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Be sure not to miss a premier educational and networking opportunity as CLA visits Halifax for CLA 2002! Have you planned on attending yet? If not, its not too late.

The 2002 conference will be held in partnership with the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) from June 19 to 22 in Halifax, Nova Scotia in the World Trade and Convention Centre. During the conference APLA will hold its General Meeting and



special events and present its awards.

CLA President Margaret Law and APLA President Norine Hanus welcome delegates to the joint conference designed around the theme "Inventing Our Future." The conference program will centre around five streams: policy, technology, human resources, services and Atlantic Canada. The programs in each of the streams, along with the keynote speaker, plenary events, preconference sessions, trade show and social activities will create an atmosphere conducive to learning, networking and participation.

The keynote address for Halifax 2002 will be delivered by Dr. Debra Meyerson, Professor of Management at the Center for Gender in Organizations at Simmons Graduate School of

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CLA / APLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Management and Visiting Professor of Organizational Behavior at Stanford's Graduate School of Business and School of Engineering. Dr. Meyerson is author of *Tempered Radicals: How People Use Difference to Inspire Change at Work* (Harvard Business School Press, 2001), named one of the top ten books of 2001 by the Wall Street Journal. She is also author of the widely read Harvard Business Review article, "Radical Change, the Quiet Way" (2001) as well as more than 30 scholarly articles and book chapters. She was recently nominated as one of the most influential women in business by the San Francisco Business Times. Dr. Meyerson's presentation will focus on creating change and moving forward in the workplace. Following the keynote, Dr. Meyerson will sign copies of her book.

You also do not want to miss Senator Laurier LaPierre at the Friday morning Plenary Session. Senator Laurier LaPierre is widely-known and respected across Canada for his extraordinary achievements as an author, journalist, commentator and educator. He earned national acclaim for his work with the CBC between 1962 and 1978 as host and writer for such programs as *This Hour Has Seven Days*. He was most recently Chair of Telefilm Canada. A foremost authority on Canadian history and public affairs, Senator LaPierre has an abiding interest in libraries and their role in Canadian society. For more information and to obtain registration forms visit the official conference website at <http://www.cla.ca/conference/cla2002/>.

See you in Halifax!!!

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Social Events Update

The first time ever Bulk Rate registration has exceeded its expectations with over 270 expected to attend from the Atlantic Region!

It's not too late to gather a group of friends or colleagues and hop aboard a harbour cruise, join a library tour, or make a reservation to dine by the sea during an evening of festivities at the Saturday night gourmet banquet. The Inaugural Speech by the incoming CLA President will be held at the banquet this year, so you'll definitely want to be there!

Simply go to <http://www.cla.ca/conference/cla2002/registration.htm> and print off a registration form. Write in your name and "previously registered", mark the events you don't want to miss and enclose your cheque made out to CLA.

A complete list of social events is available at:
<http://www.cla.ca/conference/cla2002/socialevents.htm>

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Halifax!



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News from the President's Desk

How quickly this year has passed! It has been a pleasure to serve as your president. The year has been a productive one and a great learning experience for myself. I hope that more of you will consider running for office in APLA or volunteering for one of the committees or interest groups. I highly recommend it as a means of not only serving your colleagues, but as a means of learning more about the different libraries in Atlantic Canada and how we can work together.

Your Executive met at Mount Allison University in April. Among their items of business were terms of reference for the Communications and Public Relations Committee, the new

face of the APLA web site, First Timers grants, the General Activities Fund, and conferences. Further details may be found in the President's Report.

If you haven't already done so, take a look at the new face of the APLA web site. <<http://www.apla.ca>> Marnie MacGillivray has put a great deal of work into making information about APLA easily accessible. Please contact us with your thoughts about this renewed site.

It is conference time again. We are happy to be joining with CLA in the preparation of what we hope will prove to be an enriching and enjoyable conference. There are a few changes to note. The Ordinary General

Meeting is to be held on Thursday afternoon at 3:15, coffee and cookies included. The location is noted in your conference program. There will be only one session of the OGM this year. Any resolutions will need to go to the Resolutions Committee prior to this meeting. The OGM is being followed by the Past Presidents' Reception. This is our only organized social activity as APLA members. It is an opportunity to honour those who have served as our president, to meet old friends and new before going out to dinner. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Simonne Clermont has officially pre-retired from her position as Directrice, Bibliothèque de droit Michel-Bastarache, Université de Moncton. She was hired as the director of the Law Library in the fall of 1977, with the first law students arriving in September 1978. "She built the collection from scratch and later planned and supervised the move into their new facilities" says Janet Moss from the Gerard V. LaForest Law Library, UNB. "Throughout her career, Simonne has been active in the Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association canadienne des bibliothèques de droit. She chaired the conference planning committee for the 2000 Conference in Charlottetown. As well, she has many years served as the French Editor of Canadian Law Libraries/Bibliothèques de droit canadiennes. Best Wishes for a very active and happy retirement!"

As part of the ongoing training of staff in technological resources, all public library staff have attended sessions on the new Web2 catalogue (Vision) now available through the Internet. As well, most regions have completed training of staff on the electronic databases for which the province has purchased licenses.

The Department of Education Recognition Dinner for retirees of 2000-2002 and employees with 25 years of service included staff from public libraries.

Margie Pacey has been promoted to Legislative Librarian at the New Brunswick Legislative Library effective April 1st, 2002. As of April 8th Peggy Goss became the new

Reference Librarian at the New Brunswick Legislative Library

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region:

Both the Dieppe and Saint-Antoine libraries choose music as the theme for their Heritage Week activity. In Dieppe, a display of books and CDs on music and musicians of New Brunswick was prepared. As well, story times featured music giving the children an opportunity to play percussion instruments and make their own tambourines. In Saint-Antoine, a representative of a local recording studio discussed various factors contributing to the quality of a good song and presented about twenty songs to demonstrate his points.

Libraries throughout the region continue to find interesting ways of promoting both literacy and fitness as part of the Succès NB Success Program. During March Break, kids participated in a quiz to find the answers to sports related questions in books part of the collection in Saint-Antoine.

York Library Region:

A new partnership was formed by the provincial committee of the NB Born To Read/Le goût de lire program and the York Region. This is a very interesting proposal, according to Regional Director, Laurette Mackey: "Encouraging literacy skills for all including newborns is part of our mandate. We also have a chance to promote libraries via a special program."

A new era is beginning in the York Region as six employees have retired at the end of March 2002 and the region is planning on filling a number of vacant positions. An emotional time for many who have worked together for many years, it is also a new beginning for the retirees and an influx of new blood in the libraries.

Région de bibliothèques du Haut-saint-Jean:

Cette région est heureuse d'annoncer la nomination de deux nouveaux employés, soit au poste de chauffeur de bibliobus et au poste de commis à temps plein à la Bibliothèque publique Mgr. W-J.

Conway d'Edmundston.

En présence des employés de la Région, deux soupers amicaux ont été organisés pour souligner les départs de retraite de Patricia Toner et d'Huguette Degrace. Mme Toner a été responsable de la Bibliothèque publique de Grand-Sault pendant 14 ans et Mme Degrace a travaillé pendant 15 ans au bureau régional comme préposée aux prêts entre bibliothèques. Nous leur souhaitons une retraite active et des plus intéressante.

Jeanne Maddix



Associations

Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association:

Library Week 2002 - Newfoundland and Labrador Library Week 2002 is being held from April 29 to May 4. The theme for LW2002 is Feed Your Mind @ the Library. The Library Week Committee (Pat Parsons (chair), Stephen Green-Dowden (past-chair), Glenda Peddle, Michelle Walters, Sue Fahey, Stacey Anthony, Karen Hutchens, Annette Anthony, and John Whelan) concocted a menu of "tantalizing activities and games enriched with fun and not cholesterol". Visit the LW2002 web pages at <http://www.infonet.st-johns.nf.ca/providers/nlla/lib-week2002/> to sample the promotional activities prepared for LW2002. The goal of Newfoundland and Labrador Library Week is to make people aware of the broad range of services

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provided to them by the libraries of Newfoundland and Labrador, and to encourage people to visit their own libraries both during library week and the rest of the year. Special activities are hosted by many libraries throughout the province during Library Week. Library Week is planned by a team of volunteers, which can include NLLA members, library staff and public library trustees.

NLLA Conference and AGM- The third Annual NLLA Conference and AGM is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2002 at the Atrium in the Arts and Administration Building, Memorial University of Newfoundland. The program includes an Introduction to Competitive Intelligence by Derek Smith ; a Literacy Panel moderated by Phyllis Artiss with panelists Della Coish from the Literacy Development Council, Pam Rideout from Teachers on Wheels, Dr. Jean Brown from the MUN Faculty of Education and a speaker from the "Read and Succeed" campaign of the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Education ; Legislative Library: Past History, Current Reality Future Dreams by Kim Hammond ; Maps and our sense of place : how maps influence our perceptions of place or events and how the map makers ideas are transferred to the map by Dan Duda; Michelle Stuckless will discuss library responses to information demands of the thousands of stranded passengers who arrived in Newfoundland and Labrador on September 11. Tara Bryan, a local book artist and landscape painter, will present "My Life as a Bookmaker" in an after dinner speech.

