



The Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Bulletin

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APLA 2006! Standing Orders

Changes, Deletions and Additions to the Standing Orders

Currently reads:

1.08 The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall deposit its records with the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management in accordance with such agreements negotiated between the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management and the Executive of the Association for that purpose.

Proposed:

1.08 The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall deposit its records with Acadia University Archives in accordance with agreements negotiated between Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management, Acadia University Archives and the Executive of the Association.

Currently reads:

3.06 Annually the Executive will consider funding an official delegate to the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC). This decision will be based upon availability of money for funding and the usefulness of that year's meeting. Funding will be: airfare and a maximum of two nights accommodation as required to attend this meeting.

Proposed:

3.06 Contingent on available funding, APLA will

fund delegate(s) from the Executive to attend "The Partnership" meetings. Funding will include travel, accommodations, and meals.

Currently reads:

3.10 Records of the APLA Memorial Trust Fund and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund shall be examined by the Financial Examiner annually.

Proposed:

3.10 Records of the APLA Memorial Awards Fund and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund shall be examined by the Financial Examiner annually. (Housekeeping)

Currently reads:

3.15 The annual conference is neither required nor expected to make a profit. However, should a surplus be realized, it shall be distributed as follows:

(1) 50 percent will be divided between the APLA Memorial Awards Fund and the First Timers Grant Fund, with the amount of the division to be decided by the Executive;

(2) 50 percent will go to general revenue.

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From the President's Desk

submitted by Jennifer Richard

Well, this is my last column and it is going to be a short one. The updates I normally include are available in this issue in the President's Report. I'll take this opportunity to share with you the wonderful year I've had as president. It was lots of work, more than I expected, but also it has been more rewarding than I anticipated. It was mostly exciting and it was only sometimes frustrating.

I am really pleased about the redesign of the website, the ability to perform online transactions, the strong membership numbers and the increased cooperation between other library associations, particularly the Nova Scotia Library Association. I have always believed strongly in cooperation as opposed to competition and I believe our partnerships with all of the provincial and territorial library associations prove that to be true, particularly with the success of the Education Institute. One of APLA's latest initiatives is the idea of joint memberships with all four of the provincial library associations in our region.

The only frustrating bits are in the length of time it takes to develop and complete some initiatives and the lack of time to make them happen in a strictly volunteer association. The Grow a Library charitable status has taken much longer to establish than first thought. As our association grows the financial aspects become more and more complicated. I believe it will be soon time to take a strategic look at our association once again and develop a plan to make APLA a self-sustaining organization with paid personnel.

As a regional association, it is sometimes difficult for APLA to fulfill its lobbying role because we have four provincial governments and one federal government to approach. The development of a relationship between our Provincial VPs and the provincial library associations may strengthen our ability to influence issues important to libraries and library workers. Depending on the nature of the issue, perhaps our interest groups could take the lead in some of the areas because it really does

feel good to make a difference.

In closing, I want to thank the wonderful executive I have been lucky to work with over the last year – Ivan Douthwright, Jennifer Adams, Gordon Bertrand, Trish LeBlanc, Ruthmary MacPherson, Mireille Mercure, Ewa Pioroko, Allan Groen, Donald Moses, Stacey Penney, Dianne Taylor-Harding and Ruth Cordes. I've really enjoyed our time together, especially the meals and the movies! I want to thank former executive members Laurette MacKay, Gillian Byrne, Erin Patterson, Patricia Gallant, and Shirley MacLeod. Thanks to Sue Sexty, Larry Moore, Tanja Harrison, Janet Ness, Sue Adams, Madeleine Lefebvre, Michael Colborne and Trudy Amirault and especially Elaine MacLean for all your support and guidance. Finally, I want to express my appreciation to my institution, Acadia University, Sara Lochhead and Mary MacLeod for granting me the time to devote to this very special association.

Jen.

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Currently reads:

6.02 APLA Memorial Awards Committee

Terms of reference:

to solicit contributions to the APLA Memorial Awards Fund

to select the award recipients

Proposed:

6.02 APLA Memorial Awards Committee

Membership: The Committee shall consist of four members, one convener and the President (ex-officio). Convener and members may serve up to three years on the Committee.

Terms of reference:

To solicit applications to the APLA Memorial Awards Fund

To encourage donations to the APLA Memorial Awards Fund

To select the award recipients

Currently reads:

Under the terms of reference in 6.03

to compile annually a list of library-related associations in the Atlantic Provinces for inclusion in the APLA Membership Directory

Proposed:

Delete this statement.

Addition of new Standing Orders

6.04 Continuing Education Committee

Membership: The Committee shall include the APLA President and Vice President/President Elect, Convener of the Continuing Education Interest Group and the Regional Developer for the Education Institute and three additional members. These members shall represent various types of libraries. The committee may include other members. Members may serve up to three years.

Terms of Reference

To develop content from the Atlantic region for the Education Institute

To work with the Regional Developer for the

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From St. Jerome's Den

The Seventh International Edible Book Festival took place around the world, during the days from April 1 to April 5, 2006. The events for the celebration are arranged locally and are aimed at uniting bibliophiles, book artists, and food lovers to celebrate the ingestion of culture and its fulfilling nourishment. Participants create edible books that are exhibited, documented then consumed. According to the website for Books2Eat <<http://books2eat.com/>>, the edible book is the brain child of Judith A. Hoffberg and Béatrice Coron, and the festival started when Judith got the idea over a Thanksgiving turkey with book artists in 1999. The first event happened in 2000 and has continued annually since. April 1 was chosen because it is the birthday of French gastronome Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin (1755-1826), famous for his book *Physiologie du goût*. As well, April Fools' Day is "the perfect day to eat your words and play with them."

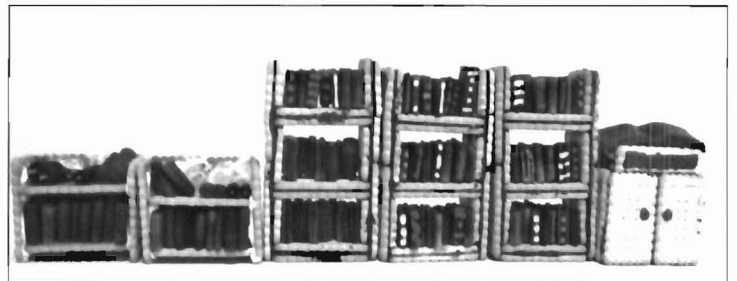
In St. John's the Edible Books High Tea was held on Sunday, April 2 at the Eastern Edge Gallery. It may not have been the largest of the edible book fairs, but what it lacked in size it made up for in originality. The tea was organized by local artist Tara Bryan <<http://www.tarabryan.com/>>. The entry by Anne Major, entitled "20,000 leeks beneath the C," offered a tasty insight into that Jules Verne classic. John Joy's "Rock bound" was made of nori and sushi rice with a replica of the old Newfoundland flag. The entry by Tara Bryan was made from cookies and fruit strips and was a fitting reminder of the many tasty reads that are on all of our bookshelves.



20,000 leeks under the C by
Anne Major



Rock bound by John Joy



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We are looking for archival material from 1995-2005 as we relocate, reorganize and digitize the archives in 2006/07.

Please contact Jennifer Richard jennifer.richard@acadiou.ca, if you have material that you think should be included.

APLA BULLETIN BACK ISSUES

The *Bulletin* editors are hoping to digitize issues from v.67 - v.69 for the APLA web site. However, we are missing copies of the following issues: v.68, no.4 (Summer 2005), v.68, no.5.

Please email stacey@mun.ca or dtaylor@mun.ca if you have a copy that you can give us.

