

# APLA BULLETIN

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### PRESIDENTIAL DEMISE

I am acutely aware that the rare opportunity to muse in public will abruptly end with my demise as president on May 4 in Corner Brook. This is the last time I will experience the heady joy of writing "From the Presidents Desk". Already signs of my passing are everywhere. The presidential desk is being cleared out, cartons of files and cartons of "Important Papers for Corner Brook" litter the presidential floor. I have even overheard some Halifax members talking in excited tones about next year. Surely this is a time for reflection if not wisdom!

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIDE

I must admit to a few moments of sinful pride in our association. I have experienced from the inside the depth of commitment and willingness to work for our common good exhibited by our members. I keep reminding myself we are a voluntary association. We cannot expect members to apply themselves with the same professional vigor to association business as they do to their jobs. I am constantly proved wrong and over the year I have developed a considerable pride and appreciation for the hard work of our executive, committee, publications and non-office holding members who have given so much. You can share my pride when you attend our conference in Corner Brook, receive our Bulletin, apply for an Alberta Letts Fellowship, and view the work of the Intellectual Freedom, Bibliographic Centre Project, Trustee or other committees.

I have considerable pride in our 1979-80 executive. We have over this past year given direction and leadership to our committees so that they are better able to carry on the work of the association. We have seriously studied the programme and financial needs of our members and will be proposing exciting new programmes for the 1980-81 year. Please be sure to check the *By-law Amendments* printed elsewhere in the *Bulletin* to see some of these suggestions. Another programme we will be asking the members to vote on in Corner Brook is to give Provincial Vice-Presidents a discretionary fund to support projects within their provinces. This is seen as a method to encourage local workshops, seminars, and programmes of interest to APLA members who cannot always attend annual conferences. This programme is proposed as a direct result of the wishes expressed on the financial questionnaire

returned in Feb. 1980. I believe this is a first step in the wise and productive use of our resources.

I have pride in our association's image in the rest of Canada. We contribute in many ways to the meeting of Provincial and Regional Presidents and to CLA council. I believe we are seen by others as a viable, energetic and valuable part of the library community in Canada.

Last but certainly not least, I am proud that our 1980 conference will be one of the most professionally important, intellectually sound library conferences to be held in Canada this year. Yes, Alan, that includes CAIS and CLA!

### PRESIDENTIAL REGRETS

It's true I do have a few regrets. How I wish I had written in my first column of 1980 — "Well, welcome to the 1980's". It seems such a memorable line.

Why didn't I change the course of library history in the Atlantic provinces. It seemed such a necessary, worthwhile and attainable goal before I became president.

Why am I still perplexed by the constitution, by-laws procedures and traditions of APLA? I had intended to become an expert on all those things last June.

And it has not escaped my attention that no one has asked me to become president-for-life!

### PRESIDENTIAL PROMISE

I promise to use all the knowledge, information and gossip I have learned this year in the best interests of the association in my lowly capacity as past-president for 1980-81 and to say on every possible occasion, "Now, when I was president..."

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine McQueen

## LIBRARIES AND THE LAW APLA Conference 1980 Update

There have been a number of developments regarding the 1980 APLA Annual Conference in Corner Brook of which conference go-ers will want to take note.

Gail Dykstra and Meg Richeson, two of our theme speakers, will be offering an additional workshop on legal reference and referral techniques (in other words, how to deal with questions of a legal nature in your library, how to recognize when you're in over your head and what to do then). Their shared talk, will take place on Friday afternoon, May 2, 1980, from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M., follows their theme session. Friday's theme session will deal directly with the question of what the difference is between providing access to legal information and giving legal advice. Gail Dykstra will also bring us up to date on what is happening in the area of public legal education across Canada.

Meg Richeson's workshop on programs for public legal education which had been originally scheduled for Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. will now be given on Saturday morning, May 3, 1980, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

For those of you who have not yet made your flight reservations for Newfoundland, it still may not be too late for you to take advantage of Eastern Provincial Airways 50% seat sale. The timing of the offer coincides with the timing of the Conference and should not be missed.

As for those of you still trying to decide on whether or not to attend, consider the uniqueness of this year's Conference. For the first time, APLA has chosen a theme on which the entire Conference will be focussed. For the first time, speakers from across Canada, speakers recognized for their experience and expertise in the area of legal information and education will be addressing the Conference. For the first time, APLA has deliberately gone beyond the borders of Atlantic Canada to invite participants who will be able to tell us about their experience, about their vision of the problem and the future. This year's Conference should give us, the delegates, an excellent opportunity for enlightenment, discussion and resolution regarding a topic which affects us all, both as librarians and as citizens. In a vote of confidence, the Law Foundations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have contributed generously towards the Conference and in helping to sponsor the speakers, have insured the quality of the program. All of this does not take into account the uniqueness and beauty of Newfoundland itself, reason enough to not miss the 1980 Conference. If you have decided not to come, think again.

If, by any chance, you have not received your registration package or if you wish additional information concerning the Conference, please contact Ilga Leja, Nova Scotia Legislative Library, P.O. Box 396, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8.

## South Shore Regional Library

The Town of Liverpool has voted to join the South Shore Regional Library effective January 1, 1981. Liverpool is the

last municipality in Nova Scotia to join the regional library system.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20-21 (Sunday-Monday) **NOVA SCOTIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Semi-annual Conference** Municipal Documents; Literacy; AACR2; Sex Education Materials Location: Dartmouth Regional Library, 100 Wyse Rd., Dartmouth, N.S. Cost: \$1.00. Contact: Mary Jane Maffini, School of Library Service, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S. B3H 4H8. Phone: 424-3656.

April 21 (Monday) **JOINT REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA Annual Meeting and Conference** Location: Dartmouth Regional Library, 100 Wyse Rd., Dartmouth, N.S.

Time: 9a.m. - 5 p.m. Contact: Aileen (Barker) Lewis, Dartmouth Regional Library, Dartmouth, N.S. B3A 1M1 Phone: 466-7623.

April 25-26 (Friday-Saturday) **NEWFOUNDLAND PROVINCIAL READING COUNCIL Conference** Location: Grand Falls, Newfoundland. Contact: Tom Grace, 21 Eastaff St., St. John's, Newfoundland A1E 2J2.

April 27-May 3 (Sunday-Saturday) **NOVA SCOTIA EDUCATION WEEK.**

May 2-4 (Friday-Sunday) **ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Annual Conference** Libraries And The Law. Location: Glynnmill Inn, Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Cost: \$35.00 (\$40.00 non-members and late registrants). Contact: Elizabeth Behrens, Grenfell College Library, Corner Brook, Newfoundland A2H 6P9 Phone: 709-639-8981

May 2-11 (Friday-Monday) **NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL** Contact: Paul Robinson, Atlantic Institute of Education, 5244 South St., Halifax, N.S. B3J 1A4 Phone: 425-5430

May 5 [Monday] **HALIFAX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting** Location: Mount Saint Vincent University Library, Bedford Highway, Halifax, N.S. Time: 8 p.m. Contact: Ann Nevill, Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S. B3H 4H7 Phone: 424-2458.

May 7-9 (Wednesday-Friday) **NEW BRUNSWICK TEACHERS ASSOCIATION Combined Subject Council Conference** Location: Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. Contact: Dale Creelman, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. E0A 3C0 Phone: 536-2040 (326).

## 8th International Graduate Summer School

The Eighth Annual School takes place at the College of Librarianship Wales situated in the seaside resort of Aberystwyth. The College is the largest institution in Britain, and one of the largest in the world, specialising in study and research in librarianship and information science. From 30th June to 23rd August courses are offered to professional librarians and students wishing to enlarge their area of knowledge or update their professional competence in a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Last year's school attracted students from over twenty countries and a further twenty nations were represented on other courses held simultaneously on the campus.

The faculty at CLW will be joined by visiting experts and internationally experienced teachers. Courses available in 1980 are: Media technology; International aspects of information retrieval in the social sciences, and in the humanities; Health care librarianship; Special libraries and information centres; The library and the computer; Information services; International aspects of children's literature; The Steady-state academic library concept; Curriculum design in librarianship and information science.

All courses carry graduate academic credits which are accepted towards professional qualifications in major

training institutions throughout the world. In particular, appropriately qualified students may use the courses as part of their MLS or Advanced programmes in most Graduate Schools in Canada and the USA.

Applications by form or by letter (stating name, address for correspondence, telephone number, library school, qualifications, present employer if any, names of two referees, and the number and titles of courses selected) should be sent, together with a deposit of 100 pounds as soon as possible, and not later than 25th April 1980 to:—

The Director IGSS 80  
College of Librarianship Wales  
Aberystwyth SY23 3AS,  
Wales, Great Britain.

The deposit will be returned in full if the applicant is not accepted. If the student, once accepted, cancels the reservation, the 40 pounds registration fee included in the deposit will be retained by the College. The balance of the fee (that is 640 pounds) must be paid immediately upon receipt of notification of acceptance. All payments must be made in certified sterling cheques or sterling bank drafts.

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## Halifax City Regional Library

The Halifax City North Branch Librarian, Susan McLean spent the week of March 10-14 at the Parkdale Branch of the Toronto Public Library observing and participating in library activities at this and other inner-City branches.

At the request of area residents, the library started a new book trailer stop in

the Holly Drive area of Mainland South on March 13. A location close to Holly Drive School was chosen since this is not too close to the busy Herring Cove Road and provides enough space to park the 40-foot trailer plus tractor. The book trailer will be at this location every Thursday between 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. with books and records for adults and children.

## Association of Atlantic Universities

The Association of Atlantic Universities announces that it has engaged Ian MacLean of IAS Information Automation Services as a consultant, to help the Association's member libraries decide on future library automation needs and options. The present AAU consortium acquired the Blackwell North America data base and software, and presently offers a batched catalogue card distribution service from the University of

New Brunswick in Fredericton. Ian MacLean will analyze the various options open to the AAU consortium, including enhancing the present BNA system, subscribing to UTLAS, or purchasing DOBIS. The decision reached by the AAU is likely to be significant for all libraries in Atlantic Canada. Mr. MacLean was previously with the University of Saskatchewan Automated Systems, and has worked as a consultant for the National Library of Canada.

## Publications Received

Project Media Base. *Problems in bibliographic access to non-profit materials: final report*. Washington, D.C., National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, 1979. (1717 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036) Free.

Mandel, Eli. *Culture and literacy: contemporary Canadian writing*. Regina,

Saskatchewan Library Association, 1980. (Mary Donaldson Memorial lecture, 12th, 1979) (P.O. Box 3388, Regina, Sask. S4P 3H1)

*Serials review*. v. 5, no. 3 (July/September, 1979). (Pierian Press, P.O. Box 1808, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48106) \$27.00 (U.S.A.), \$29.00 (foreign).

## People with GALL

Local members of the newly formed Gay Interest Group of CLA will sponsor a reception for gay and lesbian library employees on Saturday April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Herring Cooperative Bookstore at 1652 Barrington St.

The event is timed to coincide with the Nova Scotia Library Association conference taking place the same weekend.

While the gathering will be mainly social, guests will have an opportunity for informal discussion of topics of general

interest to the gay library community.

If response is high, an organization of Gay and Lesbian Library-workers (hence the GALL) could be formed after the meeting.

Homosexual library employees at all levels of work in all types of libraries are welcome to attend and to pass on word of the reception to closeted co-workers.