Newfoundland & Labrador Health Libraries Association:

Evidence-based health care- On May 2-3, the NLHLA is sponsoring a major educational opportunity for health librarians and health professionals. Two one day sessions concerning "Evidence-Based Health Care: Panning for Gold" will be presented by Ann McKibbin, MLS, BSc, Associate Professor, Dept. of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University. Participants

will be learning the principles of evidence-based health care, an approach to clinical practice in which clinicians base their decisions and actions on appropriate evidence from health care research literature, in addition to clinical expertise and patient circumstances.

CHLA/ABSC Conference 2004- The NLHLA has begun planning for the Canadian Health Libraries Association annual conference which will be held in St. John's in 2004.

Academic libraries

Memorial University of Newfoundland:

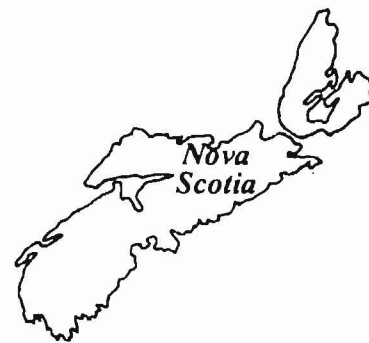
Louise McGillis has returned to the Ferris Hodgett Library at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Corner Brook. Gillian Byrne will leave there to start work in the Information Services Division of the Queen Elizabeth II Library in St. John's. Dan Duda will be moving from Information Services to the QEII Library Collections Division to fill a sabbatical vacancy there. Mary Lochhead, Associate University Librarian at the QEII Library, will be leaving at the end of May to take up her former position as Head of the Architecture and Fine Arts Library at the University of Manitoba. Mary will quickly become involved in the construction of the new library for the Faculty of Architecture there.

College of the North Atlantic:

Duane Spracklin is working at the College of the North Atlantic Gander Campus library. He leaves soon to set up the library to support the engineering technology program which the College will offer in Qatar. Stephen Green-Dowden has left his position at the health services library of the College of the North Atlantic to take up a faculty position at Keyano College in Fort McMurray.

Special libraries

Sean Dawe is now the Information Specialist - Bibliographic Control and the Newfoundland and Labrador Legislative Library. Brenda Blundon has moved to the Department of Justice as Law Librarian.



Advocacy Workshop

Norine Hanus and Susan Harris of University of Prince Edward Island and the PEI Public Library System facilitated a workshop focusing on advocacy for libraries. The workshop was attended by librarians, technicians, and assistants representing all types of libraries. Lively and informative discussion ensured that all attending took new skills and insights home. Many thanks to the wonderful staff of the Alderney Gate Public Library in Dartmouth for making their library available to us.

News from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library

MultiLIS - Library Automation

The new web based library catalogue is now available to the public and is being well used. Library users may now review their account, seeing all the items they have on loan at that time. It is also possible to renew books, place holds directly on a title and to cancel holds. Other library catalogues are also available for searching and include a streamlined interlibrary loan request procedure.

The region has good representation on a province wide committee that is evaluating next generation software for library automation. This is the beginning of the selection process for the eight regional libraries now sharing multiLIS, in order to move on to another vendor in the next few years. Input from staff in all areas of the automated process will be consulted.

Smart Communities

The Smart Libraries project in cooperation with Western Counties Regional Library is almost ready for the public to use. Development will continue over the next two funding years of the project. The site may be

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viewed at <http://www.valleylibrary.ca>.

Staff are very excited about the possibilities presented with this project. The library catalogue functions are a big part of this promotion. The calendar of events will be a place to promote all the programs and events happening in each of our branches. There are several components of the site that will encourage input from its users. The feature that may be the most popular is "recent additions". This is a list of books recently added to the region's collection. The list includes the cover of the book, a brief description and a link to the catalogue that goes directly to the title. This list will be changed every two to four weeks.

The various aspects of the site will be evaluated every six months or so, in order to determine which are to be continued and developed further and which ones will be dropped.

An official launch date has been set for May 31, 2002 and will take place in Western Counties' Digby branch library.

Community Access Program (CAP)

The CAP program will be providing most of our branch libraries with youth staffing over the next several months. Staff will be hired to do one-on-one computer tutorials in seven of our branches from late April to the end of June. It is hoped that the summer will have youth working in most of our locations.

Branch Services Report

The first few months in each new year prove to be the busiest for our branch staff. Winter weather and school assignments are conducive to reading, research, and general library use. The year 2002 has been no exception! Our van delivery days have had to be increased from 2 to 3 per week to physically accommodate the number of boxes being transported.

Through February and March, Annapolis Royal branch offered Coffee and Chat on Monday mornings. This was a time when library patrons were asked to bring a friend and introduce them to the library. Refreshments were served and staff

was on hand to informally show patrons the various library services.

News from Eastern Counties Regional Library

In March of this year, Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) staged its first ever Library Card Month and surpassed its goal of reaching 500 new members by attracting 525 new library patrons. Designed to promote the library and to educate its communities about the changes and additions to library services, the campaign sought to reach new members throughout the library's coverage area of Inverness, Richmond, and Guysborough counties.

Library Card Month was actively promoted in the Branches, Libr@ry Links community stops, and through the School Services Programs in all three counties. Outreach staff members travelled to rural communities and set up displays in a variety of locations including hockey arenas, malls, schools, grocery stores, and hospitals. Media coverage included the community newspapers, radio stations, and community cable television stations.

There was a tremendous show of support demonstrated by local business and media. Stora Enso sponsored the production of promotional materials including posters and registration cards, while local radio station, 101.5 The Hawk, provided on-air coverage of the events for the duration of the initiative. Also on board as sponsors were the three community newspapers The Reporter, The Guysborough Journal, and The Inverness Oran, who provided space for articles and advertising, as well as newspaper subscriptions as prizes.

Also during the month of March, a Spring Reading Festival featuring Maritime authors was held in partnership with three other regional libraries including Pictou-Antigonish, Cumberland, and Colchester-East Hants. Each library hosted several author readings in various locations throughout their region. Three coordinators were hired with funding provided by HRDC through the Labour Market Development Agreement and the Nova Scotia Department of

Community Services.

In ECRL, the Festival drew over 100 adults and children to the readings which hosted authors Dan Doucet, Beatrice MacNeil, Elaine Ingalls Hogg, Thelma Morris-Fogarty, and members of The Write Club. The project was considered by all regions to have been a success and may serve as a template for future partnerships with Regional Libraries.

News from Nova Scotia Provincial Library

Elizabeth Armstrong Appointed Provincial Librarian

Susan Clark, Senior Executive Director of the Higher and Adult Learning Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Education, recently announced the appointment of Elizabeth Armstrong as the Provincial Librarian. Ms. Armstrong has been acting in this capacity for many months. This appointment recognizes the leadership she has brought to this position and the excellent relationships she has established with the regional library boards and staff.

Ms. Armstrong has a BSc. from Mount Allison University and an MLS from the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies. She brings to the position more than 30 years of public library experience in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. She has been employed at the Provincial Library in a variety of roles since 1978 and has been Acting Provincial Librarian since May 1999.

Ms. Armstrong has worked extensively with the Nova Scotia Regional Library community, trustees, library staff and municipal officials. She has been actively involved in four Regional Public Library Funding Review Committees as well as in the development of Guidelines for Public Library Services, which were replaced by Standards for Nova Scotia Regional Public Libraries.

Ms. Armstrong was instrumental in introducing the automated library system, first at Provincial Library and then in the regional libraries and is a strong advocate of the Virtual Library which greatly enhances the equity of public library service delivery across the province.

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2000/2001 Annual Report Released

The 2000/2001 Annual Report for the Nova Scotia Provincial Library/Nova Scotia Regional Libraries has been released. Among the highlights of the year were the establishment of the VISUNET CANADA partnership with the CNIB library and the first Web Awareness training sessions with the Media Awareness Network. Sail Away with Books/Cap sur la lecture was the theme of a successful Summer Reading Programme. For a print copy, please contact Susan Slaunwhite at (902) 424-2457. The Report is available in PDF format at: <http://www.library.ns.ca/publications/index.html>.

Consultation on Digital Copyright

The digital environment has created new issues and conundrums for both users and creators of copyright material. Napster, although the most well-known, is just one of many software applications used for copying and sharing digital information. As part of the development of legislation to deal with some of these issues, Heritage Canada and Industry Canada have set out on a cross-coun-

try consultation. The first consultation on digital copyright was held in Halifax on March 8, 2002. In attendance were representatives of the creator community, including CanCopy, as well as the copyright user community, including libraries and the NS Department of Education.

The digital environment has created some unique copyright issues that have no analogies in existing legislation. Among the issues discussed during the day were: the making available right, the legal protection of technological measures, the legal protection of right management information, and the liability of network intermediaries. Several speakers urged the drafters of legislation to balance the rights of creators and consumers. Many traditional copyright users, such as libraries, are now also copyright creators. Network intermediaries are generally considered to be Internet Service Providers, but are libraries and CAP sites offering public access also defined as network intermediaries?

