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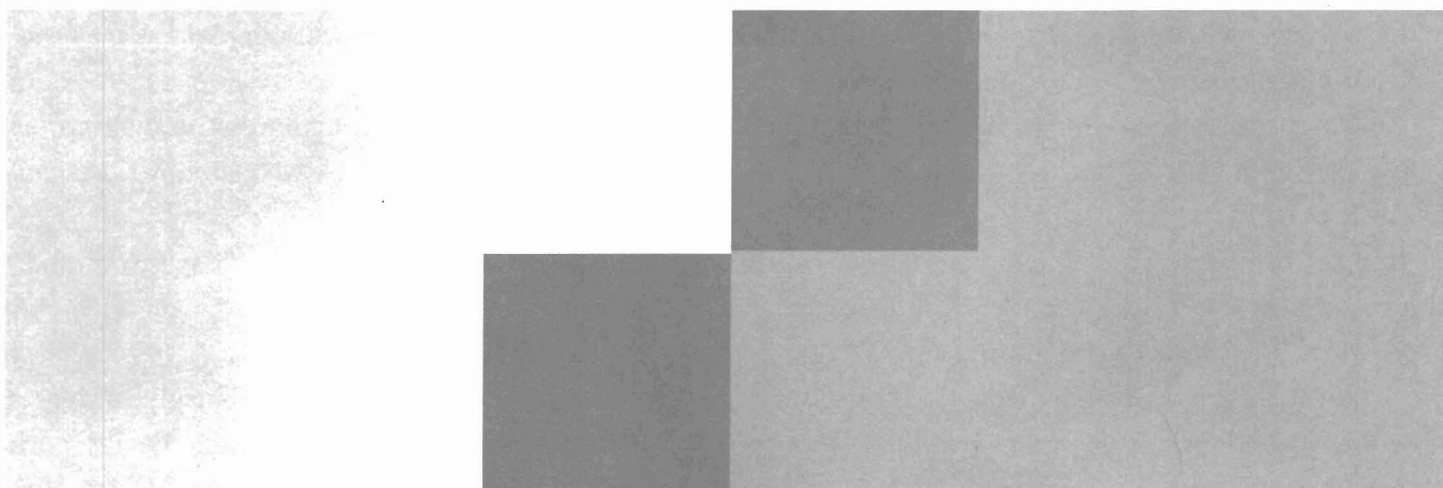
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APLA Conference 2001

Convergence: make the connections-faites les connexions

**Delta Prince Edward Hotel
Charlottetown, PEI
May 31 - June 3, 2001**

An Invitation to join us in Charlottetown for the APLA 2001 Conference

We would like to extend a warm invitation to join us at the Delta Prince Edward Hotel and Conference Centre in Charlottetown for the Atlantic Provinces Library Conference, from May 31 - June 3. This year's conference theme is "Convergence: make the connections - faites les connexions."

Discover new ideas or find solutions to old problems. Attend a preconference workshop on web awareness, repairing mangled tapes, or creating harmony in the work place.

Look into the future. Join dynamic keynote speaker, Stephen Abram, as he explores the meaning of convergence and the future roles of librarians and information specialists. Are we headed down the yellow brick road?

Revitalize yourself. You can select from sessions that explore new paths in technology, investigate improved services to users with disabilities, play with puppets and books, or wax nostalgic with Sue Sixty as she looks at the beginnings of APLA.

Celebrate. The OGM has been scheduled earlier, 5:15 PM on Friday, to allow for leisurely dining in one of Charlottetown's fine restaurants or lively pubs. On Saturday evening, we will honour our merit award winner, listen to National Librarian Roch Carrier, and dance to the music of ECMA New Artist/Group of the Year nominee, Celtic Tide.

Come. Converge on Charlottetown. Make the connections with your profession and colleagues. See the conference web site for further information: <http://www.upei.ca/~apla/>

We look forward to seeing you in May.

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News from the President's desk

Have you ever wondered what life would be like without the sun rising to shine every day or without the annual spring APLA conference? We don't normally think of things in that way mainly because the odds of them regularly happening are too great. Yet, when we realize that our conference happens every year because of a number of very dedicated volunteers, its annual occurrence is almost as miraculous as the sun. We might be a small association in comparison to many other library associations across the country, and although we do not have any paid employees, so much is accomplished. This annual APLA conference is one great example of how much work gets done by the association's dedicated members.

The upcoming conference in Charlottetown is indeed enticing, and that's over and above the fact it is being held in such a picturesque area. The theme chosen, "APLA 2001 Convergence – Make the Connections" is a wonderful way to describe who we are and what we do. All year long we work in our own libraries whether they be academic, public, school, health, business or more specific such as law or theology. Then once a year we meet – we converge – to attend a wide variety of developmental sessions, but more importantly to celebrate the things we do have in common – for one – a deep appreciation for the value of libraries to our society.

If you haven't sent in your registration to attend the conference yet, I urge you to do so now. You won't want to miss this year's

keynote speaker Stephen Abram outline the 10 major technology trends that will impact us just as much as the Web did in the last century. Neither will you want to miss out on all the other fantastic sessions planned in areas as diverse as "Library and Computer Centre Collaboration;" "How to Make Better Connections on Committees So That Something Gets Done;" "Evaluation of Consumer Health Information Resources;" to "Practical Puppetry" "Playing with Books" and "Library Service to Teens: A Practical Discussion."

The APLA Conference is also traditionally a time when our general membership meets to handle the business of being an association. This year the Executive, after receiving suggestions from the membership, decided to try an earlier time for the Ordinary General Meeting. This year the OGM will be held late Friday afternoon beginning at 5:15 until 7 p.m. This way those attending the meeting will have the evening free to enjoy an evening in Charlottetown.

And what conference would be complete without the exhibitors section where we can see what is new and available in our field, and talk with representatives from the various companies who offer the resources. This year all 52 tables are filled in the Exhibitors area, so there will definitely be something of interest for everyone.

I am hoping to meet as many of you as is possible. See you there!!!

Pamela Stevens-Earle

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



Alban Arsenault, Recipient of the 1999 APLA Merit Award, was also honored with a similar award by the Université de Moncton on April 4, 2001.

Le 4 avril 2001, Monsieur Alban Arsenault s'est vu attribué le titre de bibliothécaire émérite de la part de l'Université de Moncton. Ce même honneur lui avait été remis par l'APLA en 1999.

Les étudiants et étudiantes du réseau des bibliothèques de l'Université de Moncton ont maintenant accès aux différentes bases de données et textuelles grâce à la mise en place d'un serveur mandataire. Cette réalisation a été rendue possible grâce à une subvention de la fondation J. Louis Lévesque.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES/ BIBLIOTHÈQUES PUBLIQUES:

In an effort to improve the Internet Searching skills of employees, staff from all the regions received training in advanced searching techniques at the University of New Brunswick. Each of these employees will, in turn, be responsible for training other employees in their region.

Sur une base provinciale, des employés de chacune des régions ont reçu de la formation afin d'améliorer leurs techniques de recherche sur l'Internet. Ces employés seront ensuite responsables de former les autres employés de leur région.

York Library Region:

A very successful literacy workshop entitled "Reading and Children... They Go Together" was held at the Chipman Public Library in February. It was organized and sponsored by the library, Care-N-Share, and Early Intervention.

The Governor-General, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson visited the Minto Public Library October 11, just prior to the launch of the province's first-ever Public Libraries Week. Mary Lambropoulos, library branch manager and deputy mayor of Minto, presented the Governor-General with a library card pin, a special memento of her visit.

A new program to introduce babies up to age 18 months to books and to stimulate language development with rhymes, songs, repetitive movements, and the use of board books, has been introduced at numerous branch libraries across York Region. The brainchild of this initiative is Saint John Region's head librarian and APLA President Pamela Stevens-Earle. Not only do the babies love the activity, it is very popular with parents, grandparents, and sitters, as well.

Hartland's Dr. Walter Chestnut Public Library celebrated the 100th anniversary of the longest covered bridge in the world at their annual benefit dinner, held April 7, at the local legion. Local writer and dramatist Weldon Matthews wrote and directed a play commemorating the event, which was performed at the dinner by members of the library board and few of their intrepid friends. The play, called the Harland Bridge Delegation, was a hit. The money raised by the dinner goes towards the library's elevator fund.

This year "Project Love", a joint effort by Fredericton Public Library and local schools coordinated by York's Children's Librarian Marilyn Lohnes, produced over 200 kits of

school supplies for children in Mali and Tanzania. Each kit contains a ruler, a notebook, an eraser, a pencil, and a Valentine from the child packing the kit. A teacher's kit with additional supplies accompanies each mail-out. "Project Love" is an annual Valentine project of the library's Children's Department.

The Oromocto Public Library celebrated its 40th anniversary March 30 with a Family Fun Night attended by the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell, local dignitaries, and members of the community. There were games, a puppet show, and "Library Lingo" for the children; the adults got to play, à la Régis Philbin, the "Who Wants to be a Bookanaire?" game devised by library staff.

Saint John Library Region:

Libraries in the Saint John Library Region once again took part in the library initiative "Take Heart in Your Community" food drive campaign. The idea originated with the West Branch staff last year when they realized that the local food banks were experiencing a drop in supplies once the Christmas giving season was over. Libraries, the staff reasoned, would be a good drop off point for many people, and the food drive came into being. Bookmarks and posters were prepared, and the campaign ran for the month of February. The food banks were very appreciative of the effort.

Over 50 people attended the launch of the expanded MindCare Collection at the Saint John Free Public Library to hear the head of psychiatry at the city's hospital speak on mental wellness and to view many of the new items. The consumer health collection of books and videos, donated by the New Brunswick MindCare Foundation, also includes the availability of a consumer health database that offers the latest in consumer health

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information. A third edition of the bibliography that goes with this collection is also available. Professionals from the health, mental health and library field choose the titles.

