group contacted daily newspapers in the Atlantic region to determine if there was any interest by newspaper librarians in joining APLA; a small response resulted.

An annual business meeting is planned at the APLA Conference which will feature reports from the four provinces. The Interest Group is also sponsoring a "Workshop on Microfilm Standards and Filming Options Part A" at the APLA Conference in Fredericton.

*Respectfully submitted,  
H. Charles Cameron, Convenor*

**Advisory Panel****FOR ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISHED WRITERS**

There were two meetings of the Advisory Panel, held June 11 and November 19, 1992.

Thirteen applications for assistance were received and considered, and six grants were awarded for a total of \$9,934.00.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Fiander*

**APLA****REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF Atlantic Books Today (formerly the Atlantic Provinces Book Review)**

Hindsight is a terrible thing, nostalgia is worse, and the selective memory of the human species is the worst thing of all! When asked to write this annual summary, I find the selective memory process immediately comes into play. It would be nice just to remember the good things—the very effective

presentation made to Canada Council last summer when Council members were visiting Halifax; the excellent graphic and design work which transformed the *Atlantic Provinces Book Review* into *Atlantic Books Today*; the hours of effort, which went well beyond the call of duty (and the time she was actually paid for!) contributed by Elizabeth Eve, the Managing Editor.

But I think it is salutary to remember the not-so-good things also—the times when the representatives from the constituent bodies on the Board found it hard to agree on a proposal, or a

course of action; the withdrawal from Saint Mary's University, which had provided a home for the publication since its early years; the concerns which people had about the new publication, and how it would serve libraries.

Balancing up the two, however, after a period of twelve months, leaves me on the positive side, as I step down as Chair of the Board, and as your APLA representative. A new, dynamic publication has emerged from the old; design and content have been restructured, outlook and audience have been broadened. The first issue of

*Atlantic Books Today* attracted a great deal of attention, from all sectors of the industry. I hope that this positive beginning can be expanded upon (even in the face of possible funding cuts from the Canada Council, the publication's main funding source), under the leadership of Elizabeth, and the new Board of Management, which will see Holly Melanson and Linda Hodgins take over as APLA's representatives.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Reade*

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**E**rnest Buckler Remembered by Claude Bissell is now available as a Talking Book for use by individuals with a print handicap. Included among Talking Book users are those unable to read conventional print because of a visual, physical, or reading disability.

This is the second in a series of titles made available by the Nova Scotia Provincial Library as a result of a generous donation by the IODE and the cooperation of the University of Toronto Press. Production was done by the CNIB.

*Ernest Buckler Remembered* is the biography of Nova Scotian author Ernest Buckler. Buckler is best known for his three books *The Mountain and The Valley*, *The Cruellest Month*, and *Oxbells and Fireflies*. Written by author and academic Claude Bissell, *Ernest Buckler Remembered* gives an intimate and long overdue look at the life of Buckler, a shy and reclusive man. Bissell and Buckler had a long friendship dating from the 1950s until Buckler's death in 1984.

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**Eastern Counties Regional Library Chief Librarian**

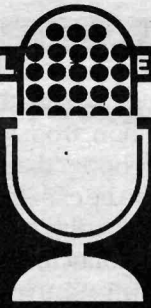
Eastern Counties Regional Library, with headquarters in Mulgrave, N.S., is seeking a Chief Librarian due to the retirement of the current office holder.

Eastern Counties Regional Library provides public library service to 44,604 inhabitants of rural communities through seven branches and two bookmobiles. The Region is working towards the introduction of an integrated automated system in co-operation with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library.

Qualifications required include a BLS or MLS and several years experience in progressively responsible library management positions. Travel within and outside the Region is part of the duties. Reading knowledge of French is expected. Current salary range: \$36,817 to \$44,751, in five steps.

The position requires up-to-date knowledge of current technological developments in the library field, familiarity with budgeting and budget control, experience of planning for new library facilities, as well as familiarity with various types of public relations activities.

