

Jocelyne LeBel: Director of the New Brunswick Library Service

Atlantic School for the Deaf Resource Centre: A Profile

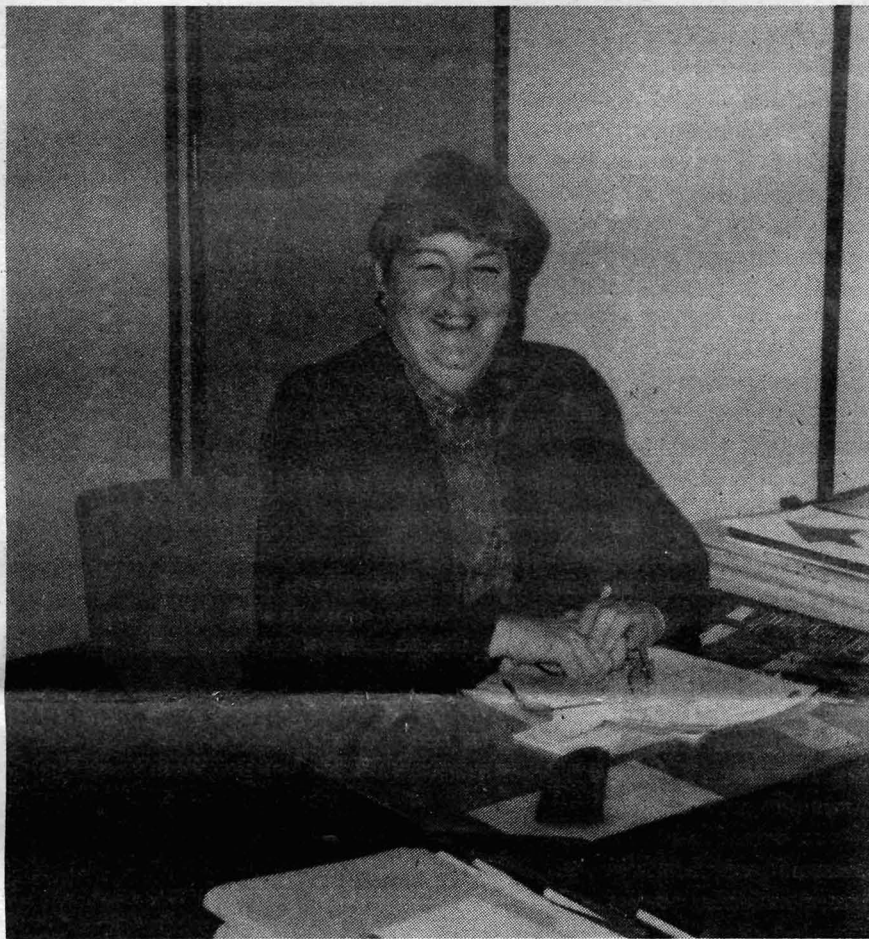
This is the last in our series of interviews with Atlantic region Provincial Librarians. Susan Collins, APLA VP, New Brunswick, conducted the interview in October of this year.

Q. Would you tell us something of your background, such as where you were born and educated, and also how you came to this position.

A. I am from a small town in New Brunswick called St. Quentin and I was educated at home until grade ten. I then went to College Maillet, which is now Centre Universitaire St. Louis-Maillet, for my Bachelor's degree. After graduation I took my B.L.S. at the University of Ottawa, and several years later completed my M.L.S. at the University of Toronto. At the end of my year in Ottawa I became the director for the Nepisiguit region in northern New Brunswick. After three years in Bathurst I went to the Saint John Free Public Library where I worked as a Reference Librarian, catalogued the French books, and served as a liaison with the French community. Upon leaving that job, I went to Fredericton and ended up doing translation work and working at the UNB Library for a year. I loved Fredericton and decided to stay and make a career in translation. But when the Legislative Library job came up I was offered the position as Supervising Librarian and became the Legislative Librarian. It is a wonderful place to work because you're smack in the middle of government in action without being a participant. It's like live theatre all day and it was fun. After 14 years I was looking for another challenge and when this job, working for the public library system, came up I felt it was time for a career change and I returned to public libraries in 1984.

Q. Would you say that you are not totally out of the political arena in your present position?

A. I work more with municipal governments and I work a lot also with the provincial government. Public libraries are very much a "political issue" because usually libraries are established by municipalities through the municipal council who negotiates it with the provincial government, and so there's a lot of politicking going on when people want to establish libraries. That's an interesting part of the process.



Q. What is the role of the New Brunswick Library Service?

A. Our job at the central office is to be a support system for the regional libraries who in turn are a support system for the public libraries. We have a three tier system and it's not different from other provinces. We do cataloguing for all the public libraries; we have an automated database; we do out of the system, and out of the province, inter-library loans; and we participate in provincially organized activities such as the Summer Reading Club. We are the liaison between the five regions and the provincial government because we are attached to a department and we bring the concerns of the regional boards to the government; we are the agency through which the public library budgets or grants are discussed and then handed out to the regions; so we are the middleman. The acquisitions budget is centralized at the regional level, and for the sake of inter-library loans and of borrowing we consider the collection to be provincial. No matter where you live in New Brunswick you have access to the books in the public library system. NBLS produces a provincial catalogue of all holdings of the public libraries. I think we're one of the few

provinces who have this. Users' services are a part of NBLS that was never really developed and we are working on that now.

Q. How is what you do similar or different from what the other Provincial Librarians do, in the Atlantic Provinces?

A. It is very similar and we have many of the same issues, concerns and problems. The difference is in titles and maybe in some of the responsibilities.

Q. The need for automation, and the funding for it seems to be a priority—would you agree with this?

A. I think that if we had three priorities in New Brunswick, and I don't know in which order I would put them at this stage, they are: that staffing in libraries needs to be upgraded; the materials budget, which is never sufficient; and automation. We want to have an automated integrated library system which would provide all the modules necessary. We chose INLEX 3000 because we thought it was the most user friendly of all the ones we studied. We received approval to

Even in a profession brimming over with acronyms, APSEA-RCHI and APRCHH may seem indecipherable. The proper names of the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority—Resource Centre for the Hearing Impaired, and The Atlantic Provinces Resource Centre for the Hearing Handicapped also prove to be a little unwieldy rolling off the tongue. Perhaps it is understandable that the facility is more commonly referred to by the popular misnomer of the "Deaf School", or, a little more accurately, the School for the Deaf.

Located in Amherst, Nova Scotia, the Resource Centre serves hearing impaired children in Atlantic Canada. While special day classes are provided in public schools throughout the region, the Centre provides vocational, deaf-blind and deaf-multiple handicapped programmes in addition to a regular academic programme which leads to a Grade 12 graduation diploma. Over 100 students are enrolled in these programmes and almost 70% of the students live on campus in dormitory residences.

The Resource Centre also provides the setting for the twelve-month Master's degree programme in the Education of the Deaf. This special degree programme is offered in conjunction with the Université de Moncton. A maximum of 10 students are admitted each year, and most opt to live at the Resource Centre in separate residence rooms.

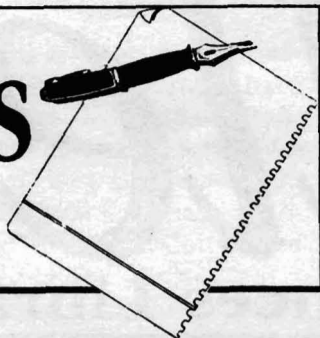
The Resource Centre is a sprawling brick complex which includes classrooms, speech labs, assessment centre, a vocational-technical school, dorms and residence rooms, a large cafeteria, gymnasiums, a specially equipped swimming pool and two libraries.

