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Left to right: Jocelyne Thompson, New Brunswick Provincial Librarian; Roch Carrier, National Librarian; John Teskey, University Librarian, UNB; Sara Lochhead, University Librarian, Mount Allison University

National Librarian Visits the Atlantic Region

The day's library issues forum took place, between 12:00 and 2:00 at the Lord Dalhousie Room, on Dalhousie University campus, hosted by the Dalhousie School of Information Studies, and moderated by the schools director Bertrum MacDonald. The forum was well attended by over 60 people. Fourteen speakers gave brief presentations. They represented Nova Scotia library associations and agencies and a wide range of library sectors, including school, university, government and law libraries, as well as library students, public and other special libraries. A wide range of library initiatives and pressing issues were discussed. Themes which came up repeatedly, were the need for resource sharing ventures, and centralized leadership to find innovative ways to address the growing resource shortages our institu-
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NOVA SCOTIA: Tuesday November 30, 1999

For Roch Carrier's visit, arrangements in Halifax were ably coordinated by the staff of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, with assistance and support from a number of individuals and organizations. Roch Carrier began the day with a breakfast with staff of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. He then toured the Terrence Bay Elementary School Library. Next was a visit to the library of the John A. MacDonald High school, and a meeting with students there. Then came a visit to the Halifax Regional Public Library, Spryfield Branch.

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of the fair use clause and the details of the law regarding non-print material, especially digitized material. The National Library could help by:

a) lobbying for better and clearer fair use provisions

b) clarifying and explaining the existing legislation from a library perspective.

5. AMICUS

The new Web version is terrific and making it available for free to libraries is a valuable way of supporting library services. We hope that the service can remain free for libraries, since this provides a tangible means for the National Library to support Canadian libraries, both for cataloguing and inter-library loan programs.

6. Core library statistics

This is a valuable program which should be expanded. PEI participants mentioned the need to include and expand the sections dealing with community/technical colleges and school libraries. Also, the need for some kind of qualitative measures was mentioned.

**7. Library Information Service
(including BIBCANLIB-L)**

This performs a useful function not replicated anywhere else. These services were not mentioned in the English report on NA/NL and deserve some recognition as contributing to the library profession. This service could be better promoted by Canadian library schools and that might increase the National Library's profile with younger librarians.

8. School libraries

Although education is a provincial matter, the National Library could take a more active role in promoting and advocating a strong school library program within the education system and the role of

teacher-librarians in providing this program. In some provinces, school libraries have been badly hurt by cuts to education and the National Library should make a point of including school libraries in its vision for Canadian libraries. This would include collecting statistics for school libraries as part of the core library statistics program.

9. Relationship with CISTI

Currently, some services are duplicated and perhaps more co-operation between the National Library and CISTI would better serve the needs of their clients. CISTI is more free-market and profit-seeking whereas the National Library operates more for the public good.

10. Digital collections

The National Library should determine and disseminate its policy for the digitization and preservation of important historical and/or cultural Canadian documents. This is an area that requires some leadership in co-ordinating and increasing public awareness about all the projects that are going on.

Report prepared by Moira Davidson, Vice-President (Prince Edward Island)

NEW BRUNSWICK: Friday
December 3, 1999

When Roch Carrier became the National Librarian in October, one of his first decisions was to visit libraries across the country. Carrier's goal was to "listen and learn" in order to find out how the National Library can better serve Canada's libraries.

The last stop on Roch Carrier's 14 day tour was Moncton, New Brunswick where he met with a group of twenty six librarians representing public, academic and special libraries. Several librarians made formal presentations. Charlotte

NATIONAL LIBRARIAN ... CONTINUED

Dionne, President of the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick / Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick (APLNB/ABPNB) spoke about the importance of the APLNB/ABPNB to librarians in the province. The APLNB/ABPNB is a bilingual association that reaches out to librarians in isolated areas and offers affordable workshops close to home. Dionne stated that the National Library could help librarians in New Brunswick by offering professional development activities. Dionne also expressed the association's concern with the lack of resources in the province's school libraries and stressed the need for national standards in this area.

The poor state of New Brunswick's school libraries was the theme of Catherine Cox's presentation. Cox, a teacher-librarian at Moncton High School, said that the greatest need is for professional staff. Of the hundreds of school libraries in New Brunswick, fewer than ten are staffed by teacher-librarians. Cox suggested that the National Librarian could help raise the profile of school libraries by hosting a national conference and inviting the Deputy Minister of Education or another delegate who has some influence in the department. Cox also feels that the "Read up on it" campaign sponsored by the National Library "needs more clout". She questioned the usefulness of the materials distributed through this program and said that the school library community should be consulted about what they could best use.