For further information contact Gay Interest Group members Lynn Murphy (425-6977) or Tom Flemming (423-3873).

# ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## 41st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### THEME: LIBRARIES AND THE LAW

#### GLYNMILL INN

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#### SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE

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MAY 2-4, 1980

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#### PROGRAM

##### THURSDAY, MAY 1

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. UTLAS Users' Exchange  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration  
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sherry reception  
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. APLA Executive Meeting

##### FRIDAY, MAY 2

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Open committee meetings  
Trustees  
BIBCAP  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Three workshops (choice of one):  
The care and feeding of Canadian legal materials:  
G. Dykstra.  
Public libraries and the political process:  
J. Lorimer.  
Practicum on legislative research:  
M. Pearce.  
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Theme session: Law and the Practising Librarian  
(Arts and Culture Centre)  
G. Dykstra  
M. Richeson  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Official opening of exhibits  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Coffee  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Four workshops (choice of one):  
Women and the Law (A. Crocker).  
Lobbying for freedom of information: J. Feeley.  
Patent Research: Canada Dept. of Consumer &  
Corporate Affairs.  
Programs for public legal education: M. Richeson.  
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Free time for dinner and to view exhibits.  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting I (Arts and Culture Centre).  
9:30 p.m. - 12:00 Party and reception (Arts and Culture Centre).

##### SATURDAY, MAY 3

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Open committee meetings  
Relations with Other Organizations  
Intellectual Freedom  
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Membership  
Conservation  
Associated Alumni, Dalhousie Library School  
Coffee  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Four workshops (choice of one):  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Freedom of information: J. Feeley.  
Youth Learning Law: H. Kindred.  
Libraries and the Legal Community. E.A. MacDonald.  
Practicum on legislative research: M. Pearce.  
Free time for tours and meetings  
Exhibits close  
12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Pre-Resolutions Session (Glynmill Inn)  
5:00 p.m. cash bar (Glynmill Inn)  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Hot and cold buffet (Glynmill Inn)  
6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Annual General Meeting II (Resolutions Session)  
6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. (Glynmill Inn)  
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Entertainment (Glynmill Inn)  
10:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY, MAY 4  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts (Arts and Culture Centre)  
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Closing theme session: Future role of Librarians and Legal  
Information (Arts and Culture Centre)  
G. Duncan  
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Merit Champagne Brunch  
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Joint Executive Meeting

All activities will take place on the premises of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College unless otherwise specified.  
The 1980 APLA Conference is partially funded by the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia.

#### By-law Amendments Required by Decisions of the 1979 Annual General Meeting and 1979/80 Executive Meetings

Article I Sect. II (a) and (b) to be replaced by the following:

- (a) The fees shall be:
- |                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| -Personal members      | \$ 15.00 |
| -Life personal members | \$250.00 |
| -Honorary life members | No fee   |

(b) New members joining later than November 1st will normally join for the remainder of the current year plus the succeeding year for a membership fee of 150 per cent of the annual fee for personal members.

Article I Sec. III (a) to be replaced by the following:

(a) There is no category of institutional membership. Institutions may subscribe to the Bulletin for \$15.00 per volume.  
Moved by J. Elizabeth Sutherland (Treasurer).

Article III Sect. I(f) to be replaced by the following:

(f) Nominations shall close on the last day of February.  
Moved by Ann Nevill (Vice-President/President-Elect)

Article IV Sect. I to be replaced by the following:

Section I - Expenses of Officers  
The Executive shall set an amount annually to support executive officers' attendance at executive meetings, the amount to be not more than 30 per cent of revenue derived from membership fees.  
Section II - CLA Expenses  
Expenses may be paid to the Association's official delegate to CLA fall and winter Council meetings.  
Section III - Other Organizations  
Expenses may be paid to the Association's official delegate(s) to meetings of other organizations with which the Association has official affiliation.  
Moved by Ann Nevill (Vice-President/President-Elect).

Article V Sect. I (iv) shall be replaced by the following:

(iv) Membership Committee  
-to recruit members  
-to report and publish membership statistics  
-to publish an annual membership directory.  
The Convenor shall be a Councillor with the provincial vice-presidents and treasurer as members. Corresponding members may be appointed from all appropriate regions of the Atlantic Provinces.  
Moved by Ann Nevill (Vice-President/President-Elect).

Article VI Sect. I (vi) to be replaced by the following:

(vi) APLA Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship Committee  
-to solicit funds for the APLA Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship  
-to administer these funds  
-to select the Fellowship recipients.

Article VI Sec. I to be amended to add the following:

(vii) Intellectual Freedom Committee  
-to promote awareness of the necessity of intellectual freedom in libraries and related institutions in the Atlantic Provinces  
-to alert members of APLA to instances of infringement of the CLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom  
-to publicize the role of libraries in the promotion of intellectual freedom  
-to educate governing bodies of libraries to the concept of intellectual freedom  
-to support with organizational time related organizations in matters of censorship.  
Moved by Ann Nevill (Vice-President/President-Elect).

Remember to bring your copy of the 1979 Proceedings and this special Conference insert of the Bulletin

## REPORT FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

This report includes information received from New Brunswick libraries as of March 18, 1980. Many items which could have been reported on by New Brunswick libraries were already published in the *APLA Bulletin* during the course of the past year.

One item not indicated in any of the reports is that a New Brunswick Library Trustees Association was officially formed in November 1979. Its objectives are: to promote and foster the development of libraries and library services; to provide for the exchange of ideas and experiences among members; to assist members in understanding their responsibility as library trustees; and to cooperate with associations of library trustees, both within and outside Canada. The first Executive of the Association consists of: Norman Skinner, Saint John, President; Mardi Cockburn, Saint John, Vice-President; J. Ian MacDonald, Fredericton, Secretary-Treasurer; Reginald Lee from Edmundston and William Goggin from Salisbury are also members of the Executive.

## NB LIBRARY SERVICE

One important event that took place at New Brunswick Library Service (N.B.L.S.) was the death of the Provincial Director Mr. James F. MacEacheron.

Mr. MacEacheron was the first and only director of New Brunswick Library Service since its beginning in 1954 and helped draft the Provincial Library Act in 1954 and the new 1967 reformed Library Act.

Agnes Hall who was assistant to the director was named Acting Director pending the nomination of a new Provincial Director.

Due to the prolonged illness of Marjorie MacEacheron, a librarian was hired on a contractual basis. Judson Graham has been working since July 1979 as a cataloguer.

Two librarians from the cataloguing section visited the five regional headquarters to discuss the various aspects of the computerized cataloguing programme and the book catalogue. The regional staff took this opportunity to expose their problems, their needs, and made many suggestions to improve this service provided by N.B.L.S.

The end of March is also the end of the fiscal year for New Brunswick Library Service. For the Computer-produced Book Catalogue programme it meant a four year cumulation of every title catalogued since its beginning in 1976. It also means a huge quantity of printouts to be reproduced so that each public library can possess a copy of the book catalogue. Because of this specific problem, N.B.L.S. is examining the possibility of introducing COM (microfiches) catalogs into public libraries of the Province. In the next fiscal year, the Data Processing Centre of the Province of New Brunswick is planning to improve their equipment so that microfiche can be processed and produced locally.

Again this year, the public had the opportunity to visit the French Book exhibition "Selection 1978 pour la Jeunesse" which had travelled across the Province and was exhibited in various public libraries. This exhibit was lent by the French Embassy through the French Consulate in Moncton and Halifax.

The Provincial Library Council had their regular meetings in April and September. Two important recommendations were voted:

- 1) that the **Basic Guide to Public Library** be implemented and accepted by Department of Youth, Recreation and Cultural Resources as the standard in the future development of the public libraries in the Province. The Minister did not accept this document as recommended by the Council, but rather only as a "reference guide to public library service in the province..."
- 2) The second recommendation sent to the Minister asked for a general survey of public libraries in New Brunswick. The Council recommended that a consultant be hired with terms of reference to study the Public Library System and to submit recommendations to the Minister. This recommendation received approval in principle but implementation was postponed until after the nomination of a new Provincial Library Director.

Besides the Annual Report of the Provincial Director, New Brunswick Library Service released the following publications:

- 1 - **Book Catalogs by Region** - Cumulation of all books catalogued since the beginning of the computerized book catalog program. Books are retrieved by location, language and level.
- 2 - **Masterfile or Union Catalog by authors** - Printout of every book catalogued since the beginning of the computerized book catalog.
- 3 - **Masterfile or Union Catalog by Subjects**
- 4 - **Collection of bibliographies / Collection de bibliographies - Supplement 1979** - Compilation of new books bought and held in the New Brunswick Library Service's Collection.
- 5 - **Union list of serials in Public Libraries of N.B. / Liste collective de périodiques dans les bibliothèques publiques du N.B. 1979**. This list was published for limited distribution inside the Public Library System.
- 6 - **Talking books Collection/Livres Sonores - Supplement A** book Catalog is printed for this special collection. This list is distributed to every public library, senior citizens' homes and other similar institutions.

## ALBERT-WESTMORLAND-KENT REGIONAL LIBRARY

The main highlights for the 1979-1980 fiscal year were as follows:

the Shediac Public Library moved into new quarters in November 1979, from a small and inadequate location of 290 square feet to a very central and spacious location of 1600 square feet; since the move, the circulation has tripled.

the Salisbury and Saint Antoine Library Boards continued their fight to have their respective libraries integrated into the network of the regional library and circulated petitions which were sent to the Premier of New Brunswick.

a proposed 10% manpower cut was strongly opposed by the Regional Library Board and the Public library boards of the region.

the Lewisville Public Library was closed for three months during the due to difficulties with area teenagers who were using the library heavily as a drop-in center, creating a very unpleasant atmosphere and disrupting library services. The decision to close the library came after the employee was struck on the temple by a small piece of asphalt thrown in the library. As a consequence of the closure, a public meeting, chaired by the Mayor of Moncton, took place on the whole issue of vandalism and violence plaguing this part of the City of Moncton and to come up with solutions. The library re-opened its doors with one volunteer available every evening of opening to give support to the employee.

discussion has started on the possibility of moving the headquarters of the regional library outside the building presently shared with the Moncton Public Library.

the Regional Library Board adopted a long-term plan for the development of public libraries under its jurisdiction for the 1980's and adopted guidelines related to volunteer assistance.

the 1979 Summer Reading Club was such a success that it can be described as the event which attracted more press coverage than any other library event of the 1970's.

a bookmark contest, held to celebrate the International Year of the Child, was another successful event of the past year.

plastic bags with the logo of the library and the logo of Decker Boy as the sponsor are now available.

a Sick Kid's Kit was prepared.

well-presented and very attractive booklists related to works on New Brunswick or by New Brunswick authors and to the International Year of the Child were prepared.

two communities, Bouctouche and Petitcodiac, have created library committees to look into the establishment of a library for their respective citizens.

## SAINT JOHN REGIONAL LIBRARY

The 1979-1980 budget year for the Saint John Regional Library System was one of

joy and sorrows. The major sorrow was the death of the Provincial Director, James MacEacheron, under whose guidance the Saint John Free Public Library entered the New Brunswick Regional Library system in 1967. The major joy was the headline in the February 18, 1980 issue of the *Telegraph Journal* .... "Market Square: Accord Reached on First Phase," stating that final agreement between the developer and the tri-level governments could strive for a target date of April 1st for construction of Phase I which includes a new central library and regional library headquarters.