For more information, please contact Michael Colborne colbormb@gov.ns.ca or check this URL: <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/rp00838e.html>

Mulgrave Library Featured in Canadian Living

The April 2002 issue of Canadian

Living featured an article on public libraries in Canada. In addition to the article, the magazine asked public libraries across the country to send in their stories. Joyce Oliver-Snair's article from Mulgrave was one of the stories featured on Canadian Living Online <http://CanadianLiving.com/family/features/library/index.asp>.

Here is Joyce's story:

The Library: Strengthening Canadian Communities

What It Is To Be A Librarian

Dear Canadian Living,

Libraries are "the nation's new community centres" and I guess we fit the bill by being part of the community we serve in Mulgrave, N.S.

Where do we find this? We find it in the child who needs help with their mittens, the senior who needs help to carry their books to the car, the patron who has trouble zipping their winter coat and comes to the library for your help, or the patron who comes to the library just because...

It's the child who admires you because you read them a story, or the preschooler who thinks you can't be more than 16 years old; or the class you visit and before you are introduced they proudly say they know Miss Joyce and Wobert's (Robert's)

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mother; it's the child who comes for help with their homework because you seem to have all the answers and don't growl like their mother does; it's the excitement in the eyes of the child who discovers Arthur on the computer and needs your help to drown the dragon; or the hearing impaired child who just can't wait for you to find his favourite book on snakes because you know just where it's at...

Then there are the seniors who would adopt you if you were available, always happy with your visits to share a smile or a sadness in their lives; it's finding stacks of books behind their bed because they can't remember where they put them; it's sitting with them as you wait for an ambulance to come and take them to the hospital because they are ill and alone; sharing your homemade Christmas cookies with them that they wait each year for; it's seeing your Christmas card hanging on the wall for months (now that makes you feel warm and fuzzy).

It is helping those people from outside find their roots in Mulgrave; the hugs from them as they can't believe what they have found; it's the woman who finds not only her grandmother but also a real live cousin and step-aunt here in Mulgrave; the woman who weeps because she just can't believe all the information we have on her family and because memories of the past overwhelm her; it's taking them to the Glebe House and helping them go through records

because they have no idea where to look and they have come so far to find the information; it's an invitation to a Christmas Party in Boston because you too, are considered part of their extended family...

One of the best benefits of working in a public library in a small community is that feeling of being needed. It is having something to offer to the community and in turn being made to feel part of a very large extended family. When we reflect on the past year, it is with a smile for the child who can easily bring those to your face, or the joke told in a whisper over the desk and maybe with a tear for the patron lost. But most importantly, it is being made part of the larger community through our patrons year round.

Joyce Oliver-Snair
Library Assistant,
Mulgrave Branch

Canadian Children's Books - Hot Reads in Atlantic Canada This Spring!

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 the nominated books include ten French language titles from a total of thirty outstanding reads. Children from all over the Atlantic Region cast votes for their favourites in the English fiction, English non-fiction, and French categories by April 19, 2002.

While the young readers were busy selecting their favourite books, the Hackmatack Committee is organizing author tours and readings.

This year 17 of the 32 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-East Hants, Cumberland, Annapolis Valley and Halifax Regional Libraries in Nova Scotia, as well as 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 from 1 to 3 p.m. 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 Association, the Atlantic Publishers' Marketing Association, 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 at hackmatack@hackmatack.ca



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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES:

It's been another very busy academic term at Holland College. Andrea Stewart and Brenda Brady received serials training in the new Horizon library catalogue in February and we are happy to report that the serial holdings for the Charlottetown, Aerospace and Industrial Technology Centre, and Summerside branches of Holland College Library Services have now been entered into the catalogue. We are presently working on entering the holdings of other branches in the library system.

The results of the Holland College Charlottetown Centre Library Facilities Survey have been tallied. In February 2002, the Holland College Library Advisory Committee distributed a survey on library facilities to all staff and students in Charlottetown Centre, Montgomery Hall, and adjacent buildings. Overall, 42.9% of respondents stated that they were satisfied with the current library facilities, and 22.6% said that they were not satisfied. In addition, 34.5% reported that they did not use the library. Those who were unsatisfied as well as those who were non-users were invited to rate 14 features (plus an indeterminate category, "Other", where respondents were invited to add a feature) which might contribute to an improved facility. The five top-rated features included quiet study space, bookable rooms for small group work, production facilities (scanning, copying, etc), extended evening hours, and bookable rooms for a/v viewing. A detailed outline of survey results can be found on the library website at http://www.hollandc.pe.ca/Library/lib_survey.htm.

Library Services is presently drafting another survey which is required as part of Holland College's ISO certification. This survey will

gauge student and staff satisfaction with library services and will be administered in November through random sampling.

PEI Provincial Library Service and Holland College Library Services are presently working on developing a portal/gateway to allow individuals to search both library catalogues from one single interface. We are pleased to announce that a limited version of the library portal/gateway will be ready for the first release of Virtual Charlottetown's Town Square Internet portal in June 2002.

Another busy academic term is wrapping up at the University of Prince Edward Island Robertson Library. The library's Instructional Services Team, coordinated by Betty Jeffery, has delivered another extensive program of orientation tours, in-class instructional sessions, and workshops this term. Student evaluations and faculty feedback indicate that these programs are being well received, and demand for the library's instructional services continues to grow. Work on an Instructional Services' mission statement is now underway.

As part of the commitment to "effective user focused service" articulated in the library's strategic plan, the User Services Advisory Committee has recently completed a series of meetings with all library service units to review findings from their research into user needs. A program of scheduling revisions for service point staffing and other user service enhancements will be implemented in the coming months.

In addition, building on a specific recommendation of the library's User Services Advisory Committee, the Roving Assistance Project (RAP), which began as a six week trial last term, has been revived and expanded this term. All staff now participate in this project, and nearly two full months of coverage, extending from late February to late April, is being offered.

Under the leadership of Chris MacLauchlan, a team of library staff created an excellent learning opportunity, entitled "Other Paths: A Look at Alternative Medicine," as part of Robertson Library's contribution to a University-wide "wellness" initiative.

On March 20th, an impressive slate of Island practitioners of complementary and integrative medicine gave a free series of presentations for the University community on healing arts ranging from naturopathy to yoga. Congratulations to the wellness team! If you would like to learn more, visit the Web site, created by Moira Davidson, at <http://www.upei.ca/~library/wellness.html>.

After the success of the library's first curated art exhibit, "Illuminations," which adorned the Special Collections area in January and early February, a new exhibit, featuring the works of Charlottetown print-maker Debra James Percival, is now on display in Special Collections. Thanks to the library's Crystal Gavard, and to Ms. Percival, for continuing to raise the library's culture quotient.

The library is also glad to report that they have acquired the J-STOR Arts & Sciences collection.

The Robertson Library extends best wishes to Sharon Clark as she finishes her contract as acting cataloguer and special projects librarian.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

In PEI Provincial Library Service news four long-serving library staff have retired this past year. Sandra Richardson, Video Library Librarian, Helen MacKenna, Video Library, and two Branch Technicians: Helen Wallace, Alberton Branch, and Verna Smallman, O'Leary Branch. Everyone at the Provincial Library Service wishes each one happiness in their retirement years.

From April 1-May 31, the PEI Provincial Library Service will accept food/grocery items in lieu of the \$2.00 late fee. This fee is applied to long overdue materials (8 weeks overdue). The grocery items will be donated to local food banks. Last year 10% of library users whose patron accounts held late fee balances participated in this program. Many other library users also contributed food items at this time. The program was so well received and appreciated last spring, it was decided to offer the opportunity for more library users to clear their patron accounts and at the same time help out the food banks.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Island Provincial Libraries have partnered for their summer reading club theme this year. Plans are well underway with a variety of activities and incentives for young readers. The theme, "Books are Faithful Companions", highlights pets.

Also, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Provincial Libraries are jointly sharing their library week theme again this year. Library Week celebrations take place October 21-27. The theme is "Libraries Connecting Communities". Initial steps have been taken to design posters and bookmarks which will be distributed to public libraries, schools and communities. Each provincial library week committee is busy planning various activities to celebrate reading and libraries.

The Murray River branch opened the doors to its new library building on March 4th. The space has 2475 square feet and a capacity for approximately 7500 books. Murray River's

circulation has increased by 27% over the past three years, with significant growth during the past year. Congratulations to Kaye MacLean, the Branch Technician, who was delighted to see a capacity attendance and many distinguished guests at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

And more good news!! Once again, PEI Provincial Library Service is pleased to note that circulation has grown. Circulation increased by 3% in the fiscal year 2000-2001. This reflects the popular use of libraries and the enthusiastic energy of library staff to serve the public.

ASSOCIATIONS

A working group (Simon Lloyd, Nichola Cleaveland, Shirley MacLeod, and Andrea Stewart) of the Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association (PEIPLA), with the technical help of Donald Moses, administered a survey via the web to all library employees, volunteers, and friends of the library groups on PEI to determine the future direction of the organization.