The St. Croix Public Library in St. Stephen hosted a StoryFest in February. Now into its 13th year, this annual event involves elementary children from the towns of Milltown and St. Stephen. Elva Hatt, branch manager says the event is very popular with the children and parents of the area. Each year a topic is given to the children and the younger ones are encouraged to produce posters, while the grades four and five are asked to write a story or poem. The many prize winners are asked to read their contributions at the StoryFest. Adult storytellers sometime round out the evening.

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region:

Staff from libraries were on hand to participate in the launch of the provincial Family Literacy Day activities. Riverview Librarian, Lynn Cormier appeared as Lulu, the Library Ladybug.

Training sessions for the public in computer use have begun. The first sessions were offered to seniors and covered basic skills as well as an introduction to using the Internet and email. The Encarta software was also explained to a group of participants from Support for Single Parents. All classes took place in the Training Centre, which houses six computers from the Gates project.

Retirements were celebrated for Dianne Oldham of the Moncton Public Library and for Claudia Losier, who has been in charge of the Dieppe Library. Various presentations from the province, the A.W.K. Regional Library and the staff were made at dinners held in their honour.

For the third time, the

Petitcodiac Public Library has put on a play to raise funds for the library. These plays are becoming quite well known in the area and both performances of Prescription Murder played to a full house. The employee in charge of the Petitcodiac Public Library, Janet Coates-Mason, directed the play as well as taking on one of the major roles.

Salon du livre d'Edmundston

Le Salon a présenté sa 16e édition au Centre des congrès d'Edmundston du 5 au 8 avril 2001 sous le thème: Des livres... à consommer sans modération. Pour l'occasion, l'Association des bibliothécaires professionnels du Nouveau-Brunswick a tenu son événement printanier.



Associations

In February, the Newfoundland & Labrador sponsored a presentation by Dr. Roger Peattie. He discussed Victorian literature and guided NLLA members on a tour of the exhibit "Victorian Illustrated Books and Bindings from the Peattie Collection" at the Art Gallery of Newfoundland & Labrador.

NLLA members attended a session on electronic journals arranged by Ronotta Thomas and presented by RoweCom.

Library Week 2001 is being held April 29 - May 5, 2001 with the theme "Let Libraries Carry You

Away!". The theme and kite logo tie in with Newfoundland and Labrador's Marconi Celebrations: Receiving the World. Marconi's kite, flown on Signal Hill in St. John's aided reception of the first Trans-Atlantic radio message. See the delightful Kite logo and learn more about Newfoundland Library Week 2001 at <http://www.nfonet.st-johns.nf.ca/providers/nlla/lib-week2001/>. Stephen Field, assisted by Penny Cairns, Susan Fahey, Stephen Green-Dowden, Pam Morgan and Adriana Popescu planned the celebration and developed the promotional activities and products.

The annual general meeting and conference of the Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association coincides with Library Week 2001. Adriana Popescu, assisted by Heather Myers, Karen Lippold, Marguerite Jones, Karen Hutchens, Stephen Green-Dowden, Dianne Cmor and Annette Anthony have planned the day long conference for May 4, 2001. An Advocacy Workshop, sponsored by APLA will be offered on May 5. Information about the programme is available at <http://www.infonet.st-johns.nf.ca/providers/nlla/NLLAConference2001.html>.

The 22nd annual general meeting and conference of the Newfoundland & Labrador Health Libraries Association was held on Friday, April 20, 2001 at the Confederation Building West Block, St. John's. The conference programme can be found at <http://www.infonet.st-johns.nf.ca/nlhla/events.htm>. The 2001/2002 NLHLA Executive comprises George Beckett (President), Stephen Green-Dowden (Vice-President), and Annette Anthony (Secretary).

Public Libraries

Library Week 2001 was launched on Saturday April 28 at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library in St. John's. Story tellers Mary Fearon and Kevin Major told a vari-

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ety of stories. Don Brownridge, president of the Toronto Kite Fliers showed participants how to design and make kites. Kevin Aylward, Minister of Tourism, Recreation, and Culture presented a copy of the book "Marconi's miracle: the wireless bridging of the Atlantic by Donald R. Tarrant to each public library in the province.

Artist Jim Morrissey presented his mixed media art course at the A.C. Hunter Library, St. John's over four weekly sessions during February and March.

Academic Libraries

On April 1, 2001 Mary Lochhead joined the Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries as Associate University Librarian. Mary was head of the Architecture/Fine Arts and the Music Libraries at the University of Manitoba.

Joy Tillotson returned to her position as Head of the Information Services Division in April.

Laura Scott has been on sabbatical leave from the Collections Division, Queen Elizabeth II Library working in Calgary on a bibliography of vernacular architecture since February.

Penny Cairns has completed her work term at the Information Services Division, Queen Elizabeth II Library and returned to the University of Western to complete her MLIS degree.

Dianne Taylor-Harding



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Lorraine McQueen Announces Retirement

Lorraine McQueen has announced her retirement as University Librarian at Acadia effective June 30, 2001. A search for her replacement will be underway shortly.

University of King's College Hosts Conference on the Book

The University of King's College Institute for Advanced Study hosted a millennium conference entitled *The Book: Past, Present and Future* on Saturday, January 20, 2001 in King's New Academic Building.

"The focus of the conference is the role of the printed word in liberal arts education and will coincide with the opening of the university's new academic building" said Dr. Walter H. Kemp, Institute Director. The three speakers represent those fields of learning in which King's offers its special programmes: the Foundation Year, Early Modern Studies, Contemporary Studies, History of Science and Technology, and Journalism."

Three internationally acclaimed authors and scholars gave papers at the conference. Ann Blair, John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences in the Department of History at Harvard University, is an author of papers in Renaissance texts, natural philosophy and the History of Science and represented the past. Alberto Manguel, distinguished Canadian author, lecturer and radio/TV writer anthologist lectured about the present. The final guest lecturer Liss Jeffrey, Adjunct Professor with the McLuhan

Program in Culture and Technology at the University of Toronto. She is an author and broadcaster on the transformation effects of new media, Canada's cultural policy strategies, and new information technologies and she presented a paper on the future.

Acadia University Staffing News

Acadia is pleased to announce the appointment of two new academic librarians Berenica Vejvoda and Erin Bale. Berenica is a graduate of University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto. She brings experience in data, maps and government documents and has been working with us on contract since August replacing Jennifer Richard who is on maternity leave. Erin is a graduate of UW(O) and has been working in continuing education, publishing and web design. Erin will be starting with us on April 1, 2001.

Patricia Gallant will be on sabbatical leave as of July 1, 2001. This is our second librarian to take a one-year sabbatical. Dr. Nirmal Jain returned from his sabbatical year in July 2000.

Interlibrary Loans Tutorial Supports Efficient ILO at Acadia

Interlibrary Loan for students, faculty and staff at the Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University is as easy as "ILL - Interpret your Citation"; "Look in our Library Catalogue" and "Login the Library Catalogue" for Request Forms

On January 15, 2001 the Vaughan introduced ILL-Skills, a 15-minute web based tutorial that features citation examples of commonly requested material, and shows students how to fill in our new electronic interlibrary loan forms which are attached to patron records.

Once students have viewed the tutorial, they come to the Reference

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Desk to complete a short multiple-choice review of information shown in ILL-Skills and are then registered as ILL borrowers. This new initiative ensures continued fast and efficient ILL services at no charge to registered students, staff and faculty - one more way we are bringing the world of information to our students.

A significant increase in our ILL lending statistics has been noted since we completed a large re-con project and reported many older titles. Acadia University is pleased to be a contributing part of the ILL network.

University College of Cape Breton and Assistive Technology

The University College of Cape Breton Library recently received a CD-Rom entitled, "*Technology for All: Assistive Technology Educational Resources*". Developed

by Dorothy Tennant of the Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board and Stewart Sommers, 1999 Nova Scotia Disable Entrepreneur of the Year, this CD provides people interested in this technology with "one place to look" for information on assistive technology. Both disabled individuals wanting to enhance their access to information and information providers will benefit from this resource.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

News from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Student News

Fall storytimes for pre-schoolers have successfully taken place in Kentville, Wolfville and Windsor branch libraries. The three sessions were organized and conducted by dedicated volunteers, with the Windsor "Fun & Fables" volunteer being our staff member, Peggy Hamilton. Peggy has offered this program for many years - she tells us that some of her first storytime

goers have graduated from university!

Staff members Julie Johnson and Marilyn Curry of the Wolfville branch volunteered their efforts in October and November and organized story programs for 4-8 year olds. Offered at 5:30 pm and called "Not-Quite-Bedtime Storytime", children were invited to wear slippers and bring a stuffed toy! It's important to note that all of the above programs are volunteer, even when conducted by a staff member. Public demand for programming is on the rise and a recent survey of branch staff indicates that it is a service priority of library users

E-Business Seminar Successful

An E-business seminar was held at the CAP Lab at the Wolfville Memorial Library on October 24. Directed towards innkeepers, the workshop covered topics such as: how to use CAP and library resources to attract customers; how to step into e-business; who is available for assistance; what's free and not free in the world of e-business; email; and web site design. The audience was comprised of about 12 businesses and the event was deemed a success by organizer, Nick Kasteljanov.

C@P - Community Access Program

The establishment phase of the CAP (Community Access Program) draws to a close on March 31, 2001. Five of the region's eleven branch libraries are eligible under this program for establishment funding. Steering committees comprised of community members were established in each of the five communities, Middleton, Kingston, Berwick, Port Williams and Hantsport. A proposal for CAP funding was submitted by each community before the October deadline. In each of these five proposals the region is the lead organization with the branch as the main CAP site. Each proposal is seeking ten thousand



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dollars from the program.