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APLA 2006! Standing Orders

Education Institute to identify high quality content

To liaise with the National Continuing Education Committee

To publicize and promote the Education Institute through the APLA website, Bulletin and listserv.

6.05 Grow a Library Fund Committee

Membership: The Committee shall include the APLA President and Treasurer and up to 8 additional members.

Terms of Reference

To fundraise through various events and activities for the fund

To determine by majority what percentage of the funds are allocated each year

To determine by majority what project(s) are selected to be funded each year

Currently reads:

8.05 The APLA Membership Directory shall be published annually.

Proposed:

Delete this statement.

Currently reads:

9.08 The APLA Merit Award shall be awarded in accordance with the following guidelines, as approved at the 1977 Annual General Meeting and amended at the May 27, 1999 Executive meeting and the April 17-18, 2004 Executive meeting.

Name: Atlantic Provinces Library Association Merit Award

Terms of the Award:

1. The award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces.

2. Some of the contributions that might be considered in selecting a person for this award are:

- leadership in library associations at the local, regional and provincial levels;
- contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems;
- significant contribution to library literature.

3. Normally only one award shall be given in each year.

Form of the Award:

1. At the annual conference, the award winner will be presented with:

- An Atlantic pewter goblet handmade by a pewter smith, decorated with the Arms of the Province in which the presentation takes place and inscribed on one side with the name of the winner, the award, and the date. The goblets (7 oz, shiny finish) are purchased from Aitken Pewter, Fredericton, NB and are patterned on a design originally produced by Dr. Ian Crowell, Canada's first pewterer.

b) A certificate (blank certificates are held by the past-president).

c) Life membership in the Atlantic Provinces Library Association

2. A typescript of the presenter's remarks shall be given to the recipient.

Procedures:

1. The Past-President shall be responsible for organizing the procedure for selecting an award winner and for presenting the award.

2. Nominations for the award shall be solicited through an advertisement in the September/October issue of the APLA Bulletin.

3. Names of persons previously nominated but not chosen may be resubmitted.

4. The deadline for nominations shall be December 31.

5. Each recommendation for an award must be accompanied by documentation of the nominee's achievements.

6. The executive shall act as a jury to select an award winner from among those nominated by members of the Association.

7. An award need not be made if, in the opinion of the executive, no sufficiently outstanding nominee has been recommended.

8. The award shall be presented at the Association's annual conference.

9. The transcript of the presentation remarks shall be published in the APLA Bulletin.

Proposed:

9.08 APLA Merit Award

Membership: The Past President and members of the executive

Terms of reference:

To solicit nominations for the Merit Award

To select a recipient of the Merit Award

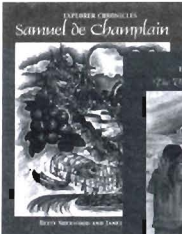
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News from the Provinces

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PEOPLE / GENS

The Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region's Technical Support Assistant, Jennifer Smith, who is on maternity leave, has been replaced by Marcel Hébert.

A new library manager, Cheryl Feindel, has been hired for the Dorchester Public Library and will begin in July. Prior to this appointment, Cheryl worked as an English Teacher for Simonds High School in Saint John. She also worked as a Teacher-Librarian for 15 years at Simonds High. She holds a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Arts in English. She also completed a Master's of Library and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia in 2001.

Jeanne Maddix, directrice de la Bibliothèque de droit Michel-Bastarache, assurera l'intérim de la Bibliothèque Champlain à partir du 3 avril pour une période de six mois. Elle succède à Gilles Chiasson qui a eu l'amabilité et le professionnalisme de quitter sa retraite bien méritée pour assurer l'intérim pendant trois mois bien remplis n'est-ce-pas Gilles!?, soit du 3 janvier au 31 mars. Merci à Gilles qui s'en va se détendre sur les verts de la Floride et bienvenue à Jeanne à la barre de notre navire.

Jeanne Maddix, Director of the Michel-Bastarache Law Library, will be taking on the role of Acting Director of Bibliothèque Champlain beginning April 3rd for a period of up to six months. She will replace Gilles Chiasson, who had kindly come out of his well-deserved retirement to be Acting Director of Bibliothèque for the past three months, from January 3rd through March 31st. A special thank you to Gilles. We hope that you will soon be relaxing on Florida's greens. And a warm welcome to Jeanne who has agreed 'to navigate the ship' for the next few months.

Effective June 30 this year, C. Anne Crocker will be retiring from the position of Head Law Librarian at the Gerard V. La Forest Law Library, University of New Brunswick. Prior to taking up this position in 1976, she worked in the York Regional Library as Extension Librarian/Schools

from 1970 -1976. She graduated from UNB in 1966 with a BA (Honours English), from University of Toronto in 1970 with a BLS (Honours) and in 1987 from University of California (Berkeley) with an Advanced Certificate in Library Management. During her professional career she served on CLA Council, the APLA Executive and as President of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association canadienne des bibliothèques de droit. Honours received include University of New Brunswick Merit Award, 1994; Member, Order of Canada, 1997; New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Spiritus Award, 2000; Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002. Ms. Janet Moss will assume the position of Acting Head Law Librarian while a search for a new Head Law Librarian goes forward.

The York Library Region has also had many new staff additions to its team. Jill Katherine Foster was appointed to the position of Regional Director, commencing on July 4, 2006. Jill began her career in New Brunswick and is moving back to the province from Ontario.

Bill Mitchell was appointed to the position of Acting Assistant Regional Director in January. Bill brings with him vast experience in the field of public libraries having worked in both Canada and the United States.

The Chatham Public Library was pleased to welcome its new Library Director, Young Lark Jin, in March. Young has most recently served as Senior Librarian at the Seward Park Branch of the New York Public Library.

Deborah Van Der Linde was appointed as Acting Children's Librarian at the Fredericton Public Library. We wish all of the new faces of the York Library Region all the best.

Saint John Free Public Library has welcomed a new librarian in the Reference Department. Jody Osicki arrived in early March as reference Librarian. He has worked in Saskatchewan and in Nova Scotia, and is a graduate of the library science program at Dalhousie University.

Leigh Ann Cummings, Public Services Librarian for the Haut St-Jean Library Region, had

occasion to meet with Judy Dunn, former Graduate Co-ordinator of the School of Information Management (SIM), Dalhousie University. Judy is currently the Assistant Dean, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto. Leigh Ann attended SIM during Judy's tenure there.

TRAINING / FORMATION

Regional training was held on February 22 and 24 for *Babies in the Library* at the Grand Falls Public Library. This initiative is for children ages 0-18 months old and their parents or care givers. The program features songs, lap bounces, nursery rhymes and finger plays. Library managers, directors and staff involved in providing children's services attended. Facilitators were Johanne Jacob, Regional Director, Leigh Ann Cumming, Public Services Librarian and Sarah Kilfoil, Library Director – Grand Falls. Staff members received provincially developed materials. In addition, regionally produced ideas were presented. In mid-March, over twenty participants attended the *Babies in the Library* regional training session at the Moncton Public Library. Sessions were offered in both languages and some participants were welcomed from other regions of the province. It proved to be a fun day of activities, finger plays and nursery rhymes.

HACKMATAK

Leigh Ann Cumming had an opportunity to dine with Hackmatack nominated authors Lynne Kositsky and Rochelle Strauss while in Toronto. Both authors, along with Natale Ghent, will be touring New Brunswick during the last week of April as part of the provincial Hackmatack Author Tour (English). Lynne will be visiting the York and Haut-Saint-Jean Library Regions. Natale will be speaking in Albert-Westmorland-Kent. Rochelle will be touring the Western Counties Library Region in Nova Scotia before visiting the Saint John Free Public Library's Main Branch.

