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Agnes Richard accepting CLTA Award of Merit-June 16, 1994. Photo courtesy of CLA.

Agnes Richard Receives Merit Award

Agnes Richard of Gander, Newfoundland, was awarded the Merit Award for Distinguished Service as a Public Library Trustee during the 49th annual Canadian Library Association Conference held in Vancouver in June. The award from the Canadian Library Trustees Association is bestowed on those who have "provided distinguished service as a trustee at the local/regional, provincial and national levels."

Agnes Richard amply fulfilled those requirements and has taken on numerous other community leadership roles. She has been a member of the Gander Region Libraries Board and a member of the Newfoundland Public Library Board for over twenty years. During her tenure on the provincial Board, she chaired several committees as well as serving as a member on regular and ad hoc committees of the Board. She was both Vice-Chair and Chair of the Newfoundland Board.

She held a number of positions with the Canadian Library Trustees Association. In addition to being the Newfoundland representative on the Executive, she was Secretary, Secretary/Treasurer, National Vice-

President, and National President of the Association. Ms. Richard has taken on many other activities involving professional and community work.

A teacher, Ms. Richard has served on numerous committees of the Newfoundland Teachers Association. She has been actively involved with the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Canadian Heart Foundation, the Rural Development Authority, the Women's Institutes of Newfoundland and Labrador, and her church. In recognition of these achievements she was named Memorial University's Alumna of the year in 1992.

As well, she is the author of two books. In 1985 she wrote *A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread and Thou*, a book on gourmet cooking and catering. Her book *Threads of Gold* is a history of the Jubilee Guilds/Women's Institutes in Newfoundland.

Ms. Richard is married and the mother of five children.

-Karen Lippold
Vice President (Newfoundland)

PTLAC Discusses Its Mandate and Information Policy

Representatives from library associations in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Canada, and Yukon were hosted by the British Columbia Library Association at a Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC) meeting held in Vancouver on June 16. Pat Cavill, incoming President, Francoise Hebert, President, and Karen Adams, Executive Director of the Canadian Library Association joined members of PTLAC mid-session to discuss national issues. Two major issues were developed from the PTLAC meeting, the first being a discussion on the mandate of PTLAC and the second on Information Policy issues.

The first topic centred on what PTLAC represents and what functions should be performed on behalf of members. Is PTLAC an information sharing group, a lobby force, a means to mobilize groups of people across the nation? Is there a need to formalize the structure from what is now an essentially ad hoc group of people getting together whenever possible, usually once or twice a year?

Communications processes with all information organizations need to be extended so that a national consensus can be reached on important positions. A great deal of damage can be done if different organizations come up with separate positions. At present, the Ontario Library Association has offered Secretariat support to PTLAC but may not be able to continue funding the PTLAC meetings in conjunction with the OLA Conference.

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Vancouver hosts more than NHL riots

Information Policy at the 1994 CLA Conference

The program for the 1994 Canadian Library Association Conference was particularly interesting in its focus on information policy issues. Many conference attendees participated in a six-session series, coming away with an enhanced understanding of the key concerns in the area of information policy. A Resolution relating to the celebration of Information Rights Week will be discussed at the next APLA Executive meeting. Posters, principles, and other information to assist in the celebration of the 1995 Information Rights Week will be distributed this year through Provincial and Territorial Library agencies across the country.

The series at CLA entitled "Forging a National Information Policy: Where is the Public?" was comprised of the following sessions. (A complete set of these tapes is available for loan to any library from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library).

Part I: "Telecommunications and the Pay-Per Society" presented by Vincent Mosco of Carleton University Department of Communications. Mr. Mosco entertainingly presented a background to telecommunications development using such examples as the original "Great White Ways" when electrical companies put together the spectacle of the illuminated white city to dazzle the potential buyers of their product. At that time they had no idea that this spectacle would lead to the electrical millennium and that every person would potentially access electricity as a public right. Mosco related that the electronic superhighway is still in the spectacle phase.

The marketplace seems to be the "in favour"

solution at the moment but this is subject to regular swings of the pendulum euphemized in the language of cost recovery by the government. The situation calls for some humility and a great deal of care to guide us through this time of spectacle, says Mosco. The time is right for us to decide on what sort of principles need to be implemented on which to measure our success. Particular attention must be paid to the principle of universality to ensure that the benefits in an electronic public space are available to all Canadians. This theme was repeated several times in successive information policy sessions.

Part II: "Federal Government Information Policy" presented by Joanna Drury of the Federal Treasury Board and Brian Campbell, Chair of CLA's Information Policy Committee. More questions were raised in this session than answered. Why is there no policy paper at the present time? What will be the balance between the public interest and cost recovery? Competing interests between various government departments need to be rationalized.

Part III: "Who Controls the Pipe? Telecommunications Policy". Carolyn McCool, a Vancouver telecommunications lawyer, spoke about how access to telecommunications networks and services would be primarily influenced by the questions about "Who was going to pay for it?" and "Who will be able to afford to use it?" Brian Campbell noted that cable and telephone companies primarily own the pipe and are in control.

Libraries are not a player in the planning and implementation of the Canadian Information Highway.

Part IV: "Demand for Access: Dissemination of Public Information". Several speakers contributed to this session and spoke about Industry Canada's Blueprint document. This process is still not the real public consultation that is needed to gather information about community needs. The electronic democracy process is just beginning and is the result primarily of the public pressure points on government to open it up.

Part V: "CLA's Role: CLA Access Principles and Action Plan on Information Policy" were vetted in this session and were later passed by CLA Executive Council. These principles will form the basis for Information Rights Week proclamations and discussion groups.

Part VI: "Forging Coalitions For Public Access". Nancy Kranich gave a dynamic talk about how important it is for all of us to mobilize campaigns in support of the public's right to know through resources at local libraries. Ms. Kranich is Associate Dean of New York University Library and has worked extensively with the American Library Association, particularly with the Right to Know Project. She spoke eloquently about the gradual disappearance of the diversity of ideas. The general public is being transformed from the informed citizenry to the pushbutton consumer.

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From the Editors' Desk

You may have noticed that this issue of the *Bulletin* arrived in your mailbox in a "plain brown wrapper". This isn't because we feel you wouldn't want your neighbours or colleagues to know you receive the *Bulletin*. It is a small effort to save on the costs of getting the *Bulletin* into your hands six times a year. As you read in the July-August issue, we face the challenging task this year of attempting to live within a reduced budget. We hope that we will not have to take the drastic step of reducing the number of issues published this year. We feel (and have been told) that one of the major reasons many of you belong to APLA is to receive the *Bulletin* and be kept up-to-date on what is happening in the Atlantic library community.