This survey will help determine if the association should remain as it now stands, if membership should be expanded to include all library employees and those with an interest in libraries, or if we should be focusing our energies on regional and national associations. We on the working group feel strongly that Island libraries need an inclusive, broad-based support network that will foster advocacy, continuing education, and other initiatives throughout the Island library community as a whole and hope that this survey will give us some insight into the next step for our Island-based association.



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President's Annual Report 2001-2002

The APLA President attended the inaugural meetings of Libraries Advance Canada held in Winnipeg in June 2001. Members of all the major library associations in Canada were present. Libraries Advance Canada was designed to be a library movement rather than another library organization and was to speak out on topics of national interest to libraries. Initial topics chosen were support for a new National Library building, access to government information, federal government support to libraries, and digital copyright.

The APLA Executive met October 27 and 28, in Moncton. Meetings were held at the Moncton Public Library. The Executive met a second time on April 13 and 14 at the Ralph Pickard Bell Library at Mount Allison University. It was felt that the second meeting was necessary due to the extended period of time between the fall Executive meeting and the joint CLA/APLA conference.

Communication with provincial library trustee associations was a topic of discussion at the fall Executive meeting. A year's subscription to the APLA Bulletin was offered and the President of APLA met with the President of LBANS. It was agreed to exchange information on activities and conferences.

APLA continued its commitment to Library advocacy with the sponsorship of a Library Advocacy Now! workshop in Nova Scotia on April 19. Workshops were held in the other provinces last year.

Peter Webster represented APLA at the consultation meetings on digital copyright issues held in Halifax on March 8.

Two First Timers Conference Grants were made available this year to help defer expenses to the joint CLA/APLA Conference in Halifax.

The following events received General Activity Fund grants during the past year:

- Workshop on Instruction in Library Use, sponsored by the University of New Brunswick, May 2002.
- Law for the People: Electronic and Printed Legal Resources for All Types of Libraries and Information Providers, sponsored by APLNB, May 2002.
- Library Week Promotional Activities, sponsored by Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Provincial Libraries, October 2002.
- Community Access to Health Planning Information, sponsored by Cody International Institute, May 2002.

Thanks are due to a number of people who have served APLA well. I wish to thank all the members of the Executive for their excellent work over the past year. In particular I wish to thank Cathy Chisholm who is completing her term as Vice President for Nova Scotia and Pamela Stevens-Earle who is finishing her term as Past President and has given us invaluable guidance. A special thank you is extended to Dawn Hooper. We could not have had a better secretary. Editing the APLA Bulletin is not an easy task. Thank you for work well done over the past three years to Ruthmary MacPherson, Emma Cross, and Brian MacNally.

I look forward to continuing to serve APLA as Past President over the next year.

Norine Hanus, President

Past-President's Annual Report 2001-2002

We've all heard that the older we get the faster the time seems to go. The last three years on the APLA executive have flown by much too quickly for me to even give thought to the ramifications it might have for me personally. I do know I thoroughly enjoyed it, have made wonderful friends and got the chance to work for an organization I hold close to my heart.

I am pleased to report on behalf of the Nominations and Elections Committee that the executive will be in very capable hands with the new executive positions. No elections will be held this year as the positions were filled by acclamation. The new executive will be announced at the OGM in Halifax.

There will be no Merit Award presented this year. Because of this year being the joint CLA/APLA conference, it was previously decided that there would be no merit award presented. It would not be feasible to offer the recipient the recognition she or he would deserve. The life accomplishments of the award recipient are traditionally recognized at a special banquet in honor of the winner. During this joint conference, it is not possible to hold a separate banquet to honor one Atlantic Canadian recipient of this APLA award.

In closing, I want to thank the APLA membership and the executive for the opportunity to serve the organization, and to thank everyone who helped make my three years such a wonderful experience.

Pamela Stevens-Earle

Secretary's Annual Report 2001-2002

The Executive held a fall meeting at Moncton Public Library and a spring meeting at the Ralph Pickard Bell Library, Mount Allison University. Thanks to Jeanne Maddix, Emma Cross and Ruthmary MacPherson for handling the local arrangements. In addition to the business sections, each meeting also included a dinner discussion. The topic for the fall meeting was "How are we meeting the needs of today's digital library users?" and for the spring meeting "Disintermediation". The Executive will be meeting at the upcoming CLA/APLA Conference.

My duties included compiling agendas, recording and distributing minutes, and some correspondence. Thanks to Jean Cunningham for her assistance and advice.

The experience of meeting and working with the executive members from other areas of our region has been both enjoyable and valuable. I would like to thank Norine Hanus for this opportunity to serve as secretary and to learn more about APLA.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Hooper

Annual Report of the Vice President (Membership) 2001-2002 Membership Year

Thank you again to Betty Sutherland from the Kellogg Library for her assistance in preparing the membership directory.

Membership is down slightly from last year. The VP (Membership) will strive to bring the total up during the 2002/03 membership year! Thank you to the provincial vice-presidents for their ongoing efforts to recruit and retain members.

Members and Subscribers

	2001/02	2000/01
Personal	205	228
Life/Honourary Life	27	25
Institutional members	30	33
Subscribers	16	22
TOTAL	278	308

The distribution by province remains similar to past years.

Members and Subscribers 2001/02 by location

	NB	NF	NS	PEI	OTHER	TOTAL
Personal	73	24	70	24	14	205
Life	2	—	6	2	1	11
Honourary Life	6	2	8	—	—	16
Institutional	9	1	15	2	3	30
Subscribers	2	1	1	—	12	16
TOTAL	92	28	100	28	30	278

While the breakdown of members by type remains similar to past years, the number of student members needs a boost:

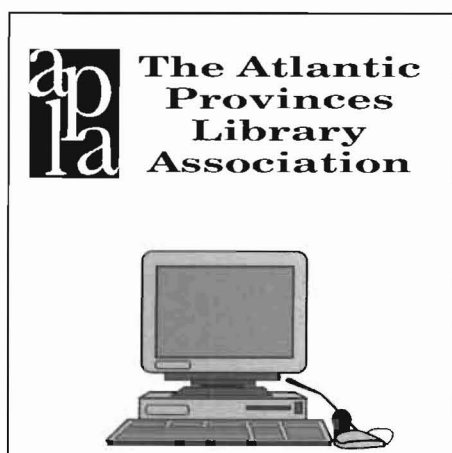
Personal members by type

	2001/02 (includes Life/Hon. Life)	2000/01 (does not include Life/Hon. Life)
Librarians	187	179
Library support staff	31	23
Trustees	3	3
Students	7	14
Others	4	9
TOTAL	232	228

Personal members 2001/02 by workplace

Academic	52%
Public	19%
School	3%
Special	19%
Other	7%

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Annual Report of the Vice President (Membership) 2001-2002 Membership Year . . . continued from page 13

Institutional members 2001/02 by type of institution

Academic	40%
Public	37%
School	0%
Special	13%
Other	10%

New Members

2001/02	2000/01
54	42

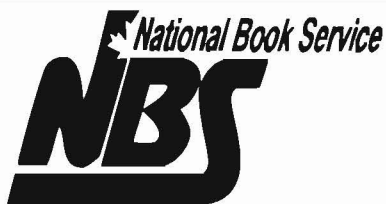
New Members 2001/02 by type

Librarians	34
Library support staff	13
Students	5
Other	2

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Respectfully submitted
Bernadine Conran
Vice President (Membership)



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Vice President, New Brunswick Annual Report 2001-2002

The New Brunswick Library Trustee Association and the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick held their annual general meeting in Fredericton on March 29, 2001. This marked the first time that these two associations have held a joint conference.

Mount Allison University Library reorganized and redesigned its Web site with the goal of making it easier for users to find the information they need. Staff also designed a library guide to assist students and faculty in critically evaluating sources of information found on the web. A Library Instruction Lab also provides hands-on library instruction and information literacy sessions to students.

Public libraries in the province have developed events to the provincial Success NB Succès Programme which encourages people to improve both their literacy skills and their level of participation in fitness and sports. Staff have also organized activities and emphasized their services through such events as the Public Libraries Week, Information Technology week, Canada Book Day and others.

Several staff changes have taken place throughout N.B.. The NBCC system saw the following: Kenda Clark-Gorey took a transfer from the Edmundston campus to Woodstock, she was replaced by France Smyth. Michèle LeBlanc resigned from the Campbellton campus and was replaced by Julie LeFrancois. At the Mount Allison University Library, Ruth Miller and Jean Cole took retirement. Marilyn Rudi left her position as Head of the Biological Station Library in St-Andrews and was replaced by Darlene Tan. Eric Swanick also retired and the Legislative Library is now directed by Margaret Pacey. Sylvie Nadeau became the Executive Director of the

New Brunswick Public Library Service and Tina Bourgeois was appointed Director of the Chaleur Library region. Jocelyne LeBel retired as Director of the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region and Johanne Jacob became the new director. Many other employees took early retirement.