No matter how you categorize them, the activities, events, projects, plans, surveys, staff changes and additions were many and varied.

1979 was the year of answering surveys and questionnaires, ranging from CLA's Project Progress to Conservation, evaluating management structure to typing and shorthand tests, ten in all to date.

Events ranged from parade entries by branches and the Boys' and Girls' Department magic shows, puppet shows, birthday parties to celebrate Canada Week, author's night featuring New Brunswick authors, bi-weekly staff presentations on local TV morning shows and monthly noon-hour programs in City Hall under the Social and Cultural Affairs Office of the City of Saint John.

Both board and staff experienced changes. The Regional Board welcomed three new members: M. Maguire of Sussex, M. Hill of St. Croix and E. Tucker of Campbellville. St. Croix suffered the loss of their chairman, Lawrence Colpitts, who took up a new appointment in Bathurst. All boards and staff applauded the formation of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association and Norman S. Skinner as their first chairman. All boards and staff were shocked to learn that the Regional Library system could possibly face a 10% reduction in manpower. All boards in the province rallied to prepare a brief against such a move and presented it to the Premier, the Minister of Youth, Recreation and Cultural Resources, and the Chairman of the Treasury Board.

Staff losses throughout the region included Frieda Kotlet, Laurine Meinert, Marie Meighan, Marilyn Jollineau, Deborah Blois. Staff replacements were Susan Evans, Jane Davidson, Deborah Sherrard, Dianna Nason, Pauline Giberson.

There was no joy as staff and student help, under the professional guidance of the City Librarian, packed between 15,000-20,000 volumes from the Central Library Adult collections, to remain stored until they can be re-shelved in the new library. It is naturally expected that this packing will have a direct effect (decrease) in circulation figures. It becomes more frustrating to note that, during the ten-month period of April 1, 1979-January 1980, informational requests at the Central Library increased by 45%.

There was joy when, once again, the Knights of Columbus donated a sizeable amount of money to go toward the expansion of the Talking Book Service.

There was pride in that the professional librarians were giving of their time to the Atlantic Provinces Library Association committees - Howard Cogswell, Eileen Travis and Ian Wilson; that Barbara Cowan was appointed to the Executive of the Canadian Association of Public Libraries; and that Howard Cogswell is giving workshops to train literacy tutors and will be installed as Vice-President of the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance at their June conference. His association with Laubach Literacy should help strengthen the ties between libraries and the literacy movement in the Atlantic Provinces.

With all of the regular library activities, such as story hours, class visits, displays, meetings, etc., fitted in among the above, the Saint John Regional Library System bids farewell to the 70's and looks forward to the 80's.

## YORK REGIONAL LIBRARY

The resources of the regional library were enriched by the acquisition of the drawings of Marion Cumming. The drawings are historical documents of the City of Fredericton and the Province, portraying early buildings, many of which have already disappeared. The drawings have been treated for preservation and are beautifully framed. The Fredericton Foundation and interested citizens made the acquisition possible.

L.P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock celebrated its 65th birthday in December in great style with music and costumes of the twenties. The whole town was intrigued by the accompanying publicity and large numbers attended the birthday party. This beautiful old library has been architecturally re-designed to meet today's demands.

Bookmobile service to schools was eliminated in September and direct assistance to schools through extension librarian drastically curtailed. The region continues to operate eighteen school libraries with funds provided by the school board involved. The success of the operation has been such that the School Board realizes the importance of good school libraries and it is probable that they will hire qualified people in the next school year.

A decline in bookmobile use because of the restricted scheduling was offset by spiralling circulation in all of the region's libraries. The use of the music collection has tripled and the library is receiving deserved recognition for a well-balanced and growing collection.

York arranged for a fall tour of the Province by the Canadian Puppet Festivals of Chester, Nova Scotia. Thirty-eight performances and several workshops were presented in libraries and schools. Cost of the tour was shared equally by the public libraries, schools and the Department of Youth, Recreation and Cultural Resources.

A budget increase of less than 2% together with a proposed 10% deduction in manpower resulted in Board members meeting with Government to discuss the untenable position in which library services were being placed. The public, alerted through the news media, overwhelmingly gave the library its support. The Premier and Minister were attentive to the points at issue and Board members were reassured that library concerns were of high priority within the Department.

The Year of the Child was celebrated throughout the region with speakers, programs and a wide range of unusual activities. The Children's Book Festival was prompted through visits by N.B. authors and also that of Frances Duncan whose visit to the Woodstock Library was a great success.

A three-day workshop was held at the regional headquarters for instruction in poster and sign-making. As a result several staff members have discovered hidden talents and are putting them to good use. The workshop was given by a Fredericton artist, and retired staff member.

The main highlights for the year 1979-1980 in the Haut-Saint-Jean Region can be summarized as follows.

The St. Quentin Public Library was officially transferred from Chaleur to Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region at the beginning of April 1979. With this addition, the Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library now includes four public libraries, one bookmobile and a trailer.

Service points of the region have participated actively in the celebration of the National Book Festival during the week of April 2-8, 1979 with exhibitions of books, drawing contest, films and story hours centered around Canadian books and authors.

In order to encourage patrons to borrow and read Canadian books, these are now identified with maple leaf stickers on the back.

The Grand Falls Public Library celebrated its 30th anniversary during the year.

In April, the Regional Library received a gift of 100 French books from the Canada Council as part of the Council Book Kit Exchange Programme.

A project, titled "La parole est aux enfants/Let's hear it from the children", was launched at the beginning of May and continued throughout the year. More than 100 children participated in the project by expressing their opinions about books they had read. A certificate of participation was given to each of them.

During amnesty days, from May 21-31, 1979, a number of long overdue books were recovered.

New rules and regulations for implementation throughout the region were adopted by the Library Board.

A publicity brochure about the library region was prepared and distributed.

A new librarian, Jeanne Maddix, was hired to replace Jacques Presseault as head of the Edmundston Public Library.

During their tour of the province in October, the Canadian Puppet Festival gave four performances in this region. More than 500 people, mostly children, saw the play.

In October, as part of a weekend of celebrations called Le Salon de la Jeunesse and organized by a local committee for the International Year of the Child, an information booth was prepared by a group of children and members of the Edmundston Public Library and Regional Library staff.

The Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library Board strongly opposed the contingency plan proposed by the Treasury Board by which 10% of the staff would be cut.

Important changes were made to the bookmobile and trailer stops beginning with January 1980 in order to reduce heavy operating expenses and also to keep our bookmobile running a little longer since it was rapidly deteriorating.

Since our bookmobile is not circulating in the Kedgwick-St. Quentin area, because of distance and wear, book deposits have been made to St-Jean-Baptiste and Kedgwick elementary schools in District #1.

Service at the Edmundston Public Library was disturbed many times during the year because of construction and repair work being done to the adjacent building. In November, the library was closed to the public for three weeks in order that a new heating and ventilation system be installed in the building housing the library. Plans are presently being studied to expand the library, which would increase the space by 2,516 square feet, from the present 2,984 square feet to 5,500 square feet.

A new membership card and application card have been designed and adopted by the Regional Library Board.

#### COLLÈGE COMMUNAUTAIRE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK Campus de Bathurst

Au cours de l'été 1979, une étudiante a été embauchée pour aider la bibliothécaire dans l'inventaire des documents. Une perte de 83 volumes pour une collection de près de 50,000 documents a été constatée.

Depuis Septembre 1979, les professeurs reçoivent les revues courantes dès leur réception à la bibliothèque.

#### UNIVERSITE DE MONCTON BIBLIOTHEQUE CHAMPLAIN

La Bibliothèque Champlain du Centre universitaire de Moncton a introduit en date du 1er novembre 1979 le system UTLAS comme support catalographique. En 18 semaines, 4,425 titres ou 5,112 volumes ont été catalogués et versés au com-catalogue. Le service catalogue actuellement en moyenne 500 titres par semaine à \$3.75 le titre. Une fois la période d'entraînement complétée nous espérons pouvoir atteindre 600 volumes par semaine et abaisser le coût à \$3.25 le titre. Le personnel a accepté l'automatisation avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme et voit dorénavant la possibilité de traiter, outre les nouvelles acquisitions, les nombreux volumes en arriéré (environ 40,000 titres) dans un temps relativement court de 2 à 3 ans.

Un comité de réaménagement et d'agrandissement de la Bibliothèque Champlain, mis sur pieds par l'administration de l'Université et présidé par le Bibliothécaire en chef a déjà fait des recommandations importantes à l'Université. En première phase, la bibliothèque récupérera à l'été 1980 tous les espaces du sous-sol maintenant occupés par le musée, la galerie d'art et les services audio-visuels, soit quelque 12,000 p.c. En 2e phase le comité recommande une extension de 40,000 p.c. à l'édifice actuel de manière à répondre aux besoins pour les 10 prochaines années. Cet agrandissement est prévu pour 1982-1983 et coûterait autour de 2,300,000.

L'Université s'est montré favorable aux recommandations du comité et tentera d'obtenir l'accord de la Commission d'Enseignement Supérieure des Maritimes.

Devant la difficulté grandissante de maintenir ses abonnements aux périodiques, la Bibliothèque a procédé à un élagage sérieux de ses collections et devra dans les mois qui viennent diminuer de façon drastique les sommes réservées à cet item au budget. En compensation, elle introduira dès le printemps un terminal en Référence pour l'accès aux bases de données les plus importantes sur le marché.

#### UNB LIBRARY

The second annual Book Show took place in the Harriet Irving Library at Encaenia time, May 1979. Devised and set up by Roberta Wilson Weiner, it focussed on the illustrated book over the centuries up to and including computer produced art.

To mark the centenary of the birth of the former Chancellor, Lord Beaverbrook, the University unveiled a memorial plaque in the Lady Beaverbrook Residence on October 18, 1979, and the Library presented a display of Beaverbrook memorabilia in its Beaverbrook Room. This included rare Canadiana, autographed volumes and manuscripts, and intriguing photos of persons and occasions from 1926 to 1964 recording notable events in Lord Beaverbrook's long connection with the Province and the University.

The Library's Display Committee mounted fifteen exhibits on a wide range of themes: Mushroom Club; Indians of New Brunswick; Old Arts Building; Nobel Prize Winners/Israel and Egypt; Oxford University Press; Victorian bindings; Opera; Dolls from the doll hospital; Pompeii, 79 A.D.; Einstein Centennial; Engineering Anniversary; Mental Health Week; Fairy Tales; Lord Beaverbrook, 1879-1964.

The Library's Atlantic Provinces Newspaper Collection will be greatly strengthened through a grant of \$30,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The Library will be purchasing all the files of the Atlantic newspapers now available in microform, building on the strong collection it already has for the study of the region's history, social structure and development.

The Science Library added QL and MEDLINE to the on-line information retrieval services it offers. Clients for these services, within and outside the University, continue to increase in number.

In October and November 1979 the Computing Centre and the Library cooperated in a successful six week demonstration of the IBM DOBIS on-line system as a prelude to the evaluation of alternatives conducted in January and February 1980 by the AAU's consultant, Ian MacLean.