SPECIAL PROJECT / PROJET SPÉCIAL

The Archives & Research Library of the New Brunswick Museum, in partnership with the N.B.

Sports Hall of Fame and Sport, Recreation and Active Living of the Dept. of Wellness, Culture & Sport, has produced a virtual exhibit entitled *Balls, bats, and boats: Sporting and recreational activities and traditions in New Brunswick*, which is accessible for viewing on the New Brunswick Museum's website <<http://www.nbm-mnb.ca>>. This virtual exhibit presents approximately 1,200 images of archival documents and photographs including online learning resources and interactive games of interest to everyone. Financial support for this project was provided by the Department of Canadian Heritage through the Canadian Culture Online Program, Library and Archives Canada, and Canadian Council of Archives.

La Bibliothèque Champlain et le groupe des technologies de l'apprentissage de la D.G.T. de l'Université de Moncton ont participé au projet pancanadien eduSource et leur article fut récemment publié à ce sujet. Voici la notice bibliographique et le résumé de l'article : Robert Grégoire, Rose-Marie Racine-April, Angèle Clavet et Joanne Roy. "La description des

ressources d'enseignement et d'apprentissage : une méthode développée dans le cadre du projet eduSource Canada", *Journal of Distance Education Revue de l'éducation à distance*, spring/printemps 2005, vol. 20, no. 2, 58-77 <<http://www.cade-aced.ca/>> Résumé : "Les ressources d'enseignement et d'apprentissage (REA) constituent des savoirs qui peuvent être découverts, échangés et réutilisés dans l'économie du savoir. Participant à l'initiative eduSource Canada, l'Université de Moncton s'est penchée sur le problème de la conversion de ressources électroniques existantes pour les rendre compatibles aux nouvelles normes d'apprentissage en ligne. Brossant un vaste tableau des aspects essentiels de la notion de REA, le présent article présente le cas d'une institution d'enseignement postsecondaire propriétaire d'une quantité importante de contenus d'apprentissage prisonniers d'une plate-forme non conforme, et son cheminement pour décrire ces contenus en vue de les rendre disponibles dans un dépôt de REA. Des problématiques importantes comme les différents standards de métadonnées, les

conventions de nom de fichiers et les procédures de description des REA sont identifiés, offrant au lecteur des ressources et des éléments de solution en la matière."

In the Saint John Library Region, with an aim to ensure that children know and be part of the 19th annual used book sale, conveners Tanya Eindiguer and Mireille Mercure devised a plan. With the assistance from Acting Children's Librarian Jocelyn Paquette, elementary schools were contacted to participate in a drawing contest. Instructions were given to the children to draw Mr. and Mrs. Used Book, then the teachers entered their class submissions to the Library. Coles Bookstore and the University of New Brunswick Saint John Book Store, as sponsors, provided the winning schools with children's books for their classroom. Library staff wrapped the books in fancy cellophane packages and presented them to the winners for their school libraries at a special reception for them held at the Saint John Free Public Library (SJFPL) on April 3rd. The winning drawings were incorporated in the posters and the bookmarks

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created by Gayle Dujohn for use as the Book Sale's promotional materials. Each year, this annual Regional sale attracts large crowds to Market Square, where the Saint John Free Public Library is located.

DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING / DONS ET LEVÉES DE FONDS

On April 1, the Dr. Walter Chestnut Public Library in Hartland held its 23rd Annual Fund-raising Dinner. The guest speaker at this year's event was teacher Heather Sharpe of Woodstock. Her speech was entitled "A Special Place – Unique Ideas." Haut St-Jean Regional Library Director Johanne Jacob brought greetings from the regional office. Johanne's husband, Stephan Ferland accompanied her. Also in attendance were Dale Graham, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Deputy Premier of New Brunswick and Member of Parliament Michael Allen.

PROGRAMS / PROGRAMMES

La Moisson Public Library in St-Quentin held a *Café Littéraire* on February 11th with a Valentine's Day theme. The evening consisted of an ice breaker, a book display featuring authors and titles highlighting the theme, games and wonderful exchanges. The *Café Littéraire* committee comprised library staff member Micheline Thériault and volunteers, Lyne Couturier, Lisette Coté, Nicole Levesque and Thérèse Bossé.

The Dorchester Public Library is kicking off an *Adopt-A-Book* program in early April. The Moncton Public Library is offering a *Babies in the Library* Program, this time in English which will run until mid-April. March Break activities in the A-W-K public libraries included special crafts and story hours, magic shows, a percussion circle, babysitting courses, *Money cent\$ for kids* (grade 3 and up) at the Riverview Public Library, various family activities in all libraries and a very successful *board games afternoon* that drew in several 5 to 12 year-olds at the Moncton Public Library.

Many adult programs are taking place in the region. A *Brown-Bag Lunch Series* continues to draw in a noon-hour crowd at the Moncton Public Library. The series was organized in partnership with the Public Legal Education and

Information Service of New Brunswick (PLEIS-NB) which operates a Speakers' Bureau Program. This is an interesting way to offer free expert advice through qualified speakers in adult programming on legal issues (such as Wills and Testaments) in their communities. Local and very popular photographer Maurice Henri packed over eighty people during his night-time activity on photography at the Moncton Public Library.

A series of Anime nights were organized at the Moncton Public Library. These events, geared towards young adults and pre-teens, involve movies, popcorn, treats and badges/buttons depicting anime characters. Cathy MacDonald, reference librarian, planned the activities and created the badges/buttons.

WORKSHOP / ATELIER

The Council of Archives New Brunswick is offering a workshop on Sound and Moving Image records to be presented by two of Canada's foremost experts in the field. Brock Silversides is currently Director – Media Commons, University of Toronto Libraries and formerly of the Provincial Archives of Alberta, a member of the Association of Moving Image Archivists and author of *The Importance of Film Elements*, and a book on Cultural Property Appraisals. Gilles St-Laurent is Audio Conservator – Sound and Image Division, Library & Archives Canada, a member of the International Association of Sound Archives, recipient of two CEDAR Awards for re-mastering of vintage recordings, and author of *The Care and Handling of Recorded Sound Materials*. The presenters will provide a brief history of audio and moving image formats and will illustrate these and the stages of production with examples. They will discuss problems of technical obsolescence and types and causes of deterioration and will address preservation and conservation including digitization for access and conservation. The workshop will be held on May 12, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, 23 Dineen Drive, University of New Brunswick Campus, Fredericton. Registration is \$75.00. Contact Anne LeClair to register at: <anne.leclair@gnb.ca> or 506-453-4327.

