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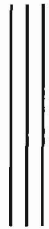
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From the President's Desk

The Executive, Committee Heads and members have all been busy on your behalf during the past months. A conference no sooner ends than the planning for the next begins. The 1975 Annual Conference will take place in Fredericton, N. B., on the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas campus, on May 29 - June 1, 1975.

In response to the membership demand for workshop-type conferences, and a conference that would have special interest for school librarians and trustees, there will be three programs. It is tentatively planned that the keynote address will be given by Ellen Altman, one of the three authors of *PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES*, published by the Public Library Association of the American Library Association. She will conduct a one day workshop on Saturday, May 30. As provinces move into the Program Planning Budget System, it is extremely important for all librarians to have the opportunity to study it.

Registration will begin on Thursday afternoon for those wishing to register early for an all-day workshop on Friday, May 29. This is a jointly sponsored workshop (A.P.L.A./C.S.L.A.) on non-book materials . . . their acquisition, cataloguing and circulation. It will be given by Shirley Lewis Consultants, who have conducted very successful workshops elsewhere in Canada. Although principally aimed at school librarians, all delegates may register for it.

A committee of two, composed of a public librarian (N. S.) and a trustee (N. B.), are working on a program for trustees and will make every effort to ensure that trustees in the three Provinces (P.E.I. does not have trustees) are aware of the special program and encouraged to attend the conference. The N. B. Library Council is sponsoring this activity.

It is also the decision of the Executive that there should be two general business meetings, one on Friday evening, May 29 and one short one prior to the inauguration of the new President, Sunday morning. Resolutions may

be presented at the first meeting but will not be voted upon until the second meeting. This is to enable resolutions to come out of the conference and to allow for discussion and debate. An experiment of having two "buzz sessions" between business meetings will be made, at which time members can discuss the resolutions before voting on them. The proposers of the resolutions must make themselves available at these times to answer questions. Impartial observers from the Resolutions Committee will be required to note, in a fair manner, the main objectives and positive comments, reporting these to the general membership before any vote is taken.

Thought had been given to providing simultaneous translations at the business meetings. However, the cost proved to be quite beyond the resources of the Association. In discussion with members whose mother-tongue is French, the decision was made to have French translators on the floor, so that all members may feel free to express themselves in their native language.

The 1975 Conference will also see the first award made to a person who has given outstanding services to Atlantic Provinces Libraries. In a notice appearing elsewhere in this issue of the *Bulletin*, members will be asked to submit nominations.

The new accounting system instigated by Mr. Douglas Vaisey, Treasurer, appears to be the solution to the systematic billing of personal members and institutions subscribing to the *Bulletin*. It has involved a tremendous amount of work on his part. The beginnings of an Executive Manual has been passed to each member and it is hoped to complete it before the annual meeting.

The Committee to study the feasibility of a joint Bibliographic and Storage Centre, co-chaired by Eileen Travis (New Brunswick) and Margaret Williams (Newfoundland), has equal representation of public and university librarians. The first meeting was held in Halifax, October 27 and decisive steps taken. A comprehensive report can be expected from this Committee at the annual meeting.

Claude Potvin is chairing a committee to study the aims and objectives of A.P.L.A., as directed at the last conference.

The first A.P.L.A. co-sponsored workshop was held on October 28, at Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S., being jointly sponsored by A.P.L.A. and CACUL. It was highly successful, attracting a capacity number of delegates from all four provinces. Three senior staff from the National Library conducted the workshop.

Your President, on your behalf, requested that CLA support any action taken by the librarians of Nova Scotia in relation to the Graham Report. This report, if implemented, would result in sweeping and drastic changes in the present library system of Nova Scotia.

Katherine Le Butt
President

REPORT FROM APLA Committee on Aims and Objectives

Following a resolution passed at the May 1974 Annual Meeting of APLA, a committee was formed to study the aims and objectives of APLA, with a report to be given at the next annual meeting.

Chaired by Claude Potvin, this committee met for the first time on November 30, 1974 at the Dalhousie School of Library Service. It was decided that a questionnaire (another one???) will be used to gather information from the membership at large. It will be a *must* for everyone to answer the questionnaire and to give freely his/her point of view. *APLA will be what the membership wants it to be.*

The committee is as follows:

Chairman — Claude Potvin
Secretary — Terence K. Amis

Provincial representatives and sub-committees:

Newfoundland — Patricia Rahal & Marion Ivimey
Nova Scotia — Ruth Hafter & Bertha Higgins
Prince Edward Island — Sandra Taylor & another to be named
New Brunswick — Alban Arsenault & Judith Aldus
Dalhousie School of Library Service — Mary Dykstra

The questionnaire will be sent early in January to APLA members. Any member, or other interested person, who does not receive it, should not hesitate to contact their provincial sub-committee.

CLAUDE POTVIN,
Chairman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR... Of Sexism and Library Fines

The Editor
APLA Bulletin

Dear Madam:

Having just read your Report in the summer, 1974, issue of the APLA BULLETIN, I felt I must draw to your attention the enclosed article from THE NEW LEADER, entitled *Words and the woman*.

Although I am relieved to note that you do not favour the use of "chairperson" and, one fervently hopes, of "Ms.", that "vowelless abortion", yet I am dismayed to learn that the use of any designation as to whether one is male or female is "sexist", and therefore a Bad Thing. Surely most of our given names make the matter of sex very clear anyway, and the appellations "Mr.", "Mrs." and "Miss" serve to introduce an element of courtesy in our forms of address without which we would be the poorer. Consider, for example, the commendable use of these by the B.B.C. even when referring to individuals of doubtful merit.

One resents the assumption that one has passed from darkness into light by abolishing all references to one's sexual (or marital) status, and that all right-thinking people must surely subscribe to the use of the linguistic travesties endorsed by liberation extremists. It is to be hoped that your new editorial policy

regarding this matter has not been brought about by the influence of pressure groups. May I add that my views are shared by many of my female professional colleagues.

Yours truly,

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The Editor
APLA Bulletin

Dear Madam:

The York Regional Library is currently assessing its attitude to the question of fines for overdue library books. We would welcome the suggestions and advice of APLA *Bulletin* readers, and other libraries, particularly those which may have experimented with a fine-free system.

Some questions:

- are fines a deterrent or a punishment; or both, or neither?
- should public libraries charge fines at all?
- what is the most satisfactory length of borrowing period?
- what particular procedures do other libraries follow, to recover overdue books?

If our findings and experience seems worthwhile, we will write up our conclusion for publication, with, of course, due acknowledgement.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Mark
York Regional Library Fines Committee
Oromocto Library
Oromocto, New Brunswick

FIRST ANNUAL A.P.L.A. AWARD

An annual award will be made at the Annual Conference, to a person who has given outstanding service to the Atlantic Provinces Libraries. The Awards Committee will be chaired by the Past-President of the Association and nominations will be received by the Executive.

All members are invited to submit nominations.

The Public Library Scene in Nova Scotia . . . Present Situation and Future Prospects

CARIN SOMERS

The author is Assistant Director of Cultural Services, Nova Scotia and Director of Provincial Libraries. This paper was originally given as a lecture to library school students at Dalhousie University, in September 1974.

First of all, my thanks to Dr. Horrocks for inviting me to speak to you today. I am particularly pleased to have the opportunity to talk about *public libraries*. With increased penetration of advanced technology and systems planning, by governments and other institutions, into more and more aspects of our working and private lives, the public library service still caters to the needs of *individuals*. I am deeply committed to this ideal of service to a fellow resident and taxpayer. I therefore found it very shocking to discover, in the last few years, that, for some library school graduates, the business of deciding whether or not to accept a "front-line" public library position, can be a rather traumatic experience.