New staff members were Marshall "Peter" Clinton who came from Memorial to be UNB's first Assistant University Librarian, and Laurie Bildfell who came from London, Ontario, to replace Lorraine Dicks in the Reference Department. Jane Veach, formerly Forestry Librarian, transferred from the Science Library to the Engineering Library as assistant to Everett Dunfield.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

Le personnel de la Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative a connu plusieurs changements au cours de la dernière année. En effet, Gesine Bottomley a démissionné de son poste comme bibliothécaire préposé au catalogage. Elle a été remplacée par Richard Anderson anciennement employé à la Bibliothèque de l'Université du Nouveau-Brunswick dans la section du développement des collections. Susan Flewelling et Patricia Davis, deux membres du personnel de soutien, ont aussi quitté leur emploi. Elles ont été remplacées respectivement par Léa LeBlanc et Coleen Stelle.

In preparation for the Bi-Centennial of the Province of New Brunswick, we have prepared a research project to be published in 1984. This project, which has been tentatively entitled *New Brunswick Executive and Legislative Directory, 1784-1984*, will contain such information as Lieutenant-Governors, Premiers, heads of government departments, Speakers of the Legislative Assembly, Clerks of the Legislative Assembly, election results by electoral districts and by date of election, by-elections, electoral boundaries, election legislation, etc...

With financial assistance from the Department of Municipal Affairs, it was possible to hire a researcher and to complete the section of the Directory pertaining to elections, electoral districts and election legislation. Since this material is ready, we are looking at the possibility of publishing it as a separate section during the coming year.

La Bibliothèque continue ses efforts pour faire connaître les publications du

gouvernement. La liste de contrôle annuelle des publications reçues à la Bibliothèque pour l'année 1978 a été publiée en juillet dernier. Nous espérons avoir complété et publié la liste de 1979 vers la fin avril.

#### COUNCIL OF HEAD LIBRARIANS NB

The annual meeting of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick was held at the Centre universitaire Saint-Louis-Maillet in Edmundston on May 14, 1979.

The Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick expressed its concern on the status of the APLA Cooperative Book Storage Centre Committee and also expressed hope that this committee will be reactivated during the coming year.

A committee was formed to work on "New Brunswick Indexing Project". This committee was appointed to make an inventory of New Brunswick documents. To proceed with a resolution stating "the possibility of giving a workshop of indexing practices", such a workshop was held in Fredericton on October 23 and 24, 1979. With more than 40 inscriptions, the workshop proved to be a success.

The Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick participated actively on the advisory committee on the formation of a library technician program being developed by the New Brunswick Community College. The representatives of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick, Katherine LeButt and Albert Lévesque, attended one meeting last fall in Bathurst. A second meeting is scheduled for April 1980.

There was discussion on the decision of the federal government regarding the distribution of the federal publications to libraries. The Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick is very much satisfied with the idea of the Department of Supply and Services to establish a liaison committee with the depository libraries.

The next meeting of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick is scheduled for May 12, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude Potvin

Vice-President, New Brunswick

#### REPORT FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

##### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Pearce Penney, Chief Provincial Librarian, reports that the **Newfoundland Public Libraries** Board has committed itself to developing public library services on a regional plan. Therefore, a great deal of the Board's time, as well as the Administrative staff, is spent on the implementation of this plan. It is a slow process but we are accomplishing the goal.

**Avalon Region:** In July the Avalon Region was established giving us our fourth regional in the Province. This region has jurisdiction over 20 local libraries on the Avalon Peninsula, excluding the City of St. John's and two bookmobiles.

**Five Year Development Plan:** Throughout the summer and fall we were busy preparing a five year plan of programmes and assigning the financial data required. In the five year plan we hope to complete the regionalization plan.

**Standards for Public Libraries:** Early in the year the Board appointed a committee consisting of two Board members and three professional librarians to prepare standards for public libraries in the Province. The committee presented its proposals which were adopted by the Board at its January meeting. These standards will be used for all future library development in the Province, and hopefully some of our existing libraries will be upgraded.

**Library Trustee Workshop:** The Board has adopted as one of its ongoing programmes "leadership to regional and local library board through a continuing programme of Trustee workshops." Last year the Board conducted five. This year it went to Labrador and conducted another one.

**Local Librarians Workshops:** This was the year for our Local Librarians Workshop which was held at Gander. People who work in our local branch libraries throughout the Province attended. There were 108 employees of which 75 were from the local libraries and 33 were either provincial or regional personnel.

**Manual for Regional Librarians:** We have decided to prepare a manual for our regional librarians to assist them and us in the management of the various levels of public library services. It will be of paramount importance to a new regional librarian when first coming into the position.

**Study of Provincial Reference Department:** The Provincial Board approved a proposal to undertake a study of the role of the Provincial Reference Department in relation to the Public Library System in the Province. The Library Consultant firm of Deckman Associates was hired and Dr. John Black has been conducting interviews with the staff both in the reference department and related departments. Also the regional librarians have been interviewed for their concepts and ideas on the relationship of the regions to a Provincial Resource Library. At the time of writing this report the Board was waiting for the final report.

In early February, 1980, the Public Library Services was delighted to receive approximately \$10,000 worth of books published by Breakwater Books Ltd. from the Newfoundland Department of Tourism. These will be dispersed throughout the system.

**Unionization of Staff:** The staff of the Public Library Services have joined the C.U.P.E. Union and will be seeking their first contract for the 1980/81 fiscal year. All professional librarians have been excluded from the union.

##### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

A policy statement on the operation of school libraries in Newfoundland has been prepared and is in its second draft. There is an increased awareness of school libraries and almost without exception there is some sort of library service in every school in the Province. Declining enrollments have had an effect on staff to the extent that now there is usually a room available for a centralized collection. However, trained staff to organize and maintain it is still a problem. The Department of Education's Task Force on Education addressed itself to this problem and specified a formula.

Linda Braine and Audrey Hiscock are working diligently on a bibliography of Newfoundland materials suitable for use in school libraries. It may be completed by our conference date.

In early February 1980 the Newfoundland Department of Tourism gave approximately \$35,000 worth of books (approximately 12 titles) published by Breakwater Books Ltd. directly to schools in the Province.

Unfortunately, those concerned about school libraries in Newfoundland were deeply saddened to learn of Audrey Hiscock's resignation on March 11, 1980 from her position as School Libraries Consultant with the Newfoundland Department of Education. She was very active and energetically involved in the school library field in this Province. Under her supervision there was much more of a positive awareness of what part a school library could play in the education of children. It is particularly unfortunate that this position be vacant at such a crucial time for school libraries.

##### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The Regional Librarian of the **Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre** of the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Mrs. Audrey Conroy, reports that they have begun to input their holdings into the supplement to the **Serials Holdings in Newfoundland Libraries** published by Memorial University Library. They have also completed a project of author indexing staff publications in the card catalogue. She also notes the name change of the Centre which occurred this year.

Mabel Farmer, Librarian at the **College of Fisheries, Navigation, Marine Engineering and Electronics** reports that Mrs. Suzanne Sexty, Acting Librarian for the academic year 1978/79, supervised the inclusion of periodicals in the **Serial Holdings in Newfoundland Libraries** published by Memorial University Library. Of the 470 recorded periodicals in the collection, there are many holdings which are

unique in the Province. Mrs. Mabel Farmer returned September 1, 1979 after a year's leave of absence in Swansea, Wales.

Heddy M. Peddle, Librarian at the **Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation Ltd.** reports that the Inforeach Library opened three years ago a business/technical library service to anyone in Newfoundland with a bona fide interest in business. Although the collection of 2,000 volumes and 120 periodical titles cannot be considered comprehensive, information requests and loan activity during 1979/80 was gratifying and encouraging.

The total membership of the Inforeach Library is now nearing the 1,000 mark. The average number of patron visits over the past year was approximately 90 per month, a figure which includes requests made through the Library's Books-by-Mail service. This service is proving very successful, and during the year the fifth and sixth issues of the Library's Catalogue of Selected Library Holdings were produced. The sixth issue was, in fact, a highlight in that it was a cumulation of all annotations published in the first five issues.

The Inforeach Library was also represented by display and attendance at various business functions during the year, such as the St. John's Board of Trade's Business Outlook for 1980 and Memorial University of Newfoundland School of Business' Annual Business Day.

#### UNIVERSITIES LIBRARIES

T.D. Phillips, University Librarian, reports one of the most important events to take place during the past year the **Memorial University of Newfoundland Library** was the introduction of the COM catalogue in September. Made possible by the Library's use of the Catalogue Support System (CATSS) of UTLAS, the first edition contained some 20,000 entries. Future plans call for an annual cumulation with cumulative bi-monthly supplements. It is interesting to note that over half of the teaching departments of the University are currently receiving the micro-catalogue in its fiche version. Copies have also been supplied to the Provincial Library Service, as well as to the University's Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook. It is not known when a complete retrospective conversion will take place. The Library has also agreed to take part in the SHARAF (Shared Authority File), a co-operative venture initiated by the Mississauga Public Library to develop a machine-readable authority file.

Significant progress was made on the construction of the Queen Elizabeth II Library. We are hoping to make the long-awaited move to this magnificent new structure during the late Spring or early Summer of 1981.

The past year also saw the publication of the 10th edition of Serial Holdings in Newfoundland Libraries. Containing over 25,000 records, it was the culmination of four years' effort in the libraries of the University, College of Trades and Technology, the Ocean Engineering Information Centre, and the Provincial Reference Library. A supplement including holdings of an additional four libraries was issued earlier this year. Much of the credit for the production of this long-awaited cooperative publication must go to the staffs of the contributing libraries.

The University Library continues to be a leader in the field of online computer searches, a service which has been offered to our users for many years. Not only do we perform among the largest number of searches of any library in Canada, we were the first academic library in North America to use European databases directly.

Elizabeth Behrens, Librarian at **Sir Wilfred Grenfell College** in Corner Brook, reports business as usual during 1979 but notes increased circulation and use in all areas and services which resulted in new shelving and microcabinets to house their growing collection. In June the College changed its name. The library is now acquiring a "Grenfelliana" collection of books by and about Grenfell. She is working diligently on the APLA Local Arrangements Committee for the 1980 conference and has helped prepare a slide/tape programme on Corner Brook and surroundings to promote APLA '80 at the '79 Moncton Conference.

#### LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

The **Newfoundland Library Association's** big project for the Fall was Library Week, November 3-10, 1979. The theme this year was "Libraries are Dynamite" which resulted in mixed reactions, but produced a good poster and interesting buttons; the sale of buttons was unexpectedly successful. A variety of contests, displays and press releases were all part of the activities.

The other major area of work of the Association this year has been on several publications. The easiest one, the membership directory, is complete. Work is continuing on a directory of public, academic and special libraries and on a collection of children's art, poetry and stories.

In addition to regular meetings there was one special guest speaker, Dr. John Black from the University of Guelph.

The **West Coast Library Association** has had a relatively quiet year in 1979/80. The annual meeting and election of officers was held at the Kindale Library in Stephenville in May. Officers elected were President H. Charles Cameron, Vice-President Elinor Benjamin, Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Behrens. The Fall meeting in October was hosted by Katherine Penney at the Medical Library of Western Memorial Regional Hospital. The meeting included a discussion of the plans for the Spring 1980 APLA conference and for Newfoundland Library Week. Members of the Association were very active in Library Week activities which included a Book Review contest for high school students in the Corner Brook and Deer Lake areas, other Library Week contests, media appearances, a Library Board Open House and library tours.