It is anticipated that approved sites will be announced before the new year. A human resource element is included in each of these proposals. This staffing will allow the region to continue the LibraryNet programming in each of the successful communities.

LibraryNet

Three youths are employed with the region through LibraryNet, an Industry Canada initiative to employ youth in libraries to promote technology. In the month of October, 123 programs were delivered in nine of the region's eleven branches. The programs have included the following: after-school programs with weekly themes for grades 3-5, seniors' mornings, one-on-one tutorials and structured workshops/courses. The 15 weeks provided by LibraryNet have proven to be very successful as some sessions are booked to their capacity weeks in advance.

Library Orientations Offered

In late November, both the Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown Libraries hosted library tours and orientations for each town's Family Matters Resource Centre, with approximately 25 adults and pre-schoolers in attendance.

Author Readings Held

Two author presentations took place at the Wolfville Library in November. Gaspereau Press hosted a reading by Glen Hancock which entertained almost 45 people. An author reading and musical evening, sponsored by Boiling Kettle Press, saw Heidi Priesnitz read from her new book, a novel entitled "Drifting." Music was provided by Ken Shorely with attendance totalling about 25 people.

Smart Communities

The region's contribution to the Smart Communities project is a virtual library, which is being developed in partnership with the Western Counties Regional Library with funding from the Smart Communities Initiative. The benefits of cooperating in this way are many: sharing ideas, brainstorming, and cost efficiency. The virtual library will be accessible through a web page that will allow our users to receive library services from outside the walls of the library. Dynamic new ideas are being considered and explored, resulting in exciting promotional opportunities for the region.

NEWS FROM CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Adult Programming Successful

During the Fall, numerous adult programmes were offered at the

McConnell Library. One of the most popular sessions was "Buying a Computer." Mr. Donnie MacNeil, a Systems Administrator with the Nova Scotia Community College offered a very interesting and informative session. All who attended felt better prepared to choose the computer and accessories that would fit their particular needs. Other popular sessions were "Investing for the Beginner" and "Holistic Skin Care."

Video Circulation Increases

Circulation of the video collection continues to be strong. CBRL amended its circulation procedures for videos and staff are very pleased with the results. There are now deposit collections in a number of branches. All branches of CBRL have noted an increase in video circulation over the past year. Video circulation for October 2000 at the McConnell Library was 1,088 compared to 217 for October 1999.

Cape Breton Libraries Prepare for NSLA 2001

Make plans to attend "Step we gaily...on we go: NSLA 2001". The conference will be held October 19th - 21st at the North Star Inn, North Sydney. Planning and programming for this year's conference is being shared between the Cape Breton Regional Library and the University College of Cape Breton.

The plenary address will be given by Mr. Darce Fardy a Review Officer with Nova Scotia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy. Mr. Fardy's address will be very timely given the recent developments pertaining to FOIPOP. Other workshops planned for the weekend include "A MARC Record Overview"; "Producing Educational CD-ROMS", and many other interesting, relevant sessions. Arrangements are not yet finalized: watch for further information in the next issue of this Bulletin.



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CBRL Participates in Hackmatack Children's Book Award

The Cape Breton Regional Library is again participating in the Hackmatack Children's Book Awards. This is the second year for Hackmatack, which is a reading program designed for the children in Atlantic Canada. The involvement and enthusiasm for readers in the Sydney, North Sydney, and Sydney Mines branches is what makes the program thrive. Arrangements are being made for two authors to visit our region during May. Both staff and children are excited about these upcoming visits!

Library Card Month Promoted

March is Library Card Month at the Cape Breton Regional Library. Patrons with valid library cards know all that the library has to offer. With this promotion, we want to reach those people in the community who do not have library cards, so that they too can benefit from the many treasures found at the local public library. New members have the chance to win a free year's subscription to the Cape Breton Post.

NEWS FROM EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Reaching Rural Residents

Reaching rural residents, both young and old, is still a top library priority for the ECRL. Both vans are on the road on most weekdays. Libr@ry Links sites are evolving and open houses are scheduled for early in the New Year. With numerous school closings and delays in opening the new schools, library visits to schools have been slow getting underway; however, regular schedules have now been established in most schools. The children look forward to borrowing new books and the teachers have become keen users of the online catalogue and

request form.

Seniors are also active library users, although some are unable to visit library service points. More than 50 seniors take advantage of the library's homebound service and numerous others receive visits from volunteers or branch staff at local nursing homes. It can be difficult to reach all the small, scattered communities and rural outreach staff look forward to welcoming a new community outreach assistant who will be hired for a one year period, thanks to a Canadian Rural Partnership grant.

Family Learning Program Established

Eastern Counties Regional Library, with the aid of a Labour Market Development Agreement grant, will establish a Family Learning program in Inverness, Richmond and Guysborough counties. This program will provide reading-related activities for both young and old. The aim is to encourage families, particularly young families, to read together. Low literacy levels are a particular concern in Northeastern Nova Scotia, and such a program will introduce young children to reading and give parents the necessary support to make family reading a regular activity.

Reading no longer involves only the print format. With this programming, families will have the opportunity to learn how to access library resources and accurate information online. Many parents worry about the quality of information their children are finding on the internet. Training sessions on effective and safe use of the internet will be conducted. The 48-week program will begin in early spring and continue throughout the year in several branch and community links locations.

NEWS FROM THE WESTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Library A Leader during Leave A Legacy Week

Western Counties Regional Library has taken a leading role in the development of a Leave A

Legacy (LAL) program for South Western Nova Scotia. The program provides information to the public about planning their estates and encourages individuals to make estate gifts to charitable organizations of their choice. To date five non-profit organizations in the region are included in the 83 charities listed with LAL in Nova Scotia. Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault, and Public Relations Manager Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin attended a Planned Giving seminar in Halifax during LAL week in October. The seminar was part of the commitment LAL has made to its members to provide training and assistance in the development of a Planned Giving program.

Smart Communities Program

Annapolis Valley Regional Library is partnering with Western Counties Regional Library as part of the Western Valley Development Authority Smart Communities demonstration project. The main focus for both partners is to construct a virtual library where residents can access library service twenty four hours a day. On-line services will be developed and then delivered at the one hundred kiosks that will be installed in Annapolis and Digby Counties. These new services will be also be available to the remainder of the two regions through public access computers in libraries, schools, homes, and at CAP sites.

Satellite Libraries

Established to enhance service to rural areas, WCRL has established three satellite libraries in the region. The libraries are located in

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Woods Harbour, Birchtown and Sandy Cove. The model of service is based on practices developed over the past several years at the Digby Neck CAP site. The satellite libraries, staffed by CAP volunteers, deliver online service via the library's Web Page and provide direct library service with a regular delivery of book deposit collections.

Joanne Head, Chair - Hackmatack Book Awards 2001

WCRL Children's Coordinator, Joanne Head, is the Chair of the 2001 Atlantic Canadian Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Awards slated to take place in Halifax in May. The award provides children with an opportunity to choose their favourite Canadian and Atlantic Canadian books. School children across the province read from ten fiction and ten nonfiction titles presented as the short list because of their literary, cultural, and enjoyment factors. The books nominated for this year's awards can be found at www.wcr.library.ns.ca Select "For Kids" and go to the Hackmatack web page.

Staffing Notes

Mike Durkee has been hired for two years as a Library Mentor. The position, funded by the Southwest Shore Development Authority and Western Counties Regional Library, involves public and staff training in the Gates Computer Lab and training at other CAP sites across the region.

David Coulstring will be working part time for the next forty eight weeks to develop web content for the WCRL home page. His position is funded by the Community Access Program

Volunteer Orientation

Western Counties Regional Library and the CNIB joined forces on Monday, January 29th and host-

ed a volunteer orientation at Regional Library headquarters. The orientation was aimed at understanding blindness and vision loss and the challenges visually impaired individuals face.

The session, attended by CNIB volunteers and volunteers from the library's Reader's Friend program included a segment on the Sighted Guide Technique and Living with Vision Loss.

To date 290 visually impaired individuals in Digby, Shelburne, and Yarmouth counties are registered with the CNIB. According to Cathy d'Entremont, Special Needs Department Clerk, the figure reflects a growing increase in the number of requests for large print and talking books at the library. To better serve the needs of these individuals Cathy has set a goal of having a volunteer assigned to every senior complex in the region by the end of next year, a goal achievable with Reader's Friend and CNIB working together. The volunteer orientation is a continuation of the partnership formed between Western Counties Regional Library and the CNIB in the Fall of 1999.

Gates Computer Lab - 1st Quarter

The Gates Computer Lab, officially opened on September 25th, is proving to be an active training centre with 190 programs attended by one 1116 individuals. Public programs offered include: Access, Word (both introduction and advanced), Computer Basics, Introduction to Web Design, Internet, Genealogy, Publisher, and E-Bay. Computer Basics and Introductory Word programs were the most popular. Genealogy and E-Bay programs offered by "guest experts" proved to be very popular as well.

Charitable Presence to be Included on Revamped Web Site

A web presence for the Western Counties Regional Library

Charitable Association will soon be part of the revamped WCRL web site. The charitable presence will include a background of the association, a section on "Ways to Give" to the library (e.g. Planned Giving, Memorial Donations, Tribute Donations, Adopt-A-Book, Special Promotions), and links to Leave A Legacy and Charity.ca. A section on Friends of the Library and one on the Reader's Friend program will be included under "Volunteers".

New Board Members

Board Chair Gary Archibald recently welcomed two new board members to WCRL. Roberta Journeay represents Digby County and Bruce Hubbard represents the Municipality of Argyle. A member for the town of Lockeport is yet to be appointed.

