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Receiving The World

Newfoundland and Labrador libraries assist air-line passengers stranded after September 11.

September 11, 2001 dawned sunny and warm in St. John's - the day was destined to become one of the warmest September days ever recorded in St. John's, Newfoundland. The province of Newfoundland & Labrador was in the midst of its celebration for the one hundredth anniversary of the first trans-Atlantic wireless message, which had been received at Signal Hill in St. John's by Guglielmo Marconi in December 1901. Posters advertising events for the "Receiving the World" celebrations were displayed at public venues - airports, libraries, etc.

By 10:30 NDT that day, rumors about something wrong in New York sent people to their televisions, radios and computers for updates on the crisis. Soon the news about the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the damage at the Pentagon and the crash in Pennsylvania, was followed by an announcement that airspace in the United States would be closed and that all airplanes currently in the air should land at the near-

est airport. Newfoundland & Labrador, which had been an early hub in trans-Atlantic air travel, was about to receive the world. Following the air attacks, an astounding number of unexpected visitors landed in Newfoundland and Labrador. People, who came from across the world, were on their way to the United States, but to their great surprise, found their flights were diverted to Atlantic Region airports.

Stephenville:

The small west coast town of Stephenville, Newfoundland received eight Jumbo Jets - 1,695 passengers were stranded at its Airport.^[10] Two small aircraft landed at the nearby Deer Lake Airport. After all hotel rooms had quickly filled, the College of the North Atlantic welcomed several hundred stranded passengers^[11], and some people opened their homes to them. Support flowed from miles around as residents, businesses and public service groups came together to help the passengers - foreign neighbours who would soon become friends.^[6] The anxious passengers were unaware of why they had been diverted into Canada.ⁱⁱ The Community Access Program (CAP) Centre at the

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Kindale Public Library "gave these newcomers a place to send their loved ones messages via e-mail to let them know where they were and that they were ok, through public access to the internet."¹⁹¹ The Corner Brook headquarters of the Western Newfoundland & Labrador Division, Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (PILRB) supplied 6 additional laptop computers for Internet access by passengers seeking information about the terrorist attacks, consulting airline schedules, or contacting family and business associates. The CAP Centre stayed open for unscheduled hours to better accommodate the passengers, and passengers were given first priority to the resources. Tamara Klassen, an intern at Kindale Public Library, noted "Some of the passengers didn't speak English and the staff did everything possible to locate the information that they were seeking. The passengers were ever so grateful for having the use of the Community Access Centre and for all the generosity of the Kindale Library Staff; many said they would be back this way to visit again." The library at the Stephenville campus of the College became a day care centre, freeing passengers with families to pursue activities in the community.¹⁷¹ Stephenville's unexpected guests had departed by Friday, 14 September.

Gander Area:

Gander, a community of only 10,000 inhabitants, received 38 aircraft carrying 6,595 passengers.¹¹⁰¹ Airplanes with their passengers rested on the airport tarmac for several hours awaiting news about the resumption of their flights. This time was used by local emergency measures organizations to prepare locations capable of housing this influx of unexpected guests.

Passengers from each flight would be kept together. Those who could not be accommodated in Gander, were housed in the nearby communities of Appleton, Gambo, Glenwood, Lewisporte and Norris Arm. All available public buildings - schools, colleges, church and fire halls, service clubs, camps - were used to house the passengers.^{14,5,81} The Canadian Forces flew in thousands of beds, cots, and blankets.¹¹¹ Townspeople in these communities supplied food, beverages and other necessities. Residents of these towns opened their homes so these strangers could shower, and frequently hosted meals in their homes.¹²¹ Libraries in these communities welcomed hundreds of airline passengers. To meet their demand for information resources, extra workstations were installed where possible and library staff gave up their own computers. Laptops from the Gates Lab were in constant use. Hours were extended in these branches.¹¹²¹ Passengers viewed televisions in the school libraries.¹²¹ In Gambo, once the stranded passengers were settled, "It wasn't long before many learned, to their delight, that there was a Public Library in Gambo" Sylvia Collins reported. They came to the library to read books and magazines, use the Internet and telephone, socialize and discuss their situation. Visitors from the United Kingdom, Europe, Central America and New Zealand were amazed to discover that the library provided free Internet access so they could keep in touch with family, friends, employers and business associates. The library offered extended hours and provided refreshments. Several financial contributions were received in the library's donations can.¹⁵¹ Staff at the Gander Public Library spent

the evening of September 11 getting thirty library computers ready for public access. Hours for the library were extended and refreshments were provided. "Our first customer arrived at 8:00 a.m.," Glenda Peddle writes. "This gentleman, who had been returning to the United States from Ireland, had just spent 17 hours on a grounded plane, and knew little of what was happening. As he logged onto our system, he rapidly discovered what was occurring in his adopted homeland." The library welcomed a steady stream of people wanting to use the Internet to email family and friends - approximately 1100 people used the system during the week of September 11. Staff observing residents of so many countries - Kenya, Uganda, Belgium, France, United States - sitting side by side while using the library systems truly felt that they were "receiving the world."¹¹³¹ Unexpected guests in the Gander area learned that Newfoundlanders are both incredibly hospitable, and truly humanitarian. When asked by the passengers why we were so willing to help them, Peddle replied, "It's what we do and who we are."

Gander secondary schools and the Gander campus of the College of the North Atlantic housed thousands of stranded passengers. Web pages at these institutions provide chronologies and pictures of passengers and events.^{14,81} Michelle Stuckless, at the Glenwood Public Library, opened her library at 6:30 a.m. on September 12. Passengers were there already waiting to use the library computers for Internet access. That day the library stayed open to 11:00 p.m. The following day, Michelle added a shuttle service using a

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van borrowed from the PILRB Gander office.^[14] Passengers housed in the small town of Appleton had asked to use the library's Internet stations, but needed transportation.

Passengers started to depart on Thursday, September 13, and most passengers were gone by Saturday. The large number of airplanes and passengers that had to be processed caused departure delays and Hurricane Erin which hit the southeast coast of Newfoundland on Friday night had been presenting flight difficulties along the north east coast of the United States.