Edwin Watton, Secretary-Treasurer of the Educational Media Council of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association reports that their executive members have attended educational meetings at various levels and have expressed the philosophy and aspirations of resource based teaching. A standing committee was set up to examine the Task Force on Education as it applies to libraries. The Council has published three issues of the newsletter (Media Newfoundland), a "Directory of Resource Contacts in Newfoundland Schools", and "Picture Books for Primary Grades." An AGM-Conference was held at Gander in November 1979. Among the resource people present were Larry Miller, Ruby Peckford Johnson, Duane Starcher and Pearce Penney.

Respectfully submitted

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#### REPORT FOR NOVA SCOTIA

Most of the details of the past year's activities have been well covered in the APLA Bulletin. In this report I should therefore like to highlight and comment on a number of features of the past year that seem significant to me.

First of all, one must be impressed that Nova Scotia librarians are very busy people. Besides our own Association's meetings and conferences, several others are active in the Province. Without attempting to be comprehensive the list would include the Nova Scotia Library Association, the Nova Scotia School Library Association, the Nova Scotia School Library Association, the Halifax Library Association, the Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council, and the Nova Scotia On-Line Consortium. That is not to take into account the significant participation from Nova Scotia in national Library associations, as CLA, ALA and CASLIS! Much of the activity is concentrated in the City of Halifax. Major libraries are located there - public, university and special - as are related organizations as the Nova Scotia Public Archives, the Nova Scotia Museum, and most especially, the School of Library Science. It is not surprising therefore to find these libraries supporting a large number of Associations and a wide range of activities. Our own Association draws many members from Halifax, and makes the city the site of its highly successful mid-winter meetings. This year was no exception, and once again the Halifax Library Association organized a well attended workshop to coincide with the mid-winter meeting. The Dalhousie School of Library Science is another resource most immediately accessible by Halifax librarians, and once again the School organized a most impressive lecture series. While one must be enthusiastic about the richness of professional activities in Halifax, the opportunity

for participating in meetings and seminars elsewhere in the Province are by contrast rather limited. Some important meetings were held outside of Halifax. The Nova Scotia Library Association held its annual meeting in Yarmouth, and the Nova Scotia School Library Association held its in Sydney. The APLA Executive met in Wolfville, and the Library Committee of the Association of Atlantic Universities met in Antigonish and Truro. It is of course impossible to duplicate all the richness of activities in Halifax elsewhere in the Province, but our Association should give thought to providing greater participation for librarians in the Province outside of Halifax and its immediate surroundings. For that reason the proposal to provide discretionary funds to APLA Vice Presidents to stimulate activity in their Province should be supported by Nova Scotia librarians.

The second feature of this year's activities that is striking to me is that in spite of the restrictive economic climate a number of major building programmes have been completed this year, especially in government and college libraries. Pride of place must go to the new Nova Scotia Public Archives Building. The five storey building of about 75,000 square feet will have an official opening this Summer, though presently the Archivist, Hugh Taylor, and his staff are in the process of moving in. They are to host a meeting of the Halifax Library Association in early April "even if they have to sit on the floor." They hope to be operational in three weeks to a month. Already operational in their new quarters as of today, the 19th of March, is the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. The big move went faster and smoother than they had hoped, the whole move being accomplished in seven instead of the planned ten days. Another major government building is nearing completion, the Agricultural Research Station in Kentville, which includes new quarters for the Library. They hope to move in August/September of this year. On the College front, the Learning Resources Centre of the Nova Scotia Teachers College in Truro is operating in new quarters, and to celebrate the occasion hosted a special meeting of the Atlantic Association of Universities Library Committees. The building has three levels, and brings together Library, teaching, and audio-visual functions. One interesting feature is the integration of audio visual materials and print materials on the shelves. The College of Cape Breton in Sydney is moving to a new Campus, and the library finds itself in an exciting Information Communication Centre, which combines the Library, Audio Visual, the Language Laboratory and Speech Programme under one roof. The building features energy saving devices, and utilises solar energy to a considerable extent. At Acadia University the Watson Kirkconnell Room was officially opened, to house the library and papers of the eminent scholar. There does not seem to have been a comparable number of new buildings in the public library field, though the Cumberland Regional Library was pleased with the opening of the new Parrsboro Branch.

The most worrisome development in the past year at least for University libraries, is the troubled future of library cooperation in our Province and indeed, Region. A major cooperative venture, the AAU/BNA Project is faltering and a search is on for a replacement system. It is clear however that tough decisions will have to be made especially by the University libraries if cooperation on the scale of the AAU/BNA Project is to be continued. Moreover, to any thinking librarian, the impact of AACR2 and desuperimposition on the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue must be a source of concern. The economics of maintaining the Union Catalogue in its present form must be formidable. It is obvious that the benefits of cooperation must be reassessed, especially in the context of computerised systems. If strong support is not forthcoming in practical and not merely rhetorical terms, then library cooperation is likely to go into decline in Nova Scotia in the early eighties.

Things look more positive in School Libraries. As announced in the November APLA Bulletin, the Minister of Education appointed a Nova Scotia Task Force on School Libraries. The task Force has presented its interim report to the Minister, outlining the main areas of concern as made evident in public meetings and briefs presented to the Task Force. Members are now beginning to draft their Final Report, which they hope to have in the hands of the Minister before the end of June.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice President, Nova Scotia

#### REPORT FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

##### HOLLAND COLLEGE

A very useful **Directory of local information sources** was produced this year listing resources and special collections held by organizations, boards and some government departments.

In the summer the library was painted, carpeted, and re-arranged, and an inventory was done of all catalogued materials.

Karen Litton resigned from her position as librarian at Holland College, Charlottetown Centre, and was appointed to the position of Children's Librarian at Confederation Centre Public Library in Charlottetown.

##### PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

A major project initiated this year was a study of the costs and benefits of a book catalogue for the public libraries system. User surveys taken indicated a very positive response to the idea. Precise determination of costs remains to be done.

The **Processing Centre**, in addition to its regular workload, also processed the entire library collection for the new West Isle Composite High School.

On January 1, the **Public Archives**, which is housed at the Confederation Centre in Charlottetown, was transferred from the jurisdiction of the Provincial Secretary to that of the Provincial Library.

In the **Media Centre** the film and videotape collections continue to grow, and bookings have increased to 37,000 annually. About sixty-five per cent of the Media Centre's usage is by schools. Other users include the University of Prince Edward Island, government departments, and a wide range of community groups and individuals.

At the **Planning Library** Barbara Baxter, librarian in charge for the past five years, resigned from her position in September and was replaced by Marion Kielly, formerly Children's Librarian at Confederation Centre Public Library.

In January, 1980, a new branch library with about 2500 volumes was opened in the village of Kinkora in its new community centre. A new facility is under construction in the village of Morell to replace the temporary quarters now housing the library.

Dawn Hooper, Bookmobile Librarian for the past four years, resigned in February and was replaced by Brenda Brady, a 1979 graduate of the University of Toronto School of Library Science.

**Confederation Centre** experienced its busiest year ever in both adult and children's sections. In the summer the inventory which has been ongoing each summer since 1976 reached the 900 and Biography sections. The extent of the losses resulted in the decision to install a book theft detection system early in the next fiscal year.

In February, Karen Litton assumed the position of Children's Librarian.

##### LIBRARY WEEK

Library Week, February 17-23, 1980, sponsored jointly by the Provincial Library and the Prince Edward Island School Library Association, was even more successful than last year. The theme was "Library Fever".

A variety of book and craft displays were held in about fifteen of the branch libraries, and at Confederation Centre. Window and showcase displays were also made in downtown Charlottetown, and large book displays were held in the Charlottetown Mall and the Summerside Waterfront Mall. Library staff were on hand at the Mall displays to talk to the public and to register non-users who stopped at the displays.

The Summerside display was sponsored jointly by the branch libraries and the Canadian Book Information Centre. A very popular "evening of poetry and song" was held at the Eptek Centre, with C.B.I.C. sponsoring the reception following. Summerside Radio Station CJRW broadcast live from the display for a two hour period Thursday afternoon.

Charlottetown's Confederation Centre Public Library sponsored a clown show for pre-schoolers, an evening film, "Margaret Laurence, First Lady of Manawaka", and a poster contest.

School libraries across the Island hosted a number of special activities, including a magic show, scuba diving equipment demonstration, and costume parties where children dressed as characters from their favorite books.

#### CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

Once again the Children's Book Festival was held in November with the Confederation Centre Children's Library and many school libraries participating. A highlight of the Festival was author Sandy Duncan who gave readings from her work in several libraries.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The latest phase of the school construction program saw the opening in Prince County of a new composite high school with a well stocked library resource centre.

Declining school enrolments continue to have a negative impact on the staffing of school libraries in many areas as the position of librarian is eliminated or made part time. This trend has prompted the School Library Association to form a committee to study the question of the survival of school librarians.

The School Library Association held workshops in conjunction with its Spring and Fall meetings. Irene Aubrey from the children's division of the National Library spoke on the Library's resources in the field of Canadian children's literature. Blair Thompson spoke on Unicef and the International Year of the Child, drawing attention to materials on the topic which are available free to schools and libraries. Kathy Sklaar reported on an international conference she attended in Denmark. Its program included children's literature, cultural opportunities, and library services. British Columbia author, Frances Duncan, talked about her writing for children and read one of her new unpublished stories.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LIBRARY

The Robertson Library continues its very active role in library service to its own university community and to over four thousand off campus users.

Shelving has been added which can accommodate an additional 25,000 volumes and special shelving for oversize and illustrated books has also been acquired.

A study of the rising cost of library books and periodicals was done during the year. It concluded that costs have risen one hundred per cent since 1972-73. A special study of indexes and abstracts reached a similar conclusion. It is hoped that these results may convince the library's funding body to increase grants to the Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Forsyth  
Vice-President, P.E.I.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### COMMITTEE ON AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The responsibility of the Committee on Aims and Objectives is to regularly review the aims and objectives of the Association and to make recommendations for changes in either. Because of the very general nature of the aims and objectives as expressed in the constitution, it is difficult to get a firm grasp on this job. An added difficulty for the committee is the impracticability of meeting except in conjunction with regular executive meetings, when the provincial vice-presidents, who make up the committee, are heavily involved in their other responsibilities.

The primary function of the committee can only be that of "watch dog" on the operations of the association, assisting the Executive and committees to operate within the official aims and objectives of the association. This can best be done by close involvement in the work of the Executive and the various committees.

Because the membership meets only once a year, most of the work of the Association must necessarily be done by the Executive and committees. It is important that those elected or appointed to Executive and committees should be as representative as possible of the membership. Sometimes we have tended to be so concerned with geographic representation that we have neglected representation by type of library, type of work, etc. The Association should continue to broaden the base of membership to include all levels of library worker so that it is more than a professional organization. This broader base must be reflected in the make-up of the Executive and Committees.

Bertha Higgins, Councillor on Aims and Objectives, Convener  
Iain Bates, Vice-President for Nova Scotia  
Barbara Eddy, Vice-President for Newfoundland  
Pam Forsyth, Vice-President for Prince Edward Island  
Claude Potvin, Vice-President for New Brunswick  
Lorraine McQueen, President (ex-officio)

#### BULLETIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Bulletin Management Board met three times during the year 1979/80.