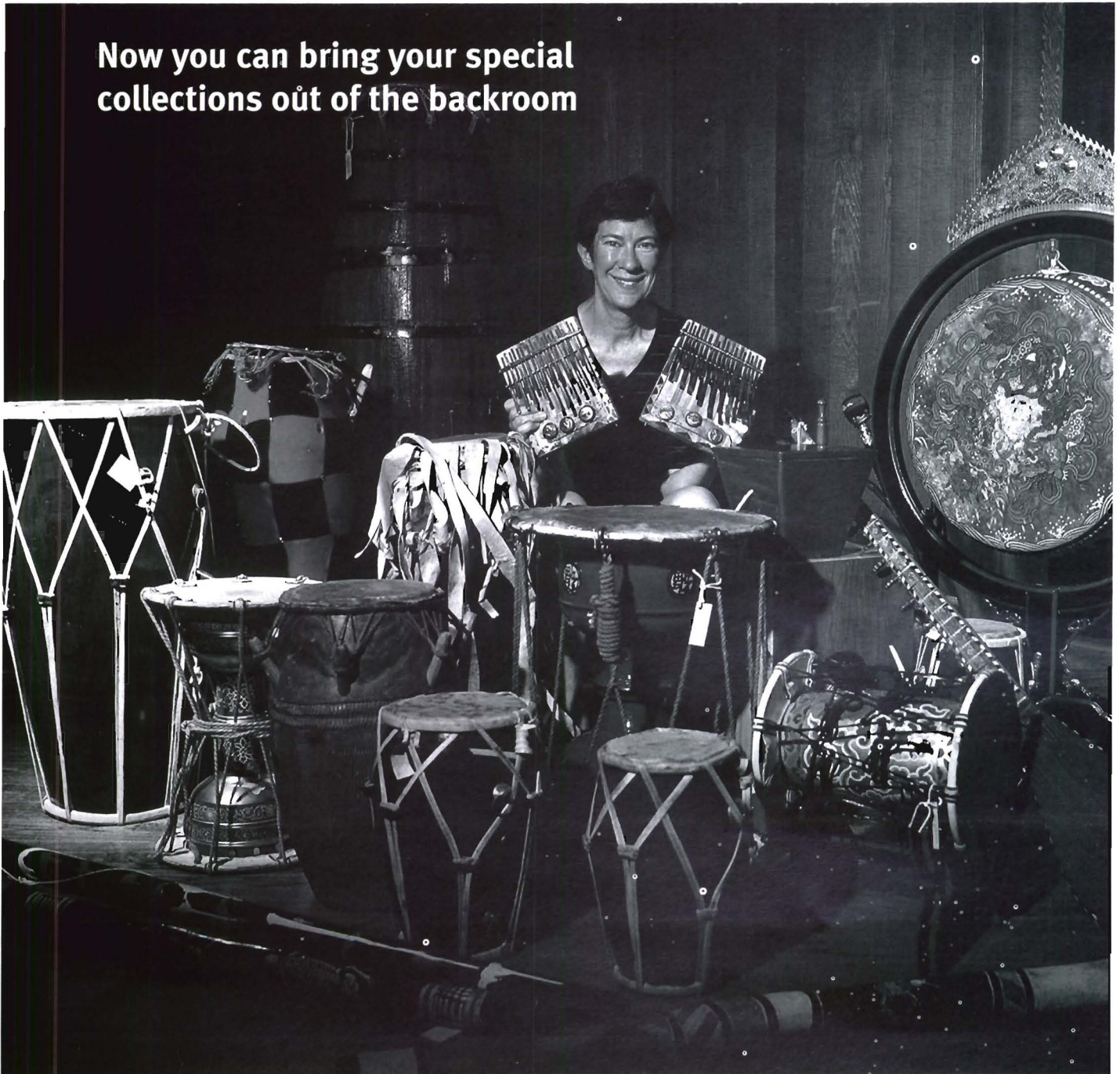
EVENTS / ÉVÉNEMENTS

In support of a local radiothon Say *No to Violence* to help victims of Family Violence in AWK Counties, the Moncton Public Library Staff and Regional Office Staff organized a Bake Sale on February 24th. In less than two hours, all baked goods were sold and they raised \$230.00. Additional money made on a quilt for sale and a casual day fund was added. The total money raised \$301.50 was sent to Crossroads for Women Inc.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF NEW BRUNSWICK / ARCHIVES PROVINCIALES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

It will be appreciated if Library colleagues will notify their clients of reduced public service at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick for the June-August period this summer. Renovation work in the public areas of the Provincial Archives will occur from the beginning of June, 2006, for a projected period of two months. This work is intended to upgrade facilities for the public by providing better conditions and additional space for all types of research. The Provincial Archives requests the understanding and co-operation of researchers during this period of renovations. Physical accessibility to the main floor of the building will be restricted. During this period, all registrations, consultations with staff and individual research will take place in an enclosed area adjacent to the space being renovated. There will be no wheelchair accessibility or elevator access to the main floor research area. Only a limited number of work tables and microfilm readers will be available. Retrieval of records will continue; however, publications (MC80s) will not be available on a self-serve basis and only some of the microfilm will be available on this basis. Researchers and visitors will experience noise, dust and general inconvenience. There will be several days when demolition will make public access impossible. The Archives website <<http://archives.gnb.ca/Archives/>> will contain up-to-date information on the status of renovations and closures relating to demolition. Every effort will be made to meet the needs of researchers. Research needs and requests for information, received by e-mail through the

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website or by telephone (506-453-2122), will be responded to by staff in the standard manner during this period. Every effort will be made to meet the needs of researchers. Research needs and requests for information, received by e-mail through the website or by telephone (506-453-2122), will be responded to by staff as fully as possible during this period.

NEW BOOKMOBILE / NOUVEAU BIBLIOBUS

On April 5th, the York Library Region sprung into spring with a brand new bookmobile. The region was given \$135,000 in provincial funding as part of the NB Premier's Quality Learning Agenda policy statement on *Lifelong Learning: Quality Adult Learning Opportunities*. To ensure equal access to library services for all New Brunswickers, the government has committed to replacing the province's aging bookmobiles, one of which belonged to the York Library Region, and adding a new one to the Saint John Region. The York bookmobile travels to fifty different locations, has over 1,100 patrons, and circulates

almost 45,000 items a year. The design of the new bookmobile is quite different from your tradition idea of a bookmobile. The new bookmobile is designed with a truck cab and a body, as opposed to the common school-bus style. It has more room, is heated and air-conditioned, and has a wheelchair ramp to allow for more accessibility for patrons. The bookmobile was also constructed using businesses from across New Brunswick, including Edmundston, Kedgwick and Saint John. The New Brunswick Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Training, Jody Carr, and the Minister of Transportation, Paul Robichaud, were on-hand for the unveiling of the new bookmobile, along with other NBPLS staff and provincial MLAs. In the official media release, Minister Carr said, "Libraries and accessibility to books lay an important educational foundation for our communities, and the new bookmobile is an innovative, cost-effective and inclusive approach to bringing library service to rural communities." We cannot wait for all of our bookmobile patrons to use

these beautiful, new bookmobiles.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Submitted by *Trish LeBlanc*

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND LIBRARIES

Health Sciences Library

Evidence based Library and Information Practice

In March of this year, the inaugural issue of Evidence based Library and Information Practice was released. EBLIP is an open access, peer-reviewed journal and it is the first journal in the world dedicated to the topic and practice of evidence based librarianship.

EBLIP is the brainchild of Su Cleyle (MUN) and Denise Koufogiannakis (University of Alberta), whose recent sabbatical interests led them to the relatively small and new world of EBL. Recognizing that evidence based practice is a proven method of practice in a number of professions, and that librarianship is a profession surrounded by research, the logical step was to explore ways in which EBL could be promoted on an international scale.

EBLIP is published by Learning Services, University of Alberta and the selection of the Editorial Board is governed by the Canadian Library Association's Evidence Based Librarianship Interest Group. The Editorial Board has grown to six people including Lindsay Glynn (Editor in Chief), Denise Koufogiannakis (Associate Editor B Evidence Summaries), Alison Brettle (Associate Editor B Articles), Pam Ryan (Production Editor), Priscilla Stephenson (Copyeditor) and Erin Alcock (Indexing Coordinator). Su Cleyle, instrumental in getting EBLIP successfully off the ground, has now joined the international, multi-disciplinary team of 30 Editorial Advisors. Each issue of EBLIP features research articles, commentaries, news/announcements, and Evidence Summaries, which are written by members of the Evidence Summaries team.

