



The Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Bulletin

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The APLA 2005 Conference offers great professional value and you can have some fun too!

The chairperson of the 2005 APLA Conference planning team, Peter Webster, recently exclaimed, "When APLA members hit this town in late May, Halifax is going to be one happening place! Just think of the range of skills and experience our members have. And where better to meet with colleagues and get professionally refreshed than at an APLA conference? The conference offers great professional value, and you can have some fun too!"

From May 25-29 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax, the conference speakers, workshops and presentations promise to stimulate and engage information sharing amongst APLA's diverse membership of librarians, library technicians and assistants, IT systems personnel, trustees and volunteers.

Registration Committee Chairperson Darlene Beck notes that the full conference fees include the Thursday evening reception, as well as sessions, refreshments, lunches and access to the exhibits on both Friday and Saturday. The pre-conference workshop(s) may either be free or require a small fee, but they do require registration as well. Further program details and information are available at www.apla.ca/apla2005. For reservations, individuals can contact the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel and identify themselves as attending the APLA conference to ensure that they receive the preferred rate.

Interspersed with the over thirty sessions scheduled during the conference are meetings for related professional associations and various socials.

The conference will also have over 40 exhibitors for participants to visit. Debbie Costelo, Chair of the Exhibits/Sponsorship Committee, comments, "To date, a wide range of companies, organizations and institutions have confirmed their attendance, including online information providers, library equipment, supplies, book-binding, archival and security companies, government agencies, video producers, library jobbers and bookstores, and post-secondary library education providers." Visit the conference's online Exhibitors Directory at www.smu.ca/administration/archives/apla/directory to view the growing Trade Show.



The Westin Nova Scotian, site of the 2005 APLA conference



The Westin Nova Scotian was chosen for its comfortable meeting rooms

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This year's conference is also supported by the generous sponsorship of a variety of companies and organizations. For example, Thursday evening's Past Presidents' Reception is jointly sponsored by Micromedia ProQuest and Swets Information Services. The Keynote Address and Plenary sessions are sponsored by the Halifax Public Libraries. Refreshment breaks are generously provided by Coutts Library Services, Lehmann Bookbinding Ltd., and Wallaceburg Bookbinding Mfg Co. Ltd. The conference's Saturday evening banquet has also received support from Brodart Co., EDU Reference Publishers Direct Inc., EBSCO Canada, and Library Services Centre. Finally, numerous companies have donated a variety of door prizes that will be drawn throughout the conference.



Stephen Kimber,
keynote speaker

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Besides the much-anticipated keynote address by Stephen Kimber on the 27th, Dr. Elizabeth Beale, President and CEO of the Atlantic Province's Economic Council (APEC), will share her thoughts in a Plenary Session on the morning of the 28th on the role of libraries in the knowledge economy. Do libraries influence the economy? Are librarians pay-

ing attention to the shifting demographics of their library communities and the impacts this may have on what they do? Dr. Beale will challenge conference participants with these questions. Dr. Beale is an advisor to senior levels of government on regional planning and economic strategies for Atlantic Canada. Her policy and research interests cover a wide range of topics related to the economy of Atlantic Canada including regional development strategies, inter-provincial and external trade, and fiscal federalism.



Dr. Elizabeth Beale,
plenary speaker

Many other speakers in over 30 sessions will be sharing their knowledge and perspectives on a variety of professional and organizational developments in the library field.

Times and locations of all pre-conference and conference sessions and events, as well as registration information, are available on the APLA website at www.apla.ca/apla2005.



Don Butcher, Executive Director of CLA, will speak on "Lobbying and Influencing People in Our Communities and Government"

Dalhousie University School of Library & Information Studies Associated Alumni 2005 Outstanding Alumni Award

The SLIS Associated Alumni invites nominations for the 2005 Outstanding Alumni Award. This award honours a member of the Associated Alumni who has made an outstanding contribution to Library and Information Studies.

Full details for eligibility and criteria for nominations are available at www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/PeopleGroups/alumni/OAA_Gurdelines_04.pdf.

Nominations may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax to:

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All nominations must be postmarked or fax/e-mail dated no later than May 31, 2005.

Nominations of persons previously nominated but not chosen may be resubmitted. For further information, please contact:

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From St. Jerome's Den

Remember the 1991 hit single "I'm too sexy" by R*S*F (Right Said Fred)? It has been called the song that proved that bald men in tight lycra shorts can become pop stars. Just in case you have forgotten the lyrics, here is a refresher.

I'm too sexy for my love, too sexy for my love.
 Love's going to leave me.
 I'm too sexy for my shirt, too sexy for my shirt.
 So sexy it hurts.
 And I'm too sexy for Milan, too sexy for Milan,
 New York and Japan.

You get the gist. Now, according to Desiree Goodwin, you can add "I'm too sexy for my library" to the lyrics. In the fall of 2003, Goodwin, a library assistant at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design's Loeb Library, filed a lawsuit against the University for gender and racial discrimination. In her suit, she alleges that she has applied for 16 professional librarian posts at several of Harvard's libraries since she received her Masters of Library Science degree in 1999, but received only two interviews. She further claims that she has been repeatedly passed over for promotions in favor of white men and women with less experience and fewer qualifications. It is her allegation that her employer criticized her "sexy" attire and told her she would never receive a promotion at Harvard (Vallis). Testimony in the case began in March 2005 and will be interesting to follow; and, while the case is about job-related discrimination, it also raises the question of dress codes for library staff.

A quick search of library literature and the Internet didn't reveal any dress code issues in Canadian libraries, but there were a few interesting incidents in libraries south of the border. These covered, or uncovered, everything from facial jewelry and Bart Simpson to wearing religious symbols. Apparently, the sight of an eyebrow ring worn by a circulation aide in a Milwaukee public library so terrified a young patron that the child's mother complained. In response, the library banned the wearing of facial jewelry while on the job. At the time that this incident was reported, the library was still trying to figure out what to do about earrings worn from earlobes (McCormick).

A Bart Simpson T-shirt proclaiming "I'm Bart, who the hell are you?" was felt to be inappropriate dress for employees of the Saulk Village (Illinois) public library. The library's dress code stated that clothing must be clean, neat, and in good repair. It disallowed the wearing of sweats, shorts, or midriff tops or clothing which contained writing that patrons might find distasteful ("Employee dress code..."). Ironically, the September issue of *American Libraries* featured the ALA poster of the Simpson family with Bart as part of the campaign to get the public to "Read, man."

It took a U.S. District Court ruling in Kentucky to decide that a librarian could wear a necklace with a cross pendant. The Logan County Public Library's dress code prevented library staff from wearing clothes or ornaments depicting religious, political or potentially offensive decoration. When Kimberly Draper was fired for violating the code, she sued. A federal judge ruled that the library policy violated free speech and free exercise of religion, which are protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. After the ruling, the lawyer for the library noted that government agencies face a difficult balancing act in trying to preserve free-speech rights while avoiding any actions that could be perceived as promoting one religion over others (Associated Press).

"Dealing with dress codes," posted by Raymond W. Neal on the University of South Carolina, School of Library and Information Science site, provides insights for managers who are thinking of implementing a dress code and includes a bibliography. The Southern Ontario Library Service website provides links to other resources and Anderson, Stanfill, and Bandelin addressed the issue in a "How do you manage?" column in *Library Journal*.

All this causes one to wonder whether or not there is a correlation between a library's dress code and its collection development policy.

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NEW BRUNSWICK

PEOPLE / GENS

Deux nouveaux bibliothécaires se joignent à l'équipe de travail de la Bibliothèque Champlain de l'Université de Moncton. Nous profitons de l'occasion pour souhaiter la bienvenue à Madame Nathalie Richard, détentrice d'une maîtrise en bibliothéconomie de l'Université Dalhousie au poste de Chef des Services au public, ainsi qu'à Victoria Volkanova, bibliothécaire au Service de traitement documentaire. Madame Volkanova est quant à elle une graduée en bibliothéconomie de l'Université de Montréal. De plus l'équipe de la Bibliothèque, s'est enrichie d'un nouveau technicien au Service des systèmes informatisés, monsieur Brian Poirier.

Several employees of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region travelled to Fredericton on March 2 for the Minister of Education's annual celebration of employees who have reached service milestones and recent retirees. Among the employees honoured this year were recent retirees Merle Noseworthy and Ruth Mitchell, along with Jeanne Maddix, Jeannette Murgatroyd and Berthe LeBlanc for 25 years of service.