As our budget is based on 1993/94 membership fees and income from advertising and subscriptions, any increased revenue this year generated by the increase in personal and institutional membership fees as well as subscriptions does not increase the amount of money available to produce Volume 58. Again, although much outstanding advertising revenue has been received since the close of the fiscal year, we are not able to take advantage of this. This should, however, benefit next year's Editorial Team. Speaking of which, our three-year term comes to an end with the last issue of Volume 58. Should you be interested in forming part of the next Editorial Team, please get in touch with one of us.

-Edith, Betty, and Chris

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Letters to the Editor

[Editor's Note: Copies of this letter were sent to the Editors of newspapers throughout Nova Scotia]

July 11, 1994

To the Editor:

Several facts regarding the appalling state of school and college library service in this province [Nova Scotia] have recently come to my attention.

Of all the provinces and territories in Canada, Nova Scotia is the only one which has no official policy on school libraries. The others are unanimous in articulating the importance of developing information skills (the ability to find, sort through, and critically evaluate relevant information out of the scads available) through the collaboration of classroom teachers and the schools' teacher-librarians.

Across North America and throughout the world, school libraries are being transformed into school library resource centres, providing access not only to books, but to audio-visual formats, computer programs, CD-ROM equipment, online catalogues, and information networks. Qualified librarians with teacher-training supervise the acquisition and organization of these resources and instruct

students and teachers in their use. That every school should have a library is not considered a matter for debate.

In Nova Scotia, not only do many schools not have a functioning library or any trained staff, much less the supervision of a teacher-librarian, but at the community college level, nine of the eighteen Nova Scotia campuses have no library services! This situation would hardly be considered credible by educators elsewhere in the country.

While the Nova Scotia government supports the development of information technology and the provision of public access to the "information highway", it has neglected to develop a policy for school libraries which ensure even the most basic services. If students (not only youths, but also the many unemployed adults being retrained for today's rapidly changing career market) are to be competent and competitive, then the Department of Education needs to address this issue, or we remain a backwoods region in the field of information technology despite the millions of taxpayers' dollars being poured into its development.

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From The President's Desk

After such a glorious summer as 1994 (yes, even in Newfoundland), our attention will be turning back to regular activities which, I hope for many people, will include some involvement in APLA.

APLA made a response to ALARM's Information Resources Sector Consultation Paper through the PTLAC (Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council) representative on the Committee. The Alliance of Libraries, Archives and Records Management was formed in March to address the human resources issues in the above areas and to develop a national human resources strategy for all who work in the Information Resources Sector (IRS). The Consultation Paper is one step in the development of the strategy. APLA's response indicated that while we felt that the Paper identified most of the relevant issues, there were some concerns that we thought should be addressed. These included spelling out the unique role that the IRS has to play in an increasingly "plugged-in" world, placing more emphasis on the role of the institutions in which the IRS workforce works, the needs of part-time workers, and the trend to part-time work. The complete APLA response is available from any member of the Executive.

One thing that occurred to me while reading the ALARM Consultation Paper was how little contact there is (as far as I am aware) between library and archival associations in the Atlantic Provinces. There would seem to be a role for associations like APLA to bring library and archival associations together on a provincial and regional basis to discuss matters of common concern. However, it is only now that APLA is contacting library associations in the Atlantic Provinces on a systematic basis to establish regular contact and to gather information. This information will be published in the *APLA Membership Directory and Handbook*. The aim of the process is to improve communication among library associations and to allow APLA to better represent the concerns of libraries and librarians in the Atlantic region. Regular contact with archival associations would seem to be a logical next step.

APLA will be working closely with CLA this year on the issue of information policy. CLA's Information Policy Task Force will be

sponsoring the second Information Rights Week from April 3 to 10, 1995; there will be details on APLA's role later in the year. CLA's Executive Council recently adopted a set of "Information and Telecommunication Access Principles" and is requesting each provincial and regional association consider adopting them as well. These will be distributed to the APLA Executive for consideration. As the federal government's Advisory Council on the Information Highway continues its deliberations much attention will be focused on the treatment of the public access issue.

The APLA Library Trustees Interest Group has a new Convener this year, Nick Barfoot, of the Saint John Regional Library Board. The Interest Group has a number of interested trustees who attended the 1994 Conference and who brought forward a Resolution concerning the appointment of library trustees. The Resolution was withdrawn in order that further research could be done on the issue. The Interest Group would be very interested in hearing from anyone willing to help with this issue and to assist in the planning for a session at APLA '95.

As mentioned in the last column, any changes regarding standing orders will now be reported in this column. A further change stemming from the Conference, that I did not mention before, are two additions to Standing Order Number 6, Standing Committees. Section 6.5, Communications Committee and Section 6.6, Public Relations Committee, will consist of the terms of reference of these standing committees as set out in proposed motions on page 15 of the May-June, 1994 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Marion Pape, Past-President, represented APLA at the PTLAC Meeting in Vancouver in June. Marion's report on the Meeting appears elsewhere in this issue.

Just a reminder that General Activities Fund applications should arrive before the APLA Executive Meetings, November 11 to 13. If there are items that you wish to have discussed at this meeting, please contact one of the Executive as soon as possible.

-Charles Cameron

Nova Scotia Hosts Successful Document Delivery Conference

Document delivery is exciting? You have to be kidding. Seriously, though, when one hundred Nova Scotia library workers came together in April to discuss document delivery in the Province, many of the 100 participants said it was one of the most worthwhile conferences they had attended. Why? It was fun and productive to focus on just one specific issue, and it produced a real resolve among all library sectors to work together more closely to improve service.

Two keynote speakers set the tone for the two days. Dr. Andrew Bjerring of CANARIE and Iain Bates, formerly of Acadia University, talked about the opportunities promised by new technology and commercial document delivery services, and the need for national leadership in this area.

A series of small group discussions produced a list of key issues, brainstorm solutions, and possible pilot projects. Cross-sector groups and same-sector discussion groups were set up, so, for example, public librarians had a chance to talk among themselves and to people from other types of libraries too. Participants said that the cross-sector groups were the most productive, which tells me that when we talk to people outside our usual circles, we may generate our best work.