The Grand Manan Public Library opened its doors in September, now making 62 public libraries in N.B. The L.P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock opened the Dalton Camp Canadiana Centre, focusing on non-fiction titles and materials representing various Canadian perspectives on social and political issues as well as a representative selection of Canadian fiction, poetry and drama.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the N.B. News from the Provinces section of the APLA Bulletin and to those who have supported my efforts.

A mes collègues qui ont contribué des nouvelles pour ce Bulletin, je dis un merci spécial. J'apprécie aussi l'appui que je reçois pour mes efforts.

Jeanne Maddix.

Vice-President, Newfoundland & Labrador Annual Report 2001-2002

Planning for the 2003 Annual Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, which will be held in St. John's, has started. Reports from the Vice-President were prepared for issues of the APLA Bulletin. One special report, on role of Newfoundland and Labrador libraries in handling the stranded passengers from September 11 was edited. Lapsed members from earlier years have been contacted with renewal informa-

APLA Bulletin Editors: Annual Report 2001 - 2001

Five issues of the Bulletin appeared this year, in a more timely and regular fashion than last year when we had so many technical problems. We changed printing companies, and the Bulletin is now printed by Print Atlantic in Moncton. We owe a debt of gratitude to two people at Print Atlantic: Gloria Brown-Courneyea who shepherds each issue of the Bulletin through the publication process and Roy Dawson who does such a great job typesetting each issue.

This is our last year as editors and we wish to thank all those members who contributed stories and especially the presidents and vice-presidents who faithfully produced their copy for every issue. It has been a pleasure working with them all. We wish every success to the next team of editors and trust they will enjoy the experience as much as we have.

Emma Cross
Brian McNally

Ruthmary Macpherson

tion. Articles about the 2002 APLA/CLA Conference and about APLA awards were prepared for the NLLA (Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association) Bulletin. Provided information about library related associations for planners of the 2002 APLA/CLA Conference.

Dianne Taylor-Harding,
Vice-President,
Newfoundland & Labrador

Vice President, Prince Edward Island Annual Report 2001-2002

It has been a very exciting and productive year for libraries on Prince Edward Island as is evident in the various news items reported in the APLA Bulletin. I believe, however, that everyone would agree that the highlight of the year was the APLA Conference held in Charlottetown on May 31-June 3, 2001. Volunteers worked very hard to host a highly successful conference for the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who participated on the Local Arrangements and Program Committees as well as those who worked tirelessly at the registration desk and other areas of the conference. We couldn't have done it without the hard work and dedication of these wonderful volunteers. The conference manual, report, and words of wisdom will be passed on to the Newfoundland contingent for the 2003 APLA Conference in St. John's.

As Vice President Prince Edward Island, my activities over the past year have included reporting the news from the libraries across PEI, contacting potential as well as lapsed mem-

bers to invite them to join our association, and performing duties as required by the APLA Executive.

My thanks to everyone who contributed to the news for PEI over the past year. I would also like to thank all the members of the APLA Executive for making this an enjoyable year. I found

this to be a rewarding experience and look forward to my second year as VP Prince Edward Island. See you in Halifax at the joint CLA/APLA Conference in June!

Andrea Stewart
Vice President
Prince Edward Island

Vice-President, Nova Scotia Annual Report 2001-2002

As Vice-President for Nova Scotia, my activities over the past year have included reporting the news as provided by my Nova Scotian colleagues; performing duties as prescribed by the Executive; and contacting lapsed or non-renewing member of our Association. The latter task is most important - each of us can play a role in developing a well-rounded APLA membership. Tell your colleagues and "library" friends of the benefits you derive from being a member of APLA.

I was pleased to assist in developing the program for the Atlantic stream of our CLA/APLA conference, "Inventing Our Future". Through this effort I met (via telephone) individuals throughout our region who make ours a profession of which we can be proud. Our librarians are enthusiastic collaborators, visionaries, and preservers of history!

In April APLA offered an Advocacy workshop for Nova Scotian colleagues. Held at the Alderney Gate Public Library in Dartmouth and facilitated by UPEI's Norine Hanus and the PEI Public Library's Susan

Harris, the workshop was offered at full capacity. Attendees represented all types of libraries including academic, government, public, school, and special. All types of library roles were represented as well - assistant, board member, librarian, student, and technician. This tremendous interest in advocacy speaks to commitment - the library will remain a vital resource for our various communities.

As my second and last term as Vice-President, Nova Scotia draws to a close I want to share with you, the membership how much I've enjoyed the past four years. While on the APLA Executive I've met and worked with terrific and interesting people - many of whom I count as friends. I've learned so much more about my profession as a result of working with APLA. I encourage you to become involved with association and committee work - the benefits you'll reap are many!

Cathy Chisholm
Vice-President, Nova Scotia
Atlantic Provinces
Library Association

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Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund Committee Annual Report 2001-2002

The application and promotional material for the scholarship were made available in French this year, thanks to the translation done by Jean Maddix (VP - New Brunswick). The committee received 5 applications for the scholarship by the deadline of March 31, 2002. Four applications were considered eligible for consideration during the spring executive meeting. The committee will announce the winner and the value of the scholarship at the CLA/APLA conference in June.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elaine MacLean
Vice-President / President Elect

Committee on Aims and Objectives Annual Report 2001-2001

The committee met twice during the past year. Discussion focussed on investigating opportunities for continuing education for library workers, promotion of the @ your library campaign and coordination of teleconferences between provinces.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elaine MacLean
Vice-President / President Elect

Committee on Committees and Interest Groups Annual Report 2001-2002

There will be two motions for the membership to consider at the OGM, one to formally establish a Youth Services Interest Group and another to accept the terms of reference of the combined Public Relations and Communications Committee.

Nancy Cohen has agreed to be the inaugural convener of the Youth Services Interest Group. Gillian Webster will join Karen Smith as the second APLA representative on the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society. Angela Londardo is convening

the Memorial Awards Committee. The Trustees Interest Group is vacant.

Conveners will meet as a group during the upcoming CLA/APLA conference in Halifax and Interest Groups will be encouraged to continue the practice of going to dinner as a group during the conference.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elaine MacLean
Vice-President /
President Elect

Memorial Awards Committee Annual Report 2001-2002

The convener of the APLA Memorial Awards Committee for 2001-2002 is Angela Lonardo, Queen Elizabeth II Library of Memorial University of Newfoundland. Two other APLA members were recruited to sit on the Committee, Susan Cleyle, Queen Elizabeth II Library of Memorial University of Newfoundland, and Shirley MacLeod of the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information in Charlottetown.

The call for applicants began during the winter, with a notice in the APLA Bulletin and two notices on the APLA Listserv. The deadline date for applications was March 31, 2002. The Committee received 3 applications which are currently being reviewed.

Submitted by,
Angela Lonardo



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Continuing Education Interest Group Annual Report 2001 - 2002

The Continuing Education Interest Group has not been active for the past year therefore there is nothing to report.

Submitted by
Marie DeYoung, Chair
Continuing Education
Interest Group

Library Instruction Interest Group Annual Report 2001-2002

APLA 2001, the session entitled "Web Feat: Developing Effective Online Library Tutorials Without Driving Yourself Quackers" was well attended, and provided much discussion for the evening's LIIG dinner.

The "Instruction Program - Tips for Librarians" webpage was introduced to the Interest Group as a central resource for ideas, examples, etc. related to teaching and coordinating instruction programs. Interest Group members, and others, are encouraged to submit suggestions and utilize this resource in their instruction activities. http://www.mun.ca/library/research_help/qeii/librariantips.html

The Library Instruction Interest Group did not sponsor a session at this year's joint APLA/CLA conference.

Dianne Cmor, Convenor

Collection Development Interest Group Annual Report 2001-2002

The responsibilities of the collection librarian continue to evolve with virtual collection building now taking up a sizeable chunk of work time. For many of us, the frenetic pace which seemed to accompany the various trials, licensing issues and consortial arrangements of the past few years, seems to have abated, somewhat. Nevertheless, we are still grappling with tremendous pressures, among which are the pressures of dealing with budgets which are not keeping pace with the ever-increasing cost of electronic resources and with determining formulas for splitting the budget between print resources and electronic resources of which there are legion. There is also the more recent pressure of what to do about constantly changing content on aggregator databases. Time was when the term

"embargo", for example, was applicable only in political and shipping terms. Now that it has become part of library lingo, we are often left never exactly sure of what content is or is not available to us.

Collection librarians do have a great deal to talk about in working towards resolving these and other issues. Unfortunately, our interest group rarely meets to have such discussions except, of course, for the brief get-togethers which are usually held over dinner at conferences. Perhaps in upcoming months, we can find better ways to communicate more often and perhaps also, according to the terms of reference of the Interest Group, plan conference sessions and arrange for speakers to address various collection issues at such sessions.

Glenna Quinn

Hope To See You There!



APLA Representatives to the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society Annual Report 2001 - 2002

The Atlantic Provinces Book Review Board met twice in the past year. New members to the board are: Michael Hamm, representing the Atlantic Provinces Booksellers Association, and Jane Ledwell, representing writers.