Both John Teskey, Director of Libraries at University of New Brunswick, and Sara Lochhead, University Librarian at Mount Allison University spoke of the need to improve AMICUS. Teskey said that "it is disturbing to find that the best sources for Canadian locations is OCLC." Sara Lochhead strongly emphasized that all libraries need easy, free access to AMICUS. If we are to avoid foreign ownership of our intellectual resources the National Library must honour its mandate to provide a Canadian database of Canadian materials. The university librarians were also concerned about the lack of standards in the electronic publishing, as well as bibliographic standards, and suggested that the National Library has the responsibility to set these standards and make them accessible.

Lack of standards is also a problem for the province's law libraries, especially the preservation of, and access to, digital materials. According to Anne Crocker, Head Law Librarian at the Gerard V. Laforest Law Library, University of New Brunswick, the provincial government is attempting to save money by publishing electronically, however, they are motivated by cost concerns rather than providing access to information to which citizens have a right. Unlike other countries, Canada does not have a national law library. Crocker called on the National Library to hire someone at the National Library with expertise in law libraries, who could work with law librarians across the country to create a virtual national law library.

Jocelyne Thompson, Provincial Director of New Brunswick Library Service, outlined some of

the challenges facing the public library system. One of the most pressing challenges is the need to find new sources of money for sustainability and growth. Public libraries are expected to provide expensive electronic resources, but are still unable to meet the demand for print materials, such as best sellers and popular non-fiction. With so many demands on an already insufficient budget, the digitization of existing collections is not a top priority, and so public librarians believe that the National Library must play a leadership role in the preservation of electronic documents. Thompson expressed concern that government emphasis on technology and the funding that it requires will cause basic library collections to suffer. She feels that the National Library can help in this area by educating the decision makers in both federal and provincial governments about the vital importance of print materials. They must understand that "all information, all knowledge does not reside on the Internet."

Following the presentations Roch Carrier reiterated that he had come to learn and not to speak so those in attendance did not really get a feel for how he views the role of the National Librarian. Carrier intends to draw up a strategic plan by the end of February. In the meantime Carrier urged librarians to write to him and let know why different issues such as free access to AMICUS are important.

Report prepared by Jeanne Maddix, Vice-President (New Brunswick)

Greetings from the National Librarian

Dear APLA partners:

As you can imagine, we were quite disappointed that weather kept us from our visit to St. John's, however, we have rescheduled this visit to Monday, Dec. 13th and look forward to our meetings there. Not to mention the opportunities that libraries across the country offer to Canadians in acquiring and upgrading information literacy skills - through both electronic and print resources.

Be assured that we will be working more closely together with you in the future and I look forward to seeing you again and to meeting more of you on my next visits to the Atlantic Provinces.

Sincerely,
Roch Carrier
National Librarian

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The executive offices requiring nominations for 2000/2001 are:

Vice-President, President Elect
Vice-President (Newfoundland)
Vice-President (Nova Scotia)
Vice-President (Membership)

Guidelines:

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2. Any APLA member may nominate any other member for elective office.
3. Every person nominated shall be a personal APLA member in good standing and shall file a letter of acceptance with the Secretary of the Association.

Please send nominations, postmarked no later than March 31, 2000 to:

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From the President's Desk

One of the pleasures of my time with the APLA executive has been involvement in giving away money! A big part of our job on the executive is to see to it that your money gets used in ways which REALLY benefit library people and library programs in Atlantic Canada.

We do that in a couple of important ways.

The General Activity Fund (GAF) is one way. Each year APLA sets aside several thousand dollars to be distributed as grants to assist activities and projects which serve to further the aims and objectives of APLA, outside normal budgeted activities like the conference. In the coming months GAF money will be used for Library continuing education programs and for Library Week activities in Newfoundland. GAF funds contributed to the regional Hackmatack Children's Book Award. In 1999 funds were used for continuing education programs in Nova Scotia, and to help fund events associated with the visit of the National Librarian to Halifax, Saint John, Charlottetown and Moncton.

We are always looking for worthwhile projects which promote and support Atlantic libraries and library workers. Any APLA member may make an application, whether they be library assistant, student or chief librarian. Any worthwhile pro-

ject is welcomed. Even if you are not yet an APLA member, if you have a library related project or activity which would benefit from APLA funding, don't hesitate to take it to your APLA provincial Vice President, or member of the Finance Committee.