Many of the key issues were identified by all sectors. Predictably, budgets, staff training, and lack of staff were mentioned. Other key issues were: how are we going to cope with the increasing numbers of interlibrary loans; are we

violating copyright; libraries' relationships to commercial document suppliers; high library user expectations; the absolute need to automate; and the need for a union catalogue, or "One Place to Look".

In small group discussions, more than 300 ideas were brainstormed and written down. Despite the huge number of ideas, two projects clearly emerged. The first is to formalize the Committee, and (as a close second) to negotiate with the provincial Department of Supply and Services to obtain a good price on a mail delivery service among all types of libraries in the Province. The news that Supply and Services is interested in contracting with libraries was announced in a library school student paper which was delivered at the Conference.

The conference results were discussed at the CLA annual conference and will feed into the national resource sharing strategy being developed at the National Library.

The Conference was organized by the Nova Scotia Resource Sharing Committee, chaired by Anna Fiander. A professional facilitator organized the two days and wrote a summary report.

Contact Anna Fiander to receive a copy of the pre-conference sector papers, the facilitator's summary report, the Dalhousie Library School students' paper on alternative delivery methods, or Iain Bates' keynote address. Contact Anna Fiander: (902) 426-3675 or afiander@bionet.bio.dfo.ca.

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Free-Nets: Creating a 'Public Space' on the Electronic Information Highway

Librarians have a commitment to the provision of free and equitable access to information. Our profession has assumed a leading role in promoting societal and governmental goals such as education, research, the provision of government services, continuing education, and the dissemination of information. Yet, the vital concept of public access is being challenged by the fierce battles being waged among telephone, cable television, and telecommunications companies for control of the evolving information infrastructure. Such battles are blurring the traditional lines between information carriers and information providers.

By adhering to the traditional principle of advocating free and equitable access to information, librarians can assume a proactive role within the emerging information infrastructure and can prevent a widening of the gulf between the information rich and the information poor. The challenge is to find mechanisms for incorporating public interest goals into an infrastructure which is likely to be primarily market-driven.

One of the most important ways in which librarians can become central participants in the information infrastructure is by encouraging the development of local Free-Nets—"public spaces" or electronic commons on the electronic highway, which promote goals similar to those served through the development of public libraries or public television stations. These electronic community public information networks link educational institutions, libraries, museums, social service and healthcare facilities, governments, and non-profit organizations, and serve public interest goals. Free-nets are local community interest information sharing networks which serve the function of a public commons. They are, in effect, the twenty-first century's extension of the public library system, and thus they provide a forum for the free and equitable exchange of information through free public access terminals.

The introductory material for the National Capital FreeNet provides a succinct overview of how free-nets work by describing this computer based information service as "a non-profit community utility that is free to everyone in the community, and will neither charge nor pay for any information or other services it provides." Volunteers are the driving force behind a free-net, and it is the community itself which builds this free public access community-based computer system. Thus, a free-net will be what the community makes it, and each network has its unique regional characteristics.

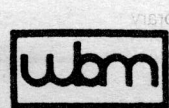
What kinds of information can one expect to find on a free-net? Generally, most free-nets provide information similar to the main topics contained on the Chebucto Free-Net in Halifax, including material relating to news events and current topics;

community support and development; education and libraries; culture, religion, and philosophy; government and politics; health, fitness, and recreation; professional enterprise and commerce; and science, environment, and technology. On the Victoria Free-Net, selecting the main menu option "Medical Centre" will offer you a sub-menu of choices ranging from diabetes information to frequently asked questions about typing injuries, and will provide gopher access to the Johns Hopkins University Medical School and to the World Health Organization Gopher and Web Server. The "Post Office" main menu option provides access to e-mail services. Other diverse information accessible through the Victoria Free-Net includes men's issues, travel tips, metal prices, city council material, and discussions initiated by the Right to Die Society of Canada.

Public access community services have the potential to develop into a Canada-wide community network—a "community of communities" in which all these electronic community centres are linked together. Such cooperative ventures hold forth the promise of improving the quality of life for the communities they serve, and of helping to level the gap between the information rich and the information poor. Libraries can choose varying levels of participation in these grassroots electronic systems of democracy, ranging from hosts and contributors, to users and supporters. The challenge is to become participants rather than simply bystanders—to assume an active and highly visible role in the emerging information infrastructure.

Canadian free-nets now exist or are being developed in Victoria (Victoria Free-Net: telnet to freenet.victoria.bc.ca and login as 'guest'), Ottawa (National Capital Free-Net: telnet to freenet.carleton.ca and login as 'guest'), Prince George, Trail, B.C. (Ciao! Free-Net: telnet to ciao.trail.bc.ca), Toronto, Halifax (Chebucto Free-Net), Newfoundland, New Brunswick (Fredericton Area Free-Net) and other provinces. Most systems allow users to connect for one hour sessions.

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- Saint Francis Xavier University Library - <http://cwaves.stfx.ca/>
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- Dalhousie (NSHD) - Killam Library, Social Sciences and Humanities only) - DALISSH@ac.dal.ca
- Saint Francis Xavier University - nsas@sandnc.stfx.ca

Nova Scotia Technology Network (NSTN) has expanded into Moncton and will be in Saint John and Fredericton in the Fall. They also have a special offer for Internet access for all members of APLA. 30 hours or 3 months free and \$10 off the installation price (\$35 regular price). For details call 1-800-336-4445 or in Nova Scotia 902-481-4507 or email sales@nstn.ca.

A new association called **Grassroots Information Association** has been formed in the Antigonish area. The objectives of the association are to promote the use of information and computer technology at the community level, and facilitate job creation, community development, and opportunities in the information and computer industries. One of the first projects of the Association will be the development of an Antigonish Area Freenet. For more information contact Mark Leggott.

Heritage Information Atlantic Network is an initiative underway to link up approximately 250 member institutions (museums, art galleries, and other heritage institutions) across Atlantic Canada. The objectives of the group include the promotion of region-wide information sharing and creation; improved access to collections; and promotion of cooperative resource sharing of systems, technologies and experiences. Ultimately the Network will provide better access to the information in the collections at these sites, both for users and staff. Libraries in particular may find this resource useful in a time when information is increasingly more than books and magazines. HIA representatives will be meeting this fall to discuss the Network. For more information contact Paul Collins at the Nova Scotia Museum (902-424-7374).