The Moncton Public Library welcomed Cathy MacDonald to its reference department on a contractual basis in early February.

Richard Anderson is retiring on June 24, 2005 after 20 years of service as the Librarian of the Potato Research Centre, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Fredericton.

SPECIAL PROJECT / PROJET SPÉCIAL

University of New Brunswick Saint John has joined only two other Canadian universities as a book depository for the United Nations World Tourism Organization. Research and analysis published by the United Nations Tourism Organization will be collected by Ward Chipman Library and made available to students, researchers and the public. Topics in these reports cover all areas of tourism from accounting to community development. The agreement was signed in September 2004 and the first books have recently reached the shelves. Information Access Librarian Janet Fraser has taken charge of the collection. For more informa-

tion, you can contact Hospitality and Tourism professor Keith Dewar at (506) 648-5658 or Janet Fraser at (506) 548-5996.

DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING / DONNÉES ET LEVÉES DE FONDS

The Department of Family and Community Services has donated \$27,000 to the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation to be allocated to New Brunswick Public Library Services for the purchase of board books to support early childhood literacy. All libraries and bookmobiles will see a significant impact on the quantity of board books we are able to offer to the public.

Le ministère des Services familiaux et communautaires a donné 27 000 \$ à la Fondation des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick afin que le Service des Bibliothèques Publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick puisse faire l'achat de livres cartonnés dans le but d'appuyer les efforts d'alphabetisation axés sur la petite enfance. Toutes les bibliothèques et bibliobus bénéficieront ainsi d'une augmentation du nombre de livres cartonnés disponibles pour le public.

FACILITIES / LOCAUX

The Dieppe Public Library re-opened on February 22 after having been closed several weeks due to the construction of the Chocolate River Conservatory of Music next to the library.

PROGRAMS / PROGRAMMES

West Branch of the Saint John Free Public Library attracted over 50 people to hear Peter Larocque of the New Brunswick Museum speak on "Saint John's Living Treasure," artist Fred Ross. Branches of the Saint John Library Region are offering workshops to the public developed by the Media Awareness Network. The sessions are designed to provide information to parents, teachers and caregivers on the best and worst aspects of the Internet regarding reliable sites and credible information. "Safe Passage" provides adults with research on the type of sites that have been and can be easily accessed by young people, and "Fact or Folly" provides information on how to evaluate a site for worthwhile information.

HACKMATAACK



The Nashwaaksis Public-School Library's Hackmataack Reading Club was thrilled to host critically-acclaimed Canadian soprano, Measha Brueggergosman, on March 4, 2005. Author Rosemary Sadlier features Measha in the 2005 Hackmataack selection, *The Kids Book of Black Canadian History*. Measha was also selected as a panellist for CBC's Canada Reads 2004, defending her selection, *For the Love of a Good Woman*, by Alice Munro. She grew up in Fredericton where she began singing and studying music before moving on to study literature and music at the University of Toronto. She has appeared throughout Canada performing with various symphonies and is in high demand, having performed for many dignitaries including the Prince of Wales and Nelson Mandela.

The nine members of the Nashwaaksis Hackmataack group were very excited to meet with Measha.

Having read Ms. Sadlier's book, the Hackmataack readers had lots of questions for our hometown celebrity. She entertained the group by telling stories about her



time in Fredericton, her years using the library, and the many adventures her singing career has brought. She also talked to members about the book club she formed after preparing for her contribution for Canada Reads, her favourite books and what it was like growing up as a Black Canadian. After telling stories, answering questions, signing autographs and grabbing a quick snack, Measha was off to prepare for her performance for the tenth anniversary of Opera New Brunswick in Fredericton.

It was very exciting for the library's Hackmatack Reading Club members to meet with someone who was featured in a book they had read. It gave members a wonderful perspective on how to use your passions throughout life. Measha had a great sense of humour and was very down-to-earth, considering she is such a celebrity within Canadian music circles. Measha's visit to the Nashwaaksis Public-School Library was the highlight of our Hackmatack Club and something the students will always remember.

Submitted by Mireille Mercure

NOVA SCOTIA

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Cape Breton Regional Library

There's a new program at the McConnell Library: "Babies and Books" is a story time designed for babies 0-18 months and their parents or caregivers. The first four-week session was a success; both babies and parents alike enjoyed stories, songs, finger plays, toys and social interaction. Story time is now being offered at the Baddeck Library on Tuesday afternoons.

The St. John Ambulance READ Therapy Dog Program is expanding at the CBRL. This innovative reading program gives children a chance to read aloud to a Therapy Dog, just for the fun of it! The program has been delighting young readers at the Wilfred Oram Memorial Library in North Sydney over the past six months, and due to its popularity it will be offered at the McConnell Library as well. "Dog Days at the McConnell Library" will be held on Saturdays. This program is sponsored as a free community service by the St. John Ambulance READ Therapy Dog Program Cape Breton Division. We are glad to be the host for such a wonderful program and we are thankful to the St. John Ambulance volunteers for their time and energy. A special thank-you is extended to Jane Seivenpiper and David Richardson who have spearheaded the READ Therapy Dog Program in our region.

During March Break the McConnell Library offered afternoon activities to entertain school-aged children. The line-up of events included: a magic show with magician Jenny Locke; theatre



Fiddler/stepdancer Helen MacDonald demonstrates the jig step.

games with Brian Gallivan and a few of his drama students; "Goofin' around at the Library" with library staff; and "Fiddling Fun" with fiddler/stepdancer Helen MacDonald. The afternoons were filled with good times and laughter!

The latest Adult Program to engage patrons at the McConnell Library was an information session on Cosmic Freedom Qigong (chee-kong). Voní King, a certified CFQ instructor, explained the origins and benefits of CFQ and how it works on the mind/ body/ spirit. Voní also led the group of close to 50 people in two of the slow-moving and peaceful exercises from Cosmic Freedom Qigong.

In February, we celebrated African Heritage Month with two important groups from our community who draw their roots and inspiration from African heritage. First up was the Whitney Pier Memorial Youth Group P.R.I.D.E., whose members used poems, songs and dance to express themselves and their culture and experiences. They also presented a few short biographies of prominent African Nova



Youth group P.R.I.D.E. at the McConnell to celebrate African heritage.

Scotians who are their role models. The second group was a gospel choir, the Inspirational Singers under the direction of Eddie Parris. The Inspirational Singers performed with Dutch Robinson during a Rita MacNeil tribute at the East Coast Music Awards, which was broadcast nationwide. We were honoured to host an evening with P.R.I.D.E. and the Inspirational Singers.

Halifax Public Libraries

Looking for great programs and services? If so,

look no further than Halifax Public Libraries. You can start by checking out our award-winning Summer Reading Program. This year's national program, generously sponsored by TD Bank, is entitled "Blast Off!" and will use the theme of space exploration to lead young readers to great books, programs, prizes and more! Registration for the TD Summer Reading Program begins the last week of June at most Library branches.

And for the adults out there we've got great gardening programs; our now annual "Jazz up Your Spring" series where we'll explore traditions of improvisation in a variety of art forms, from jazz and blues to film; Canada Council author readings, with the likes of Giller prize nominee Wayson Choy; and many other fantastic adult and children's programs. For a complete listing of Halifax Public Libraries' programming, check out our website at halifaxpubliclibraries.ca, pick up a copy of our Library Guide, or call your local branch.

A new and convenient service now offered by Halifax Public Libraries is our recently launched "Book a Computer Service." All you need to take advantage of this great new service—available at all branches of Halifax Public Libraries—is a library card. It's simple, easy to use and accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 490-5780 or book online at halifaxpubliclibraries.ca.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARIES

Provincial Librarian Elizabeth Armstrong retired at the end of March after more than 25 years at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. She was appointed Provincial Librarian in March 2002, after having been acting in the position since 1999. Betsy joined the Provincial Library as Supervisor of Public Libraries, becoming involved in all aspects of the Provincial Library's mandate in various positions over the years. Her career spanned a period of great change in libraries and library service. She recognized early the key role of technology in bringing quality library service to all Nova Scotians and was instrumental in the implementation of automated library systems in the regional public libraries across the province. As a strong advocate for public access computers and technology training in libraries, she was actively involved in the Gates Foundation Library Initiative.