APLA Memorial Awards are another way we are able to support worthwhile projects. The Awards Memorial Fund provides grants for projects or activities which "contribute to the professional development of the recipient and which will benefit the library profession as a whole". If you have research, training or any activity which you feel would add to the development of your library work, or if you know someone who might, get in touch with us. The Memorial Awards fund was begun by the estate of Alberta Letts. It continues as a professional development fund, sponsored by contributions in memory to APLA members who are deceased. It is an important way that we remember members of our community.

They have left the means for us to continue to grow as individuals and as a library community.

The Carin Alma E. Somers Graduate Scholarship is another important memorial fund. In the next few months the scholarship committee will select an Atlantic Canadian library school student to receive this award. The APLA prize awarded annually to "an outstanding library school student", is another way in which APLA supports and recognizes student achievement. And don't forget APLA First Timer's Conference Grant. If you have never been to APLA Conference I hope you'll take advantage for this financial incentive to do so.

The money we offer through these programs is quite limited, but we have been able to do a lot in the past, assisting with book preparation, hosting lectures, training sessions and library programs, as well as supporting study and travel. These programs are here for your benefit, and the benefit of your libraries. Whatever your role in APLA and in the library community, keep these opportunities in mind. Don't hesitate to contact any member of your executive, to find out about possible APLA funding, because the funding programs are a critical part of what APLA does.



– Peter Webster

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



COLLEGE LIBRARIES

Kelly Matheson has been appointed Librarian at the College of the North Atlantic's Carbonear campus. A recent graduate of the University of British Columbia, Kelly had been working on a contractual basis at the College's Prince Philip Drive campus library over the course of the summer and fall.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Fall fundraising by the St. John's Public Libraries included the annual Book Sale on November 20th, and the St. John's Library Board's Fall Ticket Draw. The basket of prizes, which ranged from one year free home Internet access, to gift certificates at local restaurants, and a basket of homemade preserves, attracted considerable interest. The basket was won by Marjorie Scott of St. John's. The Draw raised \$2,300 and the Book Sale \$2,000, all of which will be used for the purchase of new books.

The St. John's Public Libraries are pleased to announce the launch of a new series of author readings by Newfoundland writers at the A.C. Hunter Adult Library on the third Wednesday of each month. The series began in November, 1999 with a reading by Gordon Rodgers on

November 17th. He has recently published "Settlement of Memory", an historical novel set in Newfoundland in the early part of this century. The life of the central character has reminded reviewers of Sir William Coaker, leader of the Fishermen's Protective Union. Readings will continue from January to May in 2000. The series has been arranged in conjunction with the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador and with the assistance of the St. John's Library Board.

The Public Library Book Club had a special guest on November 10th, when Bernice Morgan read selected passages from her books "Random Passage" and "Waiting for Time".

British Columbia writer, geologist and natural historian, David Spalding gave a presentation on "Whales of the West Coast" at the A.C. Hunter Library on November 23rd.

In other news, St. John's Public Libraries held an Open House on December 1st from 4 to 8 p.m. at the A.C. Hunter Library to thank library users, sponsors and donors for their support and patronage throughout the year.

Children's Book Week (Hurray for Books!/ Vive les livres!), a national event organized by the Canadian Children's Book Centre in Toronto, took place November 13-20. Heather Myers of the Provincial Resource Library coordinated the week of school and public library readings by author Andrea Spalding and illustrator Bill Slavin.. Ms. Spalding captivated large groups of children with storytelling and reading from her picture books, as well as addressing the children's questions about where she gets her ideas and how she devel-



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ops them into stories. She gave school presentations in Southern Harbour, Arnold's Cove, Sunnyside, Pouch Cove, Paradise, and St. John's, and library readings in Brigus, Carbonear, and St. John's. Derek Bussey, also of the Provincial Resource Library, hosted Ms. Spalding's visit to Brigus and Carbonear.

Bill Slavin was in Gander, Glenwood, Centreville, Bishop's Falls, Rocky Harbour, Cow Head, Lark Harbour, and Corner Brook. Pat Parsons and Lynne West hosted these presentations. By all accounts these presentations were very well.

Steve Field
Vice-President (Newfoundland)

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Novanet Strategic Planning

Novanet, a consortium of academic libraries with 26 service sites, is undertaking a planning process. It has implemented two previous plans, the last being its plan for 1997-1999. Novanet is now preparing its strategic plan for 2000-2002. An initial draft plan prepared by the Novanet Management Committee was distributed to member libraries for review. Based on the response, a revised plan has been prepared for an all day planning session on



December 10. Seventy five representatives from all the member libraries will be attending to discuss guiding principles and to determine actions and structures to achieve the strategic objectives stipulated in Draft II, Novanet Plan 2000-2002.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

News from the Halifax Regional Library

HRL Innovation Rewarded

HRL has received an award from Industry Canada for Librarynet Best Practices recognizing leadership in making innovative use of the Internet in public libraries. HRL recently completed a pilot project for Industry Canada as an urban community access point (CAP) for Internet service at the Halifax North Branch as part of the Connecting Canadians Program. Urban CAP is now being exported to other libraries across Canada. HRL also has rural CAP programs in place.