- Mark Leggott
St. Francis Xavier University

IBBY-Canada announces the Frances E. Russell Award

The \$1000 award, administered by the International Board on Books for Young People Canada (IBBY), will be granted for research in Canadian children's literature. It was donated by the late Marjorie Russell in memory of her sister, Frances E. Russell, and will be given annually.

The Frances E. Russell award is to be put towards the costs of research for a publishable work (a book or paper) on Canadian Children's Literature. Work on the following topics will be considered:

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- 5) Studies of Canadian illustrators.
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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Based on the findings of a network study undertaken for the **New Brunswick Library Service** by NBTel in conjunction with Beaumont and Associates, a decision has been made to replace the public library system's microfiche catalogue with a catalogue on CD-ROM. The aim is to have the new catalogue ready for distribution early in the new year. Online access to the INLEX database is being considered for the five resource centres situated in the larger cities.

A review of hours of opening in New Brunswick's public libraries has been completed and the recommendations of the study group have been endorsed by the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. The chief recommendation is that at least 20% of hours of opening be outside the regular work hours of the population (i.e., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday). The report of the review is being distributed to library boards, who are being encouraged by the Department to implement the standards to avoid a disparity in the provision of services around the Province.

Twenty-six students worked in public libraries this summer under the Youth Exchange Program, a program funded jointly by the federal and provincial governments and administered by New Brunswick Library Service. The purpose of the program is to encourage better understanding between the two major linguistic groups in the Province by allowing students of different backgrounds to work and live together.

The Conseil scolaire #9 recently pulled out of an arrangement with the **Chaleur Regional Library** for the provision of a school-public library in the Polyvalente W.A. Losier in Tracadie. The Board needed the space occupied by the library to accommodate grade nine classes which are being transferred to the school. While the Board had good reason to repossess the space, the ensuing problems caused by the move have caused grave concern in the public library community. Until new space is found to establish a public library, Tracadie is without public library service. Furthermore, as the regional library is the legal employer of the staff in school-public libraries, the school board is under no legal obligation to cover its half of the salary budget. As the union contract covering the employees does not allow for layoffs until December 1996, the Chaleur Regional Library is forced to cover the costs of keeping both employees on staff.

The **Hillsborough Public Library** has moved to new, expanded quarters in a building shared with the Village Office.

Several employees of the **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library** recently completed an 18-hour course on computers in libraries offered at the Université de Moncton under the auspices of the Cours d'aide bibliothécaire. The course, with certain revisions, will travel to other parts of the Province in the Fall. Thanks to a cooperative effort involving NBTel, UNB's Computing Services Department, Brunswick Micro Systems Inc., and the **Fredericton Public Library Board**, library users in Fredericton were able to access the Internet during the summer. Two workstations were set up in the Reference Department and a computing student at UNB, hired through the Challenge program, was on hand to demystify the techniques of surfing the 'Net.

The **Kennebecasis Public Library** held its 10th anniversary celebration on Tuesday, August 2. Officials in attendance included Senator Erminie Cohen; the Honourable Laureen Jarrett, Minister of State for Energy and Mines; Paul Zed, Member of Parliament for Fundy Royal; Jocelyne LeBel, Director of NBL; and the mayors or representatives from the six municipalities which built and maintain this

library. His Worship Mayor James Watt, first chairperson of the Board, and the current chairperson **Mary Speak** were co-masters of ceremonies. Highlights from the event included the burning of the mortgage and the presentation to the library of the second volume of the *Historical Atlas of Canada*, a gift from the Government of New Brunswick.

ASSOCIATIONS

The **New Brunswick Library Trustees Association** was well represented at the APLA Conference in Baddeck. **Nick Barfoot, Martha Edwards, Frances Corbett, and Judy Heron** attended from the Saint John region; **Mardi Cockburn, Paul Richard, and Emily Clark-Dingle** represented York region. Nick Barfoot was elected as the trustees' representative on the planning committee for next year's APLA Conference in Charlottetown.

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Copies of *Mysterious East* (November 1969 - [July/Aug.] 1972) Fredericton, NB, Rubber Duck Press are available to libraries without charge. Libraries should be prepared to pay for shipping. Please send inquiries to:

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NEWFOUNDLAND

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A Literacy Resource Centre is being established at the **Gander Public Library**. Computers, educational software from Columbia Learning Systems, and a number of CD-ROM products are being installed as part of the project. This is a co-operative effort by the Provincial Public Libraries Board, the Literacy Policy Office of the Department of Education, the Central Regional Community College, and the town of Gander.

With the closing of the Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre in St. John's, its document collection was transferred to the **Provincial Reference and Resource Library**. This has enhanced the Library's collection of Statistics Canada publications and its ability to help patrons get the statistical information they need. The Library is now a full depository for Statistics Canada publications.

National Film Board videos are now available through the public library system. The NFB shut its film and video outlet in St. John's and transferred 2,500 video titles to the **A. C. Hunter Library**. At present, a short title record is in the catalogue for each item. Full records will be created for each title. To borrow the videos patrons pay a \$10.00 per year membership fee.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

A decorative wall is being constructed in the **Centre for Newfoundland Studies**, Queen Elizabeth II Library, in memory of Agnes O'Dea who founded the Centre in 1965 and headed it until her retirement in 1976. The wall will consist of seven stained glass panels featuring abstract designs of the Newfoundland coast and nautical motifs. Newfoundland artist Graham Howcroft won the competition to design the wall.

Nancy Grenville, the first archivist for the

Centre for Newfoundland Studies, died August 9 at her home in Quebec.

Christopher Dennis, a reference librarian in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, is the new president of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association. His one year term starts September 1, 1994.

Martin Howley of the Queen Elizabeth II Library, **Memorial University of Newfoundland** has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council under their Aid to Specialized Collections program. The money has been gratefully received and will be used to strengthen the Library's 20th century Irish newspaper collection.

George Beckett, Associate University Librarian (Health Sciences) has been renewed for another three year term?

The Queen Elizabeth II Library has had four sprinkler head failures in twelve months. Both the book and periodical collections have suffered water damage. The approximately two thousand sprinkler heads in the Library are to be replaced.

OTHER

At Memorial University of Newfoundland's Spring Convocation nine students graduated from the **Certificate Program in Library Studies**. **Brenda Taylor** from Robert's Arm, NF was the winner of the Newfoundland Library Association prize as the graduate with the highest marks in the Program.