The fact that there are two libraries and that they are widely diverse reflects the dual roles of the Centre. The "children's", or more appropriately, "school library," functions as any library in a public or high school setting, providing a variety of reading and study materials for the student

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Committee on Aims and Objectives held a very successful strategic planning session in conjunction with the fall executive meeting.

The document that emanated from the session has been sent to all APLA members. We hope you will provide feedback on the document so it may be refined for the discussion session that will be held at the 1992 Conference in Halifax before presentation at the OGM for ratification. As noted in the strategic planning document, the following mission statement is proposed: "The Atlantic Provinces Library Association represents, promotes, and supports the interests and concerns of the library community in and for the Atlantic Provinces."

Several matters came before the executive at the fall meeting which point up the role that APLA can play

as a regional organization. Issues came forward from the Vice Presidents of each of the Maritime provinces that are of concern to, or have an impact on, the library community.

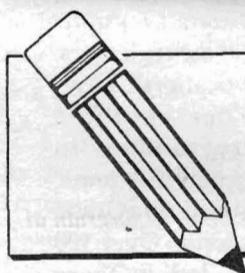
In New Brunswick, there is concern about funding cutbacks for public libraries, staffing changes in school districts affecting library services, and intellectual freedom.

In Nova Scotia, there is concern about classification of library workers and about access to archival collections.

In Prince Edward Island, there is a question about the adequacy of the proposed public library legislation.

The APLA executive authorized action on several fronts in addressing these issues as a united voice. We will report to the membership on the results of our activities.

Judy Head



From the EDITOR'S DESK

On October the Executive and a number of other APLA members met to develop a draft strategy paper. One thing to emerge from that meeting was the importance to the Association of communication—both internally, among ourselves, and externally, with other organizations, with government, and with the wider public.

Communication happens in many forms, and at that meeting a lot of ideas for broadening and supplementing communications came out. One fairly obvious point also became very clear—that the *APLA Bulletin* is the single most important and valuable means of communication APLA has.

Which is all a roundabout way of reaching the following point: the three year term of the current *Bulletin* team is drawing to a close. Putting out any regular publication can be exhilarating, fun, and challenging—and the *Bulletin* has certainly been all of these things. But it is time now for some new ideas and new energy. The question is, who?

This is a question I (with some secret glee, I admit) passed on to the Executive in October. I didn't have any brilliant suggestions myself, and was glad to hand the problem over to wiser heads. Which heads promptly discovered it was up to the *Bulletin* Management Board to find a successor—the Chair of which, wouldn't you know, is the *Bulletin* Editor.

So. Anyone out there interested? Does anyone care to suggest someone who would do a good job? We—meaning the *Bulletin* Management Board—need to have a name or names to put before the Executive at the January meeting. Ideally, an editorial team will rotate the Editorship amongst its members from one year to the next, so if you work in a place which is nearby two or three willing and like-minded others, so much the better.

For more information, please call, write, e-mail, fax or envoy to me at the numbers and addresses listed elsewhere in this issue.

And by the way—Merry Christmas.

Bradd Burningham

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acquire the cataloguing module, mostly because we could use existing funds. We had plans to put the five regional headquarters online because the cataloguing records do not provide the location of the books except to indicate the region. The plans did not materialize, mostly because of budget restraints and the recession. We think we are going in the right direction so that if funding becomes available down the road we have a good database to use to automate other functions. We have a six year implementation plan and are now two years behind. All things considered, I think we did fairly well over the last three to four years and went from a home-made unworkable system to a very well developed system, and we caught up with the backlog. The five regional headquarters could go online to consult the database but it has to be determined who will absorb the communication costs, and maybe NBLS can do that. We are working towards making it more of a provincial system and towards automating more functions than we have now.

Q. Looking down the road, do you see any possibilities for a provincial network with a connection between

the regional libraries and universities? With INTERNET a whole world has been opened up—do you think that you will be able to take advantage of this?

A. I think we could, and I think the technology is heading in a direction where systems are going to be able to talk to each other. I think it is the way of the future. People in their homes will be consulting libraries and doing research elsewhere and libraries should be able to communicate with each other without problem.

Q. In the cabinet restructuring last week your department was moved from Tourism, Recreation and Heritage to the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. What do you see as possible benefits, or drawbacks, of the change?

A. We still do not know to whom we will be reporting in this new department. It is the fifth change since 1976—libraries have moved around. My initial impression is that we are a community-based service, we work in very close relations with municipalities, and in that sense it makes sense for us to be in that department, to a degree. We are still part of the culture component of the government, which to me is very important. I think that these are going to be interesting times because we may be requested to look at library service in a different way. We will have to demonstrate that we are a community-based service that is useful and essential to the cultural and educational life of the community. We are going to be looked at as a social service to see if, and how, we are viable, and where we are to be placed in the overall government organization.

Q. I want to ask you what you think is the greatest challenge that faces the public library system in New Brunswick.

A. The greatest challenge at this time is to demonstrate that we are an essential service; that we fill a need in the community that no one else could if we were not there. There is concern about the future of public libraries in the information age and the role of the library as an intermediary. I don't think we should be alarmed by this but I think it should make us think more about what we are, what we want to be, what we should be in the community, and how we could maximize the service we offer.

Q. Do you think that we need to raise the profile of libraries and librarians?

A. There is a need to raise the profile of libraries but sometimes the profile is better than we think. When a municipality really wants to provide library service to their community I am always amazed at the lengths to which they will go to convince government that they really need



Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to information which was published in the September/October 1991 issue of the *APLA Bulletin*.

In the column entitled "News from the Regions" under the heading News from New Brunswick/Nouvelles du Nouveau-Brunswick, it states that the New Brunswick library system was hit hard with a budget cut of 15%.

I wish to advise your readers that the overall budget cut was actually 5.1%. As well, the number of positions reduced by the budget exercise was 6.5 and not all regions lost positions since there was no staff reduction in the Haut-Saint-Jean Region.

Thanking you in advance for printing these correction.

Jocelyne LeBel, Director
New Brunswick Library
Service



this library; they want this library; and they should have this library. When a new library is established in New Brunswick it is not government going down to the people to say they need a library but it always has been a movement that came from the community upwards. Sometimes it's true that it's difficult to sell libraries to policy makers, just because there's such a diversity of policies that government has to come up with and so many priorities and different services that people consider essential. You must convince them that the system is efficient, cost-effective and well-run and you must also deal with the changes in government and senior management, which means starting over with new policy makers. When you think of the child who might start to read—which prevents him from being one of those statistics for illiterate people—I think that is where it really matters. That's what I work for.

Q. The movement toward Maritime integration is under discussion by the provincial government. What do you think could be the implications for library service?

A. It is probably going to develop in the same way as with the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, who have an Atlantic view of universities. I think economically for the provinces it might be good but the French minority in the Maritimes are having difficulty accepting that because they will become an even smaller minority. If it becomes a superstructure rather than an integrated service it won't work

because you're only creating a supergovernment over four other governments. It will have to be integrated and made more lean and mean, but yet be as efficient as it was before. I've lived in New Brunswick all my life and I like where I live—I will go for anything that will make it better so that it survives.

Q. In the time that you have been Director, what would you say has given you the most satisfaction? And on the other side of the coin, the most difficulty?

A. I came here at a time when things were difficult; there was a lot of work that needed to be done in a very short span of time. The system has developed although it's not growing as fast as we would like it to. I am very proud of the automation system we acquired. When I first came I knew zilch about library automation but I have learned a lot. This job has allowed me to grow. In the process of working closely with senior managers at the level of deputy ministers I have found out a lot about how government works and what is the reasoning behind the things they do. Before I was on the legislative side and now I'm on the administrative side—it's interesting to see the internal politics and the jockeying for power. It's a fascinating job and also very satisfying.