So, here I am, given the chance to clear up some of those misapprehensions about public libraries. And if I muff it this time, I have only myself to blame!

Definitions

As a starter, a couple of definitions: A *public library* is a community educational service based upon the principle that the free dissemination of ideas on all subjects, through books and other media, is an essential service in a democracy. It is education in its broadest sense. A *regional public library* is a library system based on the proven theory that small, scattered communities with limited fiscal resources (read tax income) cannot undertake good library service on their own, but by sharing funds and resources, can provide effective library service.

As to the organization of regional public libraries there are two basic types: cooperative and consolidated. The *cooperative* type is a grouping of independent libraries, which remain autonomous in operation, while receiving a variety of services from a central headquarters or administration. Membership

is voluntary, and the individual library is free to withdraw at any time. This is generally the kind of regional public library organization found in Ontario. In Nova Scotia, all regional libraries are *consolidated* or centralized, i.e. one Library Board decides policy throughout the whole library region and a central administration carries out that policy.

History

From definitions to history: Planning for public library development in Nova Scotia really began in the 1930's and 40's. At that time, public library service in the province was practically non-existent—which, in one way, was a great advantage. A totally new system could be designed without reference to existing conditions. The provincial legislators recognized, in their wisdom, that the only practical means of bringing good library service to the people of Nova Scotia was by means of a province-wide system of regional public libraries, plus a strong Provincial Library to coordinate and "back-up" the whole system.

It was also recognized that *responsibility* for library service should be shared between the provincial and municipal governments and that, therefore, *financing* would be shared by both levels of government as well. A *Libraries Act* was first passed in the Legislature in 1937 and has subsequently been amended, most recently in 1968. This Act established the Provincial Library of Nova Scotia, places the administration of the Act under the Minister of Education, provides for the appointment of a Director of Libraries, outlines the duties of the Director of Libraries, and provides for the establishment of regional public libraries and their operation.

Plus Geography

Now, for a mix of *geography* with history: in 1919, the first regional library in the province was established in the Annapolis Valley. The 1950's saw the establishment of four more. Cape Breton, Colchester-East Hants, Halifax City and Pictou-Antigonish. In the

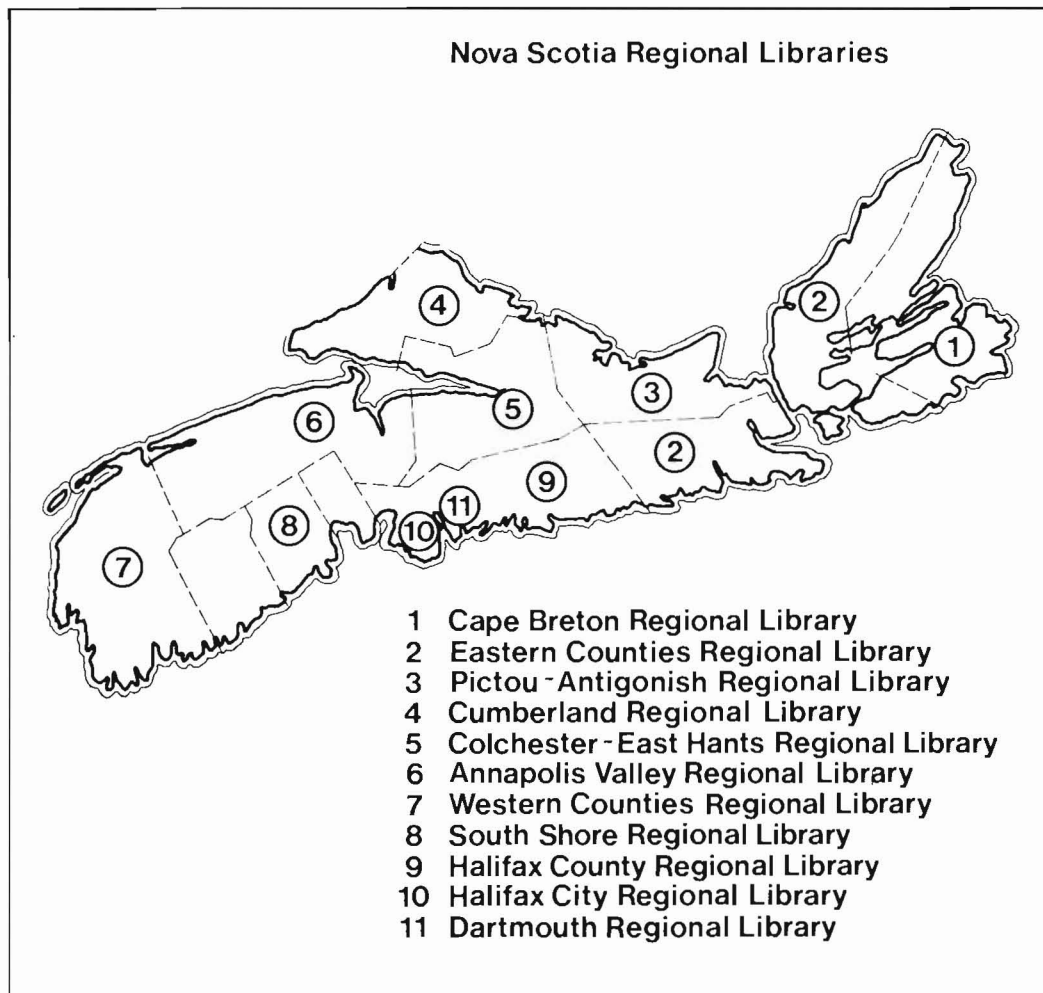
1960's, these regional libraries were joined by Dartmouth, Halifax County, Cumberland, Eastern Counties and Western Counties. In 1972, the South Shore Regional Library became the eleventh and last regional library to be set up in Nova Scotia.

All this means that over 95% of the total provincial population of about 750,000 has access to public library service, via 50 branch libraries and 22 bookmobiles. At the present time, the only two areas in Nova Scotia as yet not a part of the regional library system are Queens County and the District of Chester. Grass root support for library service has been developing and I've been asked to address a community group in Queens County in October. They want to know the steps involved in becoming part of the regional library system.

Regional Library Establishment

I feel it is essential for you, as library school students in a Nova Scotia University, to understand how a regional public library is set up in this province. The desire for library service must initially come from the local level, i.e. the population of a given municipal unit — be it town, city, rural district or county. The citizens of that municipal unit must then convince a majority of their elected aldermen or municipal councillors to pass a motion in favour of provision of library services. The municipal council then advises the Provincial Library that such a motion has been passed.

At this point in time, with geographic regional library areas fairly well delineated on the basis of present municipal boundaries,



the Provincial Library would then advise, for example, the Queens County Municipal Council, to approach one of the existing regional library Boards. The *Libraries Act* makes provisions for a new municipal unit to join in the agreement drawn up between the Minister of Education and other municipal councils, for the purpose of providing regional library services. Apart from municipal boundaries, other considerations enter into the decision as to which Regional Library a new municipal unit joins. While the Act does not spell out a minimum population required for the establishment of a Regional Library, the Provincial Library recommends not less than 50,000 people in the area it will serve. This is to guarantee an adequate fiscal resource base (read tax income) to fund regional library service.

Let's assume that an agreement, in very legal language, has been drawn up and signed by the Minister of Education, plus representatives of a number of neighbouring and participating municipal councils.