The **St. John's Free-Net** is nearer to fruition. An Alpha 3000 computer has been loaned indefinitely to the Free-Net. They are presently negotiating the installation location for the machine.

Karen Lippold
Vice President (Newfoundland)

NOVA SCOTIA

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Nova Scotia Technology Network is setting up trial dial-in access to **NcompasS** (the on-line catalogue of the Regional Public Libraries in N.S.) in the metro Halifax area. This will allow non-NSTN subscribers, both libraries and the public, to access the catalogue from home or office. If users have a computer and a modem, the dial-in will take them directly into the NcompasS welcome screen without requiring a login or password. The dial-in feature is expected to be made available for general use in September. At the end of the trial period, the access modems will be upgraded to 9600 baud and dial-in access can be extended to all areas of the Province.

A provincial umbrella group is being formed for freenet in Nova Scotia and a conference is being planned for fall 1994. The conference is intended to help freenet associations share information. An organizing committee is currently being developed consisting of one person from each of the two existing freenets and organizing committees in Nova Scotia, two provincial government representatives, and two to three persons from outside metro Halifax. For more information contact Bernie Hart (424-2461) or Marion Pape (424-2456).

There are a number of new faces at **Nova Scotia Provincial Library**. In Technical Services, **Carolyn Blumsum**, from the Acquisition/Processing Unit has resigned and her position is being filled on a casual basis by **Ping Xu** who worked at Provincial Library last summer. **Carole Compton-Smith**, Instructor in the Library Technician program at the N.S. Community College Halifax Campus, is taking her sabbatical with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and Education Media Services. Carol will assist in the development of multiLIS

training packages and the EMS database as well as other automated applications. **Leslie Foster** began at Provincial Library as Acting Coordinator of Technical Services and will serve in this capacity until Dec. 31, 1994. Staffing is currently underway to hire a two year term position as automation trainer for multiLIS implementation as well as other applications relating to the Provincial Library's NcompasS database. Another technical services position, System Administrator for the multiLIS software and NcompasS database, is also being recruited at the present time.

Dartmouth Regional Library recently prepared a strategic plan, which was facilitated by **Len Giffen**. The Board formulated a mission statement, values and goals, and the staff developed an operational plan, including objectives for this fiscal year. The Library is also in the process of installing 2 new Dynal modules. The Electronic Notification System will telephone library customers when reserves are in, and inform them of overdue. The Community Resource Module will include a directory of Dartmouth clubs and organizations which will be searchable from the OPAC.

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library is developing an automation proposal for the Region. The proposal will include the branch and the bookmobile. Partnerships with other regions and with non-library organizations will be considered. The Library is also participating in the organization of the N.S. freenet conference for the fall.

Janet Pelley was appointed Regional Librarian Director of CEHRL. In her 17 years at Colchester-East Hants, she has held the positions of bookmobile/branch co-ordinator, technical services librarian, and assistant chief librarian. **Michelle Walter** has been appointed technical and automated services librarian.

Oh, and by the way, the Librarian "whalecombed" 550 members to the "Whale of a Tail" reading club!

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Saint Francis Xavier University has a new Head Librarian—**Rita Campbell**. Rita was previously the Systems Librarian at St. F.X., and has been in her new position since July 1. St. F.X. has also recently joined the **NOVANET** consortium, and will have the OPAC system available for use in September.

Also new to **NOVANET** is the **Victoria General Hospital Library**. **NOVANET** is currently in the process of hiring a new Executive Director.

Dalhousie University's Killam Library recently received two donations. **Norman MacKenzie** (a Dalhousie graduate currently at Ryerson Polytechnical University in Toronto) donated a limited edition set of reproductions of drawings by the 16th century German artist Hans Holbein. The Dalhousie Art Society donated \$6,000 for the purchase of a CD-ROM workstation for the Electronic HRAF (Human Relations Area Files), a database of full-text extracts from anthropological, sociological, and psychological books and articles.

Saint Mary's University Library has made some very drastic organizational changes, in part to break down the old stereotype of library organization, but also to reflect the changes new technologies have played in the library—more demand for quick access to information and less buying power of the budget. The Library has also cancelled \$125,000 of standing orders and periodicals, which is about 25% of the periodical budget. User-pay databases will be relied on more heavily in the future.

Nova Scotia College of Art & Design has recently obtained access to the Internet, and is working with their newly installed security system.

On April 29 approximately 300 guests assembled on the grounds of the **Atlantic School of Theology** for the Board of Governors' official opening and dedication of the new library.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

A number of library organizations have written letters to the Minister of Education regarding the recent events with school libraries in the Province. Mark Leggott is in the process of preparing a letter on behalf of APLA as well.

GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES

The Nova Scotia Legislative Library is working with the Chebucto Freenet in a pilot project to mount the "Status of Bills" report (a tool used to track the progress of bills through the Legislature each session) produced by the Legislative Library. They are also giving consideration to loading other Library publications. The Legislative Library now provides direct dial-up access to its OPAC. Phone (902) 424-2059, choose terminal emulation #1 (VT100), and you're set to search the Library's holdings. The Legislative Library's Internet e-mail address is nslelib@fox.nstn.ns.ca

ASSOCIATIONS

The new Chair of the Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council is Valerie Brisco of the N.S. Department of Natural Resources (Phone 424-8633). The outgoing Chair is Sandy Scott of the N.S. Legislative Library.

Donna Bourne-Tyson resigned as President of the Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) in May. Michael Colborne of the Halifax City Regional Library (Phone 421-6984) is the new President. Plans for the fall conference are nearing completion.

NSLA contacted Education Minister John MacEachern about the situation in school libraries, emphasizing the importance of a strong school library service in the electronic age. The letter is published in the latest NSLA newsletter.

The new Halifax Library Association Executive for 1994/95 is: President: Janice Fralic-Brown of the NS College of Art & Design (Phone 422-7381); Vice-President/President Elect: Sue Dirani; Treasurer: Loretta Young; Secretary: Rebecca Arsenaault; Membership Convener: Darlene Tan; Councillor: David Hansen; and Councillor: Darlene Beck. HLA's first Executive Meeting was August 31.