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EBLIP is currently accepting papers for the third issue (deadline June 1st) and the fourth issue (deadline September 1st). Further information on Evidence Based Library and Information Practice, including the scope, focus, contacts, as well as the full text contents of the first issue, are available at <http://ejournals.library.ualberta.ca/index.php/EBLIP>.

Contributed by Lindsay Glynn, Health Sciences Library

Queen Elizabeth II Library

To mark its 40th anniversary, the Centre for Newfoundland Studies held a wine and cheese reception on Friday, Jan. 20 in the CNS. Special items from the collection were displayed. More about the Centre and its anniversary celebration is available in the MUN news archives. http://today.mun.ca/news.php?news_id=1724.

This winter, the First Space Gallery in The Commons area of the library has featured an exhibition entitled, "Recent Graduates: A Medley of Works." The exhibition consisted of an incredible variety of artworks, spanning from painting and printmaking to mixed media and photography; its binding principle was that the artists are all graduates of the Fine Arts Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook.

The SingleSearch [beta] interface was launched during April. User feedback is being sought, and an accessibility study is underway. SingleSearch is a federated search interface allowing simultaneous searches of one to 50+ bibliographic databases, then providing links from the search results to library holdings records and when necessary an online interlibrary loan form.

Dr. C.R. Barrett Library, Fisheries & Marine Institute

Dianne Taylor-Harding has moved permanently to the Queen Elizabeth II Library. Katie Lawton remains at the Barrett Library as Acting Head of Public Services.

Ferriss Hodgett Library, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

Corner Brook businessman, Andy Thorne, recently donated some significant historical

material to the Ferriss Hodgett Library at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. Among the donated items were the original Minutes of the Bay of Islands Board of Trade, dated 1912/1926, and an original copy of the board's Constitution and ByLaws, printed in 1914 by his maternal grandfather, Mr. A. L. Barrett. More information about the gift can be found in the MUN news archive: http://today.mun.ca/news.php?news_id=1850.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Changes are happening fast and furious for NLPL librarians, staff and users. In April, the new circulation and library catalogue went live. Over the past 18 months, staff spent time evaluating, choosing, implementing and training for Horizon (which replaces our 1992 Dynix system). To see the catalogue, go to the NLPL homepage <<http://www.nlpubliclibraries.ca>>. Searching for information is much easier with the new catalogue.

On April 1, the NLPL launched four searchable online databases that are available free to everyone in the province. Three full-text databases have been bundled by EbscoHost for public library clientele. The package includes Canadian Reference Center, MasterFILE Premier and Health Source (Consumer edition). The fourth database is called NovelList. These are exciting resources that can be accessed by anyone with a current NLPL bar-coded borrower card.

Western Division

The Western Star (Corner Brook's newspaper) reported earlier this year that the city's annual grant to the Corner Brook Public Library was not approved for this year.

Central Division

More than 4,000 signatures were gathered in

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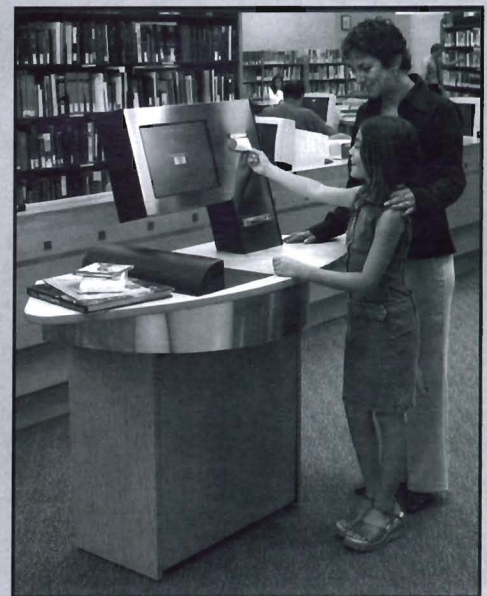
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Central public libraries for the provincial petition against the elimination of the Library Book Rate. In addition, staffs were informed by several patrons that they were writing their own letters to government.

The Carmanville Public Library moved into its new home in the Phoenix Academy during February. Patrons can enjoy both the state-of-the-art facility and its spectacular view overlooking the harbour. A grand opening is planned for the spring.

Pat Parsons recently completed a six-week study leave to perform an in-depth review of school-housed public libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador.

"April is the cruellest month," wrote T.S. Eliot — I wonder whether he was working for NL Public Libraries then, with the many fiscal year end deadlines looming over his head, and the wet snow coming down in buckets outside his office window?? Never mind?? Spring will come, and the reports will get done. Before you know it, we will be complaining about the heat!!

In any case, all branches are busy cluing up the past 12 months — comparing statistics from last year to this year. Many branches are seeing a decline in usage with the continued outward migration, which has hit Central Division hard. Smaller branches on the north east coast are seeing full families move, and this of course is impacting on library usage. No matter how much programming is planned, and how much variety there is in services offered, the statistics cannot go up if your clientele is no longer there to avail!!

I have been on study leave for 6 weeks, reviewing school housed public libraries in our province, with the aim of comparing such libraries in Eastern, Western and Central. The leave went by quickly, and despite the odd snowstorm here and there, I managed to visit all 12 sites selected for the review. It was great to meet new staff from other regions, to chat one on one with principals, library board members, and school librarians (where they still exist - a rare species indeed). One thing I learned right away, people want to get together to chat, to share ideas, and problem solve. There are many issues in school-housed public libraries that are peculiar to them alone, and they deserve some attention.

Training for our new Horizon automation system has been going full steam ahead!! Everyone is looking forward to a "higher comfort" zone in the near future.

Central Division will have 100% participation on the TD Summer Reading Program this year, and we are pleased that all 33 branches will offer the service. The "Quest for heroes" theme is bound to be popular, especially with the NL Curling Team leading the way as Olympians! In other local happenings, staff members continue their outreach efforts to raise the profile of their libraries within their respective communities. Large Print Books are being delivered to senior's homes, staff have been visiting schools to take part in "Leaders as Readers" programs, and various groups, such as The Red Hatters, have been in for computer training and orientation to the library. Central Regional has also partnered with the Winterset in Summer Literary Festival Committee, which is held in August each year, to promote Newfoundland writing and publishing. Our libraries will be displaying posters, book marks, and informing tourists about the festival. Anyone interested in attending the event can check out wintersetinsummer.com for details.

Contributed by Patricia Parsons, Manager, PILRB Central Division

ASSOCIATIONS

Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association

The NLLA will hold its Annual Conference and General Meeting on May 4-5. The theme of this year's conference is "The Changing Face of Libraries." The PreConference Social will be held on Thursday evening at 7:00pm in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, 3rd floor Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University. We will learn more about the Centre and its collections and services. The Conference will be held at Hampton Hall, in the Marine Institute on Friday.

Newfoundland and Labrador Health Libraries Association

The NLHLA will hold its Annual Workshop and General Meeting on Thursday, May 4, from 9-4 in the Boardroom of the Inco Centre (formerly Thompson Student Centre), Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand, VP Nova Scotia

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

New Staff:



The CBRL would like to introduce our new staff members. The McConnell library has one new full-time Library Assistant, Shelley Brown and two part-time Library Assistants, Pamela King and Cathy Noel. Our new staff members all have previous library experience; Shelley and Pam have worked as summer students at the CBRL and Cathy, who has recently moved back to Cape Breton worked in the Calgary Public Library for twenty-six years. All three are pleased to be back in a library setting. As far as Cathy is concerned, library staffs from across the country are great people to work with. As a newcomer to the CBRL, Cathy is very thankful for the good sense of humour and patience that have been shown by staff. Another returnee to the CBRL is Eileen Nearing. Eileen is now working as a part time Library Clerk at the Glace Bay branch; previously she spent one year at the Dominion branch while a staff member was on maternity leave.