"Study Buddies" Grant

The Reading Support Program sponsored by the Halifax Information and Referral Association received a \$6,000 grant for a "Study Buddies" proposal from the Family Learning Initiative Fund. HRL is a participating partner offering programs at Halifax North and Captain William Spry Libraries. Programs are delivered through coordinators and volunteers.

Restructuring

The Board approved a plan to restructure public services management. This restructuring addresses the strategic goal for 1999-2000 to review central support service delivery. The change also resolves the need to establish management and staff structure for the Keshen Goodman Library; the need to establish resource branch managers, and the need to respond to the Electronic Resources Manager vacancy. Changes become effective January 1, 2000.

Harold Gaudet Retires

Harold Gaudet is retiring young from the Halifax Regional Library after 30 years of dedicated service. Harold was hired by the City of Halifax in 1969 as a Junior Clerk and will be retiring on December 31 as the CEO's Executive Assistant. Harold's sense of humour and thorough knowledge of the organization will be sorely missed.

News from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library

Council of Regional Librarians (CORL) Meets

The semi-annual Council of Regional Librarians meeting was held in Amherst, October 14 and 15. The group received presentations on the typical insurance needs for organizations such as libraries, possible pension plan enhancements for regional library workers in the



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province and the issue of a common classification scheme and salary plan for regional public libraries in Nova Scotia. A particular highlight was the supper hosted by Beverly True, the soon to be retiring Chief of the Cumberland Regional Library. Gifts were presented to Beverly and Ann Ripley, the recently retired Chief of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

Nova Scotia Library Association Conference

Approximately 150 library "people" attended this year's conference at the Old Orchard Inn. The weekend began for most on Friday evening with a progressive reception. A bus picked everyone up at the Old Orchard Inn then on to the Horton High School for a tour of the library. Acadia University's library was next with the final stop and a wine and cheese reception at the

Wolfville Memorial Library and Community Access Program (CAP) site.

The keynote address by Phil Roberts, Mayor of Annapolis Royal, author of several books of poetry and of *How Poetry Works: the Elements of English Poetry*, set the mood for the conference and prepared everyone for a fun and informative weekend. A total of fifteen workshops were offered over Saturday and Sunday. Topics varied from *Retirement & Financial Planning to Practical Guide to the Interview Process*.

The South Shore Regional Library is the host for the year 2000 conference.

Staffing Notes

Elizabeth (Betsy) Armstrong has been appointed Acting Provincial Librarian for the period extending to March 31, 2000. Betsy has worked in the field of public libraries for many years beginning at the Pictou-Antigonish Regional

Library in the late 1960s. From there she went to Halifax County Regional Library and following graduation from Library School (Dalhousie) worked at the York Regional Library in New Brunswick for a few years before returning to Halifax. Betsy joined the Nova Scotia Provincial Library in 1978 as Supervisor of Public Libraries and has worked in most areas of the Provincial Library operations since that time.

Carole Compton-Smith has moved from her position as Coordinator of User Services to Coordinator of Technical Services, effective as of June 1999.

Michael Colborne brings 23 years of public library experience to his new position as Coordinator of User Services. A graduate of Mount Allison University and the College of Librarianship, Wales in Aberystwyth. Michael has held a variety of positions at the Dartmouth Regional Library, the Halifax City Regional Library, and the Halifax Regional Library. He is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Chebucto Community Net.

On October 16, Michael Gillis, Systems Administrator, was awarded a Masters Degree in Computer Science from Daltech Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University. He says his friends and family are relieved that "after much sweat, tears and the occasional extension his quest has been realized."

Johanna Cooper, Automation Specialist and the lead member of the NcompasS implementation, training and support team, has accepted a new position at Dal-Tech. She has made a significant contribution to regional library automation over the last several years. We wish her well in her new position at Dal-Tech.

Michael Vandenburg was recently appointed to a term position as

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Assistant Automation Specialist, or NcompasS trainer. This position is funded by NcompasS members.

Nadine Day, recon cataloguer technician for Cape Breton Regional Library but working at Nova Scotia Provincial Library, has taken a position in document delivery at the Kellogg Health Sciences Library. Best wishes to Nadine on her new position.

Licensing video conference a success!