Nova Scotia librarians who are presently serving as members of the new Canadian Library Association executive are: Penny Marshall of the University College of Cape Breton as Vice-President/President Elect and Andrea John of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library as a Councillor-at-Large. Jane Thornley of the Halifax County-Bedford District School Board is President of the Canadian School Library Association.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Halifax Area Law Libraries (HALL) concluded its regular meetings for 1993-94 with a session in June. The first meeting for 1994-95 is planned for September, and will include HALL's annual publishers' forum with representatives from the major Canadian legal publishers. The new executive for the upcoming year are Peter Lambly as Chair and Mary Jane Parsons as Secretary.

HALL is exploring the development of an online research consortium with the Fredericton-based company Legal Research Consultants. The aim of the consortium is to provide access to legal and related information which no single member would otherwise have.

LIBRARY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

The new Acting Director at the School of Library and Information Studies is Dr. Louis Vagianas. Thanks to everyone's recruiting efforts, the 1994-95 class looks like it will be the largest ever! Maggie Weaver has been appointed as a lecturer for the fall term, and will be teaching Sources for Business Intelligence and Information Retrieval.

-Mark Leggott
Vice President (Nova Scotia)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The release of the long-awaited report of the Working Group on Library Futures is imminent. The appointment of new people to both the Minister and Deputy Minister positions of the Department of Education has caused a delay in the presentation of the Report to government.

The reorganization within the Provincial Library Service is continuing. Don Scott has returned to the library system after a three-year absence and will be assuming the position of Chief Librarian at the Confederation Centre Public Library.

The Summer Reading Program has proven to be very successful this year. The theme "Book a Circus Adventure" has attracted many children and a wide variety of programs have drawn large audiences.

A number of libraries have been able to hire students to assist in special programs and projects, thanks to federal and provincial job creation programs. Shirley MacLeod, a library student at Dalhousie University, was hired by the Friends of the Confederation Centre Public Library and partially funded by Human Resources Development Canada to work with the Summer Reading Program.

At the staff development day held in June, two awards were presented. The Community Library Award for community support for a branch library was presented to the Alberton Library Committee and the Alberton branch technician, Helen Wallace. The Quality Service Award for efforts in meeting the library needs of a community was awarded to Kay MacLean of the Murray Harbour branch.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

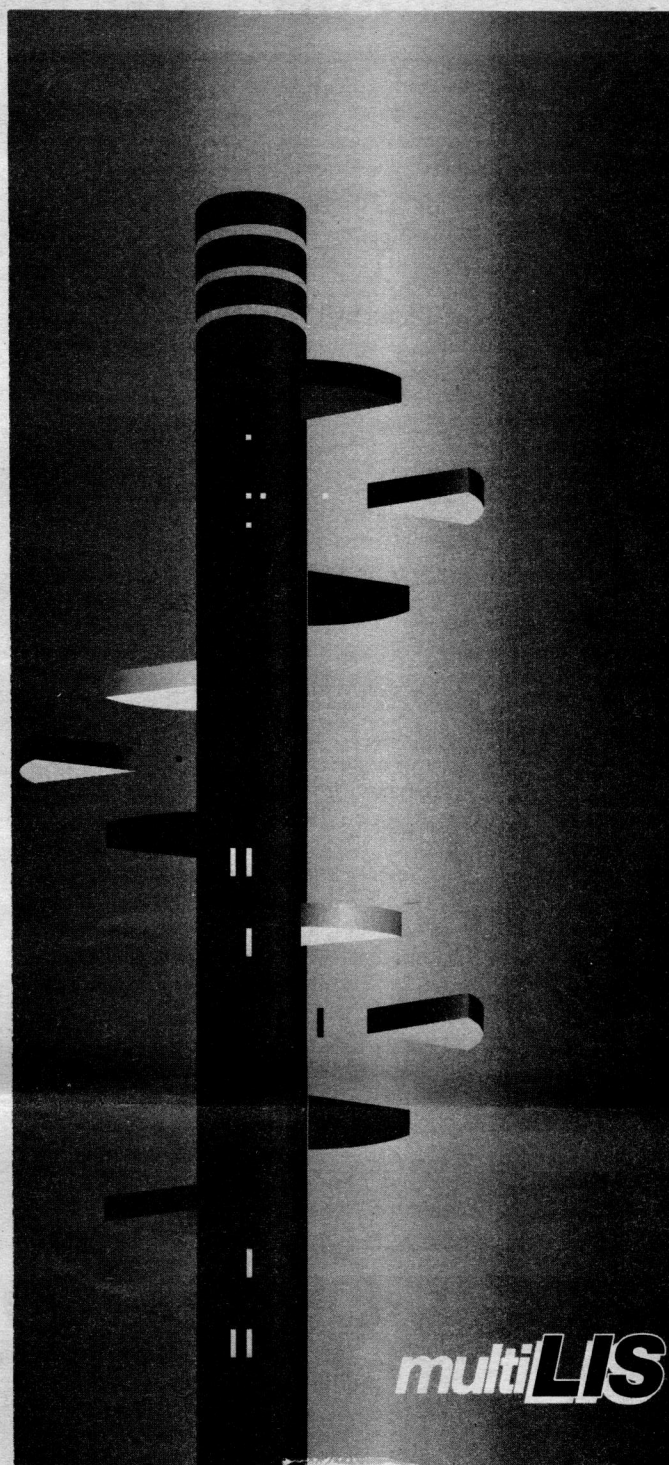
At the Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island, the recon project continues as a student has been hired under the provincial government's "Jobs for Youth" program. Since last November, 22,000 records have been added to the database; approximately 50,000 records remain for the project completion.

Sharon Clark has been filling in for Holland College Librarian Brenda Brady during the summer months. The move of the Library to a more central location was completed this summer.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

It is with deep regret that I must report that Elaine MacLeod, teacher-librarian at Parkside Elementary School, died in June.

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Vice President (Prince Edward Island)



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PTLAC Discusses Its Mandate and Information Policy

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Many of the discussions at this meeting centred on similar issues to those presented in the APLA Strategic Plan, such as APLA functioning as a regional voice, improving communications both internally and externally, and promoting libraries.

As a result of a rather lengthy discussion, there was further resolve to keep Provincial/Regional/Territorial Association Presidents well informed about issues of a general nature, with CLA involving associations in collective action wherever it was required. It was also discussed that there is a need to continue to promote the Provincial/Regional column in *Felicitier*. Finally, PTLAC needs to continue to search for a new structural model which might work for such a diverse group of library and information agencies and associations across the country.