St. John's:

The provincial capital welcomed 26 aircraft, with 4,426 passengers.^[10] Airplanes with their passengers rested on the tarmac for most of the day. When it became clear that American airspace would not be opening soon, passengers were taken by bus to the Mile One stadium in downtown St. John's for processing. Then they were housed in public buildings throughout the city - churches, schools, service clubs, the University and CFB St. John's. As happened in Gander, passengers from each flight would be kept together. Four hundred and seventy-five passengers were housed in the building formerly occupied by the Thomson Student Centre.^[11]

The Queen Elizabeth II Library switched all its OPACS to Internet access stations. Many passengers visited the library. Public and school library facilities near locations housing passengers provided Internet access and information services for these guests. The City of St. John's arranged special buses for passengers to visit shopping areas in the city, then took passengers to various scenic and historic sites in the area. Departures began on September

13, but some flights were delayed due to Hurricane Erin. She hit the St. John's area on Friday night and flights were cancelled for a while. Most had gone by Sunday.

Goose Bay:

Seven aircraft and 788 passengers went to Goose Bay in Labrador.^[10] This major military air base readily housed the passengers for two days.

The events of September have had a lasting effect on Newfoundland and Labrador, and the province has had a lasting effect on the visitors it received from around the world. Thousands of unexpected guests arrived in the province, and they were greeted with the kindness and generosity which is typical of Newfoundlanders. Their need for information and communication brought them to public, academic and school libraries in the province for Internet and news access. The relationship between the passengers and the province continues through pages and news stories from around the world which can be accessed using the World Wide Web. Check WWW pages below or do a simple Google <www.google.ca> search such as "Sept. Gander passengers" to sample the ongoing relationship fostered by the Internet.

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News from the President's Desk

Much of your Executive's work and energy is still focused on the upcoming joint CLA/APLA conference in Halifax. We are pleased that, in conjunction with the Conference Local Arrangements Committee, we are able to lower the cost of the registration even more and to make this reduced rate available to anyone currently working in Atlantic Canada. To make this bulk registration rate possible we are doing the promotion and collection of registrations here in Atlantic Canada. Detailed instructions for registration are being made available through list serves and various institutions.

What a vibrant and exciting conference is being planned! There are so many ways for us to become involved. Preconference workshops and conference sessions are planned to address the major issues facing libraries today. We won't want to miss Dr. Debra Myerson, Professor of Management at the Center for Gender in Organizations at Simmons Graduate School of Management, and Senator Laurier LaPierre who are giving the plenary sessions. Six preconference sessions are being offered and one of them is bound to be "just what you were looking for." Look for the special sessions on Library History in Atlantic Canada, Board Development Strategies, and School Library Research among the numerous offerings.

Time is also being provided for us to meet informally with our colleagues including library and literary tours, sight seeing, nights on the town, fun runs,

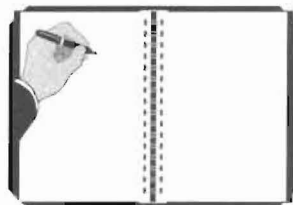
and a final banquet at Pier 21. Don't forget our Ordinary General Meeting which will be held on the Thursday afternoon and followed immediately by the Past Presidents' Reception.

Arrangements have been made for anyone who is not able to attend the conference sessions but who is in Halifax and would like to browse through the Trade Show may do so free of charge. Special passes are to be available at the Registration desk.

The Local Arrangements Committee for the conference continues to work towards making this one of the best conferences. The APLA executive is meeting again in April. On the agenda is our involvement with the Libraries Advance Canada movement as well as our work for libraries here at home. The library community in Atlantic Canada is made up of and is

enriched by a wide variety of libraries and library workers. If APLA is to truly be a regional association, we must reach out, listen to, and involve these many groups and individuals. The Executive is working to open lines of communication with other library organizations within the region. We each need to know what the other is doing and when it is more effective to work together for the development and advocacy of libraries. We also want to hear more from our own members. The Bulletin is an excellent means of sharing and we hope to see more columns coming out of the Interest Groups. All members of the executive welcome comments from individual members. Take up the challenge to become more involved with your library association.

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An invitation to contribute!

Contributions to the APLA Bulletin are always welcome. These contributions could include: letters to the editors; cartoons; web site and software reviews; personal essays of 500 to 1,000 words; library news; upcoming events etc.

The APLA Bulletin reflects the interests and concerns of the APLA membership and, as a member-driven organization, this publication values the views and ideas of its readers.

Please add your voice to the Atlantic library community by contributing to the APLA Bulletin.

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Joint Conference in 2002

Have you always wanted to attend a national conference but find that the registration fees and travel costs are too expensive? If you do manage to attend, do you find that the sessions are interesting but few of them relate to what is happening in Atlantic Canada? If any of the above is true, this is your year.

The CLA conference in 2002 is being jointly sponsored with APLA. It will be held at the Trade Centre in Halifax from June 19th to the 22nd. APLA members receive the CLA member rate, a savings of \$190.00. Is it starting to sound affordable? If you are a student or a Friend, it gets better. Student rates are \$60.00 for both early and final dates and \$85.00 for on-site registration. Friends' rates are \$30.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members.

The conference program is arranged in streams including Policy Issues, Technology, Human

Resources, Services, and Atlantic Canada. All streams include sessions that are broad based and should appeal to registrants from all libraries. The Atlantic Canada sessions focus on issues of local interest. Details on the sessions being offered should be appearing on the CLA web page in January.

It gets better yet. There is a large trade exhibition planned, social events, and tours. APLA members will have the opportunity to visit and exchange ideas. The Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled for the Thursday afternoon and will be followed by our annual Past Presidents Reception. The Interest Group Dinners of the past couple of years proved popular and there are plans to hold these again.

Financial savings, an interesting program, and the opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances all make for excellent reasons to start planning to attend the 2002 Conference.