The Provincial Library, CASLIS Atlantic, APLA and Novanet recently sponsored the SLA video conference *Effective Negotiating Techniques for Licensing Content*. The second part of a two part series, this conference focussed on the various elements of licensing negotiations and described techniques for successful negotiation outcomes. The audience members had the opportunity to participate, by phoning or faxing, during two question and answer segments. Following the broadcast participants practised their newly acquired knowledge by taking part in role playing activities and discussion groups simulating license negotiation situations.

School Library Consultant Appointed

Jessica MacLennan has recently been appointed as School Library Consultant, within the reporting to Bob LeBlanc, Director of English Program Services Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Education.

With a B.A. from St. F. X and an M.L.S. from Dalhousie, Jessica has experience in a wide range of library settings. She has worked for approximately 15 years in schools libraries (P - 12), in two teacher-training institutions and a public

library where she worked quite closely with schools and has had a long association with schools, both as an on-the-site school librarian and as an itinerant librarian and in administration.

Donation From The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

The Minister of Education announced on November 23 that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has donated \$809,000 to 56 of the province's public libraries. The money will fund 114 Internet workstations and pay for regional library training centres in Halifax, Truro, Yarmouth and Sydney, starting next spring. Separately, Microsoft Canada will donate software with a retail value of \$327,000 to the libraries receiving grants. The regional libraries have a choice of ordering the computers directly from Gateway, the Foundations partner in the project, or using the money to buy the workstations locally. The package provided by Gateway is very impressive. The computers (Pentium III/600 MHZ) are fully loaded with software (Windows NT, Office 2000, Bookshelf 2000, Internet Explorer, Encarta Reference Suite 2000, Encarta Africana 2000, and Norton Virus scan) and come with extensive training and support manuals. Libraries buying locally will be required to purchase equipment that is comparable in quality and capacity and will not receive the software from Microsoft.

The number of workstations provided to each eligible library is based on the population of each community. Each library also receives a printer. Those libraries receiving 4 or more workstations also receive a web server to promote the development of digital information. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.gatesfoundation.org>

In preparation for receiving the grant, staff from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and four regional libraries, along with staff from six other provinces, spent a week in training at the Gates Center for Technology Access in Seattle. Attending the week of training in Seattle was an exciting, educational experience for the group. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.gatesfoundation.org>

News from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Anniversary Year Draws to a Close

Our 50th year of regional library service in the Annapolis Valley is drawing to a close. Special open houses in honour of this occasion have taken place at all eleven locations. We look forward to offering great service to the public for another 50 years.

"Kids With Ideas" Produces CD

We recently hosted a very special launch at our CAP Lab in the Wolfville Memorial Library. During the summer and fall, a youth entrepreneurial project was undertaken sponsored by the Bank of Montreal and Nesbitt Burns. The job of K.W.I. (Kids With Ideas) was to create and market a product of their choosing. They produced *A Multimedia look at Wolfville*, a CD on their town. On November 29, K.W.I. displayed and presented their product for sale.

News from the South Shore Regional Library de Villiers Donates to Lunenburg Branch

"Without readers, there are no writers." Marq de Villiers, winner of the 1999 Governor General's Literary Award for nonfiction, proved his belief in this statement when he stopped by the Lunenburg Branch of the South Shore Regional Library recently to donate \$1,000 of his \$10,000 prize to the Lunenburg branch.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Mr. De Villiers, who lives in Lunenburg, will read from and discuss his book with the public at an author reading at the Lunenburg Branch in January 2000.

News from the Western Counties Regional Library

Cozy Corner Fundraiser

Part of Western Counties Regional Library's fundraising plans this year include a "Cozy Reading Corner" promotion. The Cozy Reading Corner consists of a La-Z-Boy chair, 5x8 area rug, book case, books, magazine rack/table, brass reading lamp, afghan and various knick-knacks. Tickets are currently being sold and the lucky winner will be determined on February 15th. Anticipated revenue from this venture is \$3,000.00.

Cookbook Launch

The launch of *Come to Supper!! More Favourite Recipes from Southwestern Nova Scotia* was a tremendous success. On launch day, October 23rd, over half of the 1500 books printed were sold. A subsequent introduction on Breakfast Television generated additional requests for the book throughout the Maritimes. *Come to Supper II*, an appetizing collection of "comfort foods" sells for \$12.00 per copy, taxes included.

WCRL to Benefit from Gates Foundation

A training centre located in Yarmouth plus new computers, printers, and software for six WCRL branches will become a reality in the new year thanks to the recently announced gift from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant, part of the Gates Library

Initiative, is intended to increase technology access for people who would not have access to computers and the Internet.

The projected startup date for the Yarmouth Training Centre is Spring 2000.