Difficulties arise from the same things that are satisfying. Within government there is bureaucracy—I think it's the nature of the beast and you have to accept that, but it does slow down the process. The frustration with that is the people you serve don't always understand why there should be delays, and how slowly the process moves.

Q. Does the need to provide service and material in both French and English present any special problems for NBLs?

A. Our office is set up so we can do cataloguing of materials in both languages—if we have a problem it is mostly because it is not as easy to find derived cataloguing for French materials. It does create a problem financially when you have a bilingual community and you are trying to build services for both. It means you spend twice the amount of money to be sure the clientele is being served. It is a more costly service and that perception is not always there at the senior level of government. We have managed throughout the province to serve both populations, and maybe both of them are not satisfied that we have provided them with enough reading material, but at least we have, to my knowledge, no complaints that one is being served to the detriment of the other. Libraries see themselves as serving all populations—all our constituents need our services, and service in both languages is provided in that same sense. With the government's language policy, and even before, we had an unwritten policy that in most libraries we had people who could serve in English or French where necessary, and bilingual people where we had a mixed population. That has existed through the library system because of the management in the regions. In our system there are compromises for both language groups. Maybe I'm not seeing the situation as it really is, but I have not felt tensions between the two linguistic groups in libraries as much as I have in other areas.

Q. Do you think that APLA can, or should, do more to promote libraries in the province?

A. We do not have a library association in N. B. and the APLA conference is closest to home. All our members who cannot participate in national conferences have an opportunity to be part of a fairly large size conference. You meet different people, share information—and sometimes go home feeling you're better off where you are! APLA fills a real need in our province. It could promote libraries more—everybody could promote libraries more—but everyone has constraints. To me, what APLA is doing, it's doing well. I appreciate the fact that it tries to reach the French community by having sessions in French at times. I have also noticed in the *APLA Bulletin* that things are printed at times in French, and APLA is making an effort that I think is worthwhile.

I think writing letters is good. Governments do listen and elected members of government get the message. When it's not only their people saying it within their province, but there's a larger group out there repeating the same things, sometimes it confirms what's being said inside and it does have an influence. In this time when things are tough and people have a tendency to criticize because they're not getting what they're used to, I think that instead of criticizing we should all start thinking about ways we can make it better with the means we have. Maybe there are more original ways of doing things that we haven't thought about because we haven't had to before. Times are changing fast and we'll have to change with them.

(Susan Collins is Serials Librarian at UNB, Saint John.)

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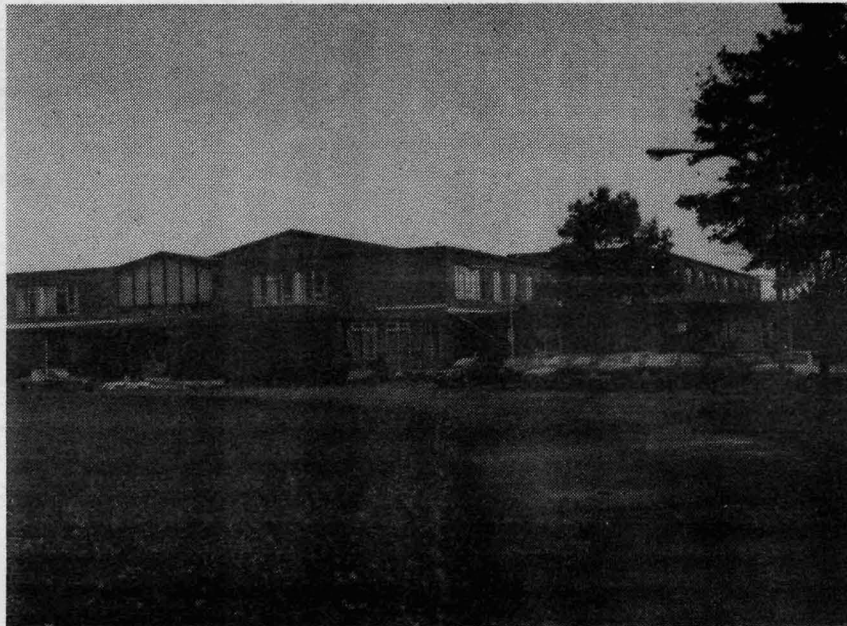
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population and resource materials for the teachers. Staff members and parents are also allowed borrowing privileges.

The collection is quite possibly one of the best school library collections in the county. It is housed in a large, airy room with an adjacent reference room. Some tables are provided as study areas, in addition to a children's (primary to intermediate) section and a recreational reading area. The collection includes materials for all reading levels, ranging from picture books to high school. Most deaf students read at a level lower than their grade or average age group, and any collection development is



Atlantic Provinces Resource Centre for the Hearing Handicapped, Amherst N.S.

designed to meet these needs. Some parts of the collection are in need of revitalization with updated and more topical materials, but in general there is something available in most subject areas.

The periodical collection and the newer selections of current young adult fiction are very popular. Each class has a weekly library period and much of the time is spent on recreational reading—either searching for another YA novel or perusing the most recent magazines. The lower grades and their teachers use the children's section extensively. Among the picture books and early readers are story books in signed English, the printed equivalent of a film with subtitles, and very useful in the unique classroom settings found here.

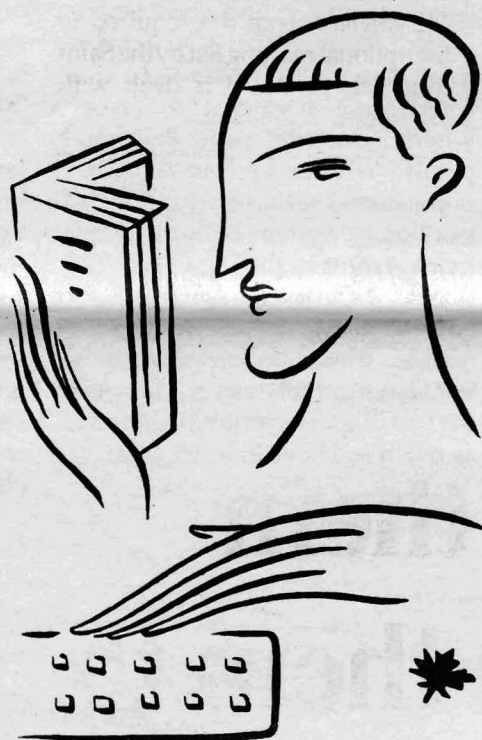
Last winter a project was initiated to recatalogue all the materials in the school library and generate an up-to-date card catalogue. During July of this year the collection was weeded and much of the old, outdated and unsuitable material was discarded. The cataloguing project is scheduled for completion by the end of 1991. At present, the students do not receive any instruction on basic library skills, research methods or even reader's advisory services (such as book talks). It is hoped that the completion of the cataloguing project will allow for the development of some sort of program of bibliographic instruction.

The "professional library" is an interesting cross between an academic and a special library. The TED (teacher-education) students rely primarily on this collection for their coursework and major research topic. Many of the professionals on staff depend on the journals for updated information relating to ongoing research in their particular fields. Off-campus teachers working with day classes in Fredericton, Wolfville, Yarmouth and elsewhere in the region may request long-distance loans to support the classroom curriculum in their particular area.

The specific focus of the collection would certainly justify a "special library" classification. The collection is devoted to materials on the deaf, hearing-impaired and multiple-handicapped, with an emphasis on all aspects of teaching and working with these groups. More general materials on child development and educational strategies are augmented by works devoted to speech, memory, audiology, language disorders, hearing loss, visual impairment, exceptional children, psycholinguistics and phonetics. The library's journal subscriptions also reflect the specialized focus of the collection, including such titles as *American Annals of the Deaf*, *Seminars on Speech*, *Journal of Visual Impairment*, *Topics in Language Disorders*, and *Perspectives in Education and Deafness*.