Call for Nominations

The executive offices requiring nominations for 2002/2003 are:
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Vice-President (Nova Scotia)
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Guidelines:

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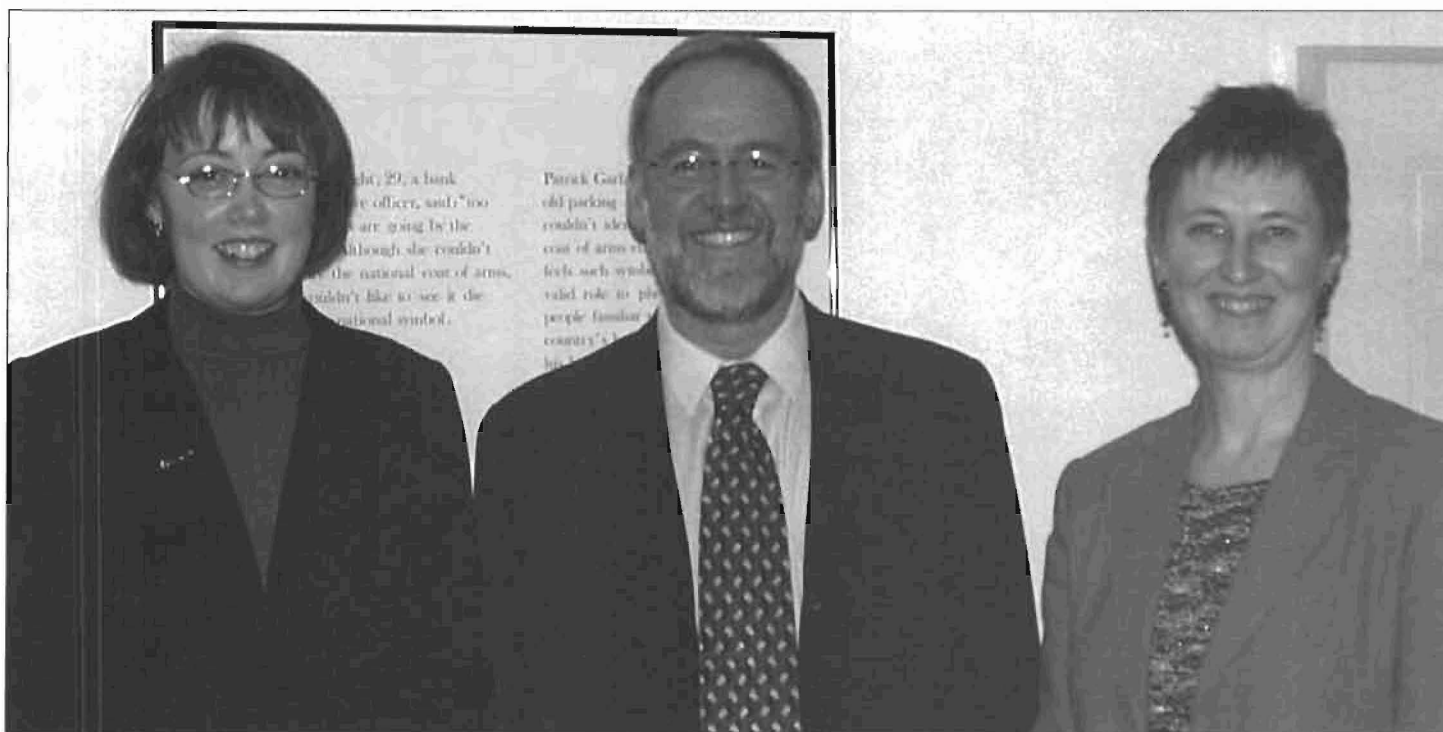
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Deb deBruijn visits Mount Allison University

by Emma Cross



Ms. deBruijn's public lecture "Breaking new ground: CNSLP and access to scholarly information in Canada", January 29, 2002 at the Owens Art Gallery, Mount Allison University. [From left to right] Emma Cross, librarian responsible for organizing the event, Wayne Mackay, President of Mount Allison and Deb deBruijn, Executive Director of the Canadian National Site Licensing Project. The event was well attended and was followed by a wine and cheese reception.

The Mount Allison University Library recently hosted Deb deBruijn, Executive Director of the Canadian National Site Licensing Project for a week long visit (January 28 to February 1) under the auspices of Mount Allison's Centre for Canadian Studies Visiting Scholar Programme. The purpose of Ms. deBruijn's visit was to raise awareness amongst faculty and students as to the impressive amount of scholarly research they now have access to through the CNSLP agreement.

The Canadian National Site Licensing Project is a bold initiative sponsored by 64 Canadian

universities to licence electronic versions of scholarly journals and provide desktop access to these resources for the Canadian academic community through university libraries. As a participant in CNSLP, the Mount Allison University Library now has electronic access to more than 700 academic journals (mostly in science, technology, health and environmental disciplines) and research databases in a variety of disciplines (notably Expanded Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index). CNSLP is a major benefit to

smaller university libraries which would otherwise not be able to afford access to so much scholarly information.

During her visit Ms. deBruijn gave a presentation to the Students Administrative Council (SAC), met with Wayne Mackay, President of Mount Allison, Dr. Andrew Paskauskas, Director of Research Development, Deans and faculty in a variety of disciplines, held an interactive workshop for librarians and library staff and gave a public lecture on January 29 entitled "Breaking new ground: CNSLP and access to scholarly

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information in Canada". After a welcome and introduction by Wayne Mackay, Deb deBruijn used her public lecture to discuss the need for new funding strategies to build infrastructure for the knowledge economy. She outlined that CNSLP grew out of declining government support for universities, proliferation of scholarly information, an increase in the size and power of commercial publishers, rapid rise in the cost of scholarly journals especially in the areas of science and technology, and the decline of the Canadian dollar which significantly reduced the buying power of Canadian libraries. All of these factors forced libraries to cancel many journal subscriptions which in turn limited the ability of universities to support research programs.

The goals of CNSLP are to:

1. To increase the quantity, breadth and depth of scholarly publications available in Canadian university libraries while lowering economic barriers to access.
2. To speed the transition to digital formats
3. Precedent setting - to increase the buying power of Canadian universities by developing a new model of doing business with academic publishers. Headed by Ms. deBruijn, the CNSLP negotiating team devised an aggressive national strategy for negotiating with academic publishers which resulted in a single pan-Canadian licence with seven major scholarly publishers. This is considered a

model license agreement which secured access rights for the Canadian academic community at a reasonable cost to the participating institutions.

Funding for the project has been achieved through a groundbreaking agreement across political jurisdictions. The total cost of CNSLP is \$50 million, with \$20 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and \$30 million from universities, provincial governments and, in this region, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA). Contributions from each university were distributed on a regional basis using measures of research intensity. CNSLP is a three year pilot project and it is hoped that 2003 will see the transition of CNSLP into a permanent program which will evolve with the needs of member libraries. It is hoped that there will be an expansion of the CNSLP model of licensing agreement to include more scientific publishers as well as covering the social sciences and humanities.