She supported development of virtual library services in Nova Scotia. Betsy was instrumental in the development of public library standards for the province and participated on four Regional Public Library Funding Review Committees, chairing the most recent. Her interest in library science education and training was reflected in her term on the Nova Scotia Community College Library Program Advisory Committee. As Provincial Librarian, her work reflected a variety of changes in the library scene, including the greater role of libraries in the community, the increased importance of partnerships, and the impact of Industry Canada's Community Access Program. Throughout her career, Betsy has enjoyed the respect of her staff at Kempt Road, of her colleagues in the Department of Education, and of the greater library community. She brought an honesty, common sense and fairness to her professional and personal dealings which will be remembered. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

"Canada Reads" At the Dalhousie University Archives

The Dalhousie University Archives found itself swept up in this year's Canada Reads "Battle of the Books" when CBC came calling to do a story on the Archives' Frank Parker Day collection.

Day's 1928 novel *Rockbound*, which is set on an island off the coast of Nova Scotia, was chosen by Halifax-based novelist Donna Morrissey to be one of five books which was hotly debated on CBC during the week of February 21. The other books were Leonard Cohen's *Beautiful Losers*, *Volkswagen Blues* by Jacques Poulin, *No Crystal Stair* by Mairuth Sarsfield and Margaret Atwood's *Oryx and Crake*. Five writer/panelists (Donna Morrissey, Olivia Chow, Roch Carrier, Molly Johnson and Sherraine MacKay) voted one book off the short list each day. By the end of the week, only one title survived. And the winner was...? *Rockbound*.

The Frank Parker Day collection was donated to the Dalhousie University Archives in 1976 by Donald Day. The collection features poetry, plays, short stories, and novel manuscripts, including typescripts and manuscripts of several drafts of *Rockbound*; correspondence; speeches and

essays; personal documents; photographs; and various materials pertaining to Day's time in the military. A display highlighting some of these materials was mounted on the fifth floor of the Killam Library during Canada Reads week.

To learn more about Frank Parker Day, go to CBC's Canada Reads page (www.cbc.ca/canadareads/author/frankparkerday.html). Click on the link to the Dalhousie University Archives (www.library.dal.ca/archives/MS2/MS-2-288.htm) for detailed information about the Frank Parker Day collection at Dalhousie.

University College of Cape Breton Gets a New Name

The University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) is now known as Cape Breton University. Effective February 25, 2005, the name change occurs at a

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time when the university is activating a challenging new Campus Plan aimed at enhancing the university's reputation locally, nationally, and internationally.

Visitors to Cape Breton University Library's website (www.capebretonu.ca/library) will see many changes reflecting the new name. The Novanet catalogue, which provides access to Cape Breton University Library's collections, will continue to use the "UCCB" moniker for a period of time. "Cape Breton University" will show when our new Novanet catalogue is released in January 2006.

Colleagues throughout the region with "uccb.ca" emails in their address books are asked to update addresses to:
firstname_lastname@capebretonu.ca.

Acadia University

The Vaughan Memorial Library is pleased to welcome Jennifer Adams to a continuing position as liaison librarian to the School of Business. Jennifer completed her undergraduate degree in 1995 with a joint major in History and Sociology at the University of Kings College and completed her MLIS from Dalhousie in 2002. Since then she

has worked in contractual librarian positions at Cape Breton University and Mount Saint Vincent University as well as working most recently at Acadia as liaison librarian to Education and Psychology. Jennifer replaces Tamsin Bolton, who joined the University of Windsor's Leddy Library as Information Literacy Librarian earlier this year.

In May 2006, the Library will be hosting the Workshop on Instruction in Library Use (WILU), Canada's national information literacy conference for library professionals. Next year will be the 35th anniversary of the conference and only the second time it has come east. Librarians Tanja Harrison and Erin Patterson are the co-chairs of this conference.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Memorial University of Newfoundland *(contributed by Karen Lippold)*

Danial Duda has been appointed to the position of Information Services Librarian (Maps) in the Queen Elizabeth II Library. In addition to reference and instruction work in the Division, Dan will be responsible for the Map Library. Dan began his position April 1; he was previously on staff as the acting Map Librarian.

Ann Hart, formerly the Head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies in the Queen Elizabeth II Library, was made a Member of the Order of Canada for her contributions to the cultural life of the Province. Her work with the Centre "building a priceless and internationally renowned collection of Newfoundlandia" was cited in the announcement of her appointment.

Early in 2005, workshops and tutorials offered by the Health Sciences Library achieved status as Accredited Group Learning Activities as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and for MainPro certification from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. The director of faculty development, Dr. Donald McKay, sparked this initiative, recognizing that

the Library's current sessions had already met most of the necessary criteria.

College of the North Atlantic

Wanda Ryan, Library Clerk, is working on a temporary basis at the Prince Philip Drive Campus Library. Ruby Hillier, Library Technician, has joined the staff of the Corner Brook Campus Library. Marjorie Barnes, Library Clerk, has joined the staff of the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Campus Library.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Provincial Information & Library Resources Board

In staffing news: After 28 years of service, Blanche Saunders retired from her position as Library Technician II with the Gander Public Library. Susan Parsons has been appointed to the position of Library Assistant at the Gander Public Library. Trudy Andrews has been appointed as Librarian and Karen Gillam has been appointed as a Library Assistant at Labrador City Public Library. Paulette Strickland has been appointed as a Library Assistant at Wabush Public Library.

Central Division

(contributed by Pat Parsons)

Meetings with the Central Community Health Services have resulted in a new partnership for Central Division Libraries under a Cervical Screening Initiative sponsored by Health Canada. All 33 branches in Central will assist in the distribution of pamphlets, bookmarks and posters relaying the importance of cervical examinations. An attractive display board will also be floating from branch to branch, which will allow local staff to display any self-help medical books out in their libraries. "Any role public libraries can play, however minute, in the prevention of cancer is not to be ignored," states Pat Parsons. "With the closing of many rural medical clinics in outport areas, having information at your local library can make a difference, especially in our school-housed public libraries, in getting that awareness out to young women who may be sexually active."

Gander Public Library and Harmsworth Public Library participated in the Hackmatack program. This program gives kids a chance to read books they might not otherwise take off the shelf. There were 20 kids reading in both programs and they loved the chance to vote for their favourite books. Staff are already looking forward to planning next year's program.

The collection development and library materials selection policy has been under scrutiny in Central Division for the past few months. Staff have been surveyed to update the reading interest profiles of all branches. "With books costing more each year," Pat Parsons notes, "it is so important to make sure every single book bought is going to be read somewhere. We just can't have books sitting on display or on the shelves not circulating. We are seeing some new trends develop: a surge in Christian fiction everywhere, the demand for local books in large print, and our young adult collections not moving as much as they used to. Armed with all this newly-updated information from our front line staff, we can spend more wisely, focus on various genres, and try to get the readers what they want to read. It's always been a challenge to keep up to date on reading trends, but things like e-mail communication from our branch staff and online book sources have helped improve the flow of information."

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

By the time you read this, the NLLA Annual Conference and AGM should be just around the corner or a pleasant recent memory. Scheduled for May 5 and 6, it promises, as always, to be an interesting time, covering presentations on children's literature, moving a library, communications, and roaming librarians. Watch this spot in the next *Bulletin* for a full report.

The Association has also joined with other associations across the country to participate in the newly formed National Library Week, scheduled to take place October 17 to 23. Stacey Anthony (MUN) represented Newfoundland and Labrador on a national committee to come up with this year's theme: "Lifelong Libraries – Discover Us."

Submitted by Trish LeBlanc

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Holland College

(contributed by Andrea Stewart)

Spring has sprung and we are entering the home stretch for this term with a new batch of students eagerly looking forward to graduation day. But there is no rest for the wicked! Holland College Library Services staff continue to be as busy as ever concentrating efforts on instruction, collection development and marketing.

Holland College Library Services has increased its focus on collection development activities in recent months by drafting a formal Collection Development Policy and by appointing Collection Development Liaisons. Liaisons will work closely with instructors in their designated subject areas to develop, maintain, and evaluate program collections.

Library staff are looking forward to an "instructional retreat" in the near future where we will brainstorm ways to modify and further improve upon our existing instructional modules, review methods of assessment, and explore new marketing strategies.