School Libraries

News from the Southwest Regional School Board

For a second year, the Southwest Regional School Board has allocated \$38,000 for library upgrading in the areas of automation, facilities, and resources. Last year, the Library Services Committee was overwhelmed with \$200,000 worth of requests from school libraries in the board. With the \$38,000 the committee was allocated in 1998/99, only a small portion of the requests were met. This year's \$38,000 is being used to fulfill some more of the requests of last year.

Cathy Chisholm
Vice-President (Nova Scotia)



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Several reading and lectures have taken place recently. The Rotary Regional Library in Summerside hosted an author reading by Bonitalynn Nichols. She has written two novelettes, *Leave no trace* and *The coyote comes to P.E.I.* She read from the latter work and answered questions from the audience.

At the Confederation Centre Public Library, about one hundred twenty people attended a lecture on

January 10 by Reginald Porter on architect John Plaw and his career in Prince Edward Island and in other areas of the world. This was the first of a series of four Monday night sessions being presented by the Institute of Island Architectural Studies. On Jan 17, Dr C W J Eliot talked about Isaac Smith; Robert Tuck discussed William Harris on Jan 24.; finally, on Jan 31, James Macnutt lectured on E. Stirling Blanchard.

The first of this Years Winter Tales readings was given by Montreal poet Michael Harris. Mr Harris is a prolific writer with six books of his own and is also very active as an editor and Publisher. His appearance is being jointly sponsored by the UPEI English Department and the Canada Council.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Holland College's library website has a new look, conforming to the rest of the institution's web identity. You can check it out at www.hollandc.pe.ca/library/library.htm

UPEI's Robertson Library staff marked the 25th anniversary of the move into the current building in January. Celebratory activities are being planned for the spring. Library staff have been busy with a series of hands-on workshops for faculty and students introducing them to the variety of electronic resources available at the university. Sessions offered included a look at governmental information available on the web and a session on searching for and evaluating the quality of information found on the web.

Moira Davidson
Vice-President (PEI)

Talking About People — APLA 2000

When all the Y2K hype has subsided, get ready to get back to basics May 25-28, 2000 at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS. Talking About People will focus on us — our surroundings, communications, professional development, continuing education and the services we so proudly provide.

Under the leadership and guidance of Conference Chair Rita Campbell (StFX University), the program committee headed up by Jennifer Richard (Acadia University) and the local arrangements committee (a team of StFX Library staff members) have already started planning and orga-

nizing the first APLA conference of the new millennium. The facilities are booked and ready to go and both committees are tracking down volunteers and speakers.

Participants can look forward to sessions on active participant learning, ergonomics, digital projects, electronic reference services and professional development issues. This conference will include something for everyone — special libraries, technical services, trustees, technicians, and academic and public libraries.

Keep an eye out as our website develops at <http://libmain.stfx.ca/apla2000/> to find out more about programs, registration,

facilities and entertainment. If you have any ideas for sessions you would like to attend or speakers you would like to hear, please contact Jennifer Richard at jennifer.richard@acadiu.ca or (902) 585-1403.

See you in Antigonish in 2000!



Canadian National Site License Project Update

The Canadian National Site License Project, a pilot project of 64 Canadian universities, is designed to increase access to scientific, engineering, health and environmental literature. The project will license electronic versions of scholarly journals and research databases and provide desktop access for academic researchers. The \$50 million, three-year project was awarded a \$20 million grant from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation. The remaining \$30 million will be coming from the 64 participating institutions and regional and provincial partners.

The aim of the CNSLP is to dramatically increase access but also to provide equitable access to all the institutions participating.

The CFI award was granted in June 1999 so the project is still in "start-up" phase. The initial phase of the project has included: formation of the Steering Committee; completion of a search for an executive director to oversee the project; development of an interim implementation plan, development of an Inter-University Agreement to allow University of Ottawa to manage the financial aspects of the project; and confirmation of commitment from all the partners.

In the next months, the Negotiations Resource Team will become active, standards for negotiations and acquisitions will be developed, and negotiations will begin. Hopefully, before too long we will have news about what databas-

es and journals will be available.

One of the most wonderful aspects about the Canadian National Site License Project is that it levels out the playing field for all participating Canadian universities. Researchers at all the universities will have access to the same body of scholarly publications. Atlantic Canada universities will not be at a disadvantage because of their size and all the Canadian universities will be in a better position to compete internationally. For the first time in many years the universities will be in a position to offer access to more instead of the usual annual cancellation of important scientific journals.

— Rita Campbell

Foundation Gives Libraries \$50,000 for Children's Books

New Collection Unveiled during Canadian Children's Book Week

Children across New Brunswick will soon be enjoying a new collection of books purchased especially for them with \$50,000 from the NB Public Libraries Foundation (NBPLF).