NEWS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

Council of Youth Services Meet

The Fall meeting of the Council on Youth Services is usually the first opportunity for Council members to examine design ideas for the upcoming Summer Reading Programme. At the October meeting held at Alderney Gate Public Library, Barry Donovan, who has designed all previous Summer Reading Programme posters, presented his ideas for the 2001. The theme, "Don't bug me, I'm reading!" provided much fodder for council members who brainstormed for programming ideas and discussed appropriate promotional items! Other items on the agenda included ideas for the 2002 programme, revised terms of reference, Hackmatack update, and sponsorship opportunities.



Public Libraries

Don Scott, Chief Librarian of the Confederation Centre Public Library, retired from his position on Dec. 15, 2000. Graduating from McGill's Library School in 1964, Mr. Scott has worked for the government for 36 years, most of those with the Provincial Library Service. He was Provincial Librarian from 1971 to 1990, overseeing many initiatives including the introduction of bookmobiles on the Island. Under his direction, the Provincial

Library Service expanded its technical services to serve Island schools with cataloguing and processing. He is a strong supporter of library associations such as APLA and the PEI Professional Librarians' Association. Mr. Scott served as APLA President in 1972/73. The Island library community wishes Don Scott all the best on the occasion of his retirement.

The public libraries have begun subscribing to two InfoTrac databases, General Reference and CPI.Q. Initially, the databases will only be available on computers in public libraries. However, in the New Year, access will be provided to anyone with a valid PEI public library card from any computer. Currently, staff are being trained on the use of these databases. The

public library system also has a reference subscription to Electric Library.

Academic libraries

Betty Jeffery, Instructional Services Librarian at Robertson Library, has coauthored a new book entitled *Alberton and area: a pictorial experience through time*. Betty is also the author of *The Jeffery family of the Isle of Wight and Prince Edward Island*.

The University of Prince Edward Island now has a web catalogue at <http://bobcat.upei.ca>. The web catalogue includes the capability of broadcast searching with several other Canadian DRA university sites. Suzanne Jones, Systems Librarian, is continuing to work on customizing the Web interface.

APLA-list cooks SPAM*

If you have quit the APLA-list, or never subscribed to it, for fear of being spammed, lay your fears to rest. In January we moved the list to a new software. The software, LISTSERV Lite, allows us to restrict posting to the list in such a way that messages from an e-mail address on the list go straight through, but ones from non-list addresses are rejected.

The upside of this feature is that spam should be eliminated. The downside is that, if you want to post to the list, the e-mail address that you are posting from must be the same as the e-mail you used when you subscribed to the list. If you have any trouble posting to the list, just contact the postmaster. For that matter, if you have any trouble doing anything with respect to the APLA-list, or if you have any comments or questions, contact the postmaster.

When you subscribe to the list, you will receive a welcome message with information about the basic commands and features - save it! LISTSERV Lite has features which

were lacking in the mailserv software. It is now possible to stop your mail when you go on vacation and restart it when you come back. You also have the option of receiving your messages in digest form. Digest causes the subscriber to receive one posting per digest cycle (typically daily) rather than individual messages as they are posted. There is a conceal command which allows you to "hide" your subscription from anyone who has requested a list of subscribers. To learn more about these and other commands check out the LISTSERV Web site <<http://www.lsoft.com/manuals/1.8d/index.html>>.

The APLA-list remains an unmoderated discussion list and bulletin board for anyone interested in library issues concerning the libraries and librarians of Atlantic Canada. In recent months the list has been used to post job advertisements, advertise upcoming events, put out the call for nominations for the APLA executive, and request help with a problem. The "problem" involved a search for copies of a

periodical and was successfully resolved.

Thanks to Aidan Evans, Dalhousie University's Computer Facilities & Operations, the APLA-list is alive, well, and better than ever.

To subscribe to the APLA-list, send the message

SUB APLA-LIST yourfirst-name lastname

to LISTSERV@IS.DAL.CA

APLA-list postmaster
Suzanne Sexty
709-737-7427
ssexty@mun.ca

* Spam is any message or posting, regardless of its content, that is sent to multiple recipients who have not specifically requested the mail. Other common terms for Spam are UCE (Unsolicited Commercial E-mail) and UBE (Unsolicited Bulk E-mail).

2000-2001 Annual Reports

APLA President's Report 2000 - 2001

Being president of APLA during the first year of the new millennium was indeed a special privilege! The technological advancements of the previous decade changed the direction of my work. Whereas Past Presidents of the Association relied on snail mail and the telephone to accomplish tasks, my work was made so much easier by electronic mail. The executive held one extended meeting in Halifax in October 2000. All follow up business was conducted by Email, saving both time and the financial resources of the Association.

I began my Presidency by representing APLA at the annual Canadian Library Association Conference in June, 2000, where I participated in Provincial and Territorial Library Association discussions, sharing the concerns of our membership with other association presidents and executive directors from across the country. At this meeting APLA was invited to attend sessions in Toronto in September to consult with the CLA Writing the Future Commission. Your Vice President/President Elect, Norine Hanus represented APLA's concerns at the September meeting.

In August, it was my pleasure to accompany New Brunswick Vice President, Jeanne Maddix, in the presentation of the 2000 Carin Alma E Somers Scholarship to Julie Lefrancois of Edmundston.

In October, the fall-winter executive meeting was held in Halifax. The three-day session included a day of Library Advocacy Now train-

ing for the executive. As you will remember, APLA had made an agreement with CLA to co-sponsor the Advocacy workshops in the Atlantic Provinces and had funded the 1999 Training the Trainers workshop, attended by two APLA members from each of the four provinces. Most of the current APLA executive had not received Advocacy training. Following the full day session, the executive reconfirmed APLA's commitment to offering Library Advocacy Now workshops. Our goal for the year was to ensure that the workshops were offered in each of the four Atlantic provinces. Thanks to the efforts of our provincial vice-presidents and our provincial trainers, I am pleased to report that this goal has been met.

The executive approved a proposal for funding submitted by Suzanne Sexty to weed the Association's archives and to write a history of APLA. Suzanne will be sharing the results of her work at this year's conference.

At our October meeting, Mijin Kim from CLA presented an outline of the upcoming joint CLA-APLA annual conference to be held in Halifax, 2002. The executive agreed to provide a volunteer coordinator and a representative on the conference committee. We were asked to consider the possibility of bulk registration for participants from the Atlantic Provinces. As a result of these discussions with Mijin, a Memo of Understanding, stating the needs of our membership in a joint CLA/APLA conference will be drafted at the May executive meeting and will be discussed with her during our May 2001 conference.

Norine Hanus and I attended PTLAC meetings at the Ontario Library Association's 100th Anniversary Super Conference in February. At this historic conference we were introduced to the American

Library Association's new @your library campaign, a campaign that builds on APLA's Library Advocacy Now commitment. We shall be sharing this exciting new campaign with the executive at the May meeting in Charlottetown.

APLA was part of another historic event that occurred at the PTLAC meetings. CLA shared the recommendations of the Writing the Future Commission, in which it is suggested that CLA redirect its energies to developing and presenting national policy positions. CLA will no longer be the single national voice of libraries, but rather a partner with other library associations working to strengthen the national voice of the library community. To this end, PTLAC proposed to launch a new movement called Libraries Advance Canada. The first meeting of Libraries Advance Canada will take place at the June 2001 CLA Conference in Winnipeg.

It has been a very exciting year to be President of APLA. I would like to thank the membership for allowing me this privilege. However, the work of the Association would not have been accomplished were it not for the efforts of the executive. I would like to thank the members for their constant support - Past President Peter Webster for his willingness to share his knowledge and advice, Vice President/President Elect Norine Hanus for her enthusiasm for new initiatives, the Provincial Vice Presidents for their commitment to Library Advocacy Now, and the Bulletin Editors for getting issues out against all odds. Special thanks go to our secretary Jean Cunningham and to our treasurer Sharon Murphy, both of whom have given freely of their time and talents for the good of the Association.

It was indeed a very good year!

Pamela Stevens-Earle

Past President's report: 2000-2001

I am coming to the end of my 3 year term on the APLA executive. I want to thank all of my fellow executive members, and APLA Conference Committee members I have had the great pleasure to work with.

Participating in the APLA Executive Advocacy workshop in October was another highlight of this year's activities. Serving as APLA's representative on the board of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award has been another highlight. A review and update of the APLA standing orders on the web was also carried out this year, though there is always more to do in that regard.

A worthy APLA Merit Award recipient has been selected and will be announced at the conference.

Four APLA Executive positions are due to be filled for 2001/2002. Nominations were received for all positions. Three positions have been filled by acclamation. An election is underway for the position of APLA Vice-President New Brunswick. The results of this election will also be announced at the conference.

I am looking forward to a great conference and the chance to meet everyone in Charlottetown.

Although I am finishing my time on the executive, I am sure APLA will have more work for me in the future.

Peter Webster

2000-2001 Annual Report: Vice-President

Aims and Objectives Committee

At the October meeting, the Committee made the decision to focus on library advocacy and set a goal of having at least one Advocacy Now! workshop held in each of the four provinces by May 2001. This goal has been achieved.

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Awards Committee

Copies of the scholarship applications will be forwarded to members of the Committee prior to the Conference with a decision being made early in the Conference. The scholarship winner will be announced at the OGM.

To date, three complete applications have been received.

Interest Groups

Simon Lloyd agreed to convene the Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group.

Marie DeYoung agreed to convene the Continuing Education Group.

Public Relations and Communications committees are vacant. The Executive has decided to consider combining the two and will bring such a motion before the OGM in June.

Louise McGillis agreed to complete the term of the Special Committee on Advocacy. This Committee's mandate ends in May 2001.

Angela Lonardo has agreed to chair the APLA Memorial Awards Committee.

Dawn Hooper has agreed to serve as Secretary to APLA in 2001-2002.