In addition to discussing technical matters relating to the production of the **Bulletin**, the Board:

received notices from Bonita Boyd and Andrew Poplawski that they would be resigning as Advertising Editor and Managing Editor respectively at the end of volume 43.

received notice that Eric Swanick and Elizabeth Hamilton had been appointed Editor and Managing Editor respectively for two-year terms beginning with volume 44.

agreed to produce, in conjunction with the Publications Committee, a procedures manual for **Bulletin** editors.

agreed to include issues of the publication **Books Now** with each issue of the **Bulletin**.

recommended to the Executive that institutional subscription rates for the **Bulletin** stay in line with personal membership rates, i.e., if personal membership fees are increased, subscription rates should rise to the same level.

dropped **Library Literature** from the list of complimentary subscriptions as it has decided to no longer index the **Bulletin**.

agreed that "final notices" would be sent to non-renewing institutional subscribers in October and that, if payment had not been received by January, the subscription would be considered "dead".

approved new advertising rates for the **Bulletin**.

As of 20 March 1980, the **Bulletin** had 175 active paid subscriptions plus 16 complimentary subscriptions.

Joan Moore, Convener (May - August, 1979)  
J. Elizabeth Sutherland, Convener (August, 1979 - April 1980)  
Bonita Boyd  
Peter Glenister  
Andrew Poplawski  
Margot Schenk

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Letters were sent to all Standing Committee Conveners, as well as to those Special Committees being reactivated. Reconvening of the Atlantic Book Storage Centre Committee was postponed, pending receipt of the report of the Bibliographic Centre Committee.

George Chiasson, Glace Bay, was appointed Convener of the newly-formed APLA

Trustees Committee.

Proposed Guidelines were received from A. Poplawski for the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann D. Nevill, Convener

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association Membership Committee met once during the year, on Feb. 2, 1980. During the rest of the year, the committee members conferred by telephone and by letter.

The committee had as a target the 1978/79 membership figure of 318. In an effort to surpass this total, the committee attempted to encourage the renewal of previous memberships and also conducted a campaign for new members. Renewal notices were sent to all those who had not yet renewed with vol. 43, no. 1. Those 1978/79 members who did not respond to these two notices received letters from their provincial vice-presidents urging them to renew their memberships. The campaign for new members involved APLA members in libraries throughout the region as co-opted members of the committee. Campaign "kits", together with covering letters from the appropriate provincial vice-presidents asking for help in recruiting new members, were mailed to these contact people. The campaign kits included membership application forms, sample copies of the APLA bulletin, and open letters from the provincial vice-presidents describing APLA and its activities and pointing out the advantages of membership.

The efforts of the committee were successful in that APLA now boasts a total of 333 members, as of March 20, 1980.

Membership:	1978/79	1979/80*
Honorary and life members	6	6
Members who rejoined in the previous fiscal year	32	53
Members who rejoined in the current fiscal year	214	206
New members joining for the whole fiscal year	47	43
New members joining for half of the fiscal year	19	25**
Total members	318	333

Provincial breakdowns:	1978/79	1979/80*
New Brunswick	93	88
Newfoundland	26	50
Nova Scotia	164	158
Prince Edward Island	25	20
Other	10	17
	318	333

\*as of March 20, 1980

\*\*includes 5 "lapsed" members

Other activities of the committee included:

A column by the committee convener in most issues of the **APLA bulletin**.

The automation of the membership list and the **Bulletin** subscription list.

The production of a membership directory, which was sent to members with the January issue of the **Bulletin**.

The mailing of membership cards/receipts to all members.

Next year the committee will work toward increasing membership, particularly among those members of the library community who are not working professional librarians, e.g., library trustees, library school students, library technicians and library assistants.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee recommends that By-law V, Section 1(iv), which governs its operation, be amended to provide that committee membership, in addition to the councillor for membership and the president, include the treasurer and the four provincial vice-presidents, with other committee members to be co-opted as necessary.

Susan Svetlik, Convener  
Iain Bates  
Barbara Eddy  
Pamela Forsyth  
Lorraine McQueen  
Claude Potvin  
Betty Sutherland.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ALBERTA LETTS MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The uncertainties of the terms of reference of this committee have been clarified during the year 1979-80. At the request of the Executive the Committee has suggested terms of reference, a copy of which is attached. Because the Memorandum of Agreement with the Atlantic Trust Company could no longer be adhered to, the Agreement was examined and revised to reflect the wishes of the Association to continue the Trust in perpetuity. Confirmation from the Government has been received that the changes will not affect its status as a charitable trust.

Because of the lack of response to advertisements since the first award in 1975 it has been decided to widen the terms under which an award may be made.

Methods of advertising and promotion have been investigated. After clarification of the terms of reference of the Committee and of the amount of money available for an award, advertisements were placed in the **APLA Bulletin** and in **Feliciter**.

A history of the Fellowship Trust was prepared by Mollie Cameron which was published in the January 1980 issue of the **APLA Bulletin**.

Further publicity was obtained by a letter to the Editor of the **Halifax Mail-Star** in connection with a story about the first award winner, Alice Harrison, and her work in salvaging the records from the fire at the Brunswick Street United Church.

At the time of preparation of this report one application has been received.

Assets held at December 31, 1979 amount to \$7,676.24. The amount available for an award is \$1,368.00.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the suggested terms of reference be adopted.

That the financial statement of the trust company be audited by the APLA auditor to ensure that it conforms with the presentation of the other Association accounts.

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR APLA ALBERTA LETTS MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE AS SUGGESTED AT COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 1980.

Name of Standing Committee is the APLA Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship Committee.

The Committee should always have some representation from Halifax because the Trust is based in and administered by the Atlantic Trust in Halifax.

The Committee is to be governed by the following:

1. To solicit sufficient funds to maintain a fellowship as a memorial to Alberta Letts.
2. To deposit funds received with an appropriate Trustee.
3. As funds allow to seek and select suitable recipients of the fellowship.
4. The fellowship is to be awarded to a librarian with at least five years experience who is actively engaged in library work in Canada.
5. The fellowship is to be awarded for a project with benefit to the profession as a whole. As an example, attendance at and participation in a suitable workshop may qualify, as may investigative study visits to other libraries and institutions. Attendance at a conference is not eligible.

- 6. The amount of the award to be the interest on hand plus not more than 10% of the principal.
- 7. If no award is made in any one year the funds to be applied to an award or awards in any subsequent years.
- 8. To direct the Trustee to pay over such monies as are required under the terms of the award to a recipient.
- 9. To report regularly to the Executive on the state of the fellowship account.
- 10. To make recommendations annually on the state of the fellowship account, and on the continuation or winding-up of the fellowship.

Ellen Webster, Convener  
 Mollie Cameron  
 Shirley Elliott  
 Mary Beth Harris  
 Bertah Higgins  
 Mary McCullough  
 Margaret Williams

**COMMITTEE ON THE CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS**

The Conservation Committee has been active this year in fulfillment of two important program goals. We have continued our efforts to provide educational programs for librarians; a workshop on coping with disasters that damage collections was presented at the mid-winter meeting of APLA in February 1980. Most of our energy, however, since the Moncton conference a year ago, has gone into the questionnaire we designed and mailed in pursuit of our second program goal.

This goal, as specified in our first annual report, is the gathering of "information about conservators, resources, local programs, and the need for conservation in all four provinces of the Atlantic area". A questionnaire of fifteen items was agreed upon near the end of November, and with special assistance from Mr. Robert Knott of Atlantic Bookbinding Ltd., was readied for mailing in early December. We are grateful to Mr. Knott for having worked with us throughout the year; the benefit of his experience was an invaluable aid. His kind donation of paper, envelopes and printing facilities enabled us to distribute the questionnaire very widely and still to remain within our budget. The committee wishes to thank Mr. Knott, and to acknowledge our debt to him publicly in this report.

Returns of the completed questionnaire are still trickling in, but enough have now been received to enable us to claim success for the project. Of the 386 forms sent out to Atlantic libraries, archives, galleries and museums, approximately 100 returns are awaiting the scrutiny of the committee. Preliminary scanning confirms our initial feelings that we would learn a great lot about local conservation activities by means of the questionnaire. A complete report on the information so gathered can be expected to appear in a future installment of Alice Harrison's "Bulldog Clips" in the *Bulletin*. Once this information has been compiled, we will be in a better position to plan conservation seminars that are relevant to local needs.

The membership of the current committee hopes to continue to be active in conservation issues in the coming year. It is hoped that this year will see the establishment of another conservation committee in some other Atlantic center, and that local committees will be common in the future. We are confident that the momentum of positive action in pursuit of our program goals which the current committee has set in motion can be communicated to another group which will build on our good beginnings with even more ambitious accomplishments of its own.

Tom Flemming, Convener  
 Mary Blackford  
 Shirley Elliot  
 Maud Godfrey  
 Alice Harrison  
 Fred Matthews  
 Ellen Webster  
 Susan Whiteside

**INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE**

The past year has been a relatively quiet one as far as censorship issues in the Atlantic Provinces are concerned. Unfortunately, this has resulted in intellectual freedom being regarded by some librarians as a peripheral or non-issue.

Much of the year was spent in organizing the committee and developing its terms of reference, as has been reported in the *Bulletin*.

The major project of the year has been the television spot message. Its production was the responsibility of the New Brunswick subcommittee.

Provincial committee members have gathered information from public libraries concerning the inclusion of the CLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom in selection policies. The next step will be to obtain this information from school and academic libraries. The future activities of the committee can then be planned accordingly.

A clipping file of intellectual freedom matters is being maintained and is available to interested members.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee recommends that the By-laws be revised to establish the Intellectual Freedom Committee as a standing committee of APLA.

Respectfully submitted  
 Andrew Poplawski, Convener

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The publication *Thirty-Four Atlantic Provinces Authors* along with posters depicting the authors was distributed to school and public libraries in the four Atlantic Provinces. Angela Rebeiro of the Canadian Book Information Centre assumed responsibility for the mailing. The funds for mailing tubes and postage were provided from the Canada Council grant which was given to APLA to fund the booklet.

*APLA Proceedings 1979* was published and distributed. Eric Swanick and Elizabeth Hamilton have accepted the posts of Editor and Managing Editor respectively of the *APLA bulletin* as of Volume 44, no. 1.

The committee is interested in preparing standards and guidelines for official publications. These would be available for all committees and members to use.

The committee agrees in principle that a history of APLA should be prepared. The President will take under advisement the question of how this should be done.

The committee will prepare terms of reference for the positions of editor, managing editor and advertising editor of the *APLA bulletin*. These descriptions will be suitable for insertion in the Procedure Manual.

The committee plans to publish the papers of the speakers at the 1980 Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Margot Schenk, Convener  
 Lynn Murphy  
 Jean Sawyer  
 Eric Swanick (corresponding)  
 Betty Sutherland (ex officio)

**COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

The Committee met twice during the year and addressed itself to two major matters which relates back to the original mandate of the Committee which was to prepare a directory-type listing for Library (Related) Organizations in the Atlantic Provinces and a feasibility study of membership in APLA being linked with either membership in CLA or ASTED.

On the former topic the Committee has compiled a directory-type listing of Library (Related) Organizations in the Atlantic Provinces which appeared as a supplement to *APLA bulletin* V.43, No. 3. An update is in preparation with some changes in its format. The Committee would be pleased to hear from APLA members as to their reaction, whether favourable or otherwise.