Submit resume and references no later than July 15, 1993 to:  
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# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Eight of the libraries in the **Albert-Westmorland-Kent** region have recently hosted author visits. During "Semaine Provinciale du Français" in March, children's authors Denise Paquette and Jean Péronnet made presentations at the libraries in Dieppe, Moncton, Saint-Joseph, and Shediac. During National Book Festival in April, four authors read from and spoke about their writings: Ann Copeland in Salisbury and Riverview; Millie Gaudet in Sackville; Melvin Gallant in Dieppe and Richibouctou; and Father Anselme Chiasson in Moncton. **Dora Braam**, who has been in charge of the **Hillsborough Public Library** for the past twenty years, retired in February. A dinner was held in her honour at which both the staff and the Regional Board presented her with mementos and good wishes. **Ruth Mitchell** has been appointed to the School and Community Literacy Committee of the Greater Moncton Literacy Advisory Board. The Board's mandate is "to bring together the members of the tri-community area to work towards the reduction/elimination of illiteracy through prevention, awareness, [and] education". **Riverview Public Library** employee, **Annabel Lewis**, was recently awarded a Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada in recognition of her significant contribution to her community.

In **Saint John**, the Region's **Central Library and Regional Headquarters** celebrates a decade of service from the Market Square Complex on May 17. A full day of special events and tours is planned and will include a program given by photographer Freeman Patterson, the unveiling of a community information kiosk by Her Worship Mayor Elsie Wayne, and a special storytime for children and parents. The Region's seven candidates for second language training have completed the final training session of the fiscal year, with the next session scheduled for May. Maybe not perfect, but rave reviews are reported from Saint John for access provided by CTA biblio-disk and the ROMULUS CD-ROM from NRC, especially when compared to what they had previously.

**La Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean** a inauguré un nouveau service; il s'agit du Service des livres sonores. Ce service de prêts par la poste s'adresse à toute personne qui est membre de l'Institut national canadien pour les aveugles (INCA), ou à toute autre personne ayant un handicap physique et qui remplit le feuillet d'enregistrement contresigné par un spécialiste des soins de santé. Les livres sonores donnent la version intégrale de livres de tous genres. Ils sont enregistrés sur cassettes et sont disponibles en anglais et en français.

Le Conseil des Arts du Canada accorde à la **région Chaleur** une bourse qui servira lors de la visite de l'illustrateur Daniel Sylvestre dans le cadre du Festival National du Livre. Par ailleurs, dans les bibliothèques, les activités originales abondent toujours. La **Bibliothèque de Lamèque** a présenté un atelier de voitures téléguidées. Avec le mois d'avril qui approche, nombre de les bibliothèques ont présenté des ateliers sur la préparation de rapports d'impôt. Elles ont également présenté des ateliers sur la recherche d'emploi qui connaissent un grand succès en ces temps difficiles.

### ASSOCIATIONS

The **Library Council, New Brunswick Teachers' Association**, will hold its annual Subject Council days on May 6 and 7 at Pond's Resort in Ludlow. The theme is "The Green Librarian". Speakers of note are Sandy Burnett, author of *On the Brink: Endangered Species in Canada*; Jim Petrie of the Global Education Centre, and Mark Holland, Science Consultant at the New Brunswick Department of Education. The Department of Education and the Library Council of the NBTA are planning a Summer Institute for District and School Administrators on Resource Based Learning. This will be held on July 5-8 at Newcastle and Woodstock. Workshop leader will be **Jane Thornley**, Supervisor of the Halifax-Bedford Board of Education libraries. Guest speaker will be Ted Anderson of the Middlesex County Board of Education in Ontario.

### OTHER NEWS

The **Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick** submitted a brief to the Minister of Finance as part of the consultation process for the 1993-94 provincial budget. The brief described the effects of the chronic underfunding of libraries and urged the government to increase its support for all libraries and the services they provide.

The Commission on Excellence in Education released its second report,

*To Live and Learn: The Challenge of Education and Training*, which deals with post-secondary education, training, and lifelong learning in New Brunswick. In the section on Libraries, the Commission recommended that the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing and the Department of Advanced Education and Labour explore the feasibility of the following: a) a partnership between public libraries and community-based academic programmes to ensure that libraries are instrumental in the collection and dissemination of adult literacy and resource materials; and b) a strong link between public libraries and continuing education programmes (academic and other) of the community colleges and universities, so that libraries may facilitate community access to adult learning services. A working group struck by the Department of Advanced Education and Labour requested a response from APLA concerning the recommendation. The Vice President (New Brunswick) and the President jointly prepared a submission for this group which supported the implementation of the recommendation but also outlined some areas which must be taken into consideration. There has been no further reaction to this submission.

Preparations are well underway for the Annual Conference to be held in Fredericton on May 27-30. A full program is being offered and we hope to see many of you there.