The library is organized into a simplified alpha-numeric system of uncertain origin. It has been proposed that the entire collection be recatalogued using the Dewey

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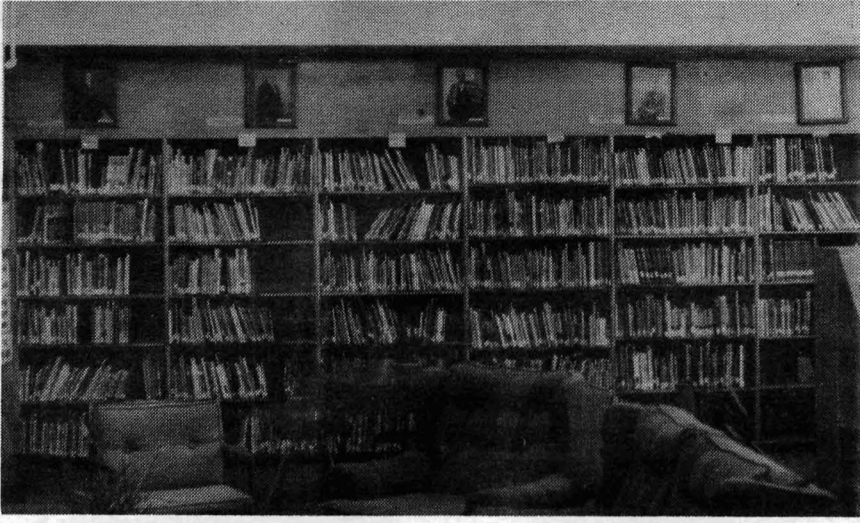
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Inside the APSEA-RCHI School Library.

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Decimal system and that an updated, accurate card catalogue be created to facilitate easier access and better control over the material.

An adjacent room has recently been allocated to allow for the expansion of the professional library. Once minor renovations are completed, the actual size of the library will more than double. This will allow for improved work space for the teacher-education students, a potential leisure reading area and much needed shelf space for the growing collection.

At present there is a problem with maintaining adequate control over the professional collection. The new space is physically connected to the school library, allowing for easier supervision of both collections.

While it is understood that the teacher education students have priority access to the materials, the collection may also be used by parents of students enrolled in the Centre and interested professionals working in the surrounding communities. Individuals requesting access to the professional library may apply for borrowing privileges from the Teacher Education Department at the Resource Centre.

Anyone interested in further information regarding the Centre or its libraries should contact:

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Intellectual Freedom Notes

New Brunswick

A ban remains in effect on *Terror: murder and panic in New Brunswick*, a mass-market paperback on the Miramichi murders. The New Brunswick Court of Appeal ruled that the book threatens the right to a fair trial of Allan Legere, and copies cannot be sold in New Brunswick until the case has been completed in the courts.

In September, the L. P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock, New Brunswick refused to ban *Spotlight*, a weekly newspaper from the United States which has been described as antisemitic and supportive of white supremacy. Marion Lindsay of the L. P. Fisher Public Library says it has since been determined that this publication is banned by Canada Customs, and the library has now declined the gift subscription.

The attempted removal of *Huckleberry Finn* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* from the required to the optional reading list by the Saint John School Board is dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

Nova Scotia

The Intellectual Freedom interest group of the Nova Scotia Library Association held a workshop "Banned at the border: customs censorship" at NSLA's September conference. Lawyer Lee Cohen presented the law of customs inspection and seizure of written materials. He also read excerpts from hate literature he has received in connection with his position on the Atlantic Jewish Council, and spoke on the publication and cross border circulation of this material.

Halifax City Regional Library received a request to withdraw the local feminist quarterly *Pandora*, on the grounds that it is anti-male. The library's mandate to collect a wide range of opinions was explained to the complainant, who also received a copy of the library's collection policy. The complaint has not to date been pursued further.

Lynn Murphy
Intellectual Freedom Committee

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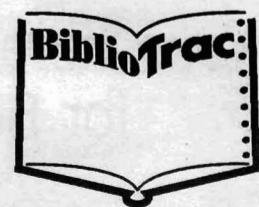
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N.B. School District 19 Cuts Teacher Librarian Position

New Brunswick School District 19, the fourth largest district in the province, recently announced that they would be cutting the position of library resource teacher.

This position was created in 1983, when Sandra Muir-Russell was hired to coordinate library programming in the district's 17 school libraries. Last year Ms. Muir-Russell was able to hire an assistant to help with the volunteer aspect of the school library management.

This past September, Ms. Muir-Russell was informed that she was being transferred to a grade 2-3 class at a local elementary school. The move was necessitated by a greater than forecast increase in enrolment. Superintendent of Schools, William

Chandler, reported that the Board made the decision with great reluctance, and plans to review the situation at the end of the school year. It remains supportive of resource based learning and recognizes the move as a step backward for library services.

Ms. Muir-Russell is retaining her position as Chairperson of the District 19 Library Advisory Committee, a group of teachers and volunteers who run the school libraries. She very much regrets the effects this decision will have on the long range goals for school libraries in District 19.

Most school librarians feel that school libraries should be recognized to be just as important and necessary a part of the school curriculum as music, art, and physical education.

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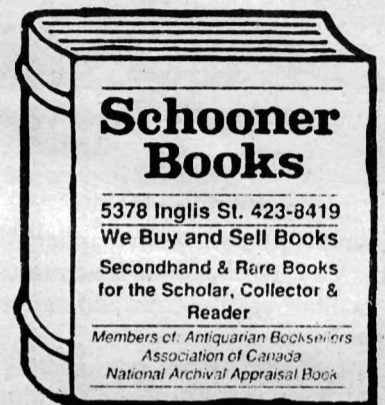
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Pair Receive National Grant for Hypertext Project

Elaine Toms, School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, and Wendy Duff, Nova Scotia Community College, have received a grant from the Canadian Council of Archives to develop HyperRAD, a hypertext prototype of the *Rules for Archival Description* (RAD) using commercial text retrieval software.

In addition, the project will assess the feasibility of using electronic documentation within the archival descriptive system.

RAD is under development by the Planning Committee on Descriptive Standards of the Bureau of Canadian Archivists to become the Canadian standard for creating the description of an archival fonds

and its parts. The published sections of RAD that include the rules for describing textual materials and multiple media fonds will be used for the project.

The prototype will be ready for presentation at the XII International Congress on Archives which will be held September 6-11, 1992 in Montreal, Canada.

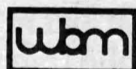
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PANS Vandalization: One Year Later

by Gwen Whitford

It has now been over a year since the Public Archives of Nova Scotia discovered that it had been vandalized in a most disturbing way. All of the subject cards for "Blacks" and "Women" had been stolen from the catalogues in the Library and the Manuscripts Division (see article: "Recreating History: PANS Reconstructs its Vandalized Access Points," *APLA Bulletin* Mar./Apr. 1991, p. 1).

At that time, a Public Service committee was formed in order to reassess and re-evaluate the ways in which PANS provides reference and retrieval services (it has closed stacks), security, tours, and other related functions. Headed by Associate Provincial Archivist Allan Dunlop, the 4-member internal committee has met almost weekly since the "cards theft." They have not been idle. Part of their reassessment of services has involved polling libraries and archives in the country to discover how others deal with security, registration of researchers, etc. They have also solicited input from all staff members by holding extensive interviews in order to gather ideas about possible changes to public service procedures. Topics that were identified for these discussions

included hours of operation, security/research rules, physical rearrangement of the floors, registration, reference and retrieval systems (to name a few). The amount of time that individuals devote to reference desk work and other forms of public service was also measured, in order to modify and better regulate the work flow. This information was tabulated, calculated and discussed by the PSC, and then by the Division Heads and management. By March 1991, draft registration procedures and rules for researchers were circulated to all staff for further revisions.