During Children's Book Week in November, Lt-Gov. Marilyn Trenholme Counsell and foundation members joined representatives of all five of the province's library regions at the Fredericton Public Library to unveil the new collection and present it to the children of New Brunswick.

Municipalities Minister Joan MacAlpine, the minister responsible for public libraries in the province, sent her congratulations.

"Through reading programs and special collections, public libraries provide great support for literacy and the love of reading in early childhood. It is terrific that the foundation has dedicated these funds in support of their good work," MacAlpine said.

Last spring, \$50,000, the first money raised by the New Brunswick Libraries Foundation, was turned over to the provinces public libraries for the purchase of

children's books. Joe O'Neill, chairman of the foundation, said it was an easy decision to make as children are "our first concern. They are our future and have to be our first priority." The foundation divided the money, he said, so "that each of New Brunswick's five library regions received \$10,000 to spend on material they felt would be most beneficial to the children of their area."

The New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation was formed to raise funds to assist all 61 of the province's public libraries purchase books and materials; it is just two years old.

2000 APLA MERIT AWARD

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association invites nominations for the Association's Merit Award. The Award is conferred on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces. Nominations with the appropriate accompanying documentation of the nominee and her/his contribution(s) should be sent by March 31, 2000 to:

Francesco Lai
Past President, APLA
c/o Food Research Program
SCPFRC
93 Stone Road, West
Guelph, Ontario, N1G 5C9



CUTTING THE RIBBON: Lt-Gov. Marilyn Trenholme Counsell, with lots of help from library friends, cuts the ribbon to unveil the new \$50,000 collection of children's books, made possible by a grant from the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation. In the photo, left to right, are Ben Gallant, Aram Gallant, Joe O'Neill, chair of the foundation, Anne Clarke, Lt-gov. Trenholme Counsell, Emily Cochrane and Georgia Priestly-Brown (A Harry Mullin photo)

University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus

The University of New Brunswick invites applications for the position of Technical Services Librarian in the Ward Chipman Library on the Saint John Campus.

Responsibilities: This position is responsible for the acquisition and retention of, and intellectual access to, the Library's collections; including acquisitions, collections management, resource sharing and technical services activities of the library. The responsibilities of this position include: overseeing and guiding the activities of the library assistants in Bibliographic and Collections Services, i.e., cataloguing, acquisitions, resource sharing, and serials; developing and reviewing policies and procedures; and coordinating the development and implementation of new services. Other responsibilities include: assisting the Director in the allocation and management of the acquisitions budget; performing original and complex cataloguing of monographic material; general collections development; and some reference desk service. This position participates in planning, management and decision-making as part of the library management group.

Qualifications required: Masters degree in library or information science from an ALA accredited institution; supervisory experience; 2 years professional cataloguing experience; knowledge of AACR2r, MARC formats, LC classification, Canadian and LC Subject Headings, automated/integrated systems, web coding and alternative cataloguing systems. Familiarity with national trends in publishing, library budgeting, and automated accounting/acquisitions systems is desired. Must have excellent skills in interpersonal relations and written and oral communication, have a strong service orientation, and demonstrated ability to interact effectively with all levels of staff. Knowledge of a foreign language is desirable.

This position will commence no later than May 15, subject to budgetary approval, at a rank and salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Minimum salary is \$31,904.

The Saint John campus of the University of New Brunswick, is a growing campus which serves a population of about 2,000 full-time students and a large number of part-time students. The Library, with a staff of 5 professional librarians and 13 support staff, is part of a combined unit, Information Services & Systems, which also consists of Computing and Audiovisual Services. Visit the library's home page at: <http://www.unbsj.ca/library/>.

Applicants should send a letter of application, resume and names of three references by **March 31, 2000** to:

Susan H. Collins
Director of Information Services & Systems
University of New Brunswick
P.O. Box 5050
Saint John, NB
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HACKMATACK AWARD UPDATE

A year and a half after its inception, the branches of the literary Hackmatack tree span from St. Lunaire, Newfoundland to Freeport, Nova Scotia, from Plaster Rock, New Brunswick to Montague, P.E.I.

More than ten thousand children have joined the program to read and discuss Canadian children's books. In Hackmatack, the idea of an Atlantic children's choice literature award has become a reality.

Young readers in more than three hundred and thirty reading groups will be casting their ballots in April 2000 to vote for the books of their choice. The official voting results from all participating communities will be counted in

Halifax and the winners will be announced at the Hackmatack Award Ceremony on May 20, 2000 in Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The event will honour the first winners of the Hackmatack vote and applaud the efforts of children who participate as both audience and critics in this program.