This is my last column for the *APLA Bulletin* as Vice President (New Brunswick) and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have kept me informed of news and articles on your activities. The most rewarding and interesting part of this position has been hearing from people in so many different areas and libraries and being in touch with the library community and events in New Brunswick.

—Susan Collins  
Vice President (New Brunswick)

## NEWFOUNDLAND

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

According to a press release from the Department of Tourism and Culture, dated March 2, Minister Jim Walsh announced the appointment of an independent review committee to examine the operations and mandate of the **Provincial Public Libraries Board**. This action was deemed "necessary in light of the Board's decision to close libraries in the Province last year for a

week in September and a week in December," said Mr. Walsh. "In addition, the Auditor General's Report indicates serious deficiencies in a number of areas of financial management and account control". The Committee consists of John Snow, Chairperson of the Public Libraries Board and representatives from the Department of Tourism and Culture, Treasury Board, and the Department of Finance.

The Minister has instructed the committee "to review the Public Library Board along the following criteria: (i) review the Board's relations with respect to the Auditor General's report and related matters, with a view to recommending action to alleviate these concerns; (ii) review the Report of the Government Purchasing Agency concerning purchasing practices of the Board in relation to the Public Tender Act; (iii) undertake a general review of the organization and management structure of the Libraries Board to determine if changes should be made to make the Board more efficient, effective, and functionally improved; and (iv) review the decision of the Libraries Board to close libraries temporarily as a cost saving measure to determine if measures other than closure could be implemented."

Since the announcement of the review committee, the decision was taken by the Public Libraries Board to tender a service contract for the acquisition of books. Specifications for the contract are currently being prepared and book purchasing has come to a temporary halt.

There is concern among the library community over inaccurate statements made by the Minister of Tourism and Culture concerning the Public Library's current purchasing practices, especially with respect to the purchase of library materials.

The **Provincial Reference and Resource Library** has received a Backlog Reduction Grant for \$2,500 from the Canadian Council of Archives. Through matching funds provided by the Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archivists, the Library secured the services of the Travelling Archivist, Anita Best. During February and March, Anita organized several small collections of personal papers from the late 19th and early 20th century as well as records of the Newfoundland Nail and Foundry Company. A printed finding aid resulted from the project.

The Provincial Public Libraries Board honoured **Pearce Penney** and other retirees at its Annual Testimonial Dinner held in St. John's on March 19. On hand to participate in the festivities were many former Public Libraries Board Chairpersons including Agnes Richard, Anne Hart, Ray Wight, Walter Hudson,

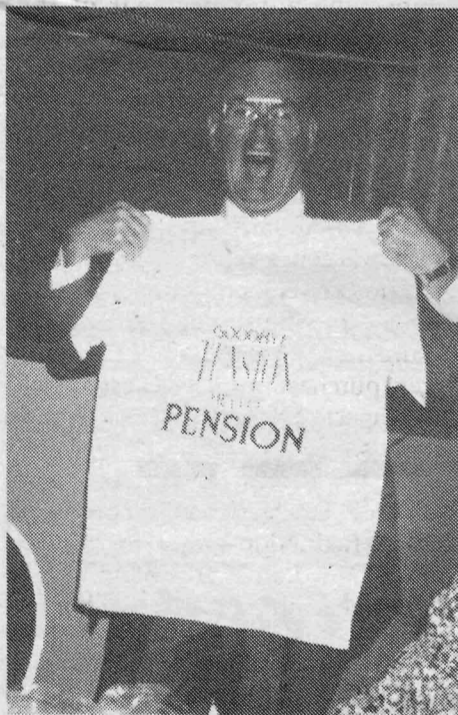
and Kelvin Fowler. Agnes gave the testimonial and presented Pearce with the text of the brief that had been submitted by the CLTA when nominating him for the CLA Merit Award. Margaret Andrewes, President of CLA, brought greetings in person from CLA, and Jane Beaumont made a special presentation of a gift from CLA—a "Read" poster featuring Pearce as the famous "personality" promoting reading.

## ASSOCIATIONS

A joint meeting of the Newfoundland Library Association and the Learning Resources Council of the Newfoundland Teachers Association was scheduled for March 18, but had to be cancelled because of an ice storm. I was looking forward to this meeting because of the opportunity to establish some face-to-face contacts with the school libraries group, and to get more



Agnes Richard, former Chair of the Provincial Public Libraries Board and former President, Canadian Library Trustees' Association, presents Pearce with the text of the nomination CLTA submitted for his Merit Award.