There were also a number of related issues that evolved out of these in-depth discussions. It was determined that staff spend a phenomenal amount of time running into the stacks to fetch microfilm. Staff agreed that it would be preferable to put the 20,000 reels of microfilms from the Library, Manuscripts and Public (Government) Records Divisions out into the second and third floor reading rooms for quick access by the patrons. Easy, user-friendly finding aids have been created. The reels are being numbered. Appropriate shelving is on the way. This new system should be operational by the new year.

Also timely is the work that is being done on the Long Range Systems Plan for automation. This will be evaluated by management and Division Heads in the near future. It will then be forwarded to the appropriate "powers that be" within the Provincial Government.

After continued discussions and a few more revisions, the final guidelines for rules and procedures came into effect on September 30, 1991.

The public seems to be coping fairly well, with increased paperwork (one time only) for registration and placement of personal belongings in lockers on the first floor (computers, research notes, papers and pencils may be taken to the research floors). A definitive guide instructs people on how to use the collection, and outlines its rules and regulations.

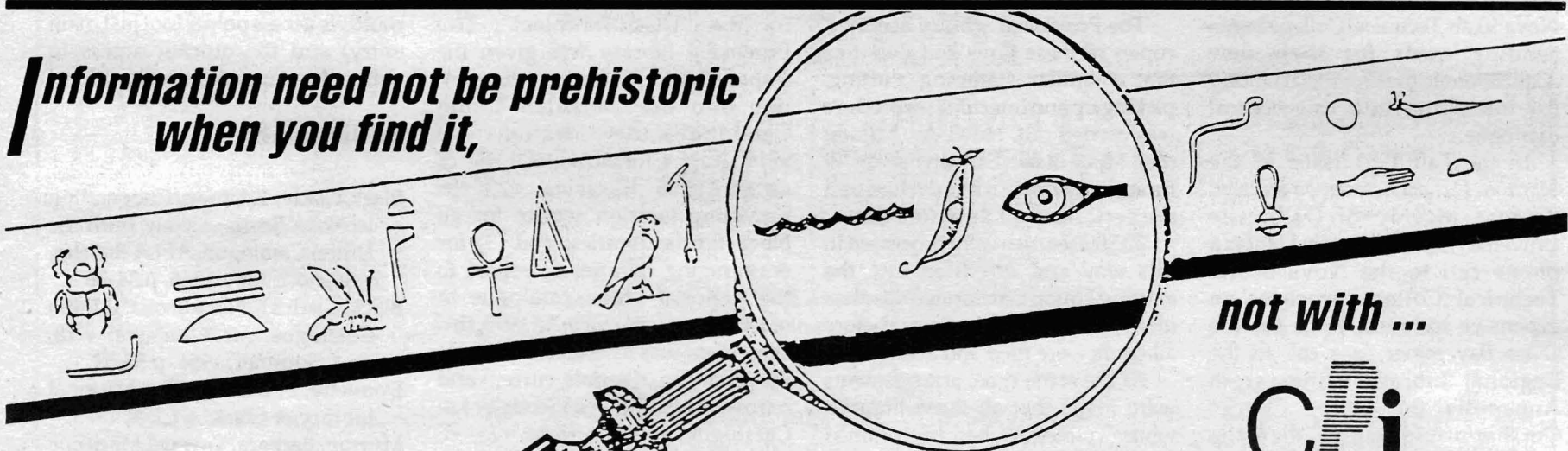
The system seems to be working well. Most people accept and understand the necessity for, and benefits of, increased security measures and improved methods of public service.

This is only the beginning. Further developments intended to assist every one who wishes to use Nova Scotia's archival heritage are still to come.

(Gwen Whitford is Librarian at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.)



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The Nova Scotia Union Catalogue and Resource Sharing

by Bertha Higgins

The following is the text of a paper delivered at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library Conference on the Future of Resource Sharing in Nova Scotia, April 26, 1991.

Although billed as a Brief History of the Nova Scotia Union catalogue and Resource Sharing in Nova Scotia, this paper will be limited to the Union Catalogue and its relationship to resource sharing. Library resource sharing and co-operation in Nova Scotia is too broad a topic to be covered in "a brief history". This paper will attempt to outline the evolution of the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue and the interlibrary loan location service provided by the Provincial Library.

In 1949 Peter Grossman, Nova Scotia's first Director of Libraries, proposed a Maritime regional union catalogue. This was not met with any great enthusiasm because it was seen as a duplication of the proposed national union catalogue and the cost of establishing and maintaining such a catalogue in card form was high. So the concept of a regional catalogue fell by the wayside.

However, in 1949 the Nova Scotia Regional Library Commission began a centralized cataloguing service for the regional libraries, first for the Annapolis Valley Regional Library and, by 1950, for Cape Breton and Colchester-East Hants. This created, in Halifax, a central catalogue of the holdings of these libraries. The Nova Scotia Research Foundation and the Nova Scotia Technical College began sending cards for their new acquisitions to the Provincial Library for interfiling into this central catalogue.

In the Fall 1951 issue of the *Maritime Library Association Bulletin*, Barbara Murray of Dalhousie University, wrote "Now in Halifax a phone call to the Nova Scotia Technical College procures an expensive technical tome for the Glace Bay miner or a call to the Regional Library brings from Annapolis the latest George Gershwin biography that the Dalhousie student must have. Behind these simple procedures, the value of the embryo union catalogue is revealed."

In 1951, Gladys Black was appointed to the Provincial Library staff as Regional Reference Librarian, and among her duties was "the administration of the Union Catalogue". Soon thereafter the central catalogue was separated into

the Union Catalogue and the Regional Libraries Catalogue, or what Miss Black referred to as "the Cataloguers Catalogue". Duplicate cards were produced for the Union Catalogue.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa the Canadian Bibliographic Centre had been established in 1950. One of its designated functions was the compilation of a national union catalogue.

Staff began photographing the catalogues of major collections. Main entry cards were photographed on 16 mm. film, next facsimile enlargements were made, and processed on photostat paper. The enlargements were made on long rolls of paper, five inches wide, with approximately 5,000 cards per roll. These were processed by a team of three clerks—one stamped the symbol of the library, one cut along the top and bottom (to create the standard 3 x 5 card), and the third picked them up as they fell from the cutter.

In 1952 the Canadian Bibliographic Centre became part of the National Library of Canada, and in 1954, the photographic team, led by Martha Shepard, began filming the catalogues of Nova Scotia libraries, including that "embryo Union Catalogue" which, by this time, consisted of 37,981 main entry cards. Other catalogues filmed in that year were those of Acadia University, Cambridge Library, Dalhousie University, including medical-dental, but not law, Nova Scotia Public Archives, Saint Mary's University and King's College.

The Provincial Library acquired copies of these films and I assume that a similar stamping, cutting, picking up and interfiling procedure was carried out. However, I doubt that Miss Black had any team of three people to do it for her. I suspect she performed all three functions.

220,000 entries were processed in this way and interfiled into the existing Union Catalogue. Needless to say, it was a matter of years before all cards were filed and accessible.