Shangqing Wang (Ant), the new C@P student, has been working at the McConnell library for the past few months. She has been in Canada for over two years, and residing in Cape Breton for the past eight months while attending Cape Breton University. Ant is very friendly and personable, and has been wonderful in assisting the public with computer questions and providing beginner computer training.

The last addition to mention is our Reading Recovery Assistant, Paulette Morrison. Paulette's position is a term position that puts the library in closer contact with elementary schools in our region. Over the next few months,

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Paulette will be visiting elementary schools to give book talks, present story sacks, and promote the library, as well as the joy of reading. Paulette has started her class visits and the response from students and teachers has been wonderful! Paulette's energy and enthusiasm for the library and the books that she has read is evident, and in front of the classroom her positive energy is contagious.

March Break Programs:

A number of children's programs were successfully carried out over March Break. Staff organized craft activities, games, gave out prizes and had puppet shows to entertain children who registered for the programs at the McConnell library. Once again, local drama instructor Brian Gallivan generously volunteered his time and energy to provide an hour long program of activities with a "theatre" theme. Lindsay Thompson, who spent last summer working at the CBRL developing puppet shows - was a special guest to the March Break series. Joined by a few her friends,

Lindsay presented two of her puppet shows to an excited group of children. The puppet shows that Lindsay wrote last summer all had a Cape Breton theme and the two shows presented during March Break were: "Alexander Graham Bell" and "Why is Cape Breton Shaped Like a Lobster Claw?"

Books2Eat Fundraiser:

Books2Eat was a celebration of reading and April Fool's Day that took place at the McConnell library, in Sydney, on Friday March 31st. Local chefs displayed their artistic talents by creating edible art with a book theme. The edible art works were then auctioned off to raise funds for the Library's Adopt-a-Book campaign. April Fool's Day is the perfect day to eat your words. Check-out pictures of the edible art on our website at www.cbri.ca.



ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

Automated Library System:

The SIRSI system implemented in the fall is working well. Staff is becoming comfortable with the new software. There are still some issues to be resolved, with new things to learn as we go.

The acquisitions module of the software will be implemented in April. This will allow us to order library materials with the new system at the beginning of the fiscal year. Training for this program will take place at the end of March and go through the first week in April. SIRSI continues to enhance the Collection Exchange module as issues arise.

Community Access Program (CAP):

The Fall/Winter Youth Program is wrapping up for another year. Five youth were employed with our library region through this program over the past eight weeks. Youth delivered programming to the public for all age groups and worked on special projects.

Equipment/Connectivity:

Aliant recently announced new wireless technology that will increase the speed of wireless Internet users to allow video streaming. This new technology will be available in the metro area by the end of this year and in most parts of Nova Scotia by the end of next year. This announcement is wonderful news for bookmobile service and should greatly increase the speed of the connectivity on the bus.

Branch Services Report:

We're having a busy winter! The Anime Night held at the Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library in Lawrencetown on January 20th was very well attended. Eighteen teens showed up on a Friday evening for an Anime film presentation and accompanying refreshments. (Anime is a Japanese style of animation.) Another screening will take place during March Break at this branch and in Middleton.

Family Literacy Day on January 27th was the focus of special activities at three libraries. Its

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goal is to promote the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Berwick invited families to visit and take part in Literacy Centers set up around the library. These included cassettes, computers, books, storyboxes, and a make-your-own-book center. Kentville held their second annual Locked in the Library event, featuring games, books and karaoke for everyone! The third annual, and very popular, Library Sleepover took place at the Wolfville Memorial Library. Kids and parents were treated to an evening of storytelling and activities before bunking down with their sleeping bags amid the bookshelves.

Two Hackmatack Book Clubs are available to children - one at the Wolfville Memorial Library and the other in Windsor. Children are invited to take part in this reading program and vote on books for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award.

Purple Caboose Toddler Time, involving stories, rhymes and songs for 2 and 3 year olds is a new winter program at the Wolfville Memorial Library.

A Kentville Friends of the Library has become active and public input has been sought on a

proposed new facility in the area. Friends representative, Frances Schagen, presented a proposal to the Town of Kentville.

Peggy Hamilton, Branch Manager at the Windsor Regional Library since 1978, is retiring in April of this year. Peggy has offered excellent service to patrons over the years and her input and effort was instrumental in the planning and building of the new facility. We are sorry to see her go. However, we do welcome Katharine McCoubrey who will be graduating with her Masters of Library and Information Studies degree in April. Katharine has both a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education and has worked at AVRIL in various positions over the past several years. We congratulate her on this appointment.

A book sale was held in February with the \$900+ in proceeds going toward this year's Summer Reading Program.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Submitted by Jill Webster

School Of Information Management, Dalhousie University

Dr Louise Spiteri, Associate Professor in the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University, has been awarded a \$9000 grant for 2006 from the Library and Information Science Research Grant Program of the Online Computer Library Centre (Dublin, OH) and the Association for Library and Information Science Education. Dr Spiteri's project, The Use of Collaborative Tagging in Public Library Catalogues, examines leading-edge methods by which members of the public might enhance their information seeking and information organization. In recent years, significant developments have occurred in the creation of customizable user features in publicly-accessible catalogues and inventories. These features offer clients the opportunity to customize their own web page and to store items of interest to them. Client participation in these interfaces, however, is largely reactive; clients can select items from the catalogue, but they have little ability to organize and categorize these items in a way that reflects their own needs and language. Collaborative tagging, or folksonomies, allows anyone to freely attach keywords or tags to content.

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Professor Vivian Howard, Lecturer in the School of Information Management at Dalhousie, has been honoured by a prestigious new teaching award in the Faculty of Management. The award, one of several financed principally by Mr. Bill Black, a Nova Scotia businessman, fits well with the Faculty of Management's strategic goal of rewarding superior teaching. The award scheme provides for three awards in the School of Business Administration and two among the other Schools in the Faculty of Management: Information Management, Public Administration and Resource and Environmental Studies. The selection committee, including faculty and student representatives and a member of Dalhousie's Centre for Learning and Teaching, noted the thoroughness of Professor Howard's teaching dossier. She had been invited to submit this dossier on the basis of her consistently high ratings in Dalhousie's Student Ratings of Instruction data. Professor Howard teaches: Collections Management; Services and Resources for Young Adults; Services and Resources for Children; Users and Services; and Information Sources in the Humanities and Social Sciences. In addition to teaching, she is pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Wales at Aberystwyth with a research focus on teen reading.

The Special Libraries Association Student Group of the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University is engaged in a fundraising initiative and is selling 16oz stainless steel travel mugs,

featuring Seamus, the mascot of the School of Information Management. The mugs are being sold for \$15 (\$12 for students) plus \$10 to cover shipping costs for out-of-town orders. For more information or to place your order, please contact Jenn Reid, SLA Student Chapter President at j.reid@dal.ca or send your request to: Special Libraries Association Student Group of Dalhousie, Attn: Jenn Reid, c/o School of Information Management, Dalhousie University 6100 University Ave., Halifax, NS B3H 3J5. Please include your name, telephone number, email address, and shipping address with your order, and make cheques payable to the SLA Student Group of Dalhousie.

Nova Scotia Community College Library & Information Technology Program

On January 19, 2006, a reception was held for the first Canadian Library Association Student Chapter for a library technician program in Canada - the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) Institute of Technology campus Canadian Library Association Student Chapter (NSCCIT CLASC). Students from Dalhousie University's CLA Student Chapter were also in attendance as well as invited guests. Membership is restricted to students currently enrolled in the NSCCIT Library & Information Technology program and holding CLA membership.