Pearce Penney is delighted with his retirement gift from "Anon", that friend of former cataloguers.

John Snow, Chairperson of the Provincial Public Libraries Board, has advised that an administrator, **Donna Brewer**, has been seconded from Treasury Board to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Pearce Penney. This is to be a "temporary posting pending a review of the position of director, and re-advertising to fill position."

material for this column, but this is typical behaviour of the weather here in March. I hope that another joint meeting will be scheduled. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 19 with guest speaker Bernice Morgan, author of *Random Passage*, published by Breakwater Books. We shall hope for greater consideration from the weather by then.

—Elinor Benjamin  
Vice President (Newfoundland)

## NOVA SCOTIA

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The automation sweepstakes are over at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and MultiLIS, a fully integrated library system with bilingual capabilities, has emerged the winner. The regional libraries and all other client libraries should have access to the OPAC by the end of September. Access to Internet will also be available to the regional libraries through the automated system.

User services at the Provincial has welcomed the addition of two new staff. **Sue Durani** has joined the department as Library Assistant II; previously she was with the Federal Department of Health and Welfare Library, first in

Ottawa and then in Halifax. **Donna Bourne-Tyson** has been hired as Reference Librarian I; prior to joining User Services, she was Acting Branch Coordinator at Eastern Counties Regional Library in Mulgrave.

A planning workshop was held in Truro on March 26-28 as part of the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Strategic Plan. Over 30 delegates nominated by the four co-sponsoring bodies (the Nova Scotia Library Association, the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, the Department of Education, and the Council of Regional Librarians) attended. The planning team was exhausted by the end of the weekend, but the objectives of the weekend were met: major issues that have to be considered during the writing of a comprehensive strategic plan were identified and information gaps were noted in preparation for an external consultation process.

On December 17, 1992, Halifax City Council approved the **Halifax City Regional Library** contract with Dynix Library Systems Inc. for the provision, installation, and ongoing support of an integrated system which meets the Library's needs to 1998. The total cost of the project of \$1,200,394 is to include all necessary hardware, software, maintenance, data conversion, and site preparation necessary to implement the automated library system. On March 9, 1993, Dr. Ludman, the Board Chair, signed the contract with Dynix on behalf of the Board, representing the culmination of several years of intensive effort by the Library Board and staff, and particularly by the two co-managers of the automation project, **Susan McLean** and **Deborah Nicholson**.

On March 29, 1993, Mark Ludham was elected Chair of the **Halifax City Regional Library** Board for 1993-1994 replacing J. Philip Vaughan whose term on the Board had come to an end. Ann Millard succeeded Dr. Ludman as Vice-Chair.

Despite bitterly cold weather, over 300 people crowded the **North Branch Library** auditorium to hear Anthony Sherwood from the CBC-TV series *Street Legal* kick off Black History Month. The opening night celebrations, co-sponsored with CBC Maritimes and the Black History Month Association, included musical presentations from local adult and youth choirs. Highlights of this year's Black History Month which took place at the North Branch Library included a live broadcast of CBC Mainstreet with host George Jordan, *Celebrity Quiz III*, with teams from the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth featuring Mayor Moira Ducharme of Halifax, and a Black Children's literature session co-sponsored with the Nova Scotia Children's Literature Round Table.

**Charles MacDonald** is the Halifax City Regional Library Board representative on the Nova Scotia Regional Library System's Strategic Planning process. Staff involved are **Hope Bridgewater**, **Joan Brown Hicks**, **Michael Colborne**, **Kevin Crick**,

**Pauline Hildesheim**, **Laura Jantek**, **Heather MacKenzie**, **Diane MacQuarrie** and **Craig Smith**.

On April 13, Saint Mary's University Continuing Education and the Halifax City Regional Library celebrated 15 years of partnership in public education with a noon hour ceremony in the Main Library Program Room. For the 1992/93 academic year the programs, which attract an enthusiastic group of credit and non-credit students of varying ages, were "The Irish Short Story" with Professor Cyril Byrne and "Modern Gaelic Literature in Translation" with Visiting Professor from Ireland, Padriag O'Saidhail.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

With the financial support of the Specialized Research Collection Programme of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the **Dalhousie University Libraries** have recently acquired the first edition of Sir Francis Bacon's influential work *The Elements of the Common Lawes of England* (London, 1630).