At the same time, arrangements were made that all those libraries whose catalogues had been filmed would report all new non-fiction acquisitions to the Provincial Library for assimilation into the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue. The first time a title was reported, a record was forwarded to the National Library for inclusion in the Canadian Union catalogue. This record indicated only that the title was held in Nova Scotia. All interlibrary loan requests for Nova Scotia locations were

forwarded to the Provincial Library. The Nova Scotia Union Catalogue was searched for the specific location and the request forwarded.

In essence, the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue was a branch or subsection of the Canadian Union Catalogue.

By 1970, 100,000 cards were being received each year from about 45 contributing libraries and the Union Catalogue consisted of approximately 3/4 of a million cards. To quote Maud Godfrey, who succeeded Miss Black in 1967, "The inevitable nemesis of sheer volume" was overtaking the union catalogue. Also, by this time, it was recognized that "it is impossible and undesirable that every book in every library should be recorded in the national union catalogue."

By 1980, the manual union catalogue consisted of 960 catalogue drawers holding about a million cards. Maintenance was labour intensive; the time lag between the time of acquisition and accessibility in the union catalogue limited the catalogue's usefulness. The fact that it was accessible by main entry only was another limitation.

In 1980, the first Nova Scotia libraries joined UTLAS for cataloguing support and data-base maintenance. Since both the Provincial Library and National Library had on-line access to UTLAS, these libraries no longer reported to either union catalogue.

In 1983, after four years of planning and negotiation, the Provincial Library and the National Library entered into an agreement for the "DOBIS Project". The Provincial Library was given the responsibility (1) for inputting on-line into the Canadian Union Catalogue the locations of monographs for an agreed list of non-UTLAS libraries; (2) for providing location service for all Nova Scotia libraries; and (3) for encouraging libraries to report to the national union catalogue in machine readable form. In 1990, this agreement was extended to include the reporting of serials, current and retrospective. The Nova Scotia Union Catalogue, in card form, closed, although it is still an invaluable tool, used daily for location purposes.

Although the service of the Provincial Library's Reference Department is still referred to as the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue, in reality it has become an Interlibrary Loan Location service, using several sources to provide this service. This is true to an even greater extent since 1988 and the development of

Novanet, the integrated library system serving six academic libraries, and of other stand alone library systems. Novanet libraries no longer report but have to be searched separately.

However, it says something about Nova Scotia libraries' commitment to resource sharing that most libraries which have stand-alone systems have continued to report to "The Union Catalogue" in card or print-out form, even though it is added effort on their part.

There are still 34 Nova Scotia libraries reporting to the National Union Catalogue of Monographs (DOBIS) through the Provincial Library and about the same number, but not the same libraries, to the Union Catalogue of Serials. From the beginning, it has been mutual effort for mutual benefit by contributing libraries, the Provincial and National Libraries, by committed librarians and institutions. Special mention must be made of two individuals, Gladys Black and Maud Godfrey, who dedicated immeasurable time to the development, maintenance and improvement of the Union Catalogue and the service it provides.

As I talk, I realize that somehow we're coming almost full-circle from the creation of a one-look-up source for information on location of library materials, and have now become fragmented again, with a multi-look-up system—DOBIS, UTLAS, NOVANET, NSUC.

However, we must also look at the improvement, with access by multiple access points (not just main entry) and the quicker access to national and international locations.

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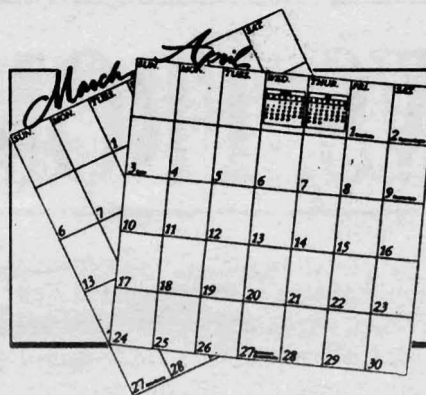
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Sam Kula, Assistant Director General, National Archives of Canada, will present a lecture entitled "Processing Illusions: Moving Images and Descriptive Standards" on November 22, 1991. Sam Kula is the author of *The Archival Appraisal of Moving Images*, published by Unesco in Paris. He has served world-wide as a consultant in film management, and lectured on various aspects of Canadian and world cinema. The lecture will take place at 10:45 a.m. in MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library, Dalhousie University and is sponsored by the School of Library and Information Studies.

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The Third National Conference on Canadian Bibliography: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities, sponsored by the Association for Canadian Studies, the Bibliographical Society of Canada and the National Library of Canada, will be held with the Learned in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, from May 31 to June 1, 1992.

The purpose of this conference is to review progress since the first national conference in 1974; to identify existing gaps within Canadian Bibliography; to examine the impact of technology on bibliography; and to make recommendations to close the gaps and to increase the dissemination of bibliographies.

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Maggie Weaver, Manager, Database User Support, Micromedia Limited, Toronto will present a lecture entitled "Both Sides Now: Library Skills in the Information Industry" on December 6, 1991. Ms. Weaver will also be conducting DIALOG training sessions for students at the School. She is a frequent presenter at professional conferences, and is well known across Canada as a dynamic and stimulating speaker. The lecture will take place at 10:45 a.m. in MacMechan Auditorium, Killam



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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVELLES DU NOUVEAU- BRUNSWICK

Public Libraries

Government funding cutbacks continue to be a major concern for all libraries in the province. The New Brunswick Library Trustees Association executive met in September to discuss lobbying strategy and the role of the Association. APLA has written to Premier McKenna on this matter and the Chairs of the Regional Library boards are to present him with a brief outlining their concerns. As a result of cabinet and departmental restructuring after the election, public libraries have been reassigned to the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing.

The Albert Westmorland Kent Regional Library has completed an extensive weeding of the English collections throughout the region in preparation for automation. The weeded material, which amounted to a 15% reduction, was sold in various local book sales culminating in a Giant Book Sale at the Moncton Public Library/A.W.K. Regional Headquarters. A new stained glass window in the Moncton Public Library was recently unveiled. The window was a gift from School District 15 who undertook it as their Moncton 100 project.

Jane Mackin, Human Resource Officer from the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage conducted a successful one day workshop for the staff and trustees of the Saint John Regional Library system. At the annual meeting of the Saint John Regional Library Board in October, Judy Heron was elected Vice-Chairperson and Frances Corbett was re-elected Chairperson of Finance. The new librarian at La Bibliotheque Le Cormoran is Mireille Mercure. Staff member Kim MacKinnon-Lemon from the West Branch Library was granted an educational leave to undertake studies for the fall term at Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies. Laurette Mackey, Branch Supervisor, has safely returned to her duties after attending the IFLA Conference in Moscow where she witnessed "history in the making" during the recent coup attempt.

The Ross Memorial Library in St. Andrews contains a valuable collection of books collected by Henry Pippis Ross from the 1850's to the 1920's. They represent a broad cross section of works on travel, China, the Middle East, Western Canada, Africa, furniture, architecture, memoirs, biographies, local and world history, art books and novels of the day.

The first pay equity adjustments for librarians in the provincial civil service were implemented October 1st. These adjustments are a result of an evaluation that determined which female dominant job classes were undervalued. The classifications Librarian 1, 2, 4 and 5 were found to be eligible for the adjustments and increases and will be phased in over a 3 to 4 year period. The increases have not been affected by the wage freeze.

Special Libraries

The Department of the Environment Library in Fredericton has removed their collection of books on Municipal Affairs, including Land Use Planning, and sent them to the Department of Municipal Affairs, which will have its own library. The Department of the Environment Library has rearranged its collection and is now embarking on a computerized database with the inputting of records. They have recently added a part-time library assistant to help with increasing demands for library service.

The Health Sciences Library of the Moncton Hospital moved into new and larger quarters in May. The library collection is now in one place and material from storage areas is on open shelves. They are adding to their collection of videos, and making available a collection of 35mm Ciba slides.