Representatives from Holland College, the Provincial Library Service and UPEI's Robertson Library attended the Charlottetown Chamber of Commerce business mixer in February to promote IsleAsk (islandlibraries.ca/isleask.php), the "islandlibraries" virtual reference service. The "islandlibraries" group has been exploring new ways to market the service and reach a broader audience. The interest generated by attending this event made it well worth the effort.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

(contributed by Allan Groen)

At the Provincial Library Service, two staff members, John White and Francis Handrahan, recently added content information pertaining to all 56 issues of *The Island Magazine* to the online catalogue, Abbycat. Our system catalogues all issues of this magazine separately rather than as one record with hundreds of holdings. Cataloguing the magazine this way allows us to treat each issue individually, which allowed John and Francis to

add the content information for each issue to the notes of the record. Now searchers may find articles within each issue by using the general keyword search.

The partners in islandlibraries.ca recently showcased the award-winning site at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting. There was a lot of interest in the ability to simultaneously search the catalogues and place holds on

materials available at the Provincial Library Service, Holland College and the Robertson Libraries. IsleAsk, the virtual reference component, was a hit, especially when visitors to the booth were told that it was free and that any question was fair game!

Submitted by Shirley MacLeod

Life after SLIS and the Great Beyond... Update from the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies

*By Holly James and Ewa Piorko, Co-Chairs,
Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies Student Association*

What seems like a long, long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, 50 new students arrived with baited breath for day one of orientation week at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS). Fresh with their first-day-of-school-satchels, they dove into a sea of new faces and pondered what lay in store and what, exactly, they had gotten themselves into. These students were met by an equally curious group of returning students, both anxious and relieved at the sight of new faces taking their place from the previous year. By the end of orientation week, at the first official meeting of Pub Club, they had pretty much decided to stay for the ride, to make the most of it while they were here. And they made the most of it, alright. As it turns out, what they had gotten themselves into was apparently a mission to determine how much you can accomplish on how little sleep and how many pies you can have your fingers in without losing a finger, or a pie. Let us explain . . .

Our students have excelled scholastically and seem to enjoy pushing the boundaries of deadlines and projects and multitasking. In addition to full course loads and working part-time (or full-time in some cases), the proverbial pies we refer to include a long list of student-led initiatives, both in-house and within the community.

Perhaps the best known of these is Prospectus, a student employment initiative started by the class of 2004, both recognized and followed by several other library schools in North America. Prospectus has continued to flourish over the past year, showcasing both returning and gradu-

ating students to potential employers. Watch for the unveiling of this year's edition in early April at prospectus2005.ca.

This past March saw the launch of the Dalhousie Journal of Information and Management (D-JIM; www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/djim/), a student-led academic electronic journal, which provides a 21st-century publishing forum for the many scholarly contributions of graduate students studying any aspect of information and management. The goal of this initiative is to develop a deeper collaboration with the other schools in the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University (Public Administration, Resource and Environmental Studies, and Business Administration).

Once everyone got their feet wet, SLIS seemed a natural fit for all. What has unfolded is genuine enthusiasm for the profession and a strong sense

of personal growth. This growth has manifested itself in community outreach and involvement. Due to their volunteer positions, unofficial student clubs, academic achievement and outstanding level of community outreach, our classmates have developed not only into "productive members of society" but also into happy, socially responsible and caring members. This is an immeasurable asset to our profession and also to the communities in which we live and will soon work.

One of the recent volunteer activities is the student and faculty involvement with Voiceprint Canada, a division of Canada's National Broadcast Reading Service. A tour of the new Halifax office was organized in January and we are pleased to say that several students have participated and are active readers with this service. Other activities include volunteering to raise

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money with Walk/ Run for the Cure in fall 2004, as well as a recent charity dodge ball tournament for the children of Sudan.

The CLA and SLA Student Chapters continue to provide events linking new librarians with working professionals. The CLA Professional Partnering Program is continuously growing and recently ended another successful year by co-sponsoring the "Future of LIS Education" public lecture event on March 17. The SLA had resounding success with the sold-out panel discussion titled "Elevator Speeches for Information Professionals."

In addition to these wonderful programs and initiatives, our students have forged some very special and strong bonds over the last two years and have left a legacy for incoming students with our unspoken, unofficial student organization, Pub Club. A first-year student started Pub Club during the first week of classes in 2003, and as she passed her presidency on to a new student this year, so will he do in September 2005. This informal, and probably most popular, student group fosters collegiality between students. Every

week, first- and second-year students meet in various locales in Halifax, forge lifelong bonds, and explore this fair city. It is a wonderful forum which provides a crossover and open dialogue between first- and second-year students.

The mission to forge new bonds has extended beyond the walls of the Working Collection common room. By way of our Entertainment Committee, successful evenings have been planned in collaboration with other schools at Dalhousie, most notably the SLIS/School of Planning mixer. Evenings such as these are important for both social and information reasons. In addition to meeting great new people, these social arenas facilitate the promotion of our changing and dynamic profession. We think of it as networking for the new millennium.

One of the most rewarding things about this program—aside from the wonderful instructors, administration and staff, the flexibility of our program and opportunities for personal growth—has been the pleasure of spending the last two years with such an exemplary group of

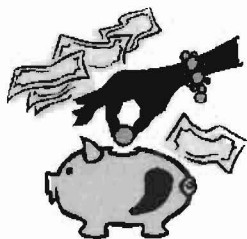
students. As our term is slowly winding down, and the last assignments are turned in, we ask ourselves, what will happen next? What does life after SLIS hold in store? Some of us will become academic librarians, while others will seek public, corporate or government libraries. All of these, as well as those working in other organizations, will forge the way for information professionals into Google and beyond.

One thing we can be sure of is that our chosen profession, in whatever form it takes, will be richer as of May 31, 2005 when our colleagues graduate. We have every confidence that they will take this vibrant, energetic, socially conscious and generous attitude into their workplaces and communities at large. We also know that, years from now, we will see factions of Pub Clubbers popping up at conferences around the world, and that knowledge gives us the courage to venture boldly forth, as we will surely all meet again.



Start Saving your Pennies!

If you are attending APLA 2005, then here is something you won't want to miss! The Associated Alumni of Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) will be holding a Silent Auction during the conference. We will have lots of terrific items to bid on, so come early and bid often! All proceeds will be donated toward scholarships to help SLIS students (future librarians!) achieve their educational goals. If you or your organization have items you wish to donate, please contact Michelle Paon (michelle.paon@dal.ca).



In addition, the Associated Alumni will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at APLA on Saturday, May 28 from 5:00-6:30 pm. All Dalhousie alumni are encouraged to attend. The Class of '85 will be meeting there, too. There will be pre-banquet munchies and a cash bar.



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Past President's Annual Report 2004-2005

At the end of my term on the executive, I wish to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve the Atlantic library community. I have enjoyed meeting and working with so many dedicated and caring library people over the past three years. I look forward to staying in contact with you.

As Past President, I had the pleasure of chairing the nominations for the APLA Merit Award. What caring and thoughtfulness goes into recognizing our peers. The winner of the Award will be announced at the conference banquet Saturday evening.

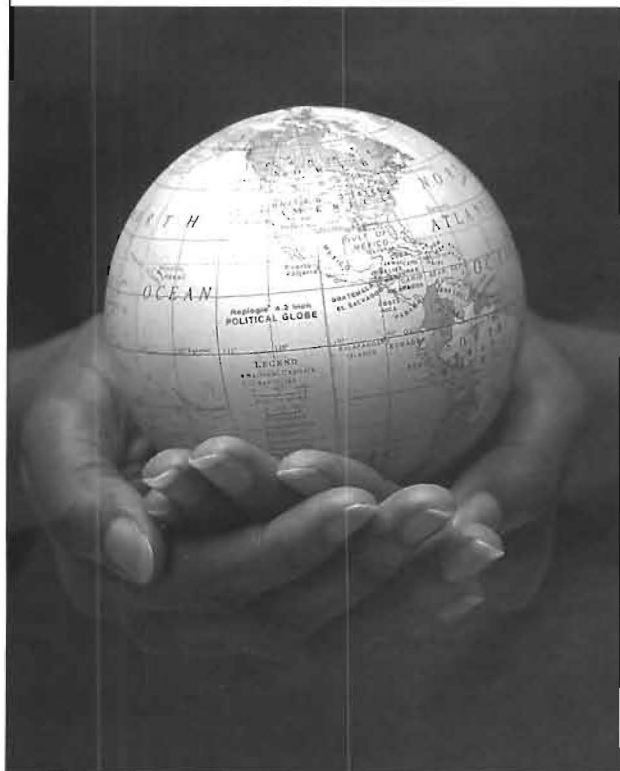
As Past President, I also chaired the Nominations and Election Committee. A call for nominations was made through the *Bulletin* and the listserv. Positions to be filled were Vice-President/President-Elect, VP New Brunswick, VP Prince Edward Island, and Treasurer. The positions have been filled by acclamation and will be announced at the OGM. VP Membership Stephanie Walker moved to the United States and the position was filled February 18 by Ruthmary Macpherson. I wish to thank outgoing members of the executive Denise Corey-Fancy and Shirley Macleod who helped with the recruitment process.