During her visit, Deb deBruijn noted the difference CNSLP has made at Mount Allison University. CNSLP provides more equitable access to scholarly information allowing continued focus on high quality research and teaching in a smaller institutional environment. This also enables Mount Allison to continue to attract and retain the best researchers and students and provide support for research grants from external funding agencies. It was also

interesting to note that although CNSLP resources are used heavily by Mount Allison faculty and students, they appeared to have little knowledge about CNSLP. This was despite repeated attempts by librarians to promote CNSLP through the Library newsletter and web site as well during meetings with faculty and students. Ms. deBruijn noted that in her experience this was not unusual especially since libraries make an effort to provide seamless transparent service. Indeed, it would be confusing for patrons if libraries emphasized the funding mechanism by which every database and journal title was made available. However, libraries also have to work hard not to be invisible especially with increasing use of library resources off-site through the Internet. Thus, Ms. deBruijn's visit provided an excellent opportunity to promote CNSLP as well as other library services to the Mount Allison community.

The Mount Allison Library wishes to thank the Centre for Canadian Studies for funding Deb deBruijn's visit through the Visiting Scholars Programme.

Sandra Dixon,
Library Assistant in the
Canso branch of Eastern
Counties Regional Library
sends this funny story along:

"I was working at the library one evening with another staff member when a patron rushed in, dressed in her flannel night dress, and demanded, " Find me something to read quick! I want to go to bed!"

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



PUBLIC LIBRARIES/BIBLIOTHEQUES PUBLIQUES:

Depuis la nomination de Madame Sylvie Nadeau comme directrice au Service des Bibliothèques Publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick, Tina Bourgeois a été nommée directrice par intérim de la Région de bibliothèques Chaleur. Mme Bourgeois occupait avant les postes de directrice de la Bibliothèque de Dalhousie et de directrice adjointe de la région Chaleur. Isabelle Poirier, directrice de la Bibliothèque Népisiquit de Bathurst, assure les fonctions de directrice régionale adjointe par intérim.

Parmi les principaux projets en cours dans la Région Chaleur, notons le Prix littéraire Hackmatack-Le Choix des jeunes lancé dans les deux langues officielles dans 10 des 11 bibliothèques de la région. Les jeunes de la région ont répondu avec enthousiasme et participent aux rencontres avec grand intérêt!

The York Library Region is very pleased to announce that Jean Haywood has been appointed Branch Manager of the Dr. Walter Chestnut Public Library in Hartland. Jean, in her ten years on staff, has been instrumental in adding many

innovative programs. She takes over from Ann Ellis who retired last December after 17 years as head of the branch.

York Region is also losing six additional employees soon to early retirement. Their total years of service tallies 112 years. They include—Annemarie Ottens, a dedicated branch supervisor who was constantly on the road to support outlying branches and keep them connected; she has been in that region for 21 years. Ruth Russell, gifted manager of the extremely busy Nashwaaksis public-school branch who has been with the region 22 years. Gisela O'Brien, from Oromocto Library, is a superb storyteller, puppeteer, fundraiser and flower arranger with 20 years of service. Marie Major, stellar programmer, who over her 18 years with the Oromocto Library has kept children, parents and staff royally entertained. Barbara Ritchie, a 13-year employee of the L.P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock who over the years joyously shared her love of books and reading with so many young people. Roberta Neal, who for 18 years was never afraid to turn her hand to whatever the library needed, be it secretarial support or keeping the storytime crowd amused. Bon voyage and Bonne Chance to you all!

La région de bibliothèques du Haut Saint-Jean a offert de la formation pour tous ses employés. Comment utiliser la base de données Repère et une introduction aux ordinateurs ont été offerts dernièrement.

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réalisations était le slogan pour la rencontre de Noël des employés de cette région. Un certificat de reconnaissance a été remis pour chaque employé de la région et un certificat de Bienvenue a été donné à la nouvelle directrice régionale, Johanne Jacob.

Récemment, un lancement de livre a pris place à la Bibliothèque publique Dr. Lorne J. Violette de Saint-Léonard. Madame Annie Pineault Michaud est la créatrice du merveilleux album illustré pour enfants ZEBULUS LE PETIT ZEBRE TRISTE. Mme Pineault Michaud est bien connue dans la communauté: en tant que jeune, elle a participé aux heures du conte, aux clubs de lecture, et ensuite comme coordonnatrice au Programme Alphabétisation de cette bibliothèque.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES/BIBLIOTHEQUES ACADEMIQUES:

The Gerard V. La Forest Law Library recently redesigned its website to make some more electronic legal resources available to the entire University of New Brunswick/St. Thomas University community.

The UNB Libraries, Fredericton Campus, will host WILU 2002, the 31st Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use, from May 13 to 15 in Fredericton. The theme, River Run:Trends in Library Instruction, is based on the beautiful St. John River. Like the river, the issues facing instruction in this day and age are large, ever-present, and constantly fluid as methods, deliv-

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ery media, and user requirements change. Check the website for more information: <http://flay.hil.unb.ca/WILU/>

Anne Crocker, Head Law Librarian, was recently part of a delegation of Canadian Academic Law Library Directors, who met with senior staff at the National Library of Canada. Issues discussed included collection, preservation and access to Canadian legal materials, in both print and electronic formats.

SALON DU LIVRE 2002:

Le Salon du Livre d'Edmundston se tiendra du 4 au 7 avril au Centre des Congrès. Les employés de bibliothèques seront tout particulièrement bienvenus le jeudi après-midi alors que le salon ouvre expressément ses portes pour eux.

APLNB/ABPNB:

APLNB will be holding its Spring Event 2002 on May 4 exploring the theme LAW FOR THE PEOPLE on the campus of the Université de Moncton. Watch for registration and other details on the website: <http://www.umoncton.ca/abpnb-aplnb>

ABPNB planifie son événement printanier 2002 pour le 4 mai prochain sur le Campus de l'Université de Moncton sous le thème de LE DROIT A LA PORTEE DE TOUS. Vous trouverez bientôt plus de détails et le formulaire pour vous inscrire au site: <http://umoncton.ca/abpnb-aplnb/>



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

College of the North Atlantic

Lynn Cuff, librarian, is leaving the Clarenville campus of the College, and taking over at Stephenville campus libraries.