University of New Brunswick

In September the Harriet Irving Library and three branch libraries on the Fredericton campus began to implement a new automated circulation system, CURSYS. The system was developed over the past three years by the Library and Computing Services and runs on an IBM 3090, operating under CICS. In the first month the new system handled 43,219 items. The library has hired two cataloguers, each for a 15 month term, to edit records for the RECON project. As a result of GST and inflation, the acquisitions budget for the Fredericton campus was not sufficient to cover serials expenditures. Four hundred sixteen titles, worth approximately \$150,000, have been cancelled. The majority of these are in Engineering, Forestry and Science. Any institution interested in a list of the cancellations should contact the Collections Development Department at the Harriet Irving Library.

Glenna Nowell, Director of the Gardiner (Maine) Public Library was invited by the Library Assistant Program in Fredericton to discuss library public relations. Her talk included discussion of her annual celebrity reading list and what staff can do to promote the use of services and resources.

On the Saint John campus, the Ward Chipman Library, in conjunction with Student Services, has recently acquired a Kurzeril personal reader for the visually

impaired. Funding for the equipment was provided by an award from the University's Futures Fund.

Mount Allison University

The Circulation Module of the DRA automated library system, which was purchased by funds donated to the library by Mount Allison students, was installed in time for the new Fall term. Over the summer months approximately 85,000 items were barcoded by the Library staff.

Janet Geier has begun a part-time term appointment as cataloguer. This was made possible by the purchase of release time for Gwendolyn Creelman as President of the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations.

School Libraries

In School District 19, which covers the areas surrounding Saint John, the School Board informed the District Library Resource Teacher that she was being transferred to a teaching position because of an increase in elementary enrolments. (See article regarding this elsewhere in this issue.)

Intellectual Freedom

There are developments in two areas which have implications for intellectual freedom. New Brunswick libraries have been asked to label their videos in accordance with the provincial film classification system. The province's regional librarians are disputing this request and are currently seeking a legal opinion. On another front, the District 20 (Saint John) School Board recommended the Department of Education consider the removal of *Huckleberry Finn* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* from the list of approved studies. A Saint John community organization, known as PRUDE, has complained that these books portray minorities in a negative light and has asked for their removal from the optional reading list. The Minister of Education referred it to a committee where it is currently under consideration. The recommendation stated that the ban should not be extended to the stocking of these books in school libraries but it is still an issue for the library community and APLA will be writing to the Minister.*

*Editor's note: As we go to press, the *Bulletin* has learned that the District 20 School Board has amended its decision. The Board has decided it will be up to individual teachers to decide if students will study these two books.

New Brunswick Library Association

Libraries in New Brunswick have been approached on the subject of forming a New Brunswick Library Association. A Formation Committee met in Fredericton in October to plan and share the work

necessary to form a provincial group. Anyone interested in learning more about the association should contact Margaret Wicken at New Brunswick Library Service in Fredericton.

Susan Collins

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Nova Scotia Library Association

The Annual NSLA Conference, hosted by the Dartmouth Regional Library, was held at the Library and the Dartmouth Holiday Inn from September 27-29. Approximately 250 people attended the events. Keynote speaker Marion Pape, Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian, gave an insightful address about the future of libraries. An author reading by Canadian journalist Michael Harris was another highlight. At the Saturday evening banquet, Barbara Kincaid, Library Director, Western Counties Regional Library, was presented with an honorary lifetime membership in the Association. Fred Popowich of Pictou Antigonish Regional Library is the new President. Linda Arsenaault, also of PARL, is the Program Convenor for next year's conference. It will be held at PARL in New Glasgow in early October.

HALL (Halifax Area Law Libraries)

This is an informal association of people who work in academic, government, law society, private law firms and special libraries. The Chair is Siobhan Lane of Patterson Kitz. Activities include continuing education, and lobbying governments and publishers on issues relevant to law libraries. Marie DeYoung of the Department of Attorney General, Jane MacDonald of Dalhousie Law Library and Peter Webster of Public Legal Education sit on a Joint Committee on computer access to Nova Scotia Legislation. They have been lobbying the Provincial Government to provide computer access to statutes and regulations. A submission will be made to the Canadian Law Information Council (CLIC) Task Force on Electronic Access to Government Information. Barbara Campbell of the N.S. Barristers' Library was recently named Volunteer of the Year by the Public Legal Education Society of N.S.

Nova Scotia Teachers' Union Library

The Bruce Hunter Memorial Library is an information/research centre of interest to educators. Its collection includes NSTU publications; reports and publications of the CTF and its affiliates; selected government documents; journals, periodicals and

newsletters, educational indexes, audio and video cassettes. An ERIC on-line search facility is available to NSTU members. It is operated by Librarian Maureen Phinney-Dumas. The Library hours are: Monday to Friday, 9-12; 1:30-5 p.m.; and summer office hours.

School for Resource and Environmental Studies—Dalhousie University

Librarian Judy Reade organized the School's project for Environment Week 1991. Using the resources in the Library, seven students of the School wrote a series of articles which appeared in the *Halifax Chronicle Herald*. The articles dealt with various ways in which home owners could make their homes and yards more environmentally friendly. The final article, entitled "Looking to the Future," was written by Judy and Associate Director Ray Cote.

Regional Libraries

A new library was recently opened in Amherst. The new \$800,000 facility is called the Four Fathers Memorial Library. The name came from a suggestion by a grade nine student and pays tribute to Sir Charles Tupper, E.B. Chandler, R.B. Dickey, and Jonathan McCully, the four Fathers of Confederation who came from Amherst.

In early September the Eastern Counties Regional Library staff took part in a special one week promotion of ECRL's bookmobile service. Local newspapers carried articles about this program and local radio stations promoted it on a daily basis. Over 800 homes were reached in selected areas, with a number of positive contacts being made, and several new bookmobile stops created.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library reports that its Books-By-Mail program offered to Antigonish County residents has been very successful. The Regional Library has started a newsletter called "Parle". Library mascot "Leroy the Frog" adorns all branches and the Bookmobile. The new New Glasgow Library has just celebrated its first birthday.

Nova Scotia Research Foundation Corporation

NSRFC Library will soon be expanding its service to industry by offering information on the existence and availability of standards and specifications. To do this, they will be contacting institutions in the Atlantic Region to compile information on locally held standards. They will also be acquiring CD ROM indexes to standards.

Halifax Library Association

The next meeting of HLA will be held at the Black Cultural Centre on November 14th. The Curator, Henry Bishop, will give a tour, show a video, and give a hands-on demonstration of games they do with children. The October meeting was a tour of the University of King's College's elegant new library.

Nova Scotia Provincial Library

The upcoming move to new facilities continues to keep staff members busy. The building site, on Kempt Road in Halifax, is currently being renovated. The actual move will take place in January or February. A study of future requirements for an integrated automated system is underway. Jane Beaumont, of Beaumont and Associates Inc., was awarded the contract. A needs analysis of the Provincial Library has been completed and the site visits to regions have begun. The study will be completed in early September. Shelley Hawrychuk joined the reference staff as Librarian 1, in September.

Nova Scotia Community College—Halifax Campus—Library Technician Program

A group of eight students will complete their course work on November 1, 1991. Instructors Wendy Duff, Carole Compton-Smith and Laura Draper from Kinestec recently gave a talk at the NSLA Conference on the role of library technicians. A meeting of the Library Technicians Advisory Committee took place on October 23 at the Halifax Campus. Iain Bates, University Librarian at Acadia, is the Chair of this Committee. It was established to monitor the two library technician programs in Nova Scotia as recommended in the guidelines published by the Canadian Library Association.