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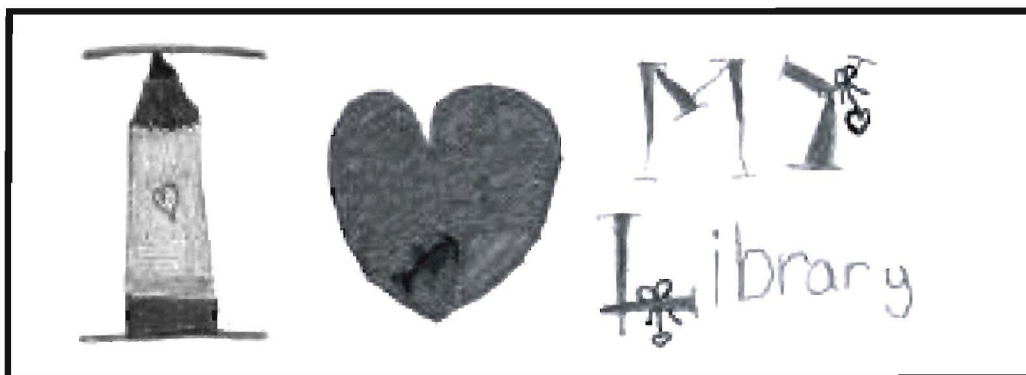
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Work Placement Account by a Student in the NSCC in the LIT Technology program:

"A Month in the Life of Keshen Goodman"

By Jennifer MacIsaac

As a student of the Nova Scotia Community College in the Library and Information Technology program, I saw my winter work placement as an opportunity to peek into the soul of the Keshen Goodman Library. For three weeks in January, I was able to job shadow and participate in every service of our library. The Keshen Goodman Library is not only unique in architectural design, but everywhere you turn, staff are smiling while they teach and learn. I was also able to experience the behind-the-scenes world of the Technical Services Department in Lower Sackville. Although it is the life-line for Halifax Public Libraries (HPL), acquiring, cataloguing and processing books, DVDs and CDs, it is not everyone's "cup of tea", but I drank it up! Staff take pride in their work even though many of them never reach the front lines and interact with the public.

Teens from Halifax West High School nearby are often seen working and playing on the computers behind the information desk and raiding the young adult section of the collection. They are also welcome to express their unique talents at programs such as AOpen Mic Nite@ and AGamerz Night@. While I could not attend these evening programs, I was told that they are a hit with the younger crowd attracting local talent, such as Jordan Croucher and Keshen Goodman's own Tracy Williams. In my final week at Keshen Goodman, I was able to attend a Computer Basics course that was just beginning. Members of the community seemed to be grateful to have a comfortable environment with capable teachers to learn the basics of technology. In addition, the library was hosting a few lectures from local university professors. I was able to see that the Keshen Goodman Library is an integral member of Halifax's growing community and is vital in fostering its cultural growth.

Nova Scotia Provincial Library

Staff Notes:

Jennifer Evans was appointed Director, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, in September, 2005. She started her library career as a School Librarian in Yarmouth; after spending 4 years in school libraries, she moved to public library work with the former Halifax City Regional Library as a Children's Librarian. Jennifer joined management in the mid 90s, managing first the Captain Spry Library and more recently, the Alderney Gate Library. While at Alderney Gate, she was also Regional Adult Programming Manager for Halifax Public Libraries. By the time Jennifer joined NSPL, she had worked for 15 years in public libraries. In the past, Jennifer has served on the executive of the Halifax Library Association, was the Chair of the Canadian Association of Children's Librarians in the early 90s, and more recently served on the executive of the Canadian Association of Public Libraries. Jennifer is a firm believer that public libraries are an institution for the future. As a

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mother of two girls, she finds it hard to imagine raising children in a town without a public library service. As a reader, she would find it hard to support her mystery-reading habit in a town without a public library. As a public servant, she believes that Nova Scotians deserve strong, dynamic, innovative public libraries and is pleased to have the opportunity to support this belief through her work.



Jennifer Evans, as Director of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, will be leading NSPL through a Strategic Planning process in 2006.

Robert Samson, NcompasS System Administrator, joined Provincial Library in September of 2005, just in time to participate in the live migration to Unicorn. Needless to say, his first few months have been an intense introduction to library applications! Originally from Petit de Grat, Nova Scotia, Robert is a recent graduate of Acadia University where he obtained a degree in Computer Science. Robert brings experience in a number of areas in the technology field including system administration, web design, programming, technical support and technical training and has an interest in the role of libraries in community development.

We're Unicorn Now!

NcompasS Consortium libraries migrated to SirsiDynix's Unicorn Integrated Library System in October 2005 - the culmination of a long project which had been delayed by the development of Collection Exchange for Unicorn. Regional libraries went over-the-top to maintain services to patrons during the transition from the old MultiLIS system to Unicorn, closing only over a weekend, during which staff were busy updating the new Sirsi system with transactions captured during the previous week of system downtime. Congratulations to all those who planned and participated in this major undertaking. Patrons and staff alike are pleased with the look and feel of the new iBistro OPAC, with its clean displays and enriched content - covers, reviews and excerpts - providing added value. NcompasS libraries will soon have a chance to meet with other Unicorn users and share experiences. The

Sirsi Northeast Regional Users Group, composed of Sirsi libraries in the US and Canada, will hold its annual conference at Mount Allison University in June 2006.

Training Notes: World Book Online and ChiltonLibrary.com:

Two new databases have recently become available to patrons at public libraries in Nova Scotia: World Book Online encyclopedia and ChiltonLibrary.com, an automotive repair information database from Thomson Gale. These are two of the databases that the public libraries now subscribe to as part of a consortium. Any Nova Scotian with a public library card can access the resources at home, at school, at work, or at their local library. A trainer for World Book Online visited seven of the regional libraries last fall to provide training sessions on this database to staff. ChiltonLibrary.com is part of the InfoTrac system which the public libraries already use to access other Thomson Gale databases. Plans are underway to promote the availability of these databases to the public.

Teleconferences hosted by the Nova Scotia Provincial Library:

On February 3, 2006 another satellite teleconference called, Always a River, Sometimes a Library@ took place. Using the Mississippi River as a metaphor for patron behavior Rick Anderson, Director of Resource Acquisition at the University of Nevada, discussed the three ways the library profession is broken, and the four ways to fix it as well as giving the audience new and useful ways to think about their patrons. Following the broadcast, Michelle Paon, Coordinator of the Learning Commons, Killam Library, Dalhousie University, told participants about the Learning Commons, a new way to adapt university library service to its patrons' changing needs.

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2005 Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership:

Marie DeYoung, Director of Library Services and Online Learning at the Nova Scotia Community College, was named the 2005 recipient of the Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership.

She received the award on October 1, 2005 during the annual conference of the Nova Scotia Library Association. The Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership was established to honour leadership in the Nova Scotia library community and is given by the Nova Scotia Library Association for distinguished contributions to the promotion and development of library service in the province. The award is named for Dr. Norman Horrocks, Professor Emeritus at the Dalhousie School of Information Management and an internationally known library educator, writer and editor.

Marie has worked in libraries continually since 1974. Her positions have included the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. In 1998, she moved to the Nova Scotia Community College and within two years she had organized the libraries into a system and added six new campus libraries. Under her direction, the NSCC library system has been integrated into the Novanet consortium of academic libraries. She served as Chair of Novanet in 2004 and was instrumental in steering the process of acquiring a new integrated library system for the ten member libraries. As NSLA president Trudy Amirault said in her presentation of the award, Marie DeYoung has played an active role in many library associations, including the Canadian Library Association, the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services and the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries. She has served as a mentor to her staff, colleagues and library school students. Trudy said Marie has brought every library in which she worked into its rightful place at the heart of its organization. In addition to the Horrocks Award, DeYoung has been recognized for her leadership by other library organizations. CASLIS, the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, presented her with its Award for Special Librarianship in Canada in 1996. In 2003 she received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University.