The question of membership in APLA being linked with either membership in CLA or ASTED has not been resolved to-date. ASTED has advised our Committee that their organization is prepared to accept a form of collaboration with APLA, if we are agreeable to the proposal, which is as follows:

ASTED would consider APLA a member without having to pay a membership fee. APLA would offer the same benefit. APLA would receive all documents that ASTED publishes and vice versa; thus keeping both organizations up to date. This would be announced, according to importance, in the publications of the two organizations.

This implies that ASTED is prepared to accept a reciprocal membership link between the two organizations with a free exchange of publications but the same arrangement would not be extended to individual members of APLA.

On the other hand CLA has responded by stating that at the June Council meeting 1978, there was a discussion on the question of relationships with other organizations in very general terms and again in October of the same year at which time a document outlining current relationships and options for cooperation was reviewed.

It was the view of the Council that an ad hoc Committee of Council be established to investigate the subject further. Also MacDonald was appointed Convener of that committee, and submitted his report at the October meeting in 1979. In the report there are a number of proposed types of organizational linkage ranging from a complete reorganization of CLA to a Bi-Lateral arrangement between CLA and the various Provincial and Regional Library Associations.

Our Committee has not been advised of the status of that report by the CLA Council and until such time we cannot elaborate further.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. The Committee recommends that its mandate to study the membership in APLA being linked with membership in CLA, be extended for another year pending the action of CLA to the report of its ad hoc Committee on relationships with other organizations.
- 2. The Committee recommends that membership on the Committee should be representative of each province in the Atlantic region in accordance with Article VII, Sub-Section (f) of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Pearce J. Penney, Convener  
 Pauline Home  
 Barbara Eddy  
 Albert Levesque  
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 Elizabeth Sutherland

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# People

**Karen Litton**, a graduate of Simmons College School of Library Science, and formerly librarian at Holland College, Charlottetown Centre, was appointed Children's Librarian, Confederation Centre, Charlottetown, on February 4, 1980.

**Susan Evans** the Saint John Regional Library's first Library Technician, was hired as Library Assistant I at the East Branch.

In January, the Chairman of the St. Croix Public Library Board, **Lawrence Colpitts**, was transferred to a new position in Bathurst.

## Halifax School Libraries

**Margaret McCurdy** (Mary Eliza Franklin), Halifax author, continued as a popular guest speaker. The students are looking forward to her forthcoming picture book, which is in the process of preparation. A follow up to her presentation on the art of writing and illustrating books to Grades 5 and 6 at Titus Smith, will be a creative writing project in Language Arts, which they will illustrate

in their Art classes.

A recent junior high Health program at Major Stevens on the topic "Growing up Female" as it is portrayed in fiction has resulted in extensive borrowing of materials from other schools. Judy Brooks, librarian, has prepared an excellent Bibliography on the topic, for a copy contact the Library Department and we will send you one.

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#### SALARY:

Present salaries are being reviewed.  
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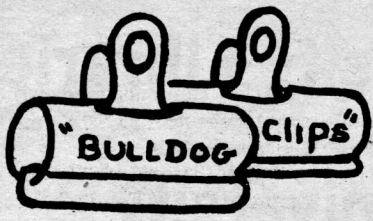
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**BULLDOG CLIPS**  
**CLIP NO. 14: REPORT ON**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE**

*Alice W. Harrison is Librarian, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, N.S.*

In the last issue it was announced that the subject of "mould" would be discussed in this issue. Since a number of research projects are still in progress, it was decided to postpone the report on the problems of mould in relation to library materials until July and use this issue to report on another project that has just been completed by the APLA Committee on the Conservation on Library Materials. This project might be of interest to a number of the delegates attending the Annual General Meeting of APLA in May.

In 1978, when the Committee was formed, we published three goals. These were: (1) To sponsor educational programmes dealing with library conservation. (2) To gather and make available information about conservators, resources, local programmes and the need

Before you file away "yet another questionnaire" please spare ten minutes for our plea for assistance in a matter of growing concern to all Atlantic Provinces libraries, archives and related institutions. Over the last few years a discernible rumble of consternation and inquiry has grown among the institutions of this area suffering the problems of paper conservation. Much of this consternation has been caused by the lack of available expertise, information and resources within this Atlantic region. In 1978 APLA established the Committee on Conservation as a means of organizing some concerted response to these problems from within the library community. We feel our first tentative efforts via workshops, have made a beginning, but they have also made us realize further action cannot be taken until we are much better informed as to: the nature and extent of your conservation needs, your most pressing problems, and possible conservation activity already undertaken. Hence this questionnaire.

Questionnaires can be either the Yes/No or essay type, requiring ten minutes or one hour for reply. In this case, please feel free to answer in whichever way best suits your situation. We need both detailed information, and opinion; you cannot swamp us with too much data so do not hesitate to add as many pages as your muse requires. If this questionnaire has not covered areas you think should be considered, please add them.

We hope to be able to give you a "state of the nation (or art)" report in the not too distant future, drawn from your replies. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you would return this questionnaire by January 10, 1980.

1. Is there an appreciable part of your collection that you regard as of permanent value, meriting and requiring special conservation attention?
2. Do you have a written policy regarding care and maintenance of your collections? If yes, please

for conservation in the Atlantic Provinces, and (3) To act as an information clearing-house for librarians.

In an attempt to achieve these goals our early efforts were directed towards the first goal by offering APLA workshops on conservation. The first was one offered in Moncton in May, 1979, and the second in Halifax in February, 1980. Three other lectures were given to local associations, the Halifax Library Association, the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Health Libraries Association. In fulfilling goal number three, we have been serving as a clearing-house for queries through correspondence and have answered approximately 25 queries to date. This column has also served as a means of communicating information on the conservation of library materials.

The Committee felt that in order to be of further assistance to the Atlantic region and in order to meet goal number two, we needed a means of obtaining information about conservation needs. We also considered whether any expertise might be available, of which we had not been aware. Therefore, it was decided that the next step was to acquire this information by means of a questionnaire.

On December 10, 1979, the following questionnaire was sent to 386 libraries, archives, art galleries, museums and other related institutions in the Atlantic Provinces.

enclose photocopy.

3. Do you administer any guidelines for the use of special materials in your collection? Please enclose photocopy of any printed instructions.
4. Have you a contingency plan for reacting to major accidents affecting the collection? Please enclose photocopy of any printed directions.
5. Have you facilities in-house or in your area for implementing emergency measures?
6. Can you explain the nature of your insurance protection — has library its own, or part of larger institution policy, has insurance company regulations limiting your emergency plan?
7. Is your library and/or the larger premises in which it may be housed, equipped in any way to meet conservation needs (air conditioning, climate control, light filtering,)?
8. Do you have a voice in decisions that affect your library environment; are you able to control your library environment?
9. Is any conservation or repair work done in-house? Is a particular staff member responsible for this? What kind of facilities have you?
10. Is conservation a specific item in your budget, and can you estimate percentage expenditure?
11. What bindery service(s) do you use for regular and special needs?
12. If you purchase conservation supplies, what are your sources?
13. Are there sources of expertise, within or outside your area, on which you draw for information or assistance?
14. What, if any, periodicals primarily concerned with conservation issues, do you subscribe to or consult?
15. Have you ideas about action that could be taken by Atlantic region libraries, and related institutions, to meet conservation problems? Be as general or as specific and personal as you like.

The list was compiled from two sources; the last issue of the *Atlantic Year Book* and the *Canadian Library Handbook, 1979-80*. We also consulted the *Directory of Interlibrary Loan Policies and Photocopy Services in Canadian Libraries (1978)*, and the *Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centers (1979)*.

The distribution of the 386 questionnaires was as follows: New Brunswick 55; Newfoundland 134; Nova Scotia 167; and Prince Edward Island 30. The response was tabulated mid-March. At that time 88 replies had been received (22.8%). The replies by Province were as follows: New Brunswick 20 (36%), Newfoundland 16 (12%), Nova Scotia 49 (29%), and Prince Edward Island 3 (10%).

It may be of interest, especially to those persons who were kind enough to reply to the questionnaire, to note some of the findings we have tabulated. Undoubtedly further study and analyzing of the reports will yield other information. For this article I will simply go down item by item, noting pertinent information.

Question 1: 33 stated that there was not any part of their collection requiring special attention and 55 indicated that there was an appreciable part that required special attention.

Question 2: Only 3 replied that they had a written policy regarding the care and maintenance of their collections.

Question 3: 19 replied that they did have some form of guidelines for the use of their special materials.

Question 4: 8 indicated that they had some kind of contingency plan in case of a major accident. These ranged from actual plans to indicating there was a booklet on file giving instructions. In some cases instructions were on file with fire departments.

Question 5: Most of the 13 indicated that facilities were available in the area, rather than in-house.

Question 6: 55 replied they had some type of insurance, usually part of a larger coverage. The ones indicating no insurance coverage were usually governmental agencies. A few indicated that coverage for rare books was under separate fine arts coverage.

Question 7: 32 made some type of affirmative reply to this question concerning environmental control. It included air-conditioning systems, humidifiers/dehumidifiers, and u.v. filtering for light.

Question 8: 49 replied that they have the opportunity to voice their suggestions, but it is in the follow-up and control that difficulties arise.

Question 9: There were 28 affirmative replies. All of these were minor repairs, with the exception of 2 institutions that had trained personnel to run the department.

Question 10: Only 6 replies indicated that conservation was a specific item in the budget. In one case it was 1% of the library budget. In another case it was listed as a part of binding. Another listed it under supplies. A few indicated budgeting for special equipment. Only two indicated adequate budgets.

Question 11: From replies to this question we have identified 8 binderies that are being used.

Question 12: For suppliers we now have a list of 18 sources for supplies. A number mentioned the Ontario Museum Association's *Conservation Supplies Manual, 1978*.

Question 13: For this question we received 17 replies, mostly the names of institutions such as CCI, Library of Congress and Smithsonian, as well as the various provincial archives, a number of museums and art galleries and in a few cases the names of staff members associated with the institutions.

Question 14: A total of 15 journals was named and these are now on file.

Question 15: The Committee found the 42 comments on this last question to be

the most helpful in that it gave us the picture of needs and also some constructive suggestions. 5 would like to see more workshops offered, but at times that did not conflict with other APLA meetings. 3 thought the workshops should be expanded into longer sessions, perhaps seminars or continuing education courses. 6 requested consultant services for advice pertaining to their own institutions. 5 suggested that some type of Centre be needed to serve the Atlantic region. 10 of these 10 suggestions it was for storage: in one case it was for a supply depot and the other 6 it was suggested that it be as a conservation centre similar to the former CCI branch at Moncton. 5 suggested the sharing of facilities of larger institutions with those of smaller ones and in one case the joining together with the help of someone such as Heritage Canada to form one adequate institution. A number suggested publishing ventures, both of the directory type of information and also articles in journals that would reach trustees and administrators. 1 suggested a central telephone number for Atlantic Canada that could be called in case of emergency. 2 were interested in microfilming projects. The topic of disasters and emergency help was mentioned 3 times, requesting book information and help in case of emergency. The rest of the replies were political in nature, such as suggesting a lobby against arbitrary removal of environmental controls, to the idea of encouraging the Council of Premiers to hire a conservator on a contract basis to evaluate the problems in conservation in the Maritimes and present a set of recommendations to the Council.