In September, I represented APLA at a joint meeting of the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC) and

the CLA. Progress of the Writing the Future Report was presented. A decision was made to work cooperatively on issues of concern to libraries across the country. Advocacy was chosen as the pilot issue with OLA taking the lead by introducing the @Your Library initiative in Canada. This program was unveiled at the OLA Conference in February.

PTLAC met again in February when they were given an overview of the Writing the Future Report by Alan MacDonald. This meeting also resulted in an agreement to expand and continue working on issues of common concern. It was further decided to ask other Canadian Library associations to work with PTLAC and CLA through a movement which has been entitled Libraries Advance Canada. The inaugural meeting of this movement will be held June 12 in Winnipeg.

Norine Hanus, Vice-President

2000-2001 Annual Report: Secretary

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be secretary this year because it gave me the chance to better see how the Association functions, and to work with a group of dedicated and energetic people. They made it a very enjoyable experience for me. Some of the executive members have been involved in the past in different positions on the APLA executive, and were able to provide a wealth of information when requested. Thank you to everyone. The secretary made the arrangements for the fall meeting held in Halifax at the Holiday Inn, which included an extra full day this year, so that the Advocacy Now Workshop could be given to the executive. My duties also included

helping with agendas, recording and sending (e-mail) minutes, and receiving and forwarding APLA correspondence. I appreciated all the advice and assistance provided by my predecessor, Penny Logan.

Thank you to APLA President Pamela Stevens-Earle for giving me the chance to become more involved in this valuable organization.

Jean Cunningham

Annual Report of the Vice President (Membership)

The biggest event in this membership year was the acquisition of a new computer. The new laptop is more portable and has greatly reduced the aggravation level of the VP (Membership) since it does not crash in mid-operation as did the old computer in its later days.

The membership directory was prepared by the VP (Membership) and Betty Sutherland in the absence of a communications committee. Many thanks to Betty for her continued assistance with the production of the directory.

Thanks also to the provincial vice-presidents for their efforts in recruitment and retention of members.

Members and Subscribers: This Year and Last

	2000/2001	1999/2000
Personal	228	226
Life/Honourary Life	25	25
Institutional	33	34
Subscribers	22	22
Total	308	307

The distribution by province is much the same as in past years.

Members and Subscribers 2000/2001

	NB	NF	NS	PEI	OTHER	TOTAL
Personal	89	25	87	17	10	228
Life	2	0	6	2	1	11
Honourary Life	6	2	6	0	0	14
Institutions	12	2	14	0	5	33
Subscribers	2	1	1	0	18	22
Total	111	30	114	19	34	308

Although the number of student members is not large, it is worth noting that there are twice as many as last year.

Personal members by type:

Librarians	179
Library support staff	23
Trustees	3
Students	14
Other	9

Respectfully submitted
Joy Tillotson

The APLA Bulletin: Annual report for 2000-2001

Our second year as editors of the Bulletin passed quickly and relatively smoothly as we honed a comfortable routine for getting each issue to press and out to APLA members. However from editing and proofreading to stuffing envelopes we have found it a challenge to fit the demands of the Bulletin editorship in with busy professional schedules. We have decided not to edit the Bulletin for third season and will be passing the torch onto another editorial team during the summer.

As always, we would like to thank all the contributors to the Bulletin - as a volunteer publication we are reliant upon submissions from APLA members and the wider Library community. In particular, our thanks go to APLA President Pamela Stevens-Earle and the Provincial Vice-Presidents whose contributions form the foundation for every issue of the Bulletin. Thanks are also due to our advertisers and to Mount Allison University for assistance with miscellaneous costs. Finally sincere thanks are due to Connie Lemieux and Sarah Ingersoll at Quebecor Inc. in Fredericton who have been most helpful during the past year, patiently answering our questions and guiding us through the odd technical glitch.

Finally Ruthmary Macpherson, Emma Cross and Brian McNally will be attending the APLA conference 2001 in Charlottetown. If you have comments about the Bulletin or ideas for features and articles - please seek us out and vent. We hope to incorporate some of your ideas into our few remaining issues of the Bulletin and / or pass them on to the new editors.

Ruthmary Macpherson
Emma Cross
Brian McNally

2000-2001 Annual Report: Vice-president New Brunswick

The first-ever provincial Public Libraries Week was celebrated in October 2000. Many activities underlined this week.

Throughout the province, many libraries were involved with literacy programs, in various ways. Fundraising efforts were remarkable, as libraries organized plays, concerts, sales of products and other activities, which also helped to raise awareness.

Technology "got closer and better" to library users as many libraries benefited from computers and software donated through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

L'animation autour de la 16e édition du Salon du livre d'Edmundston a grandement été apprécié par les participants. Les adeptes de la lecture ont aussi profité de Fureur de lire, tenue à Dieppe à l'automne.

Library Advocacy Now! Sessions were popular and well appreciated as trainers Jean Cunningham and Ella Nason brought their presentations to Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton.

As Vice-President for New Brunswick my activities have included reporting news as provided by my colleagues, performing duties as decided by the Executive, organizing the Library Advocacy Now! Workshops and contacting lapsed and new members to our association. A special thank you to all who have sent in news for the Bulletin; I wish that I could encourage more contributions from libraries.

Je désire remercier tous mes collègues qui m'ont appuyé au courant de l'année. Un merci spécial à tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué à la chronique des nouvelles pour ce

Bulletin; je souhaite pouvoir encourager davantage des collaborateurs d'article. En plus de préparer une chronique pour chaque édition, au courant de la dernière année, j'ai organisé les ateliers intitulés Library Advocacy Now!, contacté des nouveaux et anciens membres et participé aux activités de l'Exécutif de l'APLA.

Jeanne Maddix
Vice-president
New Brunswick

Vice President (Newfoundland & Labrador) Report 2000 - 2001

1. Newfoundland & Labrador Literacy Grant

The Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association received a literacy grant to support Library Week 2001. The APLA Vice President (Newfoundland & Labrador) wrote a letter supporting the NLLA grant application.

2. Access Y2K Conference: Staying Afloat in the New Millennium

APLA was on the sponsors for the Access Y2K Conference covering advanced technology issues for Canadian librarians. The conference was held September 21-23, 2000 at the Battery Hotel and Suites, St. John's. The conference WWW pages with links to many of the presentations is found at <http://nofish.library.mun.ca/accessy2k/>.

3. Eastern Horizons: Canadian Children's Literature at the Millennium Conference

APLA was also one of the sponsors of this major Atlantic Canada Conference focusing on Canadian

Children's Literature which was held October 19-22, 2000. Almost 1300 teachers, librarians, parents, and young people had an opportunity to see and hear the best children's and young adult authors and illustrators in Canada. As part of the Conference, the Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers touring collection, comprising 85 original works by Canadian children's book illustrators, was displayed at the Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Conference WWW pages with links to sources on Canadian children's literature are accessible at <http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/eastern-horizons/index.html>.

4. Advocacy Session

Arrangements have been completed for an Advocacy session, to be offered by Louise McGillis, as part of the Annual Conference of the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association on May 5, 2001.

5. Articles for APLA Bulletin

Three News from Newfoundland & Labrador articles were submitted to the editors of the APLA Bulletin.

Dianne Taylor-Harding

Annual Report 2000-2001 Vice-President, Nova Scotia

As Vice-President for Nova Scotia, my activities over the past year have included reporting the news as provided by my colleagues throughout the province; performing duties as prescribed by the Executive; and contacting lapsed or non-renewing members. Each of us can play a role in developing our Association by encouraging our colleagues to join and participate in APLA.

APLA, in association with the Canadian Library Association, has trained several individuals as "Advocacy Now" facilitators. The facilitators, equipped with their newly acquired skills, provide workshops for people interested in learning how to promote their library to the public, media, government. Nova Scotia's "Advocacy Now" workshop will take place in September in Halifax. Watch for details.

Our APLA Executive is energetic and dedicated! It's a privilege to work along side these fine individuals. Many thanks to my colleagues who so willingly report noteworthy events and news. The many and varied activities taking place in libraries reflects the important and multi-faceted role played by our organizations.

This year APLA conferees converge on Prince Edward Island to debate, consult, compare, and learn. Best wishes to all participants. Many thanks to the Convergence Conference Planning Committee and all volunteers for their considerable efforts in developing this conference. I look forward to seeing you "on the Island"!

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

Vice President (Prince Edward Island) annual report 2000-2001

This past year saw a lot of activity for Island libraries. The public library system on Prince Edward Island opened a new branch library in Stratford and saw another branch library in Crapaud renovated and opened with new hours. The 2000 provincial budget added an additional \$50,000. to the public

library book budget. The 2001 provincial budget included provisions to increase the total number of rural branch hours by 47.2 additional open hours per week. This past year saw the implementation of the Gates library project in 11 Island public libraries. The computers were installed last May and June and the mobile training lab was used for a number of sessions all over the Island. The Provincial Library Service also promoted the Summer literacy program which, in the space of 3 years, saw the number of literacy tutors increase from 5 to 17 individuals hired.

In staffing, Allan Groen was welcomed as the new Provincial Librarian in May, 2000. Don Scott, the Chief Librarian at Confederation Centre and a prior Provincial Librarian, retired in December, 2000. Don's replacement has not yet been appointed. Johanne Jacob, French Services Librarian, has been seconded to coordinate the construction of a new French school in Summerside and she has been replaced by Louis-Philippe Paquette.

On the school library side, one new school was constructed with a grant for the new school library and the Dept. of Education provided a matching grant program for French library materials for Island schools with French immersion programs. This resulted in almost \$40,000. of new French-language resources being purchased for school libraries. The matching grant program is intended to run for three years.