Library Boards

A Regional Library Board is set up, as the next step. Each participating municipal council appoints a representative to the Regional Library Board, the Governor in Council (i.e. the provincial government) appoints two members to the Board and, to quote the Act, "additional members" can be "appointed in such manner and number as the parties to the agreement agree". Terms of office of these Board members are also spelt out in the Act. Usually, a new Regional Library Board's first duty is to find itself a competent Chief Librarian who, according to the Act again, acts as the Board's Secretary.

In all these steps, the Provincial Library—particularly its Director and Supervisor of Public Libraries—is frequently called on for advice and assistance, both by municipalities concerned and later on, by the brand-new Library Board. The Provincial Library also assists in the hiring process of a Chief Librarian and, since that calibre of librarian is not readily come by, the Supervisor of Public Libraries has frequently served as Acting Chief Librarian and Secretary to a Board in the interim period. When a Chief Librarian is found, the Minister's approval of his or her appointment is required. This particular appointment also requires the Provincial Librarian's recommendation to the Minister.

Once a Regional Library Board has been established, it functions as the *policy-making*

body for that region. The Chief Librarian, in turn, *administers* the policies set by the Board. According to the *Libraries Act*, the Board is a "body corporate", a legal term which means the Board may borrow money, enter into agreement for the provision of library service, employ staff in addition to the Chief Librarian and, as mentioned before, determine library policies. It is extremely important for librarians to remember that it is the *Board* that makes the policies and the *Chief Librarian* who carries them out!

Financing

At the present time, costs of providing regional public library services are shared between the provincial government (Dept. of Education, Provincial Library) and the municipalities. The cost sharing proportions are determined by the Foundation Program, governing all educational cost sharing. This formula is based on a municipal unit's ability to pay (ability to pay being based on assessment). The second factor determining cost sharing between the Province and a municipal unit is the latter's population. All of this is again clearly spelt out in the Act.

The Act further stipulates that "each city, town and municipality *shall* pay to the board the amount shown in the estimates, to be paid by it in a lump sum, or in such installments as the board requests." (12.2). This implies that a municipal council cannot reject or alter the library budget as approved by the Regional Library Board. A municipal council can only send it back to the Board with a request for reconsideration.

Those of you who are Nova Scotians should be aware that the Graham Royal Commission has proposed total provincial take-over of costs for education, including school and public libraries. I would suggest strongly that the Nova Scotians among you, particularly, familiarize themselves with the appropriate pages and chapters of the Graham Commission that refer to libraries.

This is one thing I feel strongly about: public librarians and those in the administrative positions, especially, must at all times keep up with local, provincial and federal politics, be knowledgeable about recommendations made to governments by consulting bodies and/or royal commissions, and learn how to work within the political process at the various levels. Have any of you ever attended a session of your own municipal council? Have you sat in on sessions of your provincial

legislature? Do you read newspaper reports of federal cabinet or parliament sessions, or watch TV coverage of federal/provincial encounters? Do you know your federal constituency representative's name?

Regional Library Organization

Back to libraries: Each regional library in Nova Scotia has the same general organization—a Regional Library Headquarters, branch libraries and bookmobiles. Headquarters provides general administration—book selection, supervision of branch and bookmobile services, maintenance of records—and generally, is not a public service outlet. Cities and towns usually have branch libraries, though some have opted for bookmobile service. When a branch library is established, the particular *Town Council* is responsible for the provision of suitable space, furniture and equipment. The *Regional Library Board* provides staff, library materials and service. As per the Libraries Act (for the umpteenth time!), the provincial government shares in the cost of providing and maintaining branch library facilities (14c). This is a separate and differently formulated grant from that provided for annual operating costs of total regional library service.

What Does The Taxpayer Get?

Through the regional library system, the taxpayer has access to: constantly changing and well selected collections of books and other materials (such as records and films), an extensive reference and province-wide interlibrary loan service, convenient branch and bookmobile service and special services such as story hours, film programs, reading lists, etc. Administrators try to be flexible to meet ever changing requirements and user requests. Bookmobile schedules and branch hours are geared to, if at all possible, suit the preferences of local area residents.

From year to year, the emphasis in tax payer demand on the regional library can and does change. Basically, we try to cater to the community's informational, educational and recreational needs. In the last few years, the informational and educational needs have outstripped the recreational in most of the regions, as more and more people across the province are involved in studies and courses, upgrading academic qualifications, acquiring new skills and/or hobbies, or seeking to improve formal qualifications in their trade. Yet, it should not be forgotten that, in more

isolated communities, the library branch or bookmobile becomes an occasion for *social contact*—exchanging the latest successful home-brew wine recipes or, hints on toilet-training, best trout fishing flies, or specific consumer information. For many lonely people, particularly senior citizens, the bookmobile visit provides a welcome chance to chat—politics, prices, local content books, the old days! Of course, it works both ways.

User-Staff Relations

Regional Library staff can also be very educational—bookmobile drivers can teach you how to build a log cabin, rig up almost anything to make coffee breaks and lunch hours more convenient or, supply a missing part of one's general cultural background.

And, speaking of give and take, I can't omit the public's appreciation of the library's services. In my thirteen years in regional library work, I've been invited to sit in quite a few kitchens, both rural councillors board member ones and library user ones. When we discussed local politics, I got a chance to explain library policies and out of it all would come, perhaps, an invitation for a day's deep-sea fishing, or a marvellous fresh lobster feed. A "friendly" and frank discussion with an older borrower, on whether to keep Norman Mailer's book on the library shelves or not, led to invitations at strawberry season time and cheery notes when I was hospitalized for seven weeks after last November's car accident.

Bookmobile staff receives a greeting of strawberries and ice-cream at a given stop on a hot summer's day, or a Mexican meal invitation after the vacation-return of a regular library borrower (needless to say, anything on Mexico had been supplied by the bookmobile prior to the trip.) Regional public library work is very *people related*; thus, most of the time very demanding and often mentally and physically exhausting—but also, infinitely rewarding. Your efforts really count and are deeply appreciated. It also means learning to adjust to people, to be sensitive to their moods and their needs.

N. S. Provincial Library

There is one aspect I haven't covered fully yet—where does the Provincial Library fit into the regional library network? In terms of organizational set-up, the Provincial Library comes under the umbrella of the Cultural Services Section of the provincial

Department of Education. This explains my other title — apart from Director of Libraries (as per the Act) — I am also Assistant Director of Cultural Services. Museums, libraries and audiovisual services constitute the Cultural Services program. I have full responsibility for the direction of the provincial library program, and, in the absence of the Director of Cultural Services, must look after the other aspects as well.

Again, to acquaint you with basic organization: the Provincial Library itself has six sections: Public and School Libraries Sections; the Legislative Library located in Province House; Audio-visual, Reference and Technical Services. Putting it all together is the Administration Section.

The *Public and School Libraries* Sections provide *consultation* services to the province's Regional Library and School Boards, their staffs, municipal officials, the Department of Education, etc. The consultant function is one which has increased tremendously over the past few years, and ranges from giving advice and preparing detailed information on book-mobile body and chassis specifications, to explaining legislation and its fiscal implications.

Direct service to the public is provided by the *Teachers' Library* sub-section of School Libraries, and by the *Legislative Library*. *Audio-visual* Services, as yet, cater specifically to the needs of teachers and the museum program. Services include teaching aids production and distribution, such as slide duplication, overhead projectuals, tape duplication and a film library service. It is planned to extend some of these services to the regional libraries, in the future.

Reference Services links all types of libraries in the province via its union catalogue, listing the holdings of 43 libraries in Nova Scotia, including university and college, special, government and regional libraries. In addition, a centralized reference service is provided to the regional libraries. Because of the union catalogue, this section of the Provincial Library functions as the inter-library loan centre for all participating libraries and acts as their liaison via Telex with the National Library's union catalogue in Ottawa.

Just as Audio-visual Services, at this point in time, is geared to support largely the province's school systems, our sixth section, *Technical Services*, supports the regional library system. It provides centralized order-

ing, cataloguing and classification, as well as physical processing of books for ten regional libraries, with only Halifax City not using this free service (Library development history being the reason for this). While the individual regional libraries are responsible for book selection and order typing, the Provincial Library coordinates these orders, and does the actual book processing. Processing of French language materials has begun, and it is hoped in the near future to include comprehensive processing of items not handled now, such as records, cassettes, films, etc.

Library Network

I hope this brief description of Provincial Library Services may make you appreciate how this provincial institution (I do not like that word, really) ties together regional public and school libraries throughout Nova Scotia and, via our union catalogue and associated services, also links the province's university and special libraries. We thus have the beginnings of a library network system in Nova Scotia. I am fully aware, and so are my practicing colleagues, that much needs to be done yet to render our services up to date and adequate, to meet today's user needs and demands.

Challenge for Change

Two recent happenings in Nova Scotia will present "challenge for change", to school and regional public libraries in particular. I am, of course, referring to the release of the recommendations of the *Graham Royal Commission on Education, Municipal Finances and Provincial - Municipal Relations*. The second agent for change may well turn out to be the federal/provincial *Educational Technology Program*. An agreement was signed by the federal Minister of Communications and Nova Scotia's Minister of Education, early in 1974, to make educational technology more widely available to the province's learning population. At this time, we are in Phase I of this program, the studies phase. Surveys of the province's learning resources, distribution methods, and many other aspects, are currently being conducted by consultants from the Federal Department of Communication in Ottawa, the Atlantic Institute of Education and many other individuals and bodies. The studies phase will be completed by the end of this year or early in 1975.

I would like to return for a moment to the confines of my topic — “the Public Library in Nova Scotia”. Irrespective of the Graham Commission and the ETP project — dare one say that? — what do I see as priorities for regional public library development in Nova Scotia?

1. The drafting and acceptance of quantitative and qualitative *standards* for Nova Scotia’s regional libraries. These would provide fair guidelines for professional and non-professional staff establishment, rationalization of collections, limits to the proliferation of small, inadequate branch libraries, etc.

2. A *training program* for non-professional regional library staff.

3. A *gradual standardization* of regional library staff job descriptions, classifications and salary scales. The almost certain take-over of education costs by the Province may actually bring this about sooner than hoped for — by me, at least.

4. Provision of *capital grants* from provincial funds toward the construction or modernization of Regional Library Headquarters and/or Branch Libraries.

Library School vs. Regional Libraries

There is one more thing I would like to get off my chest: relations between your Library School and the province’s regional public libraries. Since the establishment of the Dalhousie School of Library Service we have gradually learned more about each other. The School’s Friday lectures have been open to the province’s regional library staffs, and scheduled so that attendance from outside the metro area has become possible. In the Regions, we have had the mutual learning experience of accomodating Work Study students (and I approve greatly of your Work-Study program). I would like to see more Regions participate, as well as the Provincial Library eventually (in another year or so).

In the immediate future, I would like to see familiarization tours for Library School students *and faculty* to regional libraries, and not just within the greater metro area. I would like to see your faculty consider the idea of returning to the “work force” periodically, to experience what it’s like out there, where it isn’t all systems and ideal collections, where there are real people to be satisfied and their varied needs to be understood.

And now, let me thank you for your considerate attention.

THE DATE OF YOUR CONFERENCE CONFLICTED WITH THE DATE OF MY WORKSHOP. NO, NO, THE DATE OF YOUR WORKSHOP CONFLICTED WITH MY

The increasing number of professional meetings and workshops being held in the Atlantic Provinces is to be welcomed. Two problems have arisen. The first is that of two meetings being scheduled at the same time. The second is lack of knowledge of the meetings that are being held.

A *central registry*, which could be consulted by meeting planners, might obviate or at least reduce the number of time conflicts. This could be established quite simply and the School of Library Service at Dalhousie University would be happy to provide the necessary secretariate, if those organising meetings would send to me advance details. If attendance at the meeting is restricted in any way, it would still be helpful to know of its being held, as this would be of interest to those planning another meeting. With co-operation, it would be possible to respond to enquiries about planned meetings on given dates.

Should this idea prove to be useful, it might be possible at some time in the future to bring out at regular intervals, a calendar of scheduled meetings of interest to those in the Atlantic Provinces.

— Norman Horrocks

IN TRIBUTE – HELEN H. CUMMINGS



Helen H. Cummings

It is with a sense of sadness and profound shock that we record the death of Helen Howard Cummings, Director of School Libraries for the City of Halifax, on June 11, 1974. With her sudden passing, in the midst of some of her most significant achievements, the library profession has lost one of its most sincere, conscientious and energetic leaders. The many library activities in which she had participated, and the positions of responsibility which she had held, offer adequate testimony to the general recognition which was accorded to her knowledge and skill as a librarian and administrator of library services.

More difficult to record but more significant in portraying her personality, however, than those obvious signs of the tribute given to her competency, were the strong bonds of quiet friendship which she formed with her colleagues; the readiness to share her knowledge and to help those who wished sincerely to improve their skills and widen the range of their thought; and above all, her ability to awaken a zest for learning among children and those who worked with children.

Underlying these qualities of friendship and effective leadership, and giving them added

strength and depth were a blunt honesty in her attitude toward life, a high degree of personal integrity in all her actions, and a serious commitment to maintaining an extremely high standard of good library service. Meeting the educational and cultural needs of the people she served was the dominant force in guiding her administrative decisions.

A native of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, where she received her early education, Miss Cummings was initially interested in a teaching career. A graduate of the Normal College at Truro, Nova Scotia, she taught for some years in that province, interrupting her teaching service, however, long enough to receive her Bachelor of Arts from Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S. While teaching, she became interested in the field of library service, and in 1942 secured her Bachelor of Library Science degree from McGill University, Montreal. Subsequently, in 1962, she received her Master of Library Science degree from the University of Illinois.

Seeking always to deepen her knowledge and widen her experience in library work, she held successively the following positions: Assistant Librarian and Cataloguer, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B.; Book Acquisitions, Provincial Library Headquarters, Halifax, N. S.; Branch Librarian and Assistant to Chief Librarian, Cape Breton Regional Library; Cataloguer and Assistant in Reference, Sudbury Public Library, Sudbury, Ontario; Chief Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library, Saskatchewan; Field Consultant with Oregon State Library; Supervisor of Public Libraries and Assistant to the Director of Provincial Library Headquarters, Halifax, N. S.; Regional Librarian, Saint John, N. B.; and finally Director of School Libraries, Halifax, N. S.

While Miss Cummings gave valuable service in each of these positions it was in the last two in particular that her knowledge and experience seemed to reach fruition. In Saint John she presented a five year plan of expansion to the Library Board which brought Canada's oldest public library into the Provincial Regional System and sparked an interest in library services and an awareness of library needs which still continues.

The position of Director of School Libraries, to which she was appointed in 1969 by the

Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, was one for which she was particularly well qualified by interest, training, experience and administrative ability. A most challenging task faced her. In the sixty public schools then in operation in Halifax there were two high school libraries in full-time operation with a librarian and one clerk in each. Two other school libraries operated on a part-time basis with a librarian. Three of these four school libraries were catalogued. Her goal was to provide the complete school system with effective library service within a five year period. By September 1974 she had achieved plans for forty-three school libraries in operation, with four full-time high school librarians, five consultant librarians and thirty-eight clerks. This accomplishment was achieved through skillful planning, the wise use of trained staff, the development of competent clerks, and a program which demonstrated to teachers the assistance that properly designed library systems could provide. Behind it all was the driving force of Miss Cummings' intense interest, concentrated energy, and continuous and conscientious work.

With no thought of public recognition, excepting the recognition and approval of her peers for the high quality of her leadership and work, she carried out her duties quietly and efficiently. At heart she was a teacher, but a teacher whose vision of education grew beyond what was possible in the actual classroom. From her own experience she knew the needs of classroom teachers, and through her skill and knowledge as a librarian she sought to bring to them the best of library services, and to teach them effective methods for using these resources.

Now she is gone, and her direct participation in this service is ended. Nevertheless her work and influence continues, particularly in the library system of the Halifax Public Schools. Her influence is found in the spirit which animates the staff she established and trained. Her influence will live on in the continuing contributions which will be made, year after year, to the intellectual growth of children, through those who work with them in the system she developed. It is a living memorial to the work she accomplished.

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NEWS and NOTES

NOVA SCOTIA

The hottest topic of conversation in Nova Scotia these days is the GRAHAM ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT, issued in June, and its implications for libraries. One of the main recommendations of the report concerns the proposed integration of public and school libraries. While the emphasis on school libraries, as outlined in the report, is long overdue, there is wide concern regarding the actual coordination of such a service, and its funding.

The Nova Scotia Library Association, Halifax Library Association, Nova Scotia School Libraries Association and the Regional Library Boards of the province all plan to submit briefs to the Select Committee. It is hoped that the general recommendations of the Graham Commission can be put into effect in such a way as to improve both the present public library service, and school library service.

Cape Breton Regional Library

CLARE CAMERON (nee Webber), Victoria County Service Librarian, was married in June, 1974 to Howard Cameron of Baddeck.

The headquarters of the Regional Library shrank recently—one third of the former space being expropriated by the Registry of Deeds. This adds to the already existing need for a wing on the James McConnell Library in Sydney, which would provide a permanent home for the headquarters, as well as additional space for expansion of the library.

Florence Branch Library has had to close, as the building in which it was housed was sold. While the search for new premises goes on, the Florence books and shelving have been moved to the James McConnell Library basement—joining the books and stacks moved there previously from the expropriated Headquarters area.

Cumberland Regional Library

The Springhill Branch Library has been re-established in larger quarters, in the former Miner's Hall. The only Cumberland Branch up to standard, with regard to size, the library features attractive free-standing shelving, adequate seating space, and room for expansion. With the move to the spacious premises, circulation has risen noticeably.

Bedford Institute of Oceanography Library

Retirement—CHARLOTTE ALLAN. "On December 18, 1962, Charlotte Allan reported for her first working day at the Bedford Institute. On July 31, 1974, nearly 100 people gathered in the cafeteria to wish Miss Allan a fond 'au revoir' on her last working day at BIO. I think, as a newcomer, it is important to remark that, when Miss Allan began work here, BIO was not much more than four floors of the main building and a dozen or so staff. Miss Allan handled, besides her duties as founding librarian, ordering periodicals, books, cataloguing, her own filing, desk cleaning and garbage removal. Clerical help, when it came, had to be shared with the rest of the organization. Everyone knew everyone in those days, but Miss Allan's most frequent visitors were probably the field mice that climbed in through gaps in the windows. Miss Allan was one of the few remaining "originals" at BIO. She will be missed. We wish her a happy retirement and—do drop in for a visit anytime, Charlotte."—Michael Latremouille.

And appointments: ANNE MAZERALL has been appointed to the new position of Collections Development Officer; ELIZABETH (BETTY) SUTHERLAND is now Assistant Librarian, replacing Charlotte Allan, who retired at the end of July.

Halifax County Regional Library

MARY McCULLOUGH (nee Gilliss) joined the staff on November 4, as Branch & Extension Librarian. She replaces TRUDY GIRARD, who is now working with the Halifax City School Libraries System, on a half-time basis.

Atlantic School of Theology

MARY JO POBURKO, who worked with the library in the spring and early summer, did a bibliographic description of twenty-one of the 16th century books. It is hoped to continue the project to the 17th century books, when possible. Through a bequest from the late Dr. Ian Mackinnon, former head of the Church History Department, a Church History Collection has been established.

Mount Saint Vincent University

The Library has extended its activities to include a section for university archives. VALERIE COWAN has been appointed to organize it.

Nova Scotia Teachers College

Since April 1974, SHEILA PEARL has been Circulation and Reference Librarian. Ms. Pearl previously worked for Xavier Junior College Library in Sydney.

Nova Scotia Technical College

ENVIROFICHE, a data bank of current environmental information on microfiche, has been acquired, thanks to the generosity of Du Pont of Canada. In addition to this microfiche retrieval system, the library has purchased an extensive collection of recent books on environmental engineering.

The MICROFILMING CENTRE, established some years ago at N.S.T.C., with the co-operation of five Atlantic universities, is pleased to extend its services to any library in the Atlantic Provinces. For further information on services provided, write to: A.A.U. Microfilming Centre, N.S.T.U. Library, Box 1000, Halifax, N. S.

W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Dalhousie University

GENE PELCHAT, formerly with Mount Royal College, became Chief Cataloguer at the Kellogg Library, effective August 18. TOM FLEMMING has been Special Collections Librarian since July 1. JAYNE MORTENSON was promoted to Head of Public Services on June 1.

The Library of the School of Nursing was fully integrated with the Health Sciences Library on July 15, 1974.

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design

The move to the Library's new premises is expected to take place on January 1, 1975. (New address: 5163 Duke Street, Halifax, N. S.)

Dartmouth Regional Library

New staff appointments include LYNN MURPHY, Head of Adult Services, RANJAN MASIH, Assistant Librarian (Adult Services) and MICHAEL COLBORNE as Reference Librarian.

Halifax City Regional Library

Building renovations closed the main library from August 20-31, with staff maintaining service from one of the Book Trailers, parked in front of the library. With assistance from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, reference staff carried on a busy telephone service. Although the children's department awaits completion of its new quarters, fall programming is well underway at the North Branch Library. Four or five puppet shows a week are being staged. The library has begun its second season on Cable TV, featuring a craft program and story book corner.

KATHERINE GRIMSON represented the library at the Metro Council on Continuing Education's "store front" operation at a local shopping center. Object—to inform the public of learning opportunities for adults, being provided by member agencies of the Council.

HOPE BRIDGEWATER has been appointed a member of the CLA Committee on Intellectual Freedom.

Nova Scotia Library Association

The second conference of 1974 was held in Westville, N. S., on the weekend of November 2-3. Held in its usual workshop format, programs included a demonstration of Halifax City Regional Library's puppet show and Cumberland Regional Library's "Happy Hour", a package program of films, books, etc. for visits to school classrooms. The audience of library personnel thoroughly enjoyed both demonstrations. A program given by ELLEN WEBSTER zeroed in on the practicalities of maintaining a reference collection, sources, organizing a picture file, etc.

Main thrust of the conference was to discuss the implications of the Graham Report. Ed Harris, one of the Commissioners, addressed one session, and the topic was further explored during a Trustees' meeting and a general session, chaired by SILVIA HUDSON. A committee has been formed, to present a brief to the Select Committee.

New Executive, 1974-75: Heather Harbord, President; Emile Theriault, Vice-President; Maud Mason, Treasurer; Fred Popowich, Secretary. The next meeting is planned for Dartmouth, N. S., in April 1975. The association is open to anyone in Nova Scotia who is interested in libraries and library service. For membership, write to Maud Mason, Treasurer, c/o Western Counties Regional Library, Yarmouth, N. S.

Halifax City School Library System

MARGARET ROSS has been appointed Supervisor of School Libraries for the City of Halifax. Ms. Ross has been with the system since 1970, and is presently President of the Nova Scotia School Library Association (1974-75). She is also a member of the Continuing Education Committee Dalhousie School of Library Service.

Other appointments include: ANN MacINTYRE as Library Consultant, and TRUDY GIRARD, as Library Consultant on half-time basis.

Four new school libraries were organized in September, in the Spryfield area, and the library at Halifax West High School has new quarters, providing more space for students and staff.

South Shore Regional Library

A *shut-in service* to patients at Harbourview Haven, a nursing home in the Town of Lunenburg is underway, using the volunteer

services of local citizens. Saint Mary's University is providing curriculum-related books to the regional library, for the use of extension students taking a Saint Mary's course in Atlantic Provinces History. Both projects are being co-ordinated by BONNIE WADDELL of the regional library.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PENNY MARSHALL, formerly of the Planning Library, Charlottetown, and Xavier Junior College (Sydney) is now living in Botswana, Africa. Her address is P. O. Box 48, Gaborone, Botswana.

NEW BRUNSWICK

York Regional Library

PAINT-IN!! Despite cold winds and the occasional sprinkle of rain, 100 children descended on the construction site of the new Fredericton Public Library. (*photo below*)



The paintings, done on the theme "People, Places and Events from Books We Have Read", were selected from 1,000 entries, submitted from School District 26 students, grades 4-9. The York Regional Library worked closely with the School District Art Department, with the children preparing their paintings well ahead of time. Costs were kept to a minimum by using oil pastels (the schools had a large supply of broken bits and pieces) and local drive-in restaurants donated hot meals, while the library provided hot chocolate.

The presence of 100 children caught the imagination of the media, resulting in front page pictures and features in the newspaper; radio stations did interviews, and encouraged people to visit the site. Although the paint-in lasted only four hours, the library has received a tremendous amount of good will from the public, who pass the fence every day — and certainly from the children, who had the time of their lives.

LINDA WATSON is now in charge of the Nackawic Public Library, located in the high school. Ms. Watson is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and took library technician training at Lakehead University. She has been in charge of the library at Sussex Junior High School for the past two years.

A Young Canada Book Week party was held in Woodstock on Saturday, November 16, for children from all over the Carleton-Victoria sub-region. The two-hour program featured films, puppet shows, games, snacks, prizes and a poster contest. ELIZABETH MACDONALD, director of the sub-region, expected in the vicinity of 300 children. A similar party was held in Fredericton, but details were not available when the *Bulletin* went to press.

Chaleur Regional Library

Staff from the far-flung corners of the region met for their first region-wide workshop, in Campbellton on October 26. The session was convened by ROBERT RICHARDS, Regional Librarian, and led by CLIFF LEMESURIER. On October 28, the regional library launched its brand-new bigger and better Bookmobile. HOWARD COGSWELL has left Chaleur Regional, to take up a new position in December, with the Saint John Regional Library.

New Brunswick Library Service, Fredericton

In September, 1974, AGNEZ HALL was appointed Senior Extension Librarian with the N. B. Library Service. Formerly Library Director of the University of Moncton, Mr. Hall recently returned from a year's sabbatical at the University of British Columbia, where he completed his M.L.S. degree.

Mount Allison University Library

The Library has received a grant to enlarge and renovate the Music Library, now named the Alfred Whitehead Memorial Library. GWEN CREELMAN, a graduate of Mount Allison and University of Alberta Library School, has joined the staff as Music Librarian. H. MITRA has been named as observer to the Council of Ontario Universities Library demonstration project, for the Associated Atlantic Universities Librarians' Committee.

Saint John Regional Library

The Board of the Saint John Regional Library received word that the Rocca Group has been chosen by City Council to prepare the "Component Proposal" for the building program in the Civic Center. According to a spokesperson for the Rocca Group, Jan Davis, the Center is to include a new Central Library and Regional Headquarters, exhibit areas, hotel, stores, apartment houses, etc. The Library Board planned to go before City Council in November to request a starting date for construction.

HOWARD L. COGSWELL has been appointed to the position of Branch Supervisor, as of December 1, 1974. Mr. Cogswell was formerly Chief Librarian of the Campbellton Public Library, N. B. and is Vice-President of APLA (N. B.) for 1974-75.

College de Bathurst

Pour la deuxième année consécutive la bibliothèque du Collège de Bathurst organise des dépôts de livres dans les centres à l'extérieur du campus où donnent des cours d'extension. Ceci afin de permettre aux étudiants inscrits à un programme quelconque d'être service d'éducation permanente du Collège de Bathurst d'avoir accès à une certaine documentation ayant rapport aux cours qu'ils suivent.

Ce service est rendu possible grâce à la collaboration des bibliothèques publiques (Caraquet, Dalhousie, Campbellton) et de la bibliothèque du Collège (Shippegan) qui acceptent volontiers la responsabilité de ces dépôts de livres. Dans les autres centres (Tracadie, Néguac, Chatham, et Newcastle) c'est le professeur qui y enseigne qui se charge des livres qu'on y dépose.

C'est un service très apprécié par les étudiants inscrits aux cours d'éducation permanente du Collège de Bathurst.

For the second consecutive year, the library of Bathurst College has set up book deposits in off-campus centers, where *extension courses* are given. Students enrolled in any program of the College's adult education service now have access to a certain amount of material related to the courses they are taking. Public libraries in Caraquet, Dalhousie and Campbellton and the college library in Shippegan are co-operating in the service, which is greatly appreciated by the students enrolled in Bathurst College's adult education program.

University of New Brunswick Library

The new head of the Education Resource Centre is NANCY KASPER who was formerly with the Reference Service of the Scarborough Public Library. Assistant Librarian is ANDREW POPE, a M.L.S. graduate of the University of Toronto Library School. EILEEN WALLACE, former Head of the Centre, is now on the full-time teaching faculty.

Plans for the *Science Library* provided approximately 12,000 sq. ft. and space for 85,000 volumes, as well as facilities for microfilm reading and printing, photocopying and computer terminals.

Appointments: MARGARET MURRAY to the Collections Department, with special responsibilities for selection in science subjects. GEORGE REMEDIOS, Cataloging Department. M. LYNNE SWANICK has left the Reference Department, and has accepted a position at Sir George William University, Montreal. AUSTRAL REINVALDS, Manager of the Order Department for more than twenty years, has retired. PEGGY GOSS, library assistant in charge of the Physics Library, has gone to London, England, where she will take the course in Library and Information Studies at University College.

Other projects: The first edition and first Supplement of the Serials Holdings List has been prepared. The former was ready for distribution in the Fall of 1974. The Library became the Canadian depository for microfilmed primary *Loyalist source materials*. The Canadian Committee on the Program for Loyalist Studies and Publications deposited 700 reels of microfilmed N. B. materials. There will be further deposits from four other provinces and eventually from the British and American Committees.

Nouveau Conseil

Le Conseil Pédagogique Provincial des Bibliothèques Scolaires held its organizational meeting in Edmunston on November 29, 1974. This is the francophone counterpart of the NBTA School Library/Media Council, organized last October in Saint John.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Roman Catholic School Board Humber St. Barbe, celebrated Young Canada's Book Week during November 15-22, with the theme "Books for all Reasons". Patroness was Cassie Brown, author of *Death on the Ice*. Activities included poetry readings by Dennis Lee, writer of poetry for children, and winner of the 1972 Governor General's Award for poetry. Mr. Lee also gave poetry readings in Halifax and Moncton, among other centers.

DALHOUSIE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SERVICE

Since the school's establishment in 1969, it has been located within the university's Faculty of Graduate Studies. The university is now in the process of establishing a new Faculty of Administrative Studies, and the School of Library Service will become a constituent part of this new Faculty. The Library School sees distinct advantages to an operational program with this new alignment.

The *Continuing Education Committee* has been re-constituted, to allow for input from local practicing librarians. Committee members: Norman Horrocks (chair), Bernie Coyle (secretary), Diane MacQuarrie (public), Margaret Ross (school), Betty Sutherland (special), Jan Glover (university), and Virginia Eamon (student representative).

Appointments include: DOREEN FRASER as Administrative Assistant, in addition to her teaching and research duties. She will be particularly responsible for admissions and the collation of the self-study for *re-accréditation*. BERNIE COYLE is working part-time at the Library School as Assistant to the Director for Continuing Education.

Persons living in Canada, and Canadians working outside the country, who have experience in library and information science service *outside* Canada and the U.S., are being sought for inclusion in a new index. The work is being sponsored by the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, to develop a basic information file of those whose expertise might be useful to Canada. First publication, on microfiche, is scheduled for 1975 and the deadline for inclusion is April, 1975. Compilation of this

index is being undertaken by FRED MATTHEWS and DOREEN FRASER of the School of Library Service. Entry forms can be obtained by writing to either person, c/o Library School, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S. B3H 4H8.

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AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE FOR UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

EILEEN WALLACE

Eileen Wallace is on the Faculty of Education, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N. B.

On June 30, 1973, the New Brunswick Teacher's College ceased to exist, and the expanded Faculty of Education of the University of New Brunswick began the training of all English speaking teachers. At the same time, the teacher training portion of the N.B. Institute of Technology was moved from Moncton, followed at Christmas by the graduate program in teacher education. The former Teachers' College building, renamed Marshall d'Avray Hall in honor of the first principal of a Normal School in New Brunswick, became the site of the Education Faculty.

When a new Normal School was built in 1932 following a fire, a room was set aside for a library. It was a room the size of a large classroom, well lighted with windows on three sides. This did not allow for much shelving or seating space, but was quite adequate for many years, as the collection was

quite small, and there was no librarian. The library was supervised by the secretary of the principal, who later took library training and became the first librarian.

The Provincial Normal School became Teachers' College in 1917 and in 1964 moved to a new building on the U.N.B. campus, although it continued under the control of the Provincial Department of Education. At that time an area in one wing on the ground floor was set aside as a library. Two rooms, each the length of two classrooms, were situated on two sides of a corridor. Supervision and expansion were difficult in this situation.

Before many years, this area became too small to provide the help demanded by students of a two year course. When the transfer to the University was discussed, it was recommended by a committee of the faculty that a move be made to the second floor of another wing, and that the library collection be added to the audio-visual materials in the various subject departments, to form the nucleus of the Education Resource Centre.



Resource Centre, U.N.B.

During the summer of 1973 a second floor wing of the old Teachers' College building was converted into a Resource Centre, with approximately 13,000 square feet of space. This includes a large stack area, a videotaping studio and control room, a periodicals room, audio-visual and preparations rooms, as well as a classroom, student typing room, two conference rooms and three offices. A large brightly-carpeted reading room with comfortable chairs and a lounge area invite study and relaxation.

Books and a few non-book materials from the Teachers' College Library and the New Brunswick Institute of Technology teaching program in Moncton formed the nucleus of the collection. Equipment from all the departments was collected and placed in the Resource Centre. An establishment grant from the Provincial Government provided funds to build up the collection of books, and other materials, required for new courses in the four year program, leading to a Bachelor of Education degree, and for the expanded service being given by both faculty and students to schools.

In 1974, the Resource Centre was open

for 68½ hours per week during term time. It helped to serve the needs of 47 Education faculty members, 252 students in the first year B.Ed. program, 107 students in the completing two-year program, and 31 graduate students, as well as some university students of other faculties and teachers of the surrounding community. Children from the Maugerville School (grades 5 and 6) had their classes in the Education building and used the Resource Centre daily as their school library. In addition, all classes from Charlotte Street School spent one day a week on the campus and also used the Resource Centre, under the supervision of the students taking the Library Science 2000 course.

Since the opening in September, a number of teachers' groups, school classes and interested visitors have toured the Resource Centre, both formally and informally. Its brightly decorated and well-arranged interior, relaxing atmosphere and variety of resources have drawn very favourable comments from both our local and out-of-province visitors. Schools planning libraries have visited the Centre to get ideas for their own planning and have examined the holdings of the Centre for help in their own acquisitions.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee consisting of Pearce Penney, Janet Phillips and chaired by Heather Harbord is calling for nominations for 1975-76 for the following:

Vice President for P.E.I. (and president 1976-77)

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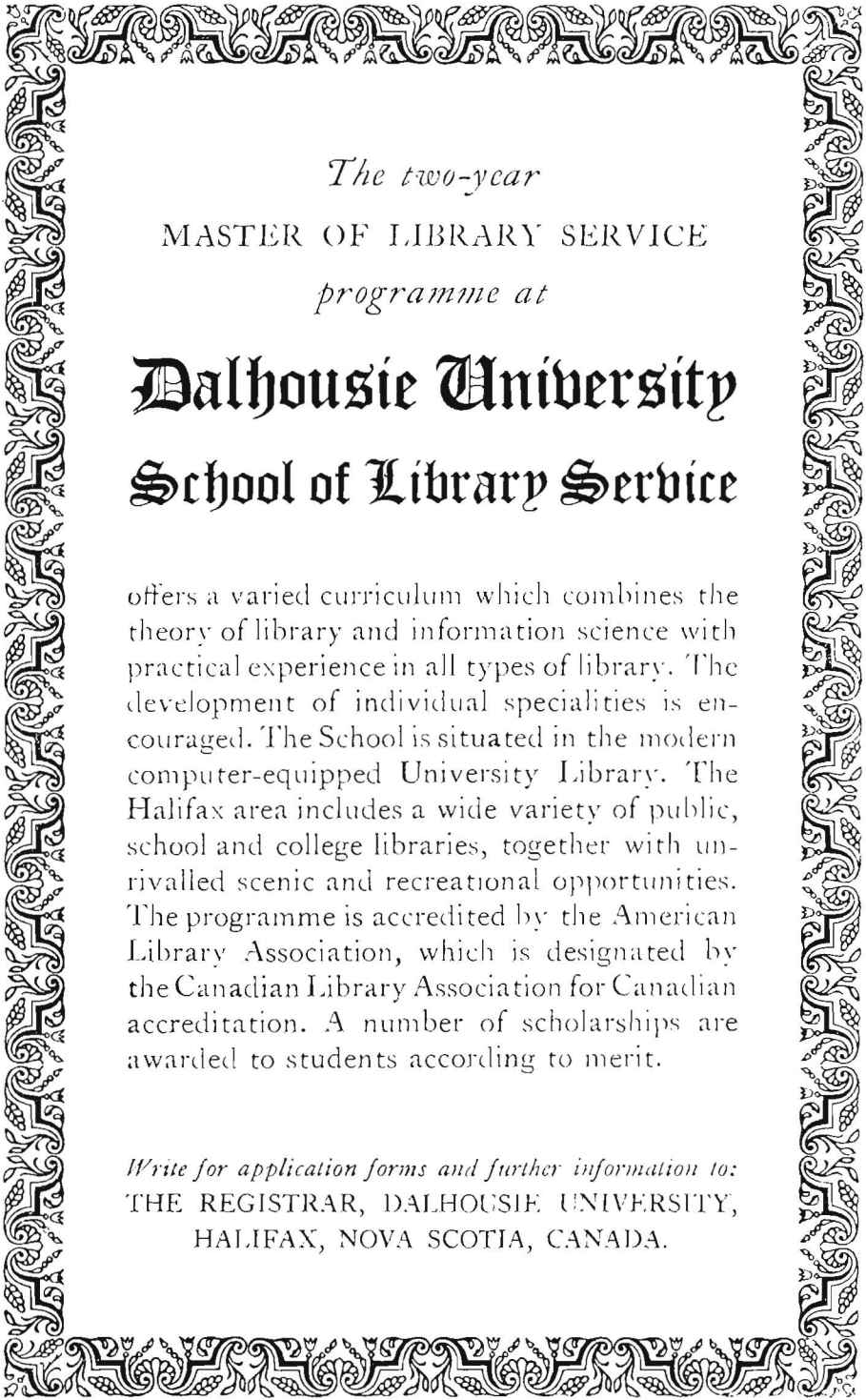
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The 1974-75 Vice President for Nova Scotia. Sister Marguerite Keenan, will serve the second of the rotating two year term for provincial vice presidents.

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Nominations should be sent to H. Harbord, Chairman, Nominating Committee, Dartmouth Regional Library, 100 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, N. S., B3A 1M1, before February 1st and must be validated by a letter to the Secretary, Anne Crocker, York Regional Library, signifying willingness to stand for election and that they are members in good standing of the Association. For further details see the Constitution in *APLA Bulletin*, Vol. 37, No. 1, Spring 1973, p. 6-9



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CACUL/APLA JOINT WORKSHOP ON THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

VIVIENNE BRUCE

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A bright sunny day helped to encourage a turnout of 120 participants for the CACUL/APLA Joint Workshop on Monday, October 28. The event took place at the MacMechan Auditorium of the Killam Memorial Library of Dalhousie University. Three speakers were sent by the National Library to publicize its services and to describe recent activities.

Librarians from all parts of the Atlantic Provinces listened to Marion Wilson, Assistant Director of Public Services, who began the workshop by giving a brief overview of the National Library. She explained how it differs from other libraries, as well as its organization and general functions. She went

on to describe some of the activities of the various branches of the National Library. One of these, the Public Relations Office, publicizes the National Library and handles exhibits — for example, the travelling exhibit of children's books which was recently displayed in Halifax and Newfoundland.

Another branch is the Government Libraries Liaison Office, which coordinates the library service of Departments of the federal government. This Branch has produced a detailed survey of federal government libraries. The office of Library Standards has been in charge of the preparation of the revised classification schedules for Canadian History and Literature, compatible with the Library of Congress schedules. Preliminary editions may be ordered from the Cataloging Branch. Compilation of a new list of Canadian Subject Headings (in English) is now in progress. The office is also directing the development



Left to right: Jean Higginson and Marion Wilson, both of the National Library, chat with Margaret Williams of Memorial University, Newfoundland.

of the L. C. schedules in Canadian law. Ms. Wilson concluded by describing the services of the Bibliography Section and the Reference Section, with particular mention of the *extension of hours* starting November 4, 1974. The new hours are: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (E.S.T), Monday to Friday, and 9 am. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays (holidays excepted).

Beryl Anderson, Chief of the Library Documentation Centre, described some of the specialized National Library services. She outlined the Visually and Physically Handicapped Division and Multilingual Biblioservice. The former is still in the planning stages; the latter is now acquiring and cataloging books in ten languages, and hopes to begin circulating books, in 1975, to provincial or regional centres. Loan period will be one year.

The Rare Books Division, consisting largely of Canadiana, and the Music Division, with its collection of Canadian books and music, were covered next. Ms. Anderson then described the SDI provided by both the Canada Institute of Scientific and Technological Information, or CISTI (formerly the National Science Library) and the National Library. Besides providing this service at a cost determined by the size and type of search required, the Division holds free two-day seminars (for 15 participants) to train search editors or to introduce potential users to the service. One of these seminars will be given at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, probably on November 26 and 27, 1974.

Ms. Anderson concluded by describing the activities of the Library Documentation Centre, a section which collects as much general

and specific information on libraries as possible. She requested librarians to keep the Centre informed of their activities so that the Centre can provide the best possible service as a clearing house of library information.

The final speaker was Jean Higginson, the Executive Secretary of the National Library, who spoke on library networks in Canada. She explained the efforts of the National Library to co-ordinate and nationalize its programs, particularly those dealing with automation, in order to prevent duplication and unnecessary spending. Some of the topics she covered were: plans to automate the Canadian Union Catalog and *Canadiana*; the creation of more union lists of serials; the creation or extension of regional or provincial bibliographic centres; and mini MARC, a reduced MARC format for smaller libraries.

Over coffee and lunch the participants had a chance to meet old friends and to make new ones. The speakers were questioned on various points and librarians left with an increased knowledge of the services of the National Library, and how to take advantage of them. Thanks to the efforts of CACUL and APLA Officers and the Dalhousie School of Library Service, a good time was had by all. Hopefully, this is only the first of many such joint workshops.

Editor's note: Full texts of the workshop papers are available on request from the Library Documentation Centre, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N4.

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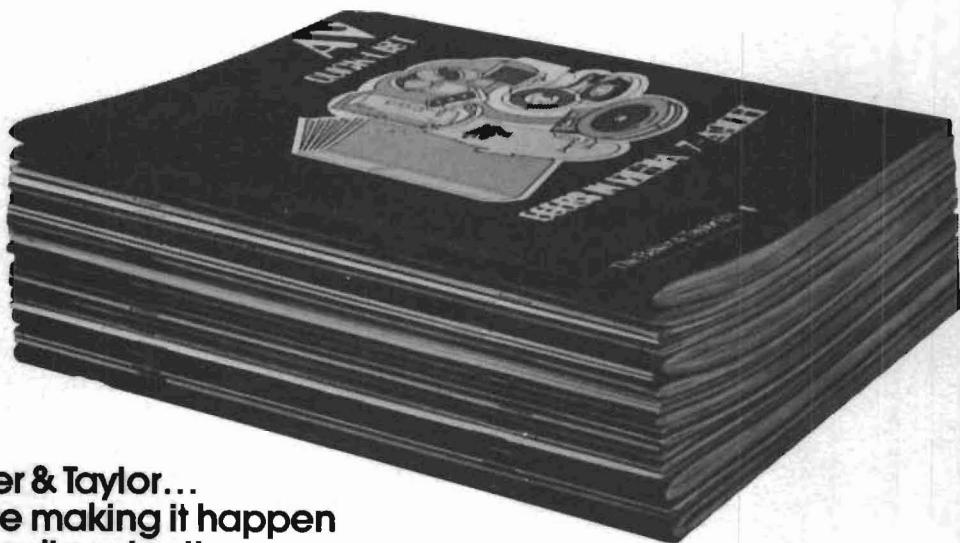
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