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SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Pier 21 National Historic Site

Carrie-Ann Smith, Manager of Research at the Pier 21 National Historic Site in Halifax was featured in "Telling the People's Stories" in the March 15, 2006 posting of the online Library Journal.com.

In the article Carrie-Ann "admits to 'falling backwards' into 'the greatest job in the world': research manager at Canada's equivalent of Ellis Island, where a rowing collection of immigration records, images, books, and oral histories tracks immigrants' arrival."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Robertson Library

(contributed by Betty Jeffery)



Norine Hanus and Gord Ripley on the picket line, March 23, 2006

Librarians at the University of Prince Edward Island were on strike March 21 through April 5. The UPEI Faculty Association was seeking parity in salary and workload with other universities in the region. The new contract establishes a Library Council and a Librarians' Workload Committee. Librarians played key roles during the strike. Betty Jeffery served as Chair of the Communications Committee, Cathy Callaghan as a Member of the Negotiating Team, and Gord Ripley as a Member of the Job Action Committee. The other librarians, Norine Hanus, Dawn Hooper, Simon Lloyd, and Louise Mould were active on the picket line.

Holland College

(contributed by Donald Moses)



Construction continues on the College's new Centre for Labour Innovation building and soon to be home to the Charlottetown Centre campus library. The move from the old library to the new will take place over the summer months.

To build awareness of the Library Liaison program, Library Services has initiated a series of bi-annual program-specific newsletters to link faculty to library programs, services and collections.

There is soon to be a French version of the award winning *isle@sk* service and <http://islandlibraries.ca> – the search portal to libraries on Prince Edward Island. The translation work has begun and the French version of the service will be available by June 2006.

Provincial Libraries

(contributed by Allan Groen)

The Monster Book of Monsters



Cake created by a Pastry Arts Student from the Culinary Institute of Canada for use on a poster to promote the first Books2Eat Festival held on Prince Edward Island.

Photo credit: PEI Government's Multimedia Services

The International Edible Book Festival is a yearly event that takes place on April 1 throughout the world. This event unites bibliophiles, book artists and food lovers to celebrate the ingestion of culture and its fulfilling nourishment. Participants create edible books that are exhibited, documented and then consumed. This year, the Confederation Centre Public Library inaug-

urated the first such festival on PEI with an enthusiastic, creative audience. Chef Hans Anderegg from the Culinary Institute of Canada served as the judge for children's, adult and professional categories. More information on this festival may be found on books2eat.com.

Circulation of materials in the 26 public library branches was 804,274 in the recently completed fiscal year. This was a 3% increase from the previous year. The development of the DVD collection and its use is the primary ingredient in this increase.

The Alberton Branch was recently expanded and the Tyne Valley branch is soon to reopen in its new location. Other branches have facility plans under consideration. It's nice to see that communities show their appreciation of library service in this way.

School Libraries

(contributed by Nichola Cleaveland)

Government released the report of the Task Force On Student Achievement in January. At that time, the Government listed a number of responses to address the recommendations of the Task Force, one of which was to "Recommend a strategy to enrich school library resources and to increase library use, especially at the elementary level.". In the budget for FY 2006/07, tabled March 30, 2006, the government added an additional \$220,000 of funding to improve school library collections.

PEI Professional Librarians Association News

(contributed by Katie Furlotte)

PEIPLA held its annual meeting in November. At the meeting, a new executive was welcomed including Katie Furlotte, President; Andrea Stewart, Vice-President/President Elect; Nichola Cleaveland, Past President; and Joyce Gaudet, Secretary/Treasurer. Many thanks to outgoing President Nichola Cleaveland for her hard work and dedication. Members also voted to accept major revisions to the association's constitution.

The PEIPLA Continuing Education Committee is sponsoring 3 SLA Click U Live! sessions in our 'Thoughtful Thursdays' series. This brings our colleagues together for a great professional development opportunity and a chance to

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discuss issues and network with one other. The first session in March was successful and we look forward to the same for our April and May presentations.

PEIPLA is also pleased to announce the launch of a new website which features association activities, news, and membership information. Visit <http://peipla.wordpress.com/> to check it out!



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Atlantic Provinces Library Association 66th Ordinary General Meeting

MINUTES

Halifax, N.S.

May 27, 2005 - 5:15 - 7:00 pm (Part 1)
May 29, 2005 - 9:30 - 11:00 am (Part 2)

1. Call to Order

A. Groen called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

2. Establish Quorum

A. Groen declared the meeting quorate.

3. Adoption of Agenda

It was noted the agenda items under 8 were misnumbered. The agenda was adopted as amended.

4. Minutes of the 65th Ordinary General Meeting, Moncton, May 28th/30th, 2004

One correction was noted to the Minutes as printed in the March/April 2005 APLA Bulletin. Under item 20, the thanks to L. Mackey were offered by A. Groen not by N. Horrocks.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising

6. President's Report – A. Groen

(Chair to J. Richard)

A. Groen submitted a written report in which he highlighted several items.
(Chair returned to A. Groen)

7. Past President's Report - L. Mackey

L. Mackey noted her report was published in the APLA Bulletin and highlighted several Standing Order changes

Under Standing Order 3.05, L. Mackey recommended changes to reflect the two spring executive meetings

L. Melanson asked for clarification on how many executive meetings are held, L. Mackey responded that there is one fall and two spring executive meetings.

Motion that Standing Order 3.05 be changed in accordance with L. Mackey's report. (L. Mackey/M. Mercure)

CARRIED

Under Standing Orders 3.10 & 5.01, L. Mackey recommended changes to reflect the association taking over the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship trust fund

Motion that Standing Order 3.10 & 5.01 be changed in accordance with L. Mackey's report. (L. Mackey/T. LeBlanc)

CARRIED

Under Standing Order 5.06, L. Mackey recommended changes to the Bulletin Editor's terms of reference

P. Glenister asked if there would still be the same number of Bulletin editors. L. Mackey replied in the affirmative.

Motion that Standing Order 5.06 be changed in accordance with L. Mackey's report (L. Mackey/ M. Mercure)

CARRIED

Under Standing Order 6.02, L. Mackey recommended changes to the APLA Memorial Award Committee's terms of reference. L. Melanson asked if institutional members were allowed to apply for the Award. The answer was no.

Motion to amend the motion on the floor to read "...to any personal member"
(L. Melanson / J. Archibald)

CARRIED

S. Sexty asked why the omission "solicit contributions" from the terms of reference? She stated in the past that was a role the Committee members took on.

Motion to amend the motion on the floor to read "solicit contributions to the ...to solicit applications to the APLA Memorial Award fund and to select the award recipient"
(S. Sexty / T. Harrison)

CARRIED

Discussion was held about whether the proper name for the award was APLA Memorial Award or APLA Memorial Awards. L. Melanson asked how the award is registered with Revenue Canada. E. MacLean asked if only giving accumulated interest for the Award a change in the process? In the past it was a complicated formula. D. Corey-Fancy clarified the amount is still calculated using a formula (interest plus 10% of principle). S. Sexty question the use of "research" in the terms, as it is not always awarded to research endeavour. T. Harrison replied that it was not an intentional change

Motion to amend the motion on the floor to remove the word research from the Standing Orders. Withdrawn.

S. Sexty asked if the membership could direct the executive to take Standing Orders in question back and reword them according to the sentiments expressed by the membership.

Motion