At the conclusion of the tabulation of the questionnaires it seemed advisable to make some general observations on the possible ways the Committee could be of assistance. Since so few had a type of policy statement and guidelines for the handling of special collections, it might be of help to publish and share the ones that do exist to give suggestions to others in the formulation of theirs.

Certainly we could publish the directory information requested such as services, telephone numbers, suppliers, journals and names of consultants.

Some of the major issues raised, such as regional centres, cooperation with other associations, seeking help from governmental agencies and budgetary problems could be topics for discussion at the Annual Conference and other APLA meetings.

A number of individual requests were made in the answers to the questionnaire that the Committee plans to act upon as soon as possible.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all who took the time to respond to the questionnaire and for the thoughtful and thorough way in which many of the replies were written.

In the next issue we will discuss mould in books.

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## Saint John Regional Library

### LIBRARY POSITION - OPEN

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January 1, 1980 not only marked the farewell to the 70's and the welcome to the 80's by the Saint John Regional Library, but also brought home the realization that there were only three months left in our budget year.

Staff members Ian Wilson, Howard Cogswell, Gertrude Barrett, B. Malcolm and Barbara Cowan will continue the regular Bi-weekly Television appearances of CHSJ-TV's Morning Show covering such topics as Talking Books, the Branches, puppets, indexes and consumer aids and career information. Karina Cockland and Eileen Travis giving their monthly noon-hour talks at City Hall under the auspices of the Social and Cultural Affairs Office of the City of Saint John, covering such topics as periodicals and microfilms, Great Music: The Romantic Spirit and Great Music: Pictures and Impressions.

The Library also produces a weekly FM radio program via C.F.B.C. FM Saint John and CFQM-FM Moncton. The program alerts the listener and prospective borrower to the new titles available in books, periodicals, government documents and records from the Adult and Children's collection. A monthly library column is also written for the monthly publication of the Saint John Board of Trade highlighting that portion of the library's collection more closely related to business and industry.

The Boys and Girls Department of the Central Library are featuring a monthly travelogue series. These presentations include guests from various countries, national stories and folk tales, films, games and book displays.

In March the department featured a special display on loan from the National Museum of Man, entitled "Toys Around the World". They have also issued for interested groups and the borrowing public a list of some 58 *Recommended Books for Very Young Children and Their Parents*.

The Boys and Girls Room has had a new drama program this year rather than the usual puppet club called "Spotlight on Fun" the children were encouraged to express themselves through interpretive movements as well as words. Staff members were assisted by Dan Scott, former artist in residence at UNB-Saint John. Puppets were used occasionally and the kit "Little Canadian Theatre" from the National Museum of Man was very helpful. Gertrude Barrett highly praises these kits for use in school and library and by writing to the National Museum of Man you can receive the brochure detailing these "free" kits.

The Information Center of the Central Library, for unexplained reasons, has experienced a 45% increase in demand for information for the ten month period April 1, 1979 - January, 1980 as compared with the same months for the previous year. The number of class visits has more than doubled and the use of reference materials has increased proportionally with the exception of microforms - use of which has increased 72%.

Barbara Cowan, Adult Services Librarian, attended a two day executive meeting of C.A.P.L. in Vancouver in early February. A joint meeting was held with the executive of C.L.T.A. to discuss a

report commissioned by the two organizations for C.L.A. on The Future of Library Boards.

April 16 through 18 will see a library display "The Family" as part of the communications festival planned by Millidgeville North High School. It is planned to have displays from students and participating organizations open to the public during the festival.

The St. Croix Public Library will be exhibiting the National Print Show '79. This is a joint exhibition of National Photography Collection of the Public Archives of Canada and the Professional Photographers of Canada, Inc. It consists of 53 prints or photographs.

The Campobello Public Library the only library in the region that because of circumstances receives no municipal support, once more, has demonstrated the initiative and drive of their Board members who have organized and run a successful poster contest, held a "meet-the-public" open house and is raising funds by selling tickets on a ceramic lamp made and donated by a member of the Board.

The East Branch Library will also be hosting the National Print Show with the opening on May 11, coinciding with the annual meeting of the Maritime Professional Photographers Association.

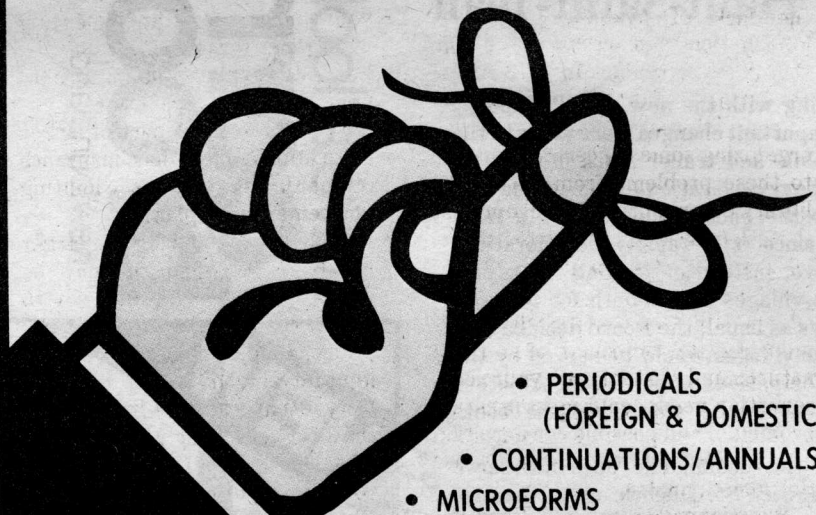
Congratulations were extended to the Sussex Public Library staff and board for being awarded the trophy for the best non-commercial float in the most recent Town parade.

Best wishes are extended to all delegates attending the annual A.P.L.A. Conference.

## N.S. Public Libraries Guide

The Nova Scotia Library Association, in cooperation with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, has produced *A Guide to Public Libraries in Nova Scotia: Service and Associations*. The Guide pulls together information for a basic understanding of the history, legislation and associations affecting public library service in Nova Scotia. Comments regarding publication, and suggestions for further information and research projects are welcomed. The Association would also appreciate copies of similar publications produced by other associations. Copies of the Guide may be obtained free of charge by contacting Jerry Miner, N.S. Provincial Library, 5250 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N.S. B3J 1E8. Phone 424-5432.

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**Louis W. Eaton. Pork, Molasses and Timber.** Print 'N Press, \$4.95 (paper) ISBN 0-920732-12-7

**Inventaire General des Sources Documentaires sur les Acadiens.** Editions d'Acadie, Tome I \$15.00 (broché); Tome II, Liste des Volumes, Brochures, et Thèses concernant L'Acadie et les Acadiens dès débuts à 1975, 1976, \$12.00 (broché); Tome III, Liste des articles de periodiques concernant L'Acadie et les Acadiens dès débuts à 1976, 1977, \$7.50 (broché)

A selection of titles received in March-April:

Samuel P. Arseneault, Jean Daigle, Jacques Schroeder, Jean-Claude Vernex. **Petit Atlas des Francophones des Maritimes.** Editions d'Acadie, 1976, \$20.00 (reliure à spirale)

Anselme Chiasson, **Les Légendes des Iles de la madeleine.** Editions d'Acadie, 1976, \$6.00 (paper) ISBN 2-7600-0019-2

Allan Cooper. **Blood Lines.** Fiddlehead Poetry Books, 1979 \$2.00 ISBN 0-920110-73-8

Clement W. Crowell. **Novascotiaman.** Nova Scotia Museum, 1979 \$20.00 (cloth) ISBN 0-919680-11-9

Paul Doucet. **Vie de nos ancêtres en Acadie: Coutumes, croyances et religion populaire.** Editions d'Acadie, 1979, \$7.50 (broché) ISBN 2-7600-0036-2

Paul Doucet. **Vie de nos ancêtres en Acadie: Le vêtement.** Editions d'Acadie, 1979, \$8.50 (broché) ISBN 2-7600-0037-0

I.C. Knowlton. **Beginnings: The Settlement of The St. Croix Valley.** Print 'N Press, reprint of 1875 publication, \$4.95 (paper)

Marguerite Maillet, Gérard LeBlanc, Bernard Emont. **Anthologie de Textes Littéraires Acadiens 1606-1975.** Editions d'Acadie, 1979, \$25.00 (relié) ISBN 2-7600-0031-1

Michael Brian Oliver. **To A Sister Loneliness.** Fiddlehead Poetry Books, 1979, \$5.00 (paper) ISBN 0-920110-61-4

Sandra Nelson Rempel. **Images of Glass.** Fiddlehead Poetry Books, 1979, \$4.50 (paper) ISBN 0-920110-47-9

Calixte F. Savoie. **Memoires d'Un Nationaliste Acadien.** Editions d'Acadie, 1979, \$10.00 (broché) ISBN 2-7600-0042-7

Della Margaret M. Stanley. **Au Service de Deux Peuples: Pierre-Amand Landry.** Editions d'Acadie, 1977, \$10.00 (papier)

**The Way We Were 1908: Clais-St. Stephen-Woodland-Eastport-Campobello-St. Andrews.** Print 'N Press, reprinted 1976, \$4.95 (paper)

## Bibliothèque Régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean

Starting with the new year in January 1980, important changes were made to the bookmobile and trailer stops in order to reduce heavy operating expenses and also to keep the bookmobile running a little longer since it is rapidly deteriorating. Therefore, instead of sending the trailer to eight villages each month for three or four days as usual, the Board decided that only four villages would be served by the trailer for periods of one week. All other villages would be visited by the bookmobile.

Since the bookmobile does not serve the Kedgwick-St. Quentin area, because of distances and wear, we have started to make book deposits to schools in school district no. 1 through our extension services. Two elementary schools, one in Kedgwick and the other in St. Jean-Baptiste, have already received book deposits.

From February 4th to 26th, a library technician studying at the College Lionel-Groulx in Montreal was on a training period in our region. She spent two weeks with the technical and bookmobile services at the regional headquarters and one week at the Edmundston Public Library.

Plans are well under way with the preparation of the National Book Festival to be celebrated in May. A group of librarians from various libraries in the Edmundston area, in cooperation with the Association Culturelle du Haut-Saint-Jean, are planning different types of activities, including a quiz and visits of authors. Service points of the region will also organize book displays, film presentations and story hours centered around Canadian books.

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## Dartmouth Regional Library

Dartmouth Regional Library recently held an in-staff Technical services workshop. Reference Librarian Janet Bone discussed with public service staff the use and importance of the *Sears Subject Headings* while Technical Services clerk Sandra Wournell talked about the symbols used in the Dartmouth Regional Library book catalogue and explained the catalogue update and change procedures.

Another library-related program took place on Like an Open Book, Dartmouth

Regional Library's Cablevision Television program. Peter Kidd of the Canadian Learning Materials Center and Darryll Lynch, Supervisor of School Libraries for Dartmouth, Nova Scotia discussed the benefits offered to school librarians by the centre with Lynn Murphy, Dartmouth Regional Library's Community Services Librarian. Lynn was also a panelist at the annual Halifax Science Fiction Conference — Halcon 3. The panel questioned the influence of Science Fiction spinoffs on interest in Science Fiction.

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