Barb King, library technician, has left Stephenville Crossing library and has taken over Tina Foote-Houston's position at the main building in Stephenville. Michelle Fry is the new library clerk at Stephenville

The Topsail Road Campus, St. John's is closing in the spring 2002. TRC Library resources will be integrated into the new Prince Philip Drive Campus Library. After March 2002, the PPD Library will be housed in the new medical wing at the Prince Philip Drive campus of the College. The new PPD Campus Library will house a new career centre and the College's audio-visual resource centre.

The College of the North Atlantic libraries have introduced Sirsi's "iLink: Your Electronic Library on the Web" as its integrated online library system. Holdings from all libraries of the College of the North Atlantic are represented in this new union catalogue <http://sirsi1.northatlantic.nf.ca>

All the functions of the new ILS are being gradually implemented. A province-wide committee of librarians (Kelly Matheson, Janet Fraser, John Whelan, and Marian Burnett) have set policies and procedures for integration of the new automated services.

The CONA Library Committee serving students with disabilities was instrumental in having Kurzweil 3000 software implemented in all campus libraries. Librarian Bonnie Morgan, Seal Cove campus, wrote an article on this for CONA's newsletter "Currents". Bonnie is going on maternity leave in April 2002.

Janet Fraser, librarian at the Prince Philip Drive campus, St. John's, is the current President of the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Submitted by Janet Fraser
Memorial University of Newfoundland Health Sciences Library: Susan Fahey who was Joy Tillotson's sabbatical replacement in Information Services, Queen Elizabeth II Library, has accepted a contractual position as Public Services Librarian in the Health Sciences Library. She begins her new position February 25.

Queen Elizabeth II Library:

Laura Scott has returned from her sabbatical to the Collections Division of the Queen Elizabeth II Library.

Stacey Anthony, a MLIS student from the University of Western Ontario, is continuing as a co-op student in Information Services, QEII for the winter term 2002.

Slavko Manojlovich, Head of Systems, started a year-long

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sabbatical on 1 December 2001

Su Cleyle has returned from maternity leave. She is filling several roles Acting Head of Systems, Acting Implementation Manager for Relais and as part of Systems reorganization, Emerging Services Librarian.

Lisa Goddard who had a work term placement in the Systems Office, Queen Elizabeth II Library now has a full time position there as Manager, QEII Information Technology Services.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Sean Dawe has left the Law Library, Department of Justice to take up a new position with the Legislative Library, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

On 4 February 2002, Annette Anthony became Regional Librarian for Fisheries and Ocean Canada at the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre in St. John's. Annette's former position as Client Services Officer at CISTI has been advertised and is due to be filled in the early spring.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association

The Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association announced that its Library Week will take place April 29-May 4th this year. Stephen Green-Dowden is chairing the planning committee. The NLLA Annual General Meeting/conference is set for Friday, May 3, 2002.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Headquarters

The new Headquarters of the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (PILRB) opened in Stephenville on July 3, 2001. Located at the HQ are the provincial administration offices, the provincial business office, Technical Services Division and the Director of Information Technology. The building is a fully renovated and enlarged office building located in the center of Stephenville, providing adequate space for all functions. Also adding to ease of work routines is that everything, including the garage and loading bays, is situated on the first floor. I.T. support is provided by two staff based at the West Newfoundland-Labrador Division office in Corner Brook, an hour's drive away. The management team, all new to their positions are: Shawn Tetford, Executive Director, formerly with the provincial Department of Government Services and Lands; Charles Cameron, Director of Regional Services, who moved from the St. John's Public Libraries; Andrew Hunt, Director of Financial Operations, formerly with the private sector; and Newman George, Director of Information Technology, who moved from the provincial government. The Grand Opening of the new HQ took place on October 26, 2001, with the ribbon cutting performed by the Hon. Judy Foote, Minister of Education, Hon. Kevin Aylward, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Hon. Gerald Smith, Minister of Human Resources and Employment and Dr. John

Snow, Chair of the PILRB. The PILRB held its first meeting at the new site the same day. The initial managers and professional staff meetings at the new HQ took place two weeks later, on November 14-15. Over the summer staff underwent orientation and training and settled into their new positions. Only five staff moved from St. John's which meant 17 staff were new to their jobs. The only permanent vacancy remains the position of Manager of Technical Services, currently occupied on an acting basis by Vicki Murphy. Ms. Murphy, whose permanent job is Lending Services Librarian in the St. John's Public Libraries, is in Stephenville on a six month term, December 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002. The Technical Services Division has been undergoing considerable reorganization since July. In a new setting old routines frequently need to be altered and new ones adopted. The new staff have made significant strides in streamlining procedures in several areas such as cataloguing by mail, receiving and processing. More changes are due in acquisitions as the provincial system moves towards the implementation date for the Dynix acquisitions module on April 1, 2002.

Submitted by Charles Cameron

Central Division

Ronald Sheppard started work in Gander as Assistant Manager for Central Division libraries on January 16, 2002. He comes from Alberta, by way of Montreal. He is responsible for all aspects of Selection and Collection Development for the all branches, as well as

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Personnel Matters.

Golda Burton retired from Springdale Public Library in November, and she has been replaced by Karen Janes.

Beatrice Stagg has retired from Lumsden Public Library, and she has been replaced by Kay Hatcher.

Public Library CAP sites in the Central region libraries are offering new and exciting services to the residents of their communities. Various sites received federal funds from Industry Canada to enhance their hardware and software, and meet the growing demands of an "on-line public".

Staff in the Carmanville Public Library are offering on-line banking services for residents who have recently lost their local bank. Training is offered to show patrons how to bank on line, pay bills, order from Sears Canada, etc. Other branches are offering new adap-

tive technology to assist people who are visually impaired. Under this Innovative Funding, some library CAP sites also received digital cameras and scanners, allowing staff to support local pictorial projects being carried out by museum/archaeology. Funding through the libraries' partnership with Industry Canada has been important in the development of programs in Central region - without their ongoing funding, these libraries would be struggling to meet the new demands of their ever changing clientele. There are 30 public library sites in the Central Regional Library system.

Submitted by Patricia Parsons

Eastern Division

The Holyrood Public Library hosted the launch of author Tom Moore's latest book "The Plains of Madness" (Tomcod Press) on 12 November 2001. Children's author Margriet Ruurs gave a public reading at the Torbay

Public Library as part of its Children's Book Week celebration.