For the next four years, I shall be APLA's representative on the (Canadian) National Advisory Committee for the 74th IFLA Conference to be held in Québec City in August 2008. We met November 19, 2004 and will meet again June 2, 2005. The committee's role is to advise the local organizing committee in all matters regarding the planning and running of the 2008 conference; to facilitate dialogue and collaboration between the Canadian associations and institutions in order to promote the 2008 conference; to suggest strategic approaches to the local organizing committee in its search for financing and sponsors; and to propose a thematic orientation that will help shape the scientific elaboration of the conference. The Atlantic Provinces are well represented. Madeleine Lefebvre (Halifax) is CLA's representative and I am APLA's representative.

After a major revision by my predecessor Elaine MacLean, there are only a few minor updates needed in the Procedures Manual and the Standing Orders so that our documents reflect our present practices.

Submitted by Laurette Mackey

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Vice President, New Brunswick Annual Report 2004-2005

As Vice-President for New Brunswick, over the past year I contacted representatives of the various libraries throughout the province and compiled their news for the *Bulletin* and attended meetings. I also contacted all public library staff to encourage them to join APLA. This is my second year in this position and I am getting to know more about what is involved.

Here are a few of the highlights of what happened in New Brunswick libraries during the last year.

Some of the new people this year in New Brunswick libraries are:

- Université de Moncton: Sébastien Tremblay, Victoria Volkanova, Brian Poirier
- York Regional Library: Patricia Anglin, Lorraine Suley, Stephanie Furrow, Mireille Heagle, Lisa Grewal
- Saint John Regional Library: Tanya Eindiguer
- Chaleur Regional Library: Maureen Penn, Georgette Lavail, Ginette Doucet, Michelle Vallée
- Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region: Annette Selmes, Carole Boudreau, Lia Tran
- Haut St-Jean Regional Library: Julie Craig

Notable retirements: Pamela Stevens-Earle; Merle Noseworthy; Ruth Mitchell; Harriet Dougherty; Richard Anderson

New appointments :

Sonia Poulin devient Bibliothécaire en chef à la Bibliothèque Champlain de l'Université de Moncton; Ian Wilson was appointed Regional Director in Saint John; Sarah Kilfoil was appointed to the position of Director of the Grand Falls Public Library; Leigh Ann Cumming was appointed to the position of Public Services Librarian for the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region; Lynne Post has been appointed to the position of Assistant Regional Director of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region.

Throughout the year public libraries in the

province received various authors. Some of them were: Karen Levine, Joan Clark, Budge Wilson, Beth Powning, David Goss, Mary Jane Maffini, Susan Juby, Doris Barrette, Lucie Papineau, Angèle Delaunois and illustrator Jean-Marie Benoit.

The Dieppe Public Library had to deal with the impact of renovations in line with the construction of the Chocolate River Conservatory of Music, which will be an addition to the building that houses the library. The library collection and equipment had to be packed and stored during the renovations, which involved reinforcing the roof of the building and installing a new pillar in the children's section of the library. The Shédiac Public Library experienced water damage in mid-January due to a sprinkler malfunction several floors above the library. There was some damage to walls and equipment, but the damage to the collection was minimal.

Le directeur de la Bibliothèque Rhéa-Larose de l'Université de Moncton, campus d'Edmundston, Guy Lefrançois a fait un stage d'un mois en Belgique qui consistait à prendre connaissance des approches européennes appliquées dans la gestion de problèmes occasionnés par les constants développements technologiques.

Le personnel de la Bibliothèque Rhéa-Larose poursuit l'indexation du journal local *Le Madawaska*. Ainsi l'inventaire pour l'année 2004 est maintenant disponible, en format électronique sur le site Internet de la bibliothèque sous la rubrique "Ouvrages de référence en ligne, listes de périodiques", à l'adresse www.umce.ca/biblio/.

Tous les enfants qui sont entrés à la maternelle ont reçu une carte de bibliothèque publique; 9 975 de ses cartes ont été activées. All children who started kindergarten this year received a public library card, of which 9,975 were activated.

The provincial launch of the 2004 Summer Reading Club, with its theme "Worlds to Discover/Des mondes à découvrir," took place in Moncton. Lieutenant Governor Herménégilde Chiasson gave the address, which he aimed at the school children present, talking to them about his own love of reading and the role books have played in his life. It is interesting to note that every summer more than 10,000 children and youth

register for the New Brunswick provincial reading club, and together they read a total of more than 200,000 books.

The public in the Saint John Library Region was invited to hear clinical psychologist Dorothy Price speak on "Child-Rearing in the Fast Lane: an examination of the psychological impact on children being raised in today's overscheduled, over-worked and over pressured world" at the launch of the 5th edition of the *MindCare Collection Bibliography*.

The Nashwaaksis Public-School Library's Hackmatack Reading Club was thrilled to host critically acclaimed Canadian soprano Measha Bruegggosman. Author Rosemary Sadlier features Measha in the 2005 Hackmatack selection, *The Kids Book of Black Canadian History*. It was very exciting for the library's Hackmatack Reading Club members to meet someone who was featured in a book they had read.

Un nouveau bibliobus est entré en fonction dans la région de bibliothèques publiques de Chaleur. Il est accessible en fauteuil roulant.

Both the Memramcook and the Hillsborough Public Libraries celebrated 40 years of public library service to their communities. L.P. Fisher Library in Woodstock celebrated its 90th anniversary.

L'ABPNB a formé un comité pour voir à l'adoption d'une loi privée protégeant et régissant notre profession. The APLNB has formed a committee to see to the adoption of a private act to protect the librarian profession in the province.

University of New Brunswick Saint John has joined only two other Canadian universities as a book depository for the United Nations World Tourism Organization.

It is always interesting to gather all of this information from various libraries across my province. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues who sent me contributions and everyone who supported me. Un gros merci à tous mes collègues qui ont contribué des nouvelles à ce *Bulletin* et pour l'appui que je reçois pour mes efforts.

Submitted by Mireille Mercure

Vice-President, Nova Scotia Annual Report 2004-2005

It's always satisfying to take a moment during this busy time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. Each spring as I begin preparing my annual report, I am struck by the depth of expertise and dedication we possess in the Atlantic library community. With our relatively small numbers we are consistently able to make significant contributions at all levels of librarianship.

During my third year as Provincial VP for Nova Scotia I participated in the spring executive meeting held during the APLA conference in Moncton. I also continued to solicit input from representatives within the region for *APLA Bulletin* articles. A special thank-you to all *Bulletin* contributors for their continued enthusiasm and diligence! In addition, APLA directory information was verified and expired members were contacted with gentle reminders outlining the many benefits of continuing their APLA memberships. In my role as APLA webmaster I continued to perform general content maintenance to correct Executive and Interest Group information as well as updating the membership and scholarship application forms. A new website is currently being developed for a planned debut at the APLA conference in May 2005—keep an eye out for the official launch!

We had yet another busy and prosperous year in our region. In November the Annapolis Valley Regional Library celebrated the opening of its new Windsor Library. The brand-new building provides patrons with larger collections, more computer facilities and increased hours. In addition, the region is also in the midst of an ILS migration slated to be complete by late spring 2005. The Cape Breton Regional Library continued its tradition of outstanding patron service with a number of very successful programs including the TD Summer Reading Club, Read to Me Jamboree, Celtic Colours Conversations Series and the new St. John Ambulance READ (Reading Education Assistance Dog) Program. The Nova Scotia Provincial Library also continued its excellent teleconference series with a number of presentations designed for information professionals from all sectors.