Robertson Library of the University of Prince Edward Island introduced their new Web catalogue (<http://bobcat.upei.ca>) earlier this year. A new electronic classroom inside the library consisting of 14 Internet-connected computers and a projector was opened. In the new year, the library became a participant in the Canadian National Site Licensing Project, providing students and staff with access to databases in the fields of science, medicine and technology. At Holland

College, the Charlotte-town area libraries were consolidated with the integration of the West Royalty collection.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the P.E.I. News from the Regions section for the last three years and to thank my fellow Executive members. I am very happy to welcome Andrea Stewart, the new V.P. (P.E.I.) and wish her an enjoyable experience.

Moira Davidson

2000-2001 Annual Report; Communications Committee

No convenor /
no report received

2000-2001 Annual Report; Copyright Committee

No convenor /
no report received

2000-2001 Annual Report; Intellectual Freedom Committee

No convenor /
no report received

2000-2001 Annual Report; APLA Memorial Awards Committee

No convenor /
no report received

2000-2001 Annual Report; Public Relations Committee

No convenor /
no report received

2000-2001 Annual Report; Collections Development Interest Group

No convenor /
no report received

Computers and Connectivity Interest Group Report

At APLA 2000 the session on publishing databases to the Web was well attended. For APLA 2001 a session on methods of providing access to electronic resources for off-campus users has been organized to discuss options such as proxy servers and vendor provided authentication.

The session is on Saturday, June 2nd at 3:00-4:30.

James Watson
Information Services Librarian
University College of Cape
Breton Library

Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group Annual report 2000-2001

In November 2000 Simon Lloyd, Special Collections Librarian at the University of Prince Edward Island, agreed to chair the Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group. The group currently has nine members, including the Chair, drawn from a variety of libraries in all four Atlantic provinces. Unfortunately, the new Chair assumed his duties only a short time before the program deadline for the APLA 2001 Conference and the group was not able to organize a conference session. There should, however, be enough members of the group in attendance at APLA 2001 in Charlottetown to allow for an interest group supper/meeting, at which time plans for the coming year can

be made. Key priorities for the year ahead include the establishment of a communication network on conservation issues based on but not limited to the group's current membership list, the identification of training / workshop opportunities and the organization of a conference session for APLA / CLA 2002 in Halifax.

Simon Lloyd, convenor.

APLA Continuing Education Interest Group Annual Report

The APLA Continuing Education Interest Group has been without a Chair for a number of months. On October 16th I accepted the position of Chair.

Members of the Interest Group have been contacted and discussion has begun on how we can begin achieving the goals of the Interest Group. As well, the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Services and the Nova Scotia Community College Library and Information Technology Program have been contacted to explore potential activities which would be of interest to all constituents.

The Interest Group is co-sponsoring a program with the Library Technicians Interest group at the APLA Conference. The program is titled Connecting for Continuing Ed and it is hopeful that future activities will result out of this program.

Submitted by
Marie DeYoung
Chair, Continuing Education

**2000-2001
Annual Report
for APLA
Library
Instruction
Interest Group**

At the APLA Conference 2000, Dianne Cmor from Memorial University was named as the new convener for the Library Instruction Interest Group. Email discussion among members led to the sponsorship of a session for APLA 2001 on developing web tutorials. The session, entitled "Web Feat: Developing Effective Online Library Tutorials Without Driving Yourself Quackers", brings an international panel of two to our shores - Sharon Munro from the University of Windsor in London (Ontario) and Irene Stirling from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow (Scotland).

The Interest Group will be having a dinner meeting at the 2001 Conference to discuss future plans.

Dianne Cmor, Convener

**Library
Technician
Interest Group
Annual report
2000-2001**

At the last conference we had a meeting of some of the Library Technician Interest group members, and talked about what we would like for the next conference. We had thought that a session on Continuing Education would be very useful for most members of APLA. We then approached the Continuing Education Interest group on working together on a session for the 2001 conference. There will be a Continuing Education session at the conference this year, thanks to the hard work of the Continuing Education group and the Library Technicians group.

Susan Harris, convener.

**2000-2001
Annual Report;
Newspapers
Interest Group**

No convener /
no report received

**2000-2001
Annual Report;
Trustee Interest
Group**

No convener /
no report received

**2000-2001
Annual Report;
Francophone
Interest Group**

No convener /
no report received

**2000-2001
Annual Report;
APLA
Representatives
to the Atlantic
Provinces Book
Review Society
(APBRS)**

No convener /
no report received

ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

61st Ordinary General meeting

Antigonish, Nova Scotia
 Friday, May 26, 2000, 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 28, 2000, 9:30 a.m.
 (B21, Nicholson Hall, St. Francis Xavier University)

Minutes

Peter Webster presiding

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

It was established that a quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 Additions, changes

There were no additions or changes

3.2 Adoption

MOTION: that the agenda be adopted (N. Horrocks/E. Hamilton)

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the 60th Ordinary General Meeting

4.1 Corrections

There were no corrections to the Minutes

4.2 Adoption

MOTION: that the minutes be adopted (Wm. Birdsall/S. Murphy)

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes

6. President's Report*

Peter Webster noted that his report was published in the *APLA Bulletin*. He added that had discussions about cooperative efforts with the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC) and with NSLA. New pamphlets have been drafted and the graphics will be ready soon. A prototype of a web-based membership database is being developed. Peter emphasized that the list will not be publicly available. There is

a need for a new computer, and the executive has added a budget item for a new machine. An attempt was made to start a mentoring program for the APLA conference, but there were no takers this year. Three First Timer's grants were awarded this year. Dr. Horrocks asked if there was a report about the Hackmatack award. Peter stated that \$1,000 had been awarded and the award will be discussed as part of the Finance Committee report. Dr. Horrocks noted that in principle reports should be given when APLA gives money to any effort.

7. Past President's Report

Peter brought regrets from Francesco who was unable to attend the conference. Francesco's report is as published in the *Bulletin*. Peter added that Francesco is completing the revision of the Standing Orders which will be made available on the Web page. Peter noted a revision to Appendix M of the Procedures Manual which reflects new policies of Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management.

There was a call for nominations for the APLA executive published in the January/February issue of the *Bulletin*, and a call for nominations went out by e-mail. No positions were opposed, so no election was held. The new executive members are: Norine Hanus, (Vice President/President Elect), Dianne Taylor-Harding (Vice President, NF), Joy Tillotson (Vice President, Membership), Cathy Chisholm (Vice President, NS). S. Sexty asked that the new executives identify themselves.

8. Vice Presidents' Reports **

8.1 New Brunswick

Jeanne Maddix noted that her report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8.2 Newfoundland

Steven Field noted that his report was published in the *Bulletin*. Steven further noted that the Wallaceburg Bookbinding workshop was well-received by 19 people. The first annual Newfoundland/Labrador conference was very successful and will repeat next year. Angela Lonardo has been awarded funds towards a book on Canadian literary and journalistic awards.

8.3 Nova Scotia

Cathy Chisholm noted that her report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8.4 Prince Edward Island

Moira Davidson noted that her report was published in the *Bulletin*.

8.5 Membership

Joy Tillotson noted that the number of APLA personal members is the highest it has been in the last 5 years, and the staff and student membership has doubled. Joy noted that there were a few addition errors. She will submit a revised report.

9.0 Secretary's Report

Penny Logan circulated copies of her report.

10. Financial Examiner's Report

Peter Glenister circulated copies of his report.

11. Treasurer's Report

Sharon Murphy circulated copies of her report. There is a surplus of \$11,540.74, as a result of additional conference revenues from the 1999 conference, and because expenditures were lower.

In particular, the *Bulletin* expenditures were half of the usual amount. This is because only 5 issues rather than 6 were published, and because of timing, only 4 issues were paid for out of this year's budget. In addition, APLA was not charged for postage and shipping. Further, President's travel was less than expected as the President found alternate funding for the trip to Ontario to attend the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations conference. Also, APLA did not receive a renewal notice for ASTED.

The First Timer's fund totals \$1,407.25 that includes interest of \$713.47 plus the amount that was not awarded last year. The General Activities Fund monies were distributed as per Peter's report. There were no applicants for the Memorial Award, and the Carin Somers Scholarship is \$2,608.

MOTION: that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated (Wm. Birdsall/J. Jacob)

CARRIED

12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editor and Bulletin Management Board

Brian McNally, Advertising Editor noted that the Annual Report for the *APLA Bulletin* has been published in the *Bulletin*.

13. Executive/ Standing Committee Reports**13.1 Aims and Objectives**

Pamela noted that her report appears in the *Bulletin* on page 17. Advocacy skills training for the Executive will take place at the fall meeting.

13.2 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups

Pamela noted that there are some reports in the *Bulletin*. She asked for volunteers to step forward for those groups with no Conveners, and she gave notice that if there is continued lack of interest they may be folded.

13.3 Finance***13.3a) 2000-2001 Budget**

Peter noted that the 1999/2000 actual and the 2000/2001 budgets were very close. Expenses were less, as the *Bulletin* technical problems led to merging two issues into one and some expenses were not transferred to APLA. Travel expenses are budgeted lower than last year. Last year's budget allowed for Francesco's travel from Ontario. Peter noted that the Executive held only one meeting this year. There was some discussion from the membership, and Peter noted that the Executive felt two meetings are preferable, so two Executive meetings are anticipated for the coming year. The cost of travel to the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations meeting this year was covered from sources other than the APLA travel budget.

Regarding Executive Projects, Peter noted that the pamphlet project is partially completed as the designer moved away. It is expected that the pamphlets will be completed this year. This fund may be used to help pay for some administrative functions.

The Executive agreed to purchase a new laptop computer to replace the one being used for the Membership database. This computer could also be used for Executive meetings and for conferences.

As per APLA bylaws, the surplus from the 1999 conference

was divided such that one-half went to the First Timer's Award, and one-half went to the Memorial Award.