In the second major area, there was considerable discussion about Information Policy issues. Barbara Clubb and Marion Pape (Directors of Provincial Library Services in Ontario and Nova Scotia, respectively) reported on a workshop on electronic democracy sponsored by Industry Canada on June 7, 1994. The two major questions discussed were how do we conceive of public space in an electronic environment and what is to be done to achieve this. By the end of the day the group agreed that the following principles were key to the development of a public electronic space: universality, accessibility, integrity, choice, competence, diversity, participation, equity, and privacy.

Key issues that emerged from the discussion included: 1) Social Policy initiatives are not being dealt with at the current time in any organized manner. The massive lobbying from public interest groups was successful in having some public sector persons appointed to the Information Highway Advisory Council; however, these persons are in the minority and definitely require our help. 2) Telecommunications rates in rural, remote, and northern communities. 3) Access is a measure of democracy. Writer Heather Menzies characterized the challenge of retaining and enhancing autonomy within the current state of dependency on telecom and cable companies. This was elaborated upon in her recent article published in *Canadian Forum*, June, 1994 titled "Hyping the Highway". She referred eloquently to public libraries as the key to the people's activity. A new element of democracy is having access to technology; otherwise we are disenfranchised. 4) Technology can be transformative and it is important that we all speak out in this area. The great danger is apathy. 5) There was

no agreement on what constituted basic service, but everyone agreed that this was changing. 6) The issue of copyright and compensation for the contributors needs to be addressed. 7) Part of the access need is for locator tools that are easy to use so that people can turn information into knowledge and then wisdom.

A two page document was prepared by Industry Canada as a result of this discussion for presentation to the Advisory Council on the Information Highway. This will be elaborated upon in a report which will be broadly distributed, and a second workshop will be held in the Fall to outline strategies and proposed solutions.

A partnership has been established between the Canadian Library Association (CLA), Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC), Provincial and Territorial Library Directors Council (PTLDC), Canadian Association of Public Libraries (CAPL), Canadian Library Trustees Association (CLTA), and the Canadian Association of Large Urban Public Libraries (CALUPL) on an electronic democracy submission to be sent to the Advisory Council on the Information Highway in support of the development of public access to the Information Highway. A committee coordinated by Barbara Clubb has been established to write this submission. The APLA Executive will be given an opportunity to comment on the draft brief in September.

Another important piece of recent information is that Industry Canada is considering the establishment of an Information Infrastructure Funding program to be implemented in the early fall to help with the development of public networking, including aspects of public library networks and freenets. It is highly likely that this will require some type of matching funding similar to the federal/provincial infrastructure works program currently in operation. As details become available, I will post them on the APLA Listserv.

Other topics discussed at the PTLAC meeting included the ALARM (Alliance of Libraries, Archives and Records Management) document about the Human Resources sector. John Tooth of Manitoba was very anxious to solicit comments from each Association across the country. The elimination of the National Library Multilingual Biblioservice was discussed and it was determined that Provincial and Territorial Library agencies were dealing with this issue.

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Brimer Award Shortlist Announced

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

On the shortlist are *Good Idea* by Lesley Choyce (Formac),

Taking Care of Alabama by Liz Morantz (Maxwell Macmillan), *I Am Small* by Sheree Fitch (Doubleday), *The Mummer's Song* by Bud Davidge (Groundwood), and *Wetlands* by Pam Hickman (Kids Can Press).



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

The winner will be announced on November 10 during a reception at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax.

For further information, contact:

Linda Hodgins, Ann Connor Brimer Award Committee, Nova Scotia Library Association, P.O. Box 36036, Halifax, N.S., B3J 3S9, Tel: (902) 464-2311.

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The Bibliographical Society of Canada has published, in cooperation with the Association for Canadian Studies, the *Proceedings of the Third National Conference on Canadian Bibliography*, which was held in Charlottetown on May 31 and June 1, 1992. All papers and responses are published in one volume of 467 pages. The cost is \$40.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

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Information Policy at the 1994 CLA Conference

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She exhorted that information policy must allow for that public space that includes education, libraries, free speech, and open and intellectual discourse. Public interest groups must work together to continue the real education process. Building coalitions of groups is not always easy. Kranich indicated that "it's like herding cats" to get library organizations to work together.

The Conference culminated in the passing of two key resolutions on Information Policy and Information Rights Week.

Resolution 2: Resolved that CLA sponsor Information Rights Week from April 3-10, 1995. Moved by Brian Campbell and seconded by Marion Pape.

Resolution 3: Resolved that CLA urge Industry Canada and the Advisory Council on the Information Highway to hold public hearings across Canada in the fall of 1994 to educate the public and allow for broad participation in formulating information policy and, be it further resolved that if the Advisory Council does not organize cross-Canada public hearings, that CLA will work with organizations sympathetic to public access issues to organize such cross-Canada hearings. Moved by Brian Campbell and seconded by Bryan Foran.

ACTION FROM APLA AND MEMBERS:

It is not too early for information and related organizations such as FreeNets, Consumers' groups, Library, Archival and Records Management groups to begin planning coalitions and activities to celebrate 1995 Information Rights Week. If anyone is interested in participating, make sure you let your Provincial Vice President know. A report of last year's activities from across the country is available from APLA or from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library Professional Collection. Also, anyone who wishes to receive a copy of the 1995 Information Rights Week package and poster when it is ready should get in touch with your Provincial Library or APLA.

-Marion Pape
N.S. Provincial Library



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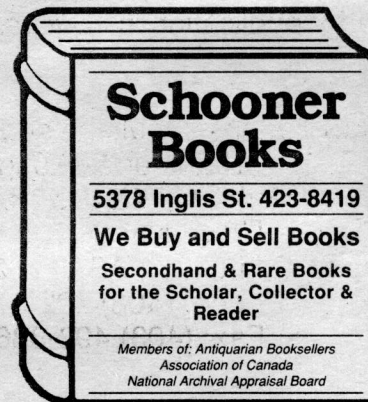
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Send enquiries or applications to:

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The Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL), a division of the Canadian Library Association, is pleased to announce that two awards of up to \$1000 each will be awarded to new librarians to attend the 1995 CLA conference in Calgary, Alberta. Awards will be made on the basis of a draw from all eligible applications postmarked by **March 31, 1995**.

Purpose:

- * To encourage involvement of new librarians in the annual CLA Conference.
- * To promote membership in the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries.
- * To provide financial assistance to those who do not have sufficient funding to attend the CLA annual conference.