Two Novanet initiatives garnered a great deal of attention this year. After a successful pilot project run by the Novanet Distance Education Task Force, the LiveHelp Reference service was officially expanded to the Novanet community in September 2004. This service, staffed by librarians from a number of Novanet institutions, is designed to provide students with access to online reference assistance using OCLC's QuestionPoint software. In addition, the summer of 2004 saw Novanet initiate an RFP process designed to update its existing ILS system. In September the Novanet community received the call to gather in Halifax to review the final candidates

and provide feedback. After the dust had settled, the ExLibris "Aleph" system was a solid first choice. By January 2005 the project was in full gear as committees were struck and Bill Slauenwhite from Dalhousie University was selected as the ILS Project Manager. System installation has already begun and it looks to be a busy year for the Novanet community as system configuration, data migration and training are planned for an STP (switch to production) date of January 2006.

APLA took a significant collaborative step recently by becoming a partner in a new OLA initiative dubbed "The Partnership." The initiative will provide APLA members with greater access to professional development programs as well as the opportunity to generate and deliver workshops to other Partner members via the OLA's Education Institute. Current members of The Partnership include BCLA, LAA, OLA, SLA, NSLA and APLA. For more information please visit www.thepartnership.ca.

In closing, I'd like to reflect on the thoughts of a distinguished Canadian. In many of his writings, Marshall McLuhan referred to the concept of a "global village": a place where borders, time and politics were insignificant and information was the primary commodity. In his famous quotation "the medium is the message," McLuhan postulated that the true message of a medium is in the way it influences change. One must wonder if McLuhan could have foreseen the explosive effect the Internet has had on our access to information, and how it has affected the way in which we work, play and interact. In an age when information is literally at our fingertips, we, the library community, face the daunting challenge of harnessing this information and making sense of it all—for our patrons, ourselves, and the future. For as McLuhan put it, "the ignorance of how to use new knowledge stockpiles exponentially." And so, as we venture forth into 'the medium' for another year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the APLA community for its exceptional efforts and energy. Truly we are the message!

See you at APLA in Halifax!

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand

Access to Government Information Interest Group Annual Report 2004-2005

While it has been a quiet year for the Interest Group, it has just recently become eventful for libraries and those concerned with access to government information. A quick survey of Atlantic region libraries and APLA members in March 2005 indicated that the past year's problems in our federal Depository Services Program (DSP) have been addressed, although some select depository libraries still experience difficulties. The Program's late shipments of 2004, described by members as 'abysmal' or 'awful', have improved to the point where they can be called 'regular' and 'predictable'. While this is obviously good news for all concerned, it should be noted that the distribution of print publications through depository arrangements faces a major challenge. This is due to the huge presence of all governments on the internet, which in turn has pushed more and more government information into exclusive electronic dissemination on the Web.

In the United States, the Government Printing Office (GPO) plans to cut almost all print distribution through the Federal Depository Library program; this would cover little more than the production and distribution of 50 essential titles. Effective October 1, 2005 all other documents would be disseminated digitally. The proposed changes would also include a print-on-demand (POD) allowance in which selected depository libraries would receive \$500 US and 53 regional depository libraries would get \$1,500 US for materials not on the essential titles list. Costs for additional print titles as well as for administration of the POD program would have to come from depository libraries' own budgets. The next example, and one that directly affects some libraries in our region, comes from the European Communities' EDCs (Documentation Centres) & Reference Centres in Canada. After years of a steady decline in the utility and quantity of their print publications, the Directorate-General for Press and Communication in Brussels finally stopped depository distribution of all print publications. This came despite an encouraging February visit to Atlantic region universities and EDC libraries by Terri-Ann Priel, a member of the Delegation of the European Commission to Canada in Ottawa.

Developments in Europe and the United States are a concern for anyone who needs to access government information. However, the European Communities and the USGPO are not alone in looking at digital delivery, and given the current climate it is a certainty that the issue of electronic dissemination and our DSP will be raised at the Interest Group meeting in Halifax in May, 2005.

Submitted by John Neilson

Bulletin Editors' Annual Report 2004-2005

We are nearly at the end of our three-year term as editors of the *APLA Bulletin*: the post-conference issue will be our last. Editing the *Bulletin* has been immensely interesting, and it has been a pleasure to work with the Executive and our contributing members to produce each issue.

We suppose our "greatest achievement" during our term as editors has been the physical redesign of the *Bulletin*. The new look has received nothing but praise:

My sincere congratulations on the new look for the *APLA Bulletin*! It sure makes the association's image a positive and current one! Bravo!

A big thank-you and congratulations to the *APLA Bulletin* editorial team of Erin Patterson, Patricia Gallant and Ruth Cordes (and Ray and his the folks at Repracorp) for the super redesign and refresh of the *Bulletin*!

WOW! AWESOME!

I love the new look and I certainly appreciate the amount of work involved in a redesign. Well done!

Our thanks for all your positive comments!

We look forward to announcing the new editorial team at the conference in a few weeks.

Submitted by Ruth Cordes, Patricia Gallant, Erin Patterson

Collections Development Interest Group Annual Report 2004-2005

The APLA Collections Development Interest Group currently has over 50 members from all types of libraries—academic, public, school, government and special libraries. While the Interest Group is not sponsoring a session at APLA this year, there are a number of sessions which have relevance for collection development which members may wish to take advantage of.

The Interest Group will again be meeting for a planning session and dinner on Friday evening during the annual conference. We will be considering topics we wish to see on the program of the next APLA conference, content for the APLA Collections Development website, and our current terms of reference. It was a great time last year and we hope to surpass it this year. All current and prospective members are welcome. Dinner will be at Cheelin's in the Brewery, 7 pm. Directions will be available at the conference. To reserve a place for dinner, just send an email message to mary.macleod@acadiou.ca.

Submitted by Mary MacLeod

Francophone Interest Group Annual Report 2004-2005

La seule activité du groupe d'intérêt francophone cette année a été la présentation de Marie Nadine Goguen (étudiante à la School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University) à la conférence de l'APLA. Elle nous a entretenu de la situation des bibliothèques canadiennes en milieu linguistique minoritaire. Son projet de recherche visait à démontrer que les bibliothèques en milieu linguistique minoritaire vivent des situations propres à leur identité. Prises entre les réalités du Québec et celles des institutions majoritairement anglophones de leur province, ces bibliothèques font face à des défis particuliers, comme le manque de ressources de langue française adaptées aux besoins de leur clientèle, le temps précieux consacré à la traduction par le personnel et le coût élevé des ressources en français. Marie Nadine Goguen a énuméré différentes bibliothèques dans cette situation à travers le Canada, en insistant un peu plus sur le cas de la Bibliothèque Champlain de l'Université de Moncton, où elle travaille. Suite à la présentation, les participants ont pu partager les expériences vécues dans leur milieu de travail. Tous s'entendent pour dire qu'un meilleur réseautage entre institutions francophones en milieu minoritaire pourrait aider à relever certains des défis présentés.

Submitted by Chantale Bellemare

Continuing Education Interest Group Annual Report 2004- 2005

The Continuing Education Interest Group was without a convener in the fall of 2004, when I agreed to take on this role. I look forward to meeting members of this Interest Group in Halifax during the conference, and I invite people interested in Continuing Education to contact me with their ideas and concerns. One session at the conference that will be of interest is "Looking to the Future: The 8Rs Canadian Library Human Resource Study," to be presented by Kathleen DeLong of the University of Alberta.

APLA is now a member of The Partnership, which means that APLA members have access to OLA's Education Institute offerings at membership prices. This is a terrific opportunity to take advantage of continuing education offerings via teleconferences and online courses. There are many highly useful sessions offered on a wide range of topics. Sample current topics include web-searching techniques, marketing, questionnaire design, and strategic planning. Visit their website at www.thepartnership.ca for more information and watch the APLA listserv for postings about upcoming offerings.

Submitted by Heather Sanderson

Library Instruction Interest Group Annual Report 2004-2005

From May 2004 to May 2005, two objectives were set for this Interest Group:

- Explore methods of providing educational and instructional opportunities, in addition to the annual conference, that could take place more regularly throughout the year.
- Propose that the Interest Group name be changed from "library instruction" to "information literacy."