St. John's Libraries

With Vicki Murphy's secondment to PILRB Headquarters in Stephenville, Ronald Knowling has been appointed Lending and Electronic Services Librarian at the A.C. Hunter Library.

Several readings were sponsored by the the St. John's Public Libraries: Ed Kavanagh read from his newest book "The Confessions of Nipper Mooney" on October 24 at the A.C. Hunter Adult Library; On November 7, the Marjorie Mews Library hosted the official launch of Susan Chalker Browne's children's book "Marconi's Secret" (ESP Press); Author Jack Fitzgerald read from his newest book, "Beyond Belief", at the A.C. Hunter Adult Library On November 21; The Canada Council sponsored a reading by Kevin Major at the A.C. Hunter Adult Library On November 28. Major read from his bestselling

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history of Newfoundland and Labrador "As Near to Heaven by Sea". On December 5, the St. John's Library Board hosted an open house at the A.C. Hunter Adult Library to thank patrons for their support over the past year. The A.C. Hunter Children's Library marked Family Literacy Day with a family read-in held on January 27. The event was sponsored by the Literacy Development Council of Newfoundland and Labrador as part of the province's "Read and Succeed" program. Education Minister, Judy Foote, participated in the read-in.

Western Newfoundland and Labrador Division

Originally from St. John's, Mike Bannister was hired as Assistant Manager in early October. Since then, he's been working on various projects including the improvement of divisional systems (e.g. Rotating Stock and Books-by-Mail), advocating library issues through partnerships with local and community based organizations, and finally developing new programs for children and seniors. He

holds a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario and lives in Rocky Harbour with his wife Lois.

In the new year, the division announced the approval of the Port Saunders Public Library Renovations Project. For several years, the library has been in need of a new floor and ceiling. Members of the project team hope to have the renovations completed by the end of the summer.

Some fine authors visited libraries in the region : Kathy Holubitsky and Mary C. Sheppard in Western Newfoundland and Shane Peacock in Labrador. Also, "Brigita" came to Western Newfoundland with her puppets. Elinor Benjamin, Assistant Manager until her retirement in June, has continued her storytelling in many of public library and school venues in the Western Newfoundland-Labrador region.

Submitted by Sandy Chilcote



Public Libraries

News from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Mobile Branches

Digital connectivity is being used by both mobiles. The speed and stability of the connections has improved greatly. The costs of the service are about one fifth of the previous cellular service.

MultiLIS

Eighteen library users in four separate groups met for at least two hours to discuss and use the new web based catalogue. The groups were very pleased to be participating in the discussion and were impressed with the new services available. Suggestions for improvements were gathered. The collective list from all the groups has been sent to the participants by e-mail. Correspondence will continue as the project evolves.

Each user was given access to the catalogue for home use and will be able to continue to test the system and return feedback to us.

Smart Communities

The Virtual Library project is progressing very well. Most of the graphics have received final approval along with many of the on-line forms. The focus group formed for the web catalogue talked about this project as well. Users were excited by the possibilities and upcoming services.



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It is hoped that the project will be ready for public use by the end of this fiscal year. The development process has been terrific, but as with any large project it is very time consuming.

Community Access Program (CAP)

The CAP program is moving from the establishment phase to sustainability. Each of the seven CAP sites within our library system will be eligible for sustainability funding in the next year. The sustainability funding will be used in different ways depending on the working group for that area. Some projects will encompass several counties and will focus on human resources while other projects will be site specific and may be used to replace aging computers. The CAP program in Nova Scotia is widely recognized and promises to offer other opportunities in the future.

Public Training Programs

The recent conclusion of the HRDC contract for Annapolis County and the LibraryNet funding used for the remaining libraries leaves branches without any public training sessions. The CAP program may be able to provide some funding for youth trainers in the spring and summer. A partnership with a youth intern program through the Kentville campus of the Nova Scotia Community College has provided some staffing for two locations for an eight week period beginning in mid-January.

Branch Services Report, January 2002

We are excited at the prospect of expansion at the Middleton

Library, thanks to efforts of the Middleton and District Friends of the Library Society. Funding has been officially approved and construction is set to begin in the spring of this year. Staff members in three branch libraries – Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown and Windsor – have organized Hackmatack Reading Groups again this year. The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award is an Atlantic Canadian award that allows children to choose their favourite Canadian and Atlantic Canadian books. The children in these groups are presently busy reading the nominated titles and will cast their votes in the spring.

On November 20th, an E-Business seminar was held at the Wolfville Memorial Library CAP Lab for local small businesses involved in the craft industry. 15 participants were on hand to discuss topics such as: Stepping into E-Business; E-Business Solutions; Creating an Online Store; Using Library Resources to increase customer base.

Fourteen children enjoyed crafts, stories and activities during the Fun and Fantasy program at the Windsor Library on Saturday, December 8th.

Christmas-related programs included:

World Braille Day was celebrated in our region at the Wolfville Memorial Library. A "Lunch and Learn" program was held on January 10th, organized by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Participants were invited to bring their lunch and learn about "the six magic dots of Braille". Presentation concluded

with a video on the life of Louis Braille.

Tiny Tales preschool story time at the Wolfville Memorial Library resumes in mid-January and takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Storytimes continue in Lawrencetown, Kentville and Windsor, all done by volunteers or on volunteer time.

News from the Cape Breton Regional Library

Automation Program Continues

With Faye MacDougall at the helm, automation continues "full steam ahead" at the Cape Breton Regional Library. As of the week before Christmas, the Cape Breton County Bookmobile is now on-line. Thus there are only five branches left to go on-line: Louisbourg, Main-A-Dieu; Donkin; Baddeck; and the Victoria County Bookmobile. We look forward to the day when all branches in the Cape Breton Regional Library are up and running.

Acquisitions Module Training

The year 2002 is proving to be a busy time for the Cape Breton Regional Library. In mid-January Nova Scotia Provincial Library staff members Jeff Mercer and Johanna Cooper came to the Region to offer a three day training session on the next phase in our automation: the Acquisition Module. Jeff and Johanna were here for three days, and technical staff Linda LeJeune, Suzanne MacNeil and Belinda MacNeil along with Faye MacDougall benefited greatly from the seminar.