There was some discussion regarding advertising revenue. It was noted that advertising space has been sold for the entire back page of the *Bulletin*.

There was some discussion regarding the OLA item on the budget. It was noted that this should read PTLAC, as that is the conference that the President attends. It is held at the same time as OLA. The wording will be changed, and the Budget will be published with the wording change.

There was a question about the laptop. Joy noted that the expenditure was for a computer only, not a printer.

MOTION: that the Budget be approved (P. Webster/E. MacLean)

CARRIED

13.3 b) Appointment of Financial Examiner**

MOTION: that Peter Glenister be appointed financial examiner for the 2000/2001 fiscal year (S. Murphy/J. Maddix)

CARRIED

13.3 c) APLA Prize*

Peter noted that the winner of the APLA Prize is Greg Bak.

13.3 d) APLA First Timer's Award

Peter reported that applications for the First Timer's Award were solicited in the January/February issue of the *Bulletin* and over the listserv. Five applications were received, and three awards were made to: James Watson, U.C.C.B., Jeff Mercer, College of the North Atlantic, and Lesley Brann, Sydney Public Library. Jeff and Leslie were introduced.

Peter elaborated on the General Activities Fund grants. APLA contributed \$1,000 to the Hackmatack

Children's Choice Award. Children make the selection of best books. Peter served on the Board for this Award which had a budget of \$30,000 and had participation from 350 groups of children in 250 schools. Most of the participating schools were from Nova Scotia, but approximately 40 schools participated from each of Newfoundland and New Brunswick. The Award ceremonies were held last week with Sheree Fitch winning the non-fiction award, and Ken Open winning in the fiction category. Peter reported that the Hackmatack is hoping to expand geographically as well as to include French-language books.

The Wallaceburg Bookbinding workshops were held in all four provinces at no cost to APLA.

APLA contributed to the cost of the speaker for a training day at the Newfoundland/Labrador conference, and also contributed to Library Week activities held in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

APLA shared in the cost of a teleconference session with CASLIS Atlantic by splitting the deficit with them at a cost of approximately \$100.

For the coming year, APLA has committed \$1,000 to the Eastern Horizons Conference to be held in Newfoundland in October. There has been an application for \$1,000 for the Access 2000 conference in Newfoundland.

13.4 APLA Memorial Award**

Pamela reported that she acted as interim Chair of this Committee. There was one application, and one award to Angela Lonardo for \$650 in support of the publication of a book on literary and journalistic awards. Pamela's report appears on Page 22 of the *Bulletin*. She notes that in her report where it states "standing order 8.35", this should read "standing order 3.09".

13.5 Nominations and Elections*

Peter noted that Francesco's report appears in the *Bulletin*, and that this information was discussed under the Past President's Report.

S. Sexty suggested that the next nominating committee should post the list of nominees to the listserv. Dr. Horrocks suggested that the Executive should refer to page 568 of *Robert Rules of Order* and to the APLA Standing Orders.

13.6 Communications

Peter noted that although there is no Convener for this Committee, the listserv is being maintained by Suzanne Sexty, Peter is maintaining the web site, and Lori Small looked after the APLA Directory.

Peter Glenister noted that Honorary members and Life members are not identified with an asterisk in the APLA Membership Directory as stated in the introduction.

13.7 Intellectual Freedom**

There was no report from this Committee.

13.8 Public Relations

This Committee has no Convener.

13.9 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund

Pamela circulated her report, which will update the report published in the *Bulletin*. The winner of the Carin Somers award is Julie Lefrançois, who is studying at the University of Montreal. There will be photographs taken at the cheque presentation ceremony in Fredericton.

14. Special Committee Reports

14.1 Advocacy

Norine Hanus reported that there will be an advocacy session for the Executive at in conjunction with their October meeting. Norine asked for volunteers to replace her as Chair of the Committee as she takes on her role of Vice President/President Elect.

14.2 Copyright

The report from this Committee appeared in the *Bulletin*.

15. Interest Group Reports

15.1 Collections Development

There was no report from this Interest Group.

15.2 Computers and Connectivity

This report was published in the *Bulletin*.

15.3 Conservation of Library Materials

The Chair for this Interest Group is vacant.

15.4 Continuing Education

The Chair for this Interest Group is vacant.

15.5 Francophone Interest Group

There is no report from this Interest Group.

15.6 Library Instruction

Jennifer Richard reported that this group sponsored the session on Active Learning Techniques at this year's conference. The new Convener for this Interest Group is Diane Schnor.

15.7 Library Technicians

Susan Harris reported that there has been no activity in the past year. The group did, however, have a meeting this evening, and they came up with some great ideas for the coming year.

15.8 Newspapers

Charles Cameron noted that his report was published in the *Bulletin*.

15.9 Trustees

It was noted that the first page of the report from Gary Archibald was circulated. Penny Logan read the second page of the report which outlined the work of Judy Heron from New Brunswick, and noted that at the CLA conference to be held in Edmonton in June, she will be recognized by the Canadian Library Trustees Association for her outstanding contribution to public library service in Canada.

16. Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society

Elaine MacLean noted that the report appeared in the *Bulletin*. She also noted that Laura Jantek's term has come to an end and that a second APLA representative needs to be appointed.

17. Report of the Representative to ASTED

There was no report.

18. Conferences

18.1 Saint John, 1999

Pamela Stevens-Rosolen reported that the 1999 conference reported a profit of \$3,310.61

18.2 Antigonish, 2000

It was noted that this report is expected to be available on Sunday for the second part of the OGM.

18.3 Charlottetown, 2001

Moira extended an invitation to all APLA members to come to PEI next year to "Convergence 2001". The conference will be held on the last weekend of May.

18.4 Halifax, 2002

Pamela reported that the conference in Halifax in 2002 will be joint with CLA. Discussions have begun with CLA. CLA will look after the finances. APLA will neither make nor lose on the conference. Peter Glenister noted that when CLA was held in Alberta, there was a discount for provincial members. Norman Horrocks introduced Wendy Newman. Wendy stated that the Alberta government made a contribution to the conference which allowed for the discount.

18.5 APLA 2003

Pamela asked that members let her know who will host the conference in 2003.

19. Resolutions Committee Announcement

Pamela called for Resolutions which will be debated at the second part of the OGM on Sunday May 28, at 9:30 in room B21, Nicholson Hall. The Pre-resolutions session will be held Saturday, May 27, at 5:00 p.m. in room B21, Nicholson Hall. Resolutions are to be delivered to Pamela at the Registration desk by Saturday, May 27, 1:00 p.m.

20. Other Business

Bill Birdsall requested that future conference committees consider changing the timing of the OGM. He suggested a 4-5 p.m. time slot

may bring out more members. Susan Libby noted that the Conference Planning Committee does the scheduling and the time may be changed if there is no conflict with other programs. It was suggested that programs could begin at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened Sunday, May 28, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

21. Resolutions

Pamela submitted the one resolution that the committee received:

Resolution #1: MOTION: Be it resolved that: the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to the organizers and volunteers of APLA 2000, the presenters, panelists, speakers, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars, and theme sessions of APLA 2000, and to the sponsors and exhibitors who have contributed to the success of APLA 2000.

Résolution #1: MOTION: Q'il soit résolu que la reconnaissance de l'APLA soit exprimée aux organisations et bénévoles de l'APLA 2000; présentateurs, invités, conférenciers, modérateurs; commanditaires et exposants qui ont contribué au succès de l'APLA 2000.

(P. Stevens-Rosolen/Peter Webster)

CARRIED

22. Dalhousie University, School of Library and information Studies

Dr. B. MacDonald reported on activities at the School. The Merit award is appreciated by Greg Bak, an exemplary student. Thanks are extended to APLA members who recruit candidates to the School. Applications are up, and it is expected that 35 to 40 new students will be accepted in September. Dr. MacDonald gave several examples of successful students receiving Best Research Paper awards and Associate Fellowships.

Work placements have been arranged around the world, and aculty are involved in many areas of research. Elaine Toms is leaving to take a position at the University of Toronto. A joint MLA/MBA program will begin in September with a joint MLA/MPA expected to begin in 2001. The Researcher in Residence this year is Louise McGillis.

Dr. Horrocks noted that Dr. MacDonald has been appointed to the Accreditation Council, and has been awarded the Marie Tremaine Medal from the Canadian Bibliographic Society.

23. Inauguration of the Incoming President

Peter thanked the Executive for their work this year. He noted that organizations are an important resource and APLA will be one of the tools for library work. Peter especially thanked outgoing executive members: Steven Field, Francesco Lai and Penny Logan, and welcomed new members: Norine Hanus, Dianne Taylor-Harding and Jean Cunningham.

Peter inaugurated Pamela Stevens-Rosolen as President by handing her the gavel and retreating from the Chair.**

Pamela thanked Peter and the past executive for their work in the past year.

Pamela introduced Jean Cunningham as the incoming Secretary. Pamela pledged to continue the initiatives, which are underway starting with advocacy training in October.

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

* Indicates when Pamela Stevens-Rosolen was in the Chair.

**Indicates when Peter Webster resumed the Chair.

Nominated authors visit Hackmatack groups

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award will celebrate the end of another successful season with a series of events held during the week of May 14 - May 19, 2001. Thirteen nominated authors will tour in Atlantic Canada and read from their books to young audiences in more than sixty venues across the region.

Nova Scotia writer **Budge Wilson** will visit several schools and libraries in St. John's, Newfoundland. Charlottetown author **Elaine Breault Hammond** will read to Hackmatack participants in Prince Edward Island and in the Colchester County, NS. **Elizabeth Macleod**, **Andy Turnbull** and **Cynthia Bates** will meet their fans in the Annapolis, Kings, Hants, Lunenburg, and Halifax counties.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library will tour Silver Birch 2000 winner **Kathy Kacer** in the Prince Edward Island (organized in conjunction with the Confederation Centre Library in Charlottetown) and in the Pictou-Antigonish region in Nova Scotia.