In response to the first objective, it was proposed to the APLA Executive at their Fall Meeting that APLA join an existing program partnership created by the Executive Directors of the British Columbia Library Association, the Library Association of Alberta, the Ontario Library Association and the Saskatchewan Library Association. It is called "The Education Institute" and its purpose is to support the professional development of librarians and information professionals. I am pleased to report that with the support of Jennifer Richard (President-Elect), Allan Groen (President) and other Executive members, APLA has officially joined the partnership along with BCLA, LAA, OLA and SLA. Many of their programs are offered online, enabling any interested members to benefit from their home locations. Being official partners, our members are now eligible for the discounted rate. It is anticipated that this partnership will benefit APLA members, as well as generate some revenue for the association.

In response to the second objective, it was proposed to the APLA Executive at their Spring Meeting that the name of this interest group be changed to reflect the growing role and importance of instructional activities within the library context. It is anticipated that by the time of the APLA OGM in May, the Library Instruction Interest Group will have become the Information Literacy Interest Group. Suggestions to the existing Terms of Reference have been proposed which also reflect this change.

Submitted by Gwendolyn MacNairn

Hackmatack Announces the Winners of the 2005 Award

The winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2005 were announced at the award ceremony on Friday, April 22 at the Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall, Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Deborah Ellis, the author of *Mud City*, was the winner in the English fiction category; Diane Swanson received the English nonfiction award for her book *Tunnels!*; and the winner of the French category was Alain M. Bergeron for *Zak le fantôme*.

Mud City is the third book in the acclaimed *Parvana* trilogy. It continues the story of Parvana's friend, Shauzia, and her search for a better life, from a refugee camp in Pakistan to the dangerous streets of Peshawar. Deborah Ellis is a multi-award-winning author who donates royalties for *Mud City* to Street Kids International. She lives in Simcoe, Ontario.

Tunnels! is a book of ten gripping stories of true underground dramas from around the world. Diane Swanson has written over 40 books for children on everything from dentists and doctors to animals eating and Einstein. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

Dans *Zak le fantôme*, Zak lui faudra attendre très longtemps avant qu'une élève ose lui venir en aide pour le "libérer de sa classe." Alain M. Bergeron a cinquantaine de livres jeunesse à son crédit. Il habite à Victoriaville, au Québec.

The Hackmatack Award ceremony was the culmination of this year's award week, during which 20 of the nominated Canadian authors visited participating schools and libraries in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Approximately 300 reading groups and thousands of children from grades four to six participated this year by reading the 30 nominated books.

To see the new nominated books for the 2005/2006 Hackmatack Award and more information about the award program, visit our website at www.hackmatack.ca. For more information, contact:

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Atlantic Provinces Library Association 65th Ordinary General Meeting

MINUTES

Hotel Beauséjour, Ballroom B, Moncton, NB
 May 28, 2004, 5:00-7:00 pm (Part 1)
 May 30, 2004, 9:30-11:00 am (Part 2)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:14pm.

2. Establish Quorum

Meeting declared to be *quorate*.

3. Adoption of Agenda

F. Black asked if she might speak to the agenda in that no place is available for any new business. L. Mackey added New Business to the Agenda under Item 17(b). The agenda was adopted as amended.

4. Minutes of the 64th Ordinary General Meeting, St. John's, May 23, 2003

One correction was noted to the Minutes as printed in the March/April 2004 *APLA Bulletin*. Under Item 18, Catherine Quinlan's name was misspelled as "Kathryn Quinlan."

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

6. President's Report

(Chair to A. Groen)

L. Mackey submitted a written report in which she highlighted several items.

L. Mackey also submitted a written update on CLA's Copyright Committee. She noted that CLA has asked APLA for a representative to serve on CLA's Committee on Copyright and D. Taylor-Harding has agreed to serve as the APLA representative.

The winner of the APLA prize from the School of Library & Information Studies at Dalhousie University was Sophie Walker. The APLA prize for the Nova Scotia Community College has yet to be awarded. Laurette added that the winner of the First Timer's Grant was Steve Lelievre and that the names of the award winners will be published in *APLA Bulletin*.

L. Mackey also advised that the 74th IFLA Conference will be held in Québec in 2008.

Her report was filed as presented and will appear in the upcoming *APLA Bulletin*.
 (Chair returned to L. Mackey)

7. Past President's Report - E. MacLean

E. MacLean submitted her written report. She noted that the Merit Award winner had been chosen and that the presentation of the award winner would take place during the banquet. She also noted that some changes to the Standing Orders had been made.

In response to a question from C. Dennis, E. MacLean offered a summary of the changes to Standing Order 9.08 - the APLA Merit Award.

Motion that changes to the APLA Standing Orders be adopted as documented in E. MacLean's report.

(E. MacLean/J. Teskey)

CARRIED

8. Vice-Presidents' Reports

8.1 New Brunswick

M. Mercure reported in the *APLA Bulletin*.

8.2 Newfoundland & Labrador

A written report from D. Taylor-Harding was submitted. The report was filed as presented and will appear in the upcoming *APLA Bulletin*.

8.3 Nova Scotia

G. Bertrand reported in the *APLA Bulletin*. He added that there was one minor change to his report - that Heather Berringer had won the Nova Scotia Library Association's essay prize in the previous year rather than the current year.

8.4 Prince Edward Island

S. MacLeod distributed a written report, noting that IsleAsk had won the CTCL Award for Innovation which will be presented during the CLA Annual Conference in Victoria. The report was filed as presented and will appear in the upcoming *APLA Bulletin*.

8.5 Membership

S. Walker noted that the Annual Membership Report was submitted by the previous Vice-President (Membership), S.

Gullikson, and appears in the *APLA Bulletin*.

She also drew the membership's attention to the Notice of Motion to make changes to Standing Order 2.01 which appeared in the *APLA Bulletin* (March/April 2004 p. 21). F. Black asked if the changes would be easy to administer. S. Walker noted that they would. It was clarified that the changes would mean that new members will be able to join APLA whenever they wish and enjoy a full year's membership for their membership fee.

Motion that Standing Order 2.01 be changed to read: "To remain in good standing, members must pay fees within three months of the expiration of their membership. Memberships expire 12 months from the end of the month in which the Vice-President (Membership) receives the initial membership form, or on March 31 for members who joined APLA prior to June 2004."

(S. Walker/G. Bertrand)

CARRIED

9. Secretary's Report

L. Wells' report was printed in the *APLA Bulletin*.

10. Financial Examiner's Report

P. Glenister submitted a written report.

Motion that the Financial Examiner's Report be accepted.

(S. Walker/G. Byrne)

CARRIED

11. Treasurer's Report

D. Corey-Fancy submitted a written report.

Motion that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

(D. Corey-Fancy/J. Thompson)

CARRIED

12. Report of the *APLA Bulletin* Editors and Bulletin Management Board

P. Gallant noted that their report was printed in the *APLA Bulletin*.

13. Executive and Standing Committee Reports

13.1 Aims & Objectives - A. Groen

A. Groen reported that the committee

had met during Executive Meetings. He noted that the Association is safely meeting its main objectives as outlined in the Memorandum of Association which are as follows:

1. To promote library and information service throughout the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador; 2. To serve the interests of all who work in the region's libraries and for all those who are interested in library and information services in the Atlantic Provinces; 3. To cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual interest.

A. Groen added that his report will appear in the upcoming *APLA Bulletin*.

13.2 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups - A. Groen

A. Groen reported that the majority of committees and interest groups are functioning. He advised that C. Bellemare has accepted the convener's role for the Francophone Interest Group. He also noted that a convener was required for the Continuing Education Group and that the Library Trustees Group had been disbanded due to only 4 members showing an interest. A. Groen recognized that there was still a strong desire to be supportive of the Library Trustees community, adding that there was perhaps room for an interest group catering to the multicultural community. His report will appear in the *APLA Bulletin*.

13.3 Finance - L. Mackey

(Chair to A. Groen)

Written report was submitted. L. Mackey advised that subsequent to the report, the Executive had voted to grant a \$500 expense from the GAF fund for UNB Libraries' Serials Ecosystem Conference which is to be held Sept. 25-26, 2004. She also noted that Peter Glenister has agreed to continue as financial examiner for 2004/05 and offered her thanks to Peter.

13.4 APLA Memorial Award - L. Mackey

L. Mackey advised that she had taken over the APLA Memorial Award from A. Lonardo in Spring. L. Mackey noted that this year's Memorial Award went to the staff at MUN in the amount of \$346.42. Report filed as presented.