World Braille Day Observed

On Wednesday, January 30,

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2002 the Cape Breton Regional Library celebrated World Braille Day at the McConnell Library in Sydney. Students from the Centre Scholaire Etoile de l'Acadie enjoyed learning about the basics of reading braille from volunteer braille instructor Barbara Boudreau. Participation in World Braille Day is a continuation of the partnership formed between the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries and the CNIB to introduce VISUNET. The aim is to link the resources of the CNIB library with libraries across Nova Scotia.

Read to Me! Program

Nova Scotia Regional Library is also partnering with a new family literacy initiative called Read To Me! The Program, supported by the Department of

Education, The National Literacy Secretariat, HRDC, IWK Auxiliary, Halifax Youth Foundation, and private donors will help families in Nova Scotia. Each new mother will receive a canvas bag containing 2 books, information on reading development and community literacy resources and baby's first library card. The program was launched on Monday, January 28, 2002 in Halifax, Sydney, and in Yarmouth. The first baby to receive the Read To Me package at the Cape Breton Regional Healthcare Complex was Brooke Kelly, daughter of proud parents, Gerome and Shauna Kelly.

Winter Programming Begins

The Evening Programs have begun again at the McConnell Library. There are nineteen programs scheduled in the Winter/Spring 2002 line-up. The first session was held on

Wednesday, January 30th, 7:00pm - 9pm, and was well attended. Debbie Snow of Finally You Holistic Esthetics offered an interesting, well attended session entitled "Pamper Yourself". For a full listing of upcoming programs. Visit our web site at www.cbri.ns.ca

**News from Eastern Counties
Regional Library****Special After School
Program**

For the past 8 weeks, children in the rural African-Canadian community of Lincolnville have taken part in a 'special' after school program. Focus has been on improving the reading and public speaking skills of the group. The girls, all between 10 and 12 years of age, will, at the end of the program, make a presentation on an

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African-Nova Scotian at the new Black Interpretive Centre of the Chedabucto Academy. The grand opening will take place during African Heritage Month.

The bi-weekly meetings have included a nutritious snack, a discussion of healthy eating habits, a craft activity made from inexpensive and recycled materials, as well as a reading activity for the girls and by the girls.

The girls were able to discuss topics such as job choices, school work, and family responsibilities in a comfortable and non-threatening setting. Special guests provided them with female role models and showed them some of the career paths available to women.

A video workshop has been included in the program to allow the girls to practice their public speaking skills in front of a camera and to obtain tips from a professional videographer. A local writer will also read from her work and share 'on-camera' tips with the group.

The first settlers to Lincolntonville, one of the two larger African-Canadian communities in Guysborough County, arrived in the late 1700's. These communities still today suffer from a poor economic situation. The after school program has provided the group with an opportunity to improve their reading skills, explore their heritage, and share their discoveries with the rest of the community. As one member of the com-

munity commented, "It is amazing how the girls have gained in self-confidence. They have learned so much more than just reading skills".

News from Halifax Regional Library

New Hubbards/Tantallon C@psite Now Open for Business

The new Hubbards/Tantallon Community Access Program (C@P) Site officially opened recently and now provides two locations for area residents to benefit from information technology. The site, to be shared between the J.D. Shatford and Tantallon Libraries, offers the public a chance to gain invaluable computer experience through free Internet and e-mail access, training opportunities, as well as access to the latest software programs.

The Hubbards/Tantallon C@P Site was developed with the support of Industry Canada and the Nova Scotia Technology and Science Secretariat through the Community Access Program (C@P). The program was designed to work in partnership with community organizations to help Canadians across the country take advantage of the vast resources available through the Internet.

Read to Me! and HRL Join Forces

A new Nova Scotia Family Literacy program, entitled Read to Me!, was recently launched at the IWK Health Centre. The program, which promotes reading in a family setting, will reach every baby born in Nova Scotia,

and will welcome them into the world with a gift bag of books, reading resources, and baby's first library card.

This provincial program will start in three pilot sites, the IWK Health Centre, Cape Breton District Health Authority and the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. In the second year it will extend to the entire province, reaching all 10,000 babies born annually. Read to Me! spokesperson is children's author Sheree Fitch.

News from CLA/APLA Conference

Call for Volunteers

The CLA/APLA Organizing Committee is busy preparing for the joint CLA/APLA Conference 2002! Peter Webster, CLA 2002 Volunteer Coordinator notes over 60 volunteers are required to staff the Registration and Hospitality desks, monitor conference events and sessions, and prepare conference materials. This is a terrific opportunity for you to participate in our national library conference. Help make this conference the "best ever" by contacting Peter at:

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For more information about the conference visit:
<http://www.cla.ca/conference/cla2002/>.

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ACADEMIC LIBRARIES:

A new academic term has meant that Holland College Library Services' staff have been busy providing orientation tours and instruction to a whole new group of students. In February the cataloguing staff will be receiving serials training on Horizon, the new library catalogue. This is new territory for the staff, but they are looking forward to getting the College's periodical holdings included in the database.

Brenda Brady has been providing individualized instruction to College staff and instructors on how they can integrate the new web-based catalogue into their programs. Sessions include tips on searching, patron empowerment, making direct links from web pages and WebCT to Horizon, etc.

Library Services is also in the process of developing two surveys. One to gauge the level of satisfaction with present library facilities and, the second, a more general survey of services for ISO purposes.

Holland College Library Services has been working in conjunction with UPEI Robertson Library and the PEI Provincial Library Service in an effort to develop a portal/gateway to allow people to search all three library catalogues from one single interface. This is part of the Virtual Charlottetown project which received funding

through Industry Canada's Smart Communities program. The libraries are working out funding and policy issues as well as determining which software best meets their needs.

Another busy academic term is underway at the UPEI Robertson Library. The Library's Instructional Services Team, coordinated by Betty Jeffery, is delivering an extensive program of orientation tours, in-class instruction, and library workshops. Student evaluations and faculty feedback indicate that these programs are being well-received, and demand for instructional services continues to grow.

The library has launched an update of Bobcat, the Web version of the library catalogue, incorporating authorities and periodical holdings, as well as improvements to the user interface. Thanks to Moira Davidson, Nicole Parsons, and Sharon Clark for all their hard work on this project.

The second issue of the library's newsletter, Books & Bytes, is now available at <http://www.upei.ca/~library/about/about.html#books>.