At the end of December 2001 Elizabeth Eve, the Managing Editor of Atlantic Books Today since 1992, resigned. In her final report, Elizabeth indicates that, "I have been assisted by a long line of skilled, honest, responsible representatives from the book industry, including librarians, professional writers, publisher and independent booksellers, who have served on the board".

Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society Board members Heather Doran, Karen Smith and Martha Woolaver were selected to form a Selection Committee to conduct a search for a new managing editor. A job posting was sent out across the

country and attracted twenty-two strong applicants from Ontario and the Maritimes. A short-list of six was selected and the first set of interviews were held in early December. A second round of interviews was held in early January.

Susannah Schmitt-Brennan of Hubbards, Nova Scotia was the successful candidate. Ms. Schmitt-Brennan brings a wealth of experience as an editor, writer, and film producer to the position. Most importantly, she has a great respect and appreciation for Atlantic Canada writing and eagerly looks forward to the challenges of presenting it to a wider audience through Atlantic Books Today.

The other significant item on the Board's agenda is the Atlantic Books Today Enhancement Project. This is a joint project of the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association and Atlantic Books Today.

This project received funding from the BPIDP (Book Publishing Industry Development Program) of Heritage Canada. The objective of the project is to make Atlantic Books Today a more effective advertising vehicle for publishers, and a more effective editorial vehicle for creating awareness of and sales for Atlantic Books Today. Specific goals are improved editorial quality; increased distribution to targeted households, and increased effectiveness for publisher advertisers.

Karen Smith will continue on the Board and Gillian Webster will join her as the second APLA representative upon the resignation of Elaine MacLean.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen Smith and
Elaine MacLean,
Vice-President / President Elect

NOTICE RE RESOLUTIONS

As the APLA OGM will be held in one session scheduled for 3:15 on Thursday, June 20, there will be no opportunity to announce either a Pre-resolution session or a Resolutions session at the OGM. Resolutions concerning the policies and practices of the Association can be submitted to Elaine MacLean, Convener of the Resolutions, prior to the conference or to the APLA desk which will be setup during the conference. The latest time the Resolutions Committee will receive resolutions is 1:00 on Thursday, June 20. There will be a notice at this desk indicating the place for the Resolution session, which will take place at 1:30, Thursday, June 20.

Resolutions affecting the policy of the Association may come from committees, interest groups, workshops or any member of the association. To be eligible for consideration as a resolution, each resolution must conform to the following conditions:

- a Each resolution must be moved and seconded by personal members of the Association whose memberships are current at the time of the meeting.
- b All resolutions must be submitted, in writing (signed by the mover and seconder).
- c Members moving or seconding resolutions must ensure that either the mover or seconder attend the resolutions session.

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Atlantic Provinces Library Association

62nd Ordinary General Meeting

Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI

Friday, June 1, 2001: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 3, 2001: 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.
2. Establish Quorum
It was established that a quorum was present.
3. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 3.1 Additions, Changes
Two additions were added to Item #20 Other Business: APLA Memorial Award
Carin E. Alma Somers Scholarship Trust Fund
 - 3.2 Adoption
MOTION: that the agenda be adopted as changed (E. Hamilton/ P.Webster)
CARRIED.
4. Minutes of the 61st Ordinary General Meeting
 - 4.1 Corrections
One correction, received in writing, was read. Item # 22 Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies, second paragraph should read : "Dr. Horrocks noted that Dr. MacDonald has been appointed to the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation...." J. Tillotson corrected the error in small letter for "information" to its capital requirement "Information" in School of Library and Information Studies, the title of the item.
 - 4.2 Adoption
MOTION: that the minutes be adopted (L. Melanson / J. Maddix)
CARRIED
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
P. Stevens-Earle reported that there was no business arising from the minutes from the executive. No further business
6. President's Report -
P. Stevens-Earle noted that her report was published in the Bulletin, and added that she had sent greetings and congratulations on behalf of APLA to the Ontario Library Association for its special edition of its newsletter Access in OLA celebrating its 100th anniversary.
7. Past President's Report
P. Webster noted that his report appeared in the Bulletin. He added that as the APLA representative on the Hackmatack Awards committee he attended a recent ceremony pertaining to the awards that attracted about 300 children. Hackmatack is now into its third year and it has now included French language books among its categories. He announced that Peter Glenister is this year's recipient of the APLA Merit Award, and that the website for the Association has been changed to www.apla.ca.
8. Vice President's Reports
 - 8.1 New Brunswick
J. Maddix
J. Maddix said her report is as printed in the Bulletin.
 - 8.2 Newfoundland
D. Taylor-Harding
D. Taylor-Harding indicated her report was published in the Bulletin.
 - 8.3 Nova Scotia C. Chisholm
C. Chisholm said her report is as printed in the Bulletin.
 - 8.4 Prince Edward Island
M. Davidson
As the report that appeared in the Bulletin is M. Davidson's last, she thanked everyone who has been on executive for the past three years, as well as those who helped with the regular Bulletin column for P.E.I.
 - 8.5 Membership J. Tillotson
J. Tillotson said her report appeared in the Bulletin, but she forgot to report that there were 42 new members registered in APLA during the past year.
9. Secretary's Report
J. Cunningham
- J. Cunningham noted that her report was published in the Bulletin.
10. Financial Examiner's Report
P. Glenister
Peter Glenister provided copies of his report.
11. Treasurer's Report
S. Murphy
S. Murphy distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. She pointed out that the Bulletin's revenues were down because there were not as many issues published, therefore causing the advertising revenues to be less.

MOTION : that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. (L. Melanson / I. Wilson)
CARRIED.
12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editor and Bulletin Management Board
R. MacPherson
R. MacPherson said that she and Emma Cross would continue editing the Bulletin unless someone else from the membership is interested in doing it.
13. Executive/Standing/ Committee Reports
 - 13.1 Aims and Objectives
N. Hanus
N. Hanus reported that other than what was reported in the Bulletin, the only extra item to report was that the Executive will be discussing the ALA/CLA " @ your library" campaign.
 - 13.2 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups
N. Hanus
N. Hanus said a request was received for the formation of a Youth Services Interest Group and that the interested members were told they needed to have six members named on their request for forming a committee. She also said that the Collections Development, the Newspaper Interest , and the Francophone groups do

have convenors, despite the fact that no reports appeared in the Bulletin.

MOTION: Due to inactivity of the Intellectual Freedom Standing Committee that Standing Order 6.03, Intellectual Freedom Committee be rescinded. (P. Webster/J. Tillotson)

CARRIED.

MOTION: In order to improve efficiency of the Communications Committee, Standing Order 6.04 and the Public Relations Committee, Standing Order 6.05, an amendment be made to the standing orders that would merge the two committees and a review of the terms of reference be made and be brought back to the next Ordinary General Meeting. (E. Hamilton/ P. Hynan)

CARRIED.

- 13.3 Finance P. Stevens-Earle turned the Chair over to N. Hanus.

a) 2001-2002 Budget

MOTION: that budget for 2001-02 be accepted. (P. Stevens-Earle / J. Tillotson). Question: P. Glenister pointed out that even though no firm decision has been made on whether there will be five or six issues of the Bulletin published, if there is a sixth issue it will come out of the next year's budgetary allocations.

CARRIED.

b) Appointment of Financial Examiner

MOTION: that Peter Glenister be appointed the financial examiner for 2001-2002. (S. Murphy/ J. Archibald)

CARRIED.

c) APLA Prize

P. Stevens-Earle reported that Kim Frail of the Dalhousie University Library and Information Studies program is the winner of the APLA prize.

d) APLA First Timer's Award P. Stevens-Earle reported that there were two recipients of this year's award: Natalie

Munn and Karen MacNeil, both from Dalhousie University's library school.

13.4 Nominations and Elections

P. Webster circulated copies of his report. He said that a call for nominations for the executive offices for 2001/2002 was made in the APLA Bulletin, and on the APLA list (apla-list@is.dal.ca), and was then repeated in February. By February 28th nominations had been received for all positions. An election was held to fill the position of Vice President (New Brunswick). Jeanne Maddix was elected. The remaining positions will be filled by acclamation. Vice President/President Elect – Elaine MacLean; Vice President (Prince Edward Island) Andrea Stewart; and Treasurer Marnie MacGillivray. A motion was made that the standing orders be amended to allow for the announcement of elections once the elections are complete and not wait until the OGM. Much discussion ensued, and the motion was defeated.

14. Special Committee Reports N. Hanus turns the chair over to P. Stevens Earle

14.1 Advocacy N. Hanus indicated that her report is as published in the Bulletin.

15. Interest Groups Reports

N. Hanus indicated that the Interest Group Reports are as published in the Bulletin, with the one exception being, the Newspaper Interest Group. She said Charles Cameron has reported for the Newspaper Interest Group saying that the group still exists even though it has been inactive this year, and did not develop a session for this year's conference.

16. Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society
No report submitted.

17. Report of the Representative to ASTED
No report submitted.

18. Annual conferences

18.1 Antigonish 2000

P. Stevens-Earle said that the

surplus of \$2,388.78 was forwarded to APLA by the committee for the APLA 2000 Antigonish committee.