Titles nominated for the Hackmatack Award have been featured in the Disseminator, an electronic newsletter published by the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. The Disseminator can be accessed at www.library.ns.ca/provlib/disseminator.

For more information on the Hackmatack Award, visit the web-

site at www.hackmatack.ca or contact them at:

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From St. Jerome's Den

February 27-March 2 is Freedom to Read Week. Well, in reality it is only the declared week because anyone who works in libraries knows that every day should be seen as a day to renew our commitment to intellectual freedom. If you are looking for information about censorship, or ways to celebrate the freedom to read, you should check out the Book and Periodical Council's Web page at <http://www.interlog.com/~bkper/freeweek.htm>.

As one who was accused of heresy, because my desire to learn often led me to the reading of classics which were on the censored lists of the day, I hold as true many of the thoughts of those who came after me in time. Read on, read well, read widely.

– St. Jerome

Not free speech for those who agree with us, but freedom for the thought that we hate.

– Oliver Wendell Holmes

We should have a great many fewer disputes in the world if words were taken for what they are, the signs of our ideas only, and not for things themselves.

– John Locke

Essay on the human understanding

We all know that books burn - yet we have the greater knowledge that books cannot be killed by fire. People die, but books never die. No man and no force can abolish memory.

– Franklin D. Roosevelt

One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present.

– Golda Meir

I never heard of anyone who was really literate or who ever really loved books who wanted to suppress any of them. Censors only read a book with great difficulty, moving their lips as they puzzle out each syllable, when someone tells them that the book is unfit to read.

– Robertson Davies

Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed to read any books except the books that nobody can read.

– George Bernard Shaw

The books that the world calls immoral are the books that show the world its own shame.

– Oscar Wilde

If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all.

– Noam Chomsky

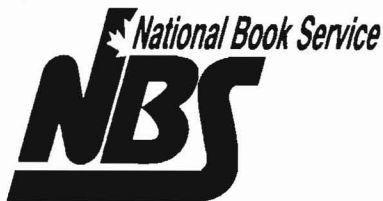


APLA Memorial Awards

Financial Assistance is available, from the APLA Memorial Trust, for study and research. Projects which contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the library profession are encouraged.

To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed activities and estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 31, 2000 to:

APLA Memorial Awards
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Annual awards generally approximate \$1000.

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2000.
For further information and an application form contact:

Mr. Richard Ellis
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Margaret Williams Trust Fund
Queen Elizabeth II Library
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, NF A1B 3Y1

APLA General Activities Fund

The General Activities Fund (GAF) provides support for projects and activities which will further the aims and objectives of APLA, outside of normal budgeted activity.

Applications should describe the activity to be funded, its relevance to the Atlantic library community and APLA, other sponsoring bodies, estimated costs and revenues, and a contact person, as well as dates and locations.

Applications will be considered based on availability of funds.

Applications will be considered by the APLA Finance Committee in a timely manner.

Send applications to:
APLA Finance Committee
c/o Peter Webster
Patrick Power Library
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, NS, B3H 3C3

e-mail: peter.webster@stmarys.ca

Acadia University Vaughan Memorial Library

Acadia University invites applications for Academic Librarians to fill three full-time continuing positions.

Acadia is a primarily undergraduate university that aims to integrate information technology into the academic programs of the University. Within this context, the Library is seeking creative and flexible individuals to be part of our professional team and help us provide and develop information services and learning environments using resources in all formats, from print to electronic.

Professional librarians at Acadia are primarily responsible for teaching, developing information resources, collection development, and faculty liaison in assigned subject areas. In addition, they are expected to co-ordinate library activities or provide professional expertise in designated cross-disciplinary service areas.

Qualifications:

- MLS (or equivalent) from an accredited library school.
- An academic degree or equivalent related experience in one or more of the following disciplines would be an asset: Biology, Nutrition, Chemistry, Geology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Psychology, Education, Recreation.
- Candidates should have strong communication skills in the English language, strong interpersonal skills, commitment to serving the public, strong analytical skills, familiarity with electronic information resources and micro-computer applications, and the ability to work independently within the context of a collaborative environment.
- Previous relevant professional experience would be an asset.

Appointment is at the Librarian I (\$30,639-\$34,962) or Librarian II (\$35,425-\$39,748) level, depending on qualifications and experience.

Written applications, including resume and names of three references must be received by March 1, 2000. Applications can be mailed or faxed to Patricia Gallant, Acting Program Sector Head, Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University, Wolfville, NS, B0P 1X0. Tel: (902) 585-1528. Fax: (902) 585-1094; Email: patricia.gallant@acadiau.ca

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