(Chair returned to L. Mackey)

13.5 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship - A. Groen

A. Groen advised that the Scholarship Trust Fund is to be taken over by the Association in the very near future. He gave a brief history of the scholarship and noted that four applications were received for this year's scholarship. The recipient of the 2004 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship is Matthew Carnaghan, a native of Bedford, Nova Scotia, who is planning to attend Library School at the University of Western Ontario.

13.6 Communications and Public Relations - G. Byrne

A written report was distributed and will appear in the *APLA Bulletin*.

13.7 Nominations and Elections - E. MacLean

E. MacLean submitted a written report. L. Wells reported that calls for nominations to the positions of VP/President Elect, VP/Newfoundland and Labrador, and VP/Membership were issued in the *APLA Bulletin* and on the APLA listserv. Receiving no responses, personal appeals resulted in the following members filling the positions by acclamation: Jennifer Richard VP/President Elect
Trish LeBlanc VP Newfoundland & Labrador
Stephanie Walker VP Membership
L. Mackey also noted those members of the Executive who will continue their service.

14. Interest Group Reports

14.1 Access to Government Information - J. Neilson

L. Mackey advised that J. Neilson sends his regrets that he could not attend and had submitted his report in the *APLA Bulletin*.

14.2 Collections Development - M. MacLeod
Report printed in the *APLA Bulletin*.

14.3 Computers and Connectivity - J. Webster
Report appears in the *APLA Bulletin*.

14.4 Conservation of Library Materials - S. Lloyd
No report.

14.5 Continuing Education - vacant

It is hoped that there will soon be a convener for the Continuing Education Group.

14.6 Francophone - vacant

L. Mackey noted that C. Bellemare has agreed to serve as convener for this group.

14.7 Library Instruction - G. MacNairn
Report printed in the *APLA Bulletin*.

14.8 Library Technicians - S. Harris
A written report was distributed.

14.9 New Librarians and Information Professionals - E. Cross
Report is printed in the *APLA Bulletin*.

14.10 Newspaper - E. Browne
Report in the *APLA Bulletin*.

14.11 Youth Services - N. Cohen
A written report was distributed and will appear in the *APLA Bulletin*.

15. Report of the ASTED representative

It was noted by L. Mackey that this position has been vacant for most of the year and that a decision was made to merge the Francophone Interest Group Convener with the ASTED representative as each position is a source of information for the other.

16. Annual Conferences

16.1 St. John's, NL 2003

L. Mackey advised that the 2003 Conference had a surplus and that this surplus was divided between the Memorial and the First Timer's Awards according to a formula.

16.2 Moncton, NB 2004

L. Mackey reported that everything seemed to be going well and thanks were extended to the local arrangements committee for their hard work.

16.3 Halifax, NS 2005

A written report from P. Webster was distributed.

16.4 2006

L. Mackey advised that no location had been chosen as yet. She also gave an overview of the way in which the APLA Conference is allotted among the provinces. The general rule of thumb is that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick take on the Conference more often than PEI and Newfoundland & Labrador. She also noted that it seemed possible that Fredericton may wish to host the 2006 Conference. J. Teskey advised that UNB Libraries will be most happy to host. L. Mackey offered that there would no doubt be support from the Legislative

and Public Library systems in Fredericton.

16.5 2007

It was announced by L. Mackey that CLA would like to host a joint conference with APLA in the Atlantic provinces and that D. Butcher had advised that, given the size of such a conference, the choice would be St. John's, Newfoundland.

16.6 2008

It was suggested by L. Mackey that PEI is a possibility for 2008 and noted that the Vice-President should check with the PEI communities to see whether this might be feasible.

17. Unfinished Business

No business was forthcoming.

17. (b) New Business

F. Black requested that the APLA Executive consider moving the Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) to a place in the Conference program which will facilitate greater attendance/involvement. The other suggestion offered by Dr. Black was that written reports that are not disseminated ahead of time in the *APLA Bulletin* be included in the package of conference materials when members register. Discussion ensued. L. Mackey thanked Dr. Black for her suggestions and advised that they will be discussed at the upcoming Executive meeting.

18. Resolutions

Resolution # 1

"Be it resolved that APLA extends its sincere appreciation to the members of the Conference organizing committee, the speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and all who have contributed to the success of this conference."

(L. Mackey/M. Mercure)

CARRIED

19. Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies

F. Black spoke as Acting Director of the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) and thanked APLA members for their continued support for placements and awards. She noted that there were 37 graduates of the program in 2004 and that Steve Lelievre (present) was the winner of APLA's First Timer's Grant. Dr. Black advised that there was an increasingly large pool of applicants to their program (40% increase) and that the volume of interest allows SLIS to be a little

more choosy. The projected class size is 48 students.

Dr. Black then spoke of student and faculty initiatives. The student project, Prospectus, which is available at www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/prospectus/welcome.html, has been particularly successful and provides a forum for presenting the education and work experiences/skills of the graduating class to prospective employers. Librarian T-shirts sporting eight different designs were very successful and earned both local and international acclaim, raising the profile of SLIS beyond North America. Dr. Black also announced that Heather O'Brien is to become an interdisciplinary PhD student in September 2004 with her research thread being Health Informatics. Dr. Elaine Toms is to be Heather's thesis supervisor and Dr. Toms has returned to Dalhousie as the Canada Research Chair in Management Informatics. SLIS has also become a key player in offering courses in GIS in conjunction with the Lawrencetown campus. Dr. Black remarked that SLIS was working with sister schools to discuss the possibility of offering a Certificate in Information Management. She also informed that the ground is now turned for the new Kenneth C. Rowe management building which is due to open in the 2005/06 academic year. Scholarship recipients are to be listed in the SLIS Newsletter. Two students who won awards to the CLA Conference were Rhonda Miller and Smitty Miller. She offered sincere thanks to those involved in student professional partnering activities and asked members to contact Judy Dunn at SLIS if they are willing to volunteer. Dr. Black advised that the Special Libraries Student Group was very active, organizing tours and a roundtable on Information competencies, and that the past year's Brown Bag Lunches organized by Sandra Toze were also very successful. A number of student research assistants are co-presenting papers with faculty this summer.

In faculty and staff news, Dr. Black noted that Dr. Louise Spiteri is the incoming President of the Canadian Association of Information Science, Vivian Howard is serving on the Board of "Word on the Street," and Dr. Black is involved in the Northern Exposure Leadership Institute and continues her work on the "History of the Book in Canada Project" with Dr. Bertrum MacDonald. This particular SSHRC initiative also employs several student research assistants.

Dr. Norman Horrocks, professor emeritus, has received the American Library Association Honorary Member award and the International Kaula Gold Medal and Citation for 2004. The Nova Scotia Library Association has also established the "Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership" which will be awarded annually for leadership in the Nova Scotia library community.

A new workshop committee has also been established at SLIS to complement the research of Judy Dunn and Fiona Black. It offers educational opportunities via workshops with the first two being "Dublin Core Metadata Element Set" presented by L. Spiteri and "Media Relations" presented by D. Butcher, C. Crosby and A. Nemetz. V. Howard is also offering a beta test for new online course modules this summer.

There were two visitors in residence this year at SLIS: Richard Ellis, University Librarian for MUN and Dr. Lynne Howarth, previous Dean of FIS at the University of Toronto. Dr. Black expressed her joy to have both visitors as part of the SLIS community.

Dr. Black noted that her term as Acting Director for SLIS ends in June and she takes on the position of Director for SLIS on July 1. She also expressed her thanks to those who offered letters of support on her behalf. The next accreditation process for SLIS is scheduled for Fall 2005.

20. Inauguration of Incoming President

L. Mackey thanked outgoing Executive members for their hard work and recognized the incoming members to the Executive. She also announced that E. MacLean, outgoing Past President, has been appointed as Councillor-at-Large to CLA, that D. Taylor-Harding, outgoing Vice-President for Newfoundland & Labrador, will now be serving as APLA's representative on CLA's Copyright Committee and that Shelley Gullikson, outgoing Vice-President (Membership), has just had a baby girl - Evelyn.

The gavel was then passed to A. Groen. A Groen accepted the gavel and thanks were offered by N. Horrocks to L. Mackey for all her hard work.

21. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:08am.



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