18.2 Charlottetown 2001

N. Hanus said that the latest registration figures for this year's conference as of today, Friday, June 1st, is at 205.

18.3 Halifax 2002

P. Stevens-Earle said that a representative from the new CLA council will be meeting with executive in the fall about this conference.

19. Resolutions Committee

Announcement

N. Hanus said that resolutions concerning policies and practices of the Association will be considered at the Resolution Session which will be held Sunday, June 3rd in the Valiant Room. A pre-resolution session will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at 5 p.m. Resolutions affecting the policy of the Association may come from committees, interest groups or any member of the Association.

Resolutions, she said, could be submitted directly to her as convenor of the Resolutions Committee at the Registration Desk. The latest time the Resolutions Committee will receive resolutions is Saturday, June 2 at 12 noon.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

P. Stevens-Earle recalled the meeting to order on Sunday, June 3, at 9:35 a.m.

20. Other Business

20.1 APLA Memorial Award

Eric Swanick is the recipient of the Memorial Award. Angela Lonardo has agreed to chair this committee.

20.2 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund

The committee received five applications and all were excellent candidates. The scholarship has been awarded to Michelle Geddy, a music graduate of Acadia University who will be attending Dalhousie University's library science program in the fall.

21. Resolutions

There was one resolution. It read: "Be it resolved that: the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, extend its appreciation to the organizers and volunteers of APLA 2001 in Charlottetown, to the presenters, moderators, and facilitators of all workshops and conference sessions, to the sponsors and exhibitors who have contributed to the success of APLA 2001." (P. Webster/J. Maddix) CARRIED.

22. Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies
Norman Horrocks presented the School's report on behalf of Director Bertrum MacDonald. He said student enrollments were on target last year and that the School experimented with a larger January admission this year, which presented new challenges, at the same time as providing greater flexibility

for students. Two new student groups were established this year – a student chapter of the Canadian Library Association and a student group for the Special Libraries Association. Students have won travel awards to attend ALA, CLA and SLA annual conferences. Two new programs for Dalhousie University have been approved by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. Starting in September 2001, students can register in two new dual degree programs – the MLIS/ MBA or the MLIS/ MPA. The school's contribution to the Bachelor of Management continues and an Information Management area concentration is under development. The school is also involved in the preparations for a new graduate degree in health informatics being proposed for introduction in 2002.

23. Inauguration of Incoming President

Before turning over the gavel to incoming President Norine Hanus, P. Stevens-Earle said she was especially pleased to be involved with the APLA executive because of the past year being a wonderful learning experience. She thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone, and thanked the membership for its support. She asked that each executive member who would be leaving the committee this year stand so she could thank them. N. Hanus accepted the gavel and said she is looking forward to working with the executive in the coming months.

24. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:15 a.m.

CNSA Conference Report

By Gillian Webster

The Council of Nova Scotia Archives 2002 Spring Conference was called Scanning the Past: Digitization and Preservation in Archives. It took place April 18 - 20 at the Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse in Halifax. There were two two-day concurrent workshops available on preservation or digitization, followed by a presentation that was common to both on the third day called Digitization and Preservation: Planning and Managing your Digitization Projects.

Both Bernadette Kennedy and Gillian Webster from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library took the digitization workshop, as did Roger Lloyd from Learning Resources and Technology, called Digitizing Images for your Archives or Museum.

Jim Fox and Diane Bowden, both of the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN), and Owen Bannerman, owner of Bannerman Photo & Studio,

conducted the two-day workshop. CHIN's mission is to: "Broker effective access to Canadian and international heritage information for public education and enjoyment and for the collective benefit of Canadian museums." For example, CHIN works with the Canadian museum community to develop heritage knowledge in electronic form by making live and on-line presentations on current topics. Their excellent website is at <http://www.chin.gc.ca>.

The workshop was developed to address the needs of those working in or with museums embarking on a project entailing digitizing images from their collections. The workshop was also designed to take advantage of web technology and present material on digitization at various levels to meet the needs of those with only a limited background in the use of cameras and computers. The aim of the two-

day workshop was to cover the basic information needed to plan for and establish a digitization program. The presenters covered planning for such essentials as selecting material, communicating with your audience, copyright on the material; budgeting; establishing project requirements such as equipment and staffing; and implementing the project.

Many of the organizations represented were small and not particularly well-funded or well-staffed. So participants were glad to hear that selecting strategies which best meet their organization's current and future requirements need not mean huge, expensive projects. One of the most enjoyable sections of the workshop was the hands-on part with Owen Bannerman, who helped participants make the best of use of the

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scanning and photo editing equipment he brought. Through trial and error, attendees were invited to try scanning one or two items they had brought from their own collections. Owen also discussed elements involved in contemporary and digital photography.

Brian Thurgood, Acting Manager of the Digital Projects Section, Preservation Branch, National Archives of Canada (NAC) presented an overview of NAC's digital projects, beginning with an overview of the involvement and vision of NAC on the third day of the conference. The National Archives is working together with the National Library and other partners to use the Internet as its primary vehicle for delivering services to the Canadian public. The aim of this presentation was to introduce the steps and issues involved with collecting, documenting, processing and storing digitized images on computers and accessing images from them.

Participants from the two-day digital workshop heard again about the importance of establishing the objectives and feasibility of a particular digitization initiative. A decision tree can be a useful way of deciding whether a particular project is feasible, for example. Brian let it be known that CHIN and the Library of Congress at <http://memory.loc.gov>, for example, have guides, case studies and lists of standards which are all helpful ways of reaching management decisions.

Archival issues

Brian focused on archival issues concerning the digitization of original materials and stressed that the integrity of the underlying record had to be

maintained throughout the digital preservation process. Brian discussed the kinds of image capture standards used at NAC and stressed the need to run pilot projects for every project undertaken, in order to work out standards, to find out which skills are needed to manage the digitization process from beginning to end, etc. He introduced the audience to the role and types of meta-data used to assure the long-term reusability of digital materials. Other important things that needed to be planned for include appropriate storage and access facilities. Finally, Brian shared his understanding and experience of the scope and current limitations of various types of image digitization technology.

Evaluating digitization options

Brian also said that museums, archives and similar estab-

lishments had to look at how they governed themselves in order to consider how best to undertake such projects. For example, co-operating on a project might be one way of achieving efficiencies. Brian stressed that NAC had had to get ready after an explosion of public requests, and that other organizations could try to be more proactive. In conclusion, there were lots of helpful hints, and people left feeling well supported and encouraged.

The three day conference was extremely well-planned and gave participants plenty of time to exchange thoughts as well as have fun. For current awareness on activities and operations of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives, CNSA, go to www.councilofnsarchives.ca; the website of the Council of Canadian Archives is at <http://www.cdncouncilarchives.ca>.

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Regional Report - April 2002

Sylvia Gunnery
Councillor-East

"Alligator Pie" on the East Coast

On International Children's Book Day, April 2, at 8:45 am, Dennis Lee's poem "Alligator Pie" was heard across the CBC regional airwaves on "Information Morning", over bowls of cereal in Atlantic kitchens, and in early-morning classrooms. This "good luck" message was enthusiastically dedicated to Dennis Lee, Canada's author nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award. Canada's other nominee was illustrator Michele Lemieux.

Each year a different National Section of IBBY has the opportunity to be the international sponsor of International Children's Book Day. It decides upon a theme and invites a prominent author to write a message to the children of the world and a well-known illustrator to design a poster. Austria was this year's sponsoring country with a lively poster by Maria Blazejovsky and a message in the form of a story by Renate Welsh. Visit the IBBY website www.IBBY.org to see the poster and read the message.

Andersen Winners 2002

Although our Canadian nominees were not selected for the 2002 Hans Christian Andersen Awards, the celebrations of April 2 garnered unprecedented national attention for the awards and the impressive reputation that Canada's children's books have earned on the international stage. This year's winners were author Aidan Chambers and illustrator Quentin Blake, both of the

United Kingdom. Chambers' writing shows a clear understanding of the adolescent mind. There is suspense in each gripping storyline with thoroughly real characters. Quentin Blake had been elected as the United Kingdom's first Children's Laureate. His originality and sense of humour, together with his skill with line, colours and movement have made him a beloved illustrator with wide international impact.

The Fun of Reading

Also on April 2nd, Roch Carrier of the National Library of Canada launched The Fun of Reading: International Forum on Canadian Children's Literature. This major initiative will take place in Ottawa on June 26-29, 2003. The purpose of the Forum is to promote Canadian children's literature in its full cultural, linguistic and regional diversity and to strengthen the presence of this literature in Canada and on the international stage. The Forum will include an international conference on Canadian children's literature, as well as a host of literary and artistic activities for young people across Canada.

More details are available on the Forum website www.ncl-bnc.ca/forum.

Russell Award

IBBY-Canada is pleased to announce that Francoise Lepage, a leading specialist in children's literature in French Canada, is the recipient of the 2001 Frances E. Russell Award for outstanding research for a publishable work on Canadian children's literature. The annu-

al award comes with a grant for \$1000.