Gwen Whitford

NEWS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

Sincere apologies for the shortage of Newfoundland news in the past two issues. I was suffering from post-conference depression, and was away on both annual and sick leave.

University

Alberta Wood, map librarian at QEII, has had her book, *Professional Papers, Correspondence, etc. of Raleigh Ashlin (Peter) Skelton (1906-1970)*, selected for inclusion in three exhibits, two international and one national. The book has been on exhibit since May 26, 1991 at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa.

Anne Hart, at the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, advises they have acquired the papers of Breakwater Books, which will be an "invaluable reference aid for people researching Newfoundland literary history."

Colleges

When last I wrote, we knew that budget cuts to Cabot Institute in St. John's were severe. With one librarian and two staff positions cut from the two campuses, as well as Pat Rahal's position as Manager, Learning Resources, open hours were reduced dramatically. One staff

position has since been restored, and librarian Joan Roberts is working full-time again, covering both campus libraries. Open hours have increased and once again include evening hours.

Libraries in the community colleges are still quite "leaderless". Of 13 colleges, only 6 have full-time librarians at present. Labrador Community College in Labrador City has been without a librarian for over a year, and staff have even resorted to begging librarians at other institutions for assistance in such crucial areas as selection. At Western Community College in Stephenville, James Carter has been transferred to a management position, and his post in the library is still unfilled. However, Eastern Community College has two recent appointments: A. Hamid Saleemi, formerly of the Department of Employment and Labour Relations, to the Clarenville Campus, and Rubin Vineberg to the Burin Campus.

Schools

Chris Melnick has left the post of Manager, Resource Centre, Department of Education and taken a job with the Hibernia Management and Development Company. The Department of Education has decided not to fill her position for the remainder of the year. There is concern whether they will fill it at all: Karen Lippold, President of the Newfoundland Library Association, writes "it does not make one confident about education in the province."

The Learning Resources Council of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association (formerly the Educational Media Council) held its annual conference in Corner Brook, October 4-6. The theme was "The Learner at the Centre". The keynote address, "Implementing Change," and two half-day sessions were given by Elizabeth Austrom, District Principal of Curriculum Resources at the Vancouver School Board. Sessions focused on strategies for cooperative planning between the learning resource teacher and the classroom teacher. The Education Department has, in the past decade, begun to prescribe "resource-based" learning, which is being touted as a "major innovation". Your come-from-away columnist is somewhat mystified by all this excitement, having experienced full-fledged resource-based learning "elsewhere" some 25 years ago, and was quite amazed to encounter, upon arrival here, a school administrator who asked, "What do they need libraries for? They got their textbooks haven't they?" Things are definitely looking up, but many "learning resource centres" still await development.

Public Libraries

By the time you read this, the Provincial Public Libraries Board should have signed its first contract with DYNIX for Stage 1 of its Automation Plan. While funding for the Plan has not been forthcoming from the provincial government, recent budget cuts and the imminent

demise of the aged Recordak circulation system in the St. John's Libraries have necessitated action. Cataloguing records will be "repatriated" from UTLAS, saving data communications costs, and loaded into the local system, which will continue to provide the microfiche catalogue for all branches, as well as machine readable records for St. John's automated circulation system. Staff wait anxiously for the magic date—estimated to be in early 1992. The cost, estimated at \$250,000, will be shared between the Provincial Public Libraries Board and the St. John's City Library Board.

Depending on future funding, the acquisitions module, OPAC's for St. John's, and on-line access for regional headquarters will be added as Stage 2. On-line access for regional resource libraries and serials control for St. John's and the Provincial Reference and Resource Library will be Stages 3 and 4, respectively.

Diana Rose, Deputy Director, Provincial Public Libraries, has just returned from a month's study leave to gather information for an orientation package for trustees.

Citizens of Stephenville and the library staff of "Kindale 2" are delighted to be in their new building. It may not be paid for yet, and there may not be enough money to provide all the materials and services such a building deserves, but library use has skyrocketed. No date has been set for the official opening.

Newfoundland Library Association

NLA has written to Dr. Hubert Kitchen, Newfoundland Minister for Finance, detailing the far-reaching effects of his department's plans for "harmonizing" the provincial sales tax on reading materials with the G.S.T. in an environment where illiteracy is epidemic and funding for library materials is constantly eroding. The Association has requested that the province either exempt institutional libraries from the provincial sales tax on library materials or increase grants.

The Association's Award for highest marks in the Library Certificate Program at Memorial went to Robin Fewer, who is currently working in the Acquisitions Department at the Queen Elizabeth 2 Library at Memorial.

Miscellany

The Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador held its Annual Conference in St. John's, September 27-29. Keynote speaker, Ray Guy, addressed the group with the depressing, but scarcely novel, news that it's hard to make a living as a writer in Newfoundland and that publishers do exploit writers. Joan Sullivan spoke on Marketing your Writing and actually getting paid for it, which even with a contract is not always easy. Among those reading at the conference was Kevin Major, recently appointed writer-in-residence at Memorial. Corner Brook writer Alice Bartels said the mood of the group could be characterized as "angry but enthusiastic".

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Call for Nominations for the APLA Executive

The offices available for nominations this year are as follows:

- First Vice President (President-Elect)
- Vice-President for Nova Scotia
- Vice-President for Newfoundland
- Treasurer
- Vice-President Membership

Please send nominations, postmarked no later than February 28, 1992, to:

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Qualifications: MLS Degree with knowledge of automation processes and considerable years

of related experience in technical services and demonstrated ability in management of staff. Strong communication and interpersonal skills, and visibility as a leader in the professional library community.

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Students Win NSERC Scholarships

John Adams of Truro, Nova Scotia and Karen Greaves of Calgary have each been awarded a \$15,000 Post-graduate Scholarship in Science Librarianship and Documentation from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

The prestigious NSERC scholarships are given to only the top students in library/information studies with science backgrounds. For John Adams, a second-year student, the award is applicable for the second year of his M.L.I.S. programme. The award is renewable next year for

Karen Greaves, a first-year student accepted at Dalhousie beginning this fall.

John Adams holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Guelph, Ontario, and a Master of Science in Biology from Acadia University. Before entering the M.L.I.S. programme he worked as a Biology Technician helping with numerous courses at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. His specialty is entomology, and he has presented and co-authored papers on insects in agricultural environments.

Karen Greaves holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Waterloo and a M.A.Sc. in Bio-Resource Engineering from the University of British Columbia. Before entering the M.L.I.S. programme at Dalhousie she worked as a teaching assistant for courses in soil physics, irrigation and drainage, and energy use in agriculture at the University of British Columbia, was a participant in an archaeological dig in Israel, and took part in an Oceanography research expedition.

Christmas Greetings From all the APLA Executive



APLA Strategy Planning Session Participants (Sept. 91)

Ann Connor-Brimer Award Winner

The Nova Scotia Library Association has announced the winner of the first annual Ann Connor Brimer Award for children's books written by Atlantic Canadian authors.

Joyce Barkhouse won the award for *Pit Pony* (Gage).

Also on the shortlist were *Blood Red Ochre* by Kevin Major (Doubleday), *Sooschewan—Child of the Beothuk* by Donald Gale (Breakwater), *Thirteen Never Changes* by Budge Wilson (Scholastic—TAB), and *Toes in My Nose* by Sheree Fitch (Doubleday).

The award is funded by a trust established in memory of Ann Connor Brimer, who left a bequest

to the Nova Scotia Library Association to be used to recognize an outstanding contribution to children's literature in the region. Atlantic Canada was the only part of the country which did not have a

children's literature award.

The winner was announced on November 1st during a reception at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax.

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