Second-time Hackmatack nominee **Linda Granfield** will meet readers in the St. John area in New Brunswick, and in Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties in Nova Scotia. Her visit is organized by the Western Counties Regional Library.

The Cumberland Regional Library will host several readings by **Ian Wallace** and **Annie LeBox**. Both authors will continue to visit participating groups in the Moncton area in New Brunswick and in the Halifax County.

Ontario authors **Rukhsana Khan** and

Lawrie Raskin will read in the Halifax Regional Library and visit several schools in the Halifax County. **Karleen Bradford** and **Mary Wallace** will start their visits with several readings organized by the Cape Breton Regional Library, and continue to tour schools and libraries in the Halifax and Lunenburg counties.

Sheree Fitch, winner of last year's Hackmatack Award for non-fiction, will join all visiting authors at the second annual Hackmatack Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 19, from 1 - 3 pm at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. To reserve tickets for the ceremony, call Monika at 902-424-3774 or e-mail us at hackmatack@hackmatack.ca. The Hackmatack Award would like to thank the Nova Scotia Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts for their financial support of Hackmatack Tours 2001.

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The Frances E Russell Award grants \$1000 to support research in the area of Canadian children's literature. At the

February AGM, IBBY-Canada announced **Sydell Waxman** as this year's Russell Award winner. Her project is the biography of Lillian H. Smith, librarian.

Individual membership in IBBY-Canada is \$40; student membership is \$10. For more information, or to read IBBY-Canada's newsletter online, visit IBBY-Canada's website at www.ibby-canada.org.

International Children's Book Day 2001

International Children's Book Day is celebrated on or around April 2, Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, to inspire love of reading and to call attention to children's books. This year, Hungary is the sponsor of the ICBBD with a poster by Krisztina Renyl and a message by Eva Janikovszky on the theme "Books Have it All". A folder, which included a picture of the poster, the text of the message, and a presentation of the author and the illustrator is available together with the poster from the Society of Hungarian Illustrators. The minimum order is for 10 posters and brochures at US \$50 plus postage. Orders may be placed by email: arbako@artcatalogues.hu

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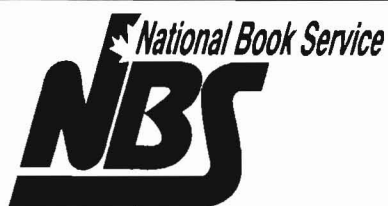
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Atlantic Writing Awards

SPRING FOR WORDS

17 remarkable books are in the running for this year's Atlantic writing prizes. The sheer diversity of imagination and subject matter is astonishing, ranging from the vaults of a lunatic asylum to the heat of North Africa to the 24th century. In announcing the shortlist on Canada Book Day, the organizers of the Atlantic Writing Awards look forward to promoting these writers in the weeks leading up to the Awards ceremony, Friday May 25, 4:30 pm, in the Alderney Landing Theatre in Nova Scotia.

Nominated for the 24th annual Evelyn Richardson Prize for Non-Fiction are:

- Joan Baxter, *A Serious Pair of Shoes: An African Journal*
- Andria Hill, *Mona Parsons: From privilege to prison, from Nova Scotia to Nazi Europe*
- Harold Horwood, *Among the Lions: A Lamb in the Literary Jungle*

The Thomas Head Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award which debuted in 1991 as a \$1,000 prize has grown to \$5,000, and is the largest writing prize in Atlantic Canada.

This year's nominees are:

- Carol Bruneau, *Purple for Sky*
- Robert Finley, *The Accidental Indies*
- David Adams Richards, *Mercy Among the Children*

The finalists for the 4th annual Atlantic Poetry Prize are:

- John MacKenzie, *Sledgehammer*
- Anne Simpson, *Light Falls Through You*
- Douglas Burnet Smith, *The Killed*

The 11th annual Ann Connor Brimer Award for Children's Literature, which is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Library Association, joined forces with WFNS two years ago to better promote the diversity and breadth of Atlantic writers. The short list is:

- Kevin Major, *Eh? to Zed: A Canadian Abecedarium*
- Robin McGrath, *Hoist Your Sails and Run*
- Janet McNaughton, *The Secret Under My Skin*

The Dartmouth Book Awards Steering Committee joined forces last year with WFNS and the NS Library Association to plan Atlantic Book Week. Shortlisted for the Dartmouth Book Awards for fiction and non-fiction are:

Dartmouth Book Award (Fiction)

- Carol Bruneau, *Purple for Sky*
- Lynn Coady, *Play the Monster Blind*
- Harry Thurston, *If Men Lived On Earth*

Dartmouth Book Award (Non-Fiction)

- Harry Chapman, *In the Wake of the Alderney*
- Andria Hill, *Mona Parsons: From privilege to prison, from Nova Scotia to Nazi Europe*
- Patrick Toner, *If I Could Turn and Meet Myself: The Life of Alden Nowlan*

Joining the Atlantic Writing Awards this year is the Booksellers Choice Award. The finalists are:

- Andria Hill, *Mona Parsons: From privilege to prison, from Nova Scotia to Nazi Europe*
- Bernice Morgan, *The Topography of Love*
- David Adams Richards, *Mercy Among the Children*

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Users are responsible for following the local regulations. Borrowers will be responsible for charges and fines levied against them when these have been incurred in the course of using the ASIN card. The home library will be responsible for ensuring that charges are paid.

The ASIN card is only the first step in building the Atlantic Scholarly Information Network. The future of the Atlantic Scholarly Information Network includes:

- A button on your local library catalogue allowing you to search all CAUL/CDBUA catalogues simultaneously.
- A "deliver it to me" option that will supply the work to you from the holding institution quickly.
- Coordinated licensing of electronic resources allowing all users at all sites remote access.
- Centralized storage of print materials of low use.
- Coordinated collection development activities as access and delivery mechanisms are developed.

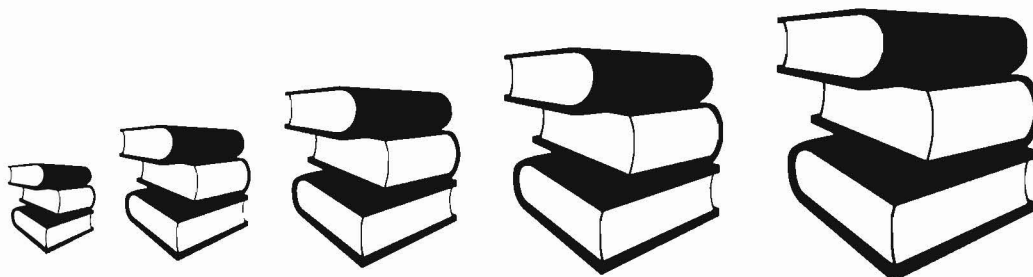
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First annual APLNB Recognition award/ Premier prix annuel de reconnaissance de l'ABPNB

L'Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick / The Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick is launching a new award - the APLNB Recognition Award / Le Prix de Reconnaissance de l'ABPNB - to recognize significant contributions to New Brunswick libraries.

Le prix annuel sera présenté à un individu ou à un organisme qui mérite d'être reconnu pour ses efforts dans l'avancement

des bibliothèques ou qui fait une contribution remarquable dans le milieu des bibliothèques du Nouveau-Brunswick. Les personnes présentement à l'emploi de bibliothèques de la province ne seront pas éligibles à ce prix.

The Award will be primarily an honorary one and the Award winner will be announced at APLNB's autumn conference. A plaque will be presented to the recipient, along with available APLNB / ABPNB promotional items. In addition the Award

recipient shall choose a New Brunswick library to which a monetary gift shall be granted.

Vous pouvez envoyer dès maintenant vos suggestions de candidat(e)s pour ce prix. Toutes les candidatures devront être reçues au plus tard le 1 septembre de chaque année. For details of the Award see the terms of reference at the APLNB / ABPNB website at:

<http://www.umoncton.ca/abpn/b-aplnb/> and please consider making a nomination!


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From St. Jerome's Den

The APLA conference is almost here and we have something to get you in the proper frame of mind - a quiz that tests your knowledge of APLA and libraries in the Atlantic provinces. And there is a **PRIZE**. First the quiz and then the rules. Then how you can learn more about the Association.

1. Who was in charge of the PEI Carnegie Demonstration?
2. What community service did the Mount St. Vincent gatehouse library provide in the 1940s?
3. What university library ran bookmobiles for the public, offered courses in library studies, and should be known as the home of the Maritime Library Association?
4. What was B.I.G.?
5. Who received the 1980 Alberta Letts Memorial Award, and for what project?
6. What well known Maritime librarian was born on December 22 and had his/her birth announced in the *Bulletin*? [All answers accepted, but if your answer doesn't match that of the quiz masters, you may be asked to present a birth certificate - or a witness!]
7. From 1957-1972 the Association prepared a bibliography of publications relating to the Atlantic Provinces, what was its name?
- 8-9. Briefly, who were E. J. Lay and Mary Kinley Ingraham? [1 point each]
10. What role did W. C. Milner play in the early years of the MLA?

What is the prize? A one-year membership in APLA, or the equivalent as a donation, in your name, to the APLA Memorial Trust Fund - your choice.

How do you enter? Mail your answers to Suzanne Sexty, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF, A1B 3Y1, or e-mail them to ssexty@mun.ca. **Answers must be received by May 27, 2001 to be eligible.**

Who will win? The winner will be drawn from the names on entries which have the highest number of correct answers. Give the quiz a try. Even if you get only one correct, you may be in the group that has the most correct answers.

Can't answer all of the questions?

Want to know more about the early years of the Association?

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