Mme. Lepage plans a comprehensive book on Paule Daveluy. For almost half a century from 1958 to the present, Mme. Daveluy has played a prominent role in francophone children's literature as an author, a translator, and the founder of Communication-Jeunesse. Francois Lepage's study, to be completed by the end of 2003, will be a major contribution to the appreciation of Canadian children's literature.

Encouraging More Atlantic Canada IBBY Members

In Atlantic Canada, there are many organizations enthusiastically involved in the world of children's books: publishers, booksellers, libraries, and writers' associations. IBBY sent out information packages in February to these regional businesses and associations, encouraging those who had not yet joined IBBY to consider doing so. Some inquiries have been made and it is hoped that Atlantic Canada membership will increase as more people become aware of the importance of the work of IBBY in Canada and internationally.


 The logo for IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) features a stylized lowercase 'i' followed by the letters 'BbY' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'i' is positioned to the left of the 'BbY', and the 'B' and 'b' are connected to the 'Y'.

The Library: Strengthening Canadian Communities Gingerbread Village

by Jean Cunningham

The public library in downtown Saint John, New Brunswick can thank Canadian Living Magazine for giving them the idea for a great community program that brings adults and children together while raising money to augment the children's program budget.

The annual "Gingerbread Village Family Workshop" got its start when a staff member flipped through an issue of Canadian Living, spotted a glossy picture of gingerbread houses and realized its capacity for a fun family event.

"Creating special memories of the library for families to share is an important part of our philosophy," says Regional Library Director Pamela Stevens-Earle. "Our regular programs have staff working with children to create crafts as part of a fun learning experience, but we are always looking to find special programs that bring families together for an event."

The gingerbread workshop fit the criteria and then some. "If laughter and sheer pleasure from trying to create an original house is a measure of making special memories for families and friends," she said, "then we know the library has made an impression for many to remember." And she had first-hand knowledge of this because she was very involved with the first two annual events.

Parents, when polled, indicated it was always something they wanted to do with their children, but because of other commitments during the busy Christmas season and the time needed to make one from

scratch, they never got around to doing it. So they were enthusiastic when it came to signing up for the program.

The first two years it was mainly staff that did all the work of pre-assembling the 25 houses and their bases. By the time it got to its third and fourth years, staff became more comfortable with how and when everything needed to be done in advance, so they recruited volunteers to help.

Because this program is beyond the budget and staff scope of anything the library can afford to offer, it was decided to seek sponsorship for the materials. The Bulk Barn, one of the local food outlets, provided all the kits for the houses during all of the four years it has been offered. The program, which is always held the third or fourth week of November, is offered to families or groups for a small \$15 fee. This fee pays for refreshments (keep in mind – gingerbread making is thirsty business and marshmallow squares are just the thing to give everyone the extra energy needed) and for all the candies needed to decorate the villages. The money left over, which has been over \$200 each year, goes toward buying craft supplies used for regular children's programming.

Once assembled and decorated, the villages are a Christmas decorator's dream! To help add to the festive season in the library and to show others how much fun is had at the program, the participants are asked to allow the houses to go on display in the library until the middle of December. To make it worth the

wait, the staff turned it into a contest whereby ballots are made available, and the public is encouraged to vote on its favorite village. The winner is awarded with an attractive copy of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.

Even though every house begins the exactly the same, and everyone receives the same trimmings, not one house and village looks like any other. And that incredible aspect has all those who tour the display shaking their heads in amazement over the originality and creativity involved. With the amount of joy that goes into creating the houses, it is no wonder people smile when they see them.

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Hackmatack Announces the Winners of the 2002 Award

The winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2002 were announced at the award ceremony on Saturday, May 18, at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth. Sharon E. McKay, the author of 'Charlie Wilcox' was the winner in the English fiction category, Vivien Bowers received the English nonfiction award for her book 'WOW Canada!' and the winner of the inaugural French title was François Barcelo for 'Premier trophée pour Momo de Sinro'.

Charlie Wilcox is the thrilling story of a young Newfoundland boy who's dreams of becoming a sealer lead him to stow away on a ship, only to discover he is on the way to the trenches of World War 1. Charlie Wilcox won the 2001 Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction. Sharon E. McKay lives in Kilbride, Ontario.

WOW Canada, takes us on a wild and wacky trip across Canada, loaded with quirky trivia, crazy tales and fun things to do in every province. WOW Canada won the 1999 BC Information Book Prize. Vivien Bowers lives in Nelson, British Columbia.

Premier trophée pour Momo de Sinro continues the humorous saga of Momo de Sinro who, after persevering to overcome his clumsiness and lack of skill, hits the ice to win the trophy, while trying not to score on his own goal. Premier trophée pour Momo de Sinro was a finalist for the 2000 Mr. Christie Book Award. François Barcelo lives in Montreal, Quebec.

The Hackmatack Award ceremony marked the culmination of this year's award week, during which twenty of the nominated Canadian authors visited participating schools and libraries in New

Colleagues! Take heart! This article was recently published in our students' newsmagazine, The Caper Times. Our staff was thrilled and uplifted! Note of caution: Take a deep breath when reading the first paragraph!

Cathy Chisholm

Information Services Librarian, University College of Cape Breton

Ode to the UCCB Library!

by: Kent Ellefsen, BBA '02

University College of Cape Breton

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I can remember a time when the thought of sitting in a library disturbed me. Can you remember being a kid, going to the library, only to have some old, stern, "nun-like" women stare at you over her reading glasses and shushing you if you even dared to crackle a paper? Heck, I sure do.

In these past four years, however, the thought of a library has begun to take on a whole new perspective for me. It's a sort of love-hate relationship, in a sense. Some of my most frustrating moments come while studying in the library and, on the other hand, some of my greatest feelings of accomplishments have happened there as well.

While studying at Orebro University in Sweden, during an exchange last semester, the

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Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island. Three hundred and forty-two reading groups, and thousands of children from grades four to six, participated this year by reading the thirty nominated books. "We loved reading these books!" was a common refrain as groups voted for their favourites.

Information on the Hackmatack Award 2002-2003 will soon be available on our website at www.hackmatack.ca

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strangest feeling came over me one day while I sat in the library there..... "I miss the UCCB Library!" At that very moment, I thought to myself, "for crying out loud man, get a hold of yourself! Think about what you're saying!" But it's true; you may not realize it now, but believe me, you will when you leave here.

I am sitting in the library as I write this now. It's 9:00 a.m., and I am sitting in one of those solarium windows on the side facing the Res. You know the one, it's warm, quiet, and it feels too comfortable. Being here feels almost like being at home. Recently I was speaking with a friend who is now living in Halifax. I asked her, "What is it that you miss most about UCCB?" immediately, without hesitation, she replied, "the library Kent, I miss the library." Anyone else would immediately scream in their minds "GEEK"! But I knew exactly where she was coming from. Believe me folks when I say this, because it's not only my crazy head that has this strange attachment to the UCCB library.

Now I will end this Ode to the UCCB Library by saying, "I will miss you my warm, quiet, comfortable, helpful library." This spring I am scheduled to graduate with my four year BBA degree, and for some strange reason I know that the first thing that will come to my mind when looking at UCCB is the times spent in the library.

From St. Jerome's Den

An interview on CBC's Basic Black piqued my interest a few weeks ago, and has subsequently offered me endless hours (OK, minutes) of amusement. Arthur Black was interviewing Gary Roma whose film, *Puss in Books: the Adventures of the Library Cat*, was the subject of the interview. Now one might have been able to tune out something about cats in libraries, especially if one starts itching at the mere mention of the furry felines [this column's mascot ELIOT being the one exception], but one could not resist Roma when he related how the Encyclopedia of Associations had inspired him to prepare the film. It seems that when he was browsing through the encyclopaedia, one of his favourite reference books (!), something caught his eye. That something was the listing for the Library Cat Society a Minnesota-based association that advocates keeping cats in libraries. He wrote away for a copy of the Association's newsletter and was fascinated by the stories of "bookwormish cats." *Puss in Books* is a behind the scenes, and between the stacks, look at some real cats who call a library home.

What is this attraction between librarians and cats? Maybe it is our close relationship to cat-alogues. The librarians at the University of California (Santa Cruz) relate so closely that their e-mail addresses are "@cats.ucsc.edu." Matthew Z. Heintzelman on his Web site, *Feline Librarians* suggests that it might be because "cats are aloof, only come when they are called, and seem more intelligent than everyone else?" And we worry about our image as depicted in the popular media. Better the sentiment of

Carl Van Vechten, writer, photographer, artist, and bon vivant: "As an inspiration to the author [or a zoomorphism for a librarian], I do not think the cat can be over-estimated. He suggests so much grace, power, beauty, motion, mysticism." Now that is a better image. For an analogy of the library as a cat, read Noel Peattie's short article at *The Library Cat*. According to Peattie, "he [the cat/librarian] loves, and expects, regular supplies of goodies, and adores being brushed and cuddled and told how beautiful he is. And he has no morals, no politics, and no religion."

Whether you like cats or not it seems that they and librarians will always have an affinity for one another.

Interesting links - cyber and otherwise

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