Eligibility:

- * New librarians who have received an MLS within the past two years from a Canadian library school.
- * Applicants must be personal members of CACUL.
- * Preference will be given to applicants who have not attended a CLA conference.
- * Applicants who have received funding to attend the conference from another CLA source will not be eligible for this grant.
- * Recipients must be able to attend the CACUL AGM and provide a written summary of their conference experience for publication in *Feliciter*.

Applications should be submitted to:
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Authors Receive Provincial Grants

Six Nova Scotian authors have been awarded grants through the province's Assistance to Established Writers program. Monetary awards will be given to Bette Cahill, Halifax, for *Black Market Babies*; Claudia Gahlinger, Halifax, for *LACUNA: A Novel*; Sheena Masson, Tatamagouche, for *Inside Passage*; Philip Milner, Antigonish, for *Yankee Professor 2*; Gary Saunders, Truro, for *A Nature Lover's Guide to Nova Scotia*; and Anne Spencer, Boutilier's Point, Halifax County, for *Castle on the Hill*.

The Assistance to Established Writers program provides awards ranging from \$300 to \$1,500 to professional writers working on projects in which trade publishers have expressed an interest. Applications are reviewed by an Advisory Panel consisting of representatives from the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia, the Atlantic Publishers Association, the Atlantic Provinces Booksellers Association, and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

The deadline for the next competition is 4:30 p.m., Monday, **October 3, 1994**. Applications are available from the Department of Education, Cultural Industries and Research Officer, P.O. Box 578, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2S9, or by phoning 902-424-6389.

The Fredericton Area Free-Net

An organizing committee has been busy planning for the establishment of a Fredericton Area Free-Net. Approximately 30 members of the public attended an introductory meeting held at the UNB Wu Conference Centre on June 30, 1994, in which an aggressive tentative schedule for the Free-net rollout was defined.

Equipment and software acquisition/installation is scheduled for September 25, 1994, with the Free-Net ready for an internal pilot test run by December 31, 1994. This will be followed by a restricted access pilot test run from January 1 - March 31, 1995. It is anticipated that the Fredericton Free-Net will be open for public access by April 1, 1995. Although much of the technical equipment has been secured through donations, the organizing committee would welcome input from any volunteers. For further information, please contact Stephen Sloan (sloan@unb.ca); Dale Dunphy (dmrftn@nbnet.nb.ca); or Michael MacDonald (mikemac@unb.ca).

Linda-Ann Sturgeon
University of New Brunswick

CORRECTION

In the article in the last issue entitled "Back to Reality in Cape Breton", the names of the conveners of the Local Arrangements and Program Committees were inadvertently omitted. Laura Peverill and Faye Hopkins were the Co-Conveners of the Local Arrangements Committee and Rita Campbell was the Convener of the Program Committee.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick Annual Meeting, September 30-October 1, 1994, Moncton, NB. On Friday, September 30, the Association's bylaws will be reviewed. Saturday's schedule includes the presentation of the Association's annual report and election of officers. Also on Saturday will be a panel discussion with representatives from NBTel and Fundy Cable, both key players in the development of the electronic highway in New Brunswick. After lunch at Gaston's Restaurant, there will be a session on the development of Freenets, followed by local tours. Registration for the meeting, including lunch, is \$30. For more information, contact Association President Muriel Morton at (506) 357-3329.

Nova Scotia Library Association Conference, September 30-October 2, 1994, Yarmouth, NS. Hosted by Western Counties Regional Library, this year's theme is "Libraries Are Not Made, They Grow". Contact: Joanne Head at (902) 742-2486/Fax: (902) 742-6920/Internet: jhead@nsy.library.ns.ca

Atlantic Association of Historians Workshop on History and Multimedia Teaching, September 30-October 2, 1994, Fredericton, NB. Registration fee is \$60.00 plus tax. Contact: Kathryn Hilder, Reference Department, Harriet Irving Library, P.O. Box 7500, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NBE3B 5H5. Phone: (506) 453-4749/Fax: (506) 453-4596/Internet: hilder@unb.ca

Fall Workshops on the Internet and Microcomputers, October 1, 1994, St. John's, NF. The Newfoundland Library Association will be sponsoring two one-day workshops. Admission to both workshops will be free and registration will be handled by the NLA. For further information, contact either Bill Tiffany at (709) 737-7428/Internet: wtiffany@morgan.ucs.mun.ca or Dianna Taylor-Harding at (709) 778-0458/Internet: dharding@dragger.ifmt.nf.ca

Association for Teacher Librarianship in Canada and the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association Learning Resources Council Joint Conference (Learning Together), October 13-15, 1994, St. John's, NF, Hotel Newfoundland. Contact: Victoria Pennell, P.O. Box 9, Pouch Cove, NF A0A 3L0. Phone: (709) 754-0710 (W), (709) 335-2394 (H)/Fax: (709) 754-0122/Internet: vpennell@calvin.stemnet.nf.ca

Canadian Images Canadiennes 3, October 21-23, 1994, Winnipeg, MB, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. The Conference is sponsored by the Manitoba School Library Association. Keynote speaker will be Jean Little; other speakers include Irene Aubrey, William Bell, Roch Carrier, Sheree Fitch, Richardo Keens-Douglas, Claire Mackay, Kathy Stinson, and Budge Wilson. Registration fee is \$175.00, including meals. Contact: Joyce Birch, 2604 One Evergreen Place, Winnipeg, MB R3L 0E9. Phone: (204) 453-1756.

Information Rights Week, April 3-10, 1995.

APLA '95 (Building Better Bridges, Forging Stronger Links), May 25-28, 1995, Charlottetown, PE, University of Prince Edward Island.

Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des Bibliothèques de la Sante Annual Conference (Old World—New World), June 4-7, 1995, St. John's, NF, Radisson Plaza Hotel. The theme is drawn from the principles of preserving and building on enduring values in health librarianship. Contact: Catherine Lawton, St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Medical Library, Le Marchant Rd., St. John's, NF A1C 5B8. Phone: (709) 778-3111/Fax (709) 738-1216 or Shaila Mensinkai, Dr. Charles A. Janeway Child Health Centre, Library Services, Janeway Place, St. John's, NF A1A 1R8. Phone: (709) 778-4222/Fax: (709) 778-4446.

CLA 50th Annual Conference, June 15-18, 1995, Calgary, AB.

CLA 51st Annual Conference, June 1996, Halifax, NS.

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