The Dalhousie Sir Francis Bacon Collection was established as a separate collection in 1972 with the purchase of the private collection assembled by Bacon bibliographer, Reginald Gibson. The Collection contains 146 seventeenth century editions, 15 works from first and only editions, 70 first editions, and more than half of all Bacon editions. The Dalhousie collection is the strongest Bacon collection in Canada and among the three most significant in North America.

The volume has been catalogued and can be consulted in Special Collections, 5th floor, Killam Library.

—Laura Jantek  
Vice President (Nova Scotia)

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

### PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

The grand opening for the new combined **Provincial Library Headquarters** and **Morell Public Library** took place March 25, bringing to culmination part of government's decentralization plan announced three years ago. Barry Hicken, Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs, Kings County MLAs, and various local dignitaries welcomed a large crowd made up of system-wide staff and area residents. Premier Catherine Callbeck had been scheduled to do the opening, but due to last-minute changes had to cancel her appearance. The new 12,000 square foot building constructed of sandstone and wood provides space for the relocated operations of the centralized processing centre for schools and public libraries, and the headquarters for the Eastern Region

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serving 11 branches and one bookmobile. It is also the physical site for the Morell Public Library, one of the 11 branches.

Congratulations to **Albert MacDonald**, Provincial Library Director, on his recently announced appointment to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

#### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

**Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island** reports the search committee for the new university librarian is meeting frequently to review all applications received by the March 1 deadline. A short list will be prepared, and successful applicants will be brought to the campus for interviewing and accorded the usual orientation for this type of academic position. Expectations are the process will be finished by the target date of July 1, 1993. Both the periodicals and acquisitions modules of DRA will be installed the first week of June. Concurrent with this will be training for staff by DRA. Once the installation and training is complete all modules will be in place in U.P.E.I.'s DRA system. The finishing touch will be the end of RECON expected within the next two years.

No announcements have been made regarding the recommendations contained in the library plan for **Holland College Library**. The number of returns from the survey was disappointingly small. However, 90% of the returns were in favour of returning to the concept of the clustered resource centre. Another college committee active since the fall, the Space Committee, has been examining all options concerning reallocation of space to respond to movements of faculties, overcrowding, and underutilization in the Charlottetown Centre. Their findings, along with the library plan, should have some impact on the Library's future development within the Charlottetown complex.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

**Colonel Gray Senior High School Library** is closed for the month of April to complete the move of materials, equipment, and books into their new library space resulting from the capital grant renovations and expansion.

Teacher-librarians are waiting with bated breath to see if the election promises referring to school libraries will translate into any future special grant monies.

#### ASSOCIATIONS

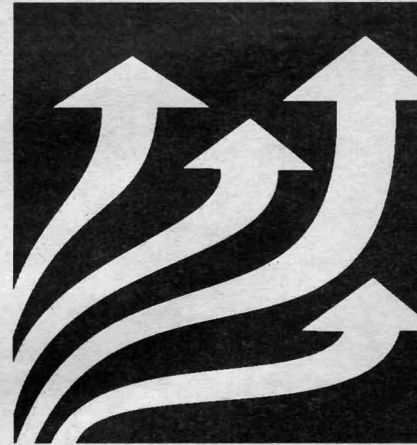
The annual meeting of the **P.E.I. School Library Association** took place April 27 at the new Morell Public Library/Provincial Library Headquarters. Following the late afternoon meeting and supper, there was a public reading by Kevin Major in conjunction with National Book Festival and Library Week.

As their participation in Library Week, the **P.E.I. Professional Librarians' Association** has sent out 148 letters to well-known Islanders requesting their responses on book(s) that have influenced them in their professional and personal lives. The CBC will be interviewing selected respondents and reading parts of the letters on the air. A bibliography, including the reasons for the books' influences, will be prepared and distributed to Island libraries during the week. PEIPLA will be distributing press releases as well. PEIPLA's spring meeting is scheduled for May 20, with agenda items to include the constitution, an Island union list of serials, and continuing education.

#### OTHER NEWS

Many schools and public libraries planning special activities, demonstrations, and programmes celebrate **Library Week and National Book Festival**, April 25 to May 1. Visiting authors include Char Hutchinson, Bobbie Kalman, and Kevin Major. Local writers involved Elizabeth Epperly, Mike Hennessey, Hornby, Deidre Kessler, Frank Ledwell, and Hugh MacDonald.

—Priscilla Ykelen  
Vice President (Prince Edward Island)



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