A recommendation made by the User Services Advisory Committee led to a trial run of the Roving Assistance Project (RAP) which was conducted over a six-week period in late 2001. The project saw staff circulating throughout the library's public areas, offering assistance and ensuring that library policies were enforced. Initial evaluations of the project were favourable and RAP planning for this academic term is now underway.

During the term, Dawn Hooper and Crystal Gavard of

the User Services Advisory Committee will be circulating a library survey to all UPEI faculty.

The Levesque Foundation recently donated a bright, beautiful canvas to the Robertson Library which is now hanging on the main stairway. Also, the library's first curated art exhibit, "Illuminations," adorns the walls of Special Collections. Thanks to the Robertson Library's Lynne Murphy and Crystal Gavard, and to Dominique Cruchet and Joan Cullen (curators of "Illuminations"), for raising our culture quotient.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

PEI Provincial Library Service news was not available. A double dose will appear in the next issue!

APLA List

The APLA-list is an unmoderated discussion list for people who are interested in library issues in Atlantic Canada. The list is sponsored by APLA to provide a:

- * place to post notices about workshops, seminars, and other events;
- * source of current information about actions of the APLA executive;
- * forum for sharing questions, comments, and ideas about library services; and
- * as a place to post job advertisements.

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Report from the APLA Youth Services Interest Group

by Nancy Cohen, Convenor

by Nancy Cohen, Convenor

The first meeting of the Youth Services Interest Group took place at the APLA conference in Charlottetown on May 2001. Approximately 12 people have signed up to join, and the APLA Committee on Committees and Interest Groups has been petitioned to establish YSIG as a new interest group. Although the terms of reference for the group have not yet been completely worked out, our goal is to promote the exchange of ideas among library personnel who work with children and young adults. We hope to host youth services sessions at the annual APLA conference and to investigate the possibility of holding workshops or training opportunities throughout the year. We would also like to have a site where information on events taking place in the Atlantic provinces, such as author readings and literacy workshops, could be posted.

The Youth Services Interest Group will be "inventing our future" at its next meeting during the joint CLA/APLA joint conference in June. APLA members who are interested in participating should contact Nancy Cohen at nancy.cohen@gnb.ca or 506 869-6036.

MARGARET WILLIAMS TRUST FUND AWARD

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Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

Applications are now invited for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

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Further information and application forms can be found at the APLA Web site <http://www.apla.ca/> or please contact:

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Deadline for application is March 1st of any year, with fellowship to be awarded after July 1st of the same year.

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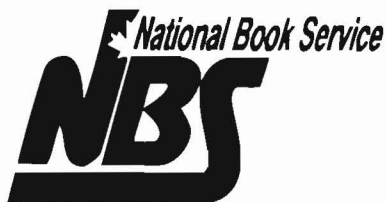
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From St. Jerome's Den

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Winston Churchill reputedly said that, "History is simply one damned thing after another." If that is true than, judging by this letter, it is safe to amend the quotation to read, "History is simply the same damned thing repeated." The letter was sent November 20, 1934, not to one of the men who might have been left without "regular income," but to the University librarian, Mary K. Ingraham, who, as a widow, had no other means of financial support. By the way, according to the inflation calculator, the \$500.00 of 1934 would convert to \$6,738.37 in 2001 dollars - let's hope that library administrations don't get wind of the Acadia plan for balancing the budget.

"It has probably been known to you for some time that the Governors of Acadia University have considered retiring a number of members of the faculty at mid-year, not because of any dissatisfaction with their work but in order that the budget for the year might be balanced. In view, however, of the large registration of new students, the demands upon many of the departments involved, and the fact that in most cases the men in question would have been left without regular income, the Board at its recent meeting voted to continue the men throughout the year, and took steps to secure the equivalent savings another year in other ways.

A serious effort is being made to provide the amount necessary for this year but the outcome is as yet uncertain. In view of this uncertainty and the imperative necessity of balancing the budget, the Board voted to withhold for the eight months beginning November 1st, ten percent of all salaries in excess of \$500.00. If the efforts to secure the necessary funds are successful, the amount withheld will be paid.

It is with genuine regret that we find this action necessary, and the Board desires to assure you that it wishes at the earliest possible moment to begin to restore salaries to the level of a few years."

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Canadian Children's Books - Hot Reads in Atlantic Canada this Winter!

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book award is back for its third season with an exciting selection of Canadian books for young readers. For the first time our nominated books include ten French language titles from a total of thirty outstanding reads. Children from all over the Atlantic Region are busy reading and will cast votes for their favourites in the English fiction, English non-fiction and French categories by April 19, 2002. .

While the young readers are busy selecting their favourite

books, the Hackmatack Committee is organizing author tours and readings. This year, seventeen of the thirty-two nominated Canadian writers will visit thousands of their young fans in schools, libraries and communities in all four Atlantic provinces. The readings are made possible with the generous support of the Nova Scotia Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts, and through the on-going collaboration with the Western Counties, Pictou-Antigonish, Cape Breton, Colchester, Cumberland, Annapolis and Halifax Regional Libraries in Nova Scotia, as well as the New Brunswick Public Libraries in Bathurst and Moncton, the St. John's Public Libraries in Newfoundland and the Confederation Centre Public Library in Prince Edward Island.

Visiting writers include: from Ontario, Rachna Gilmore, Sharon E. MacKay, Ting-Xing Ye, Shane Peacock, Maxine Trottier, Eric Walters, Ann

Love, Jane Drake, Linda Granfield and Shelley Tanaka; from Quebec, Caryl Cude Mullin, Francois Barcelo, Nicole M. Boisvert and Evelyne Daigle; from British Columbia, Valerie Wyatt and Vivian Bowers; from New Brunswick, Denise Paquette; and from Nova Scotia, Budge Wilson.

All readings will take place during the week of May 12 to May 18, 2002. The Hackmatack Award Ceremony, will be held on May 18 at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth.

This final event will mark an official start of the Atlantic Book Week, a celebration of reading and writing in the Atlantic region, organized by the Writers' Federation of NS, the Atlantic Booksellers Assoc., the Atlantic Publishers' Marketing Assoc., the Dartmouth Book Awards, Atlantic Books Today and the Ann Connor Brimer Children's Book Award..

For more information on the upcoming events, please contact the Hackmatack office at 902-424-3774 or e-mail us at hackmatack@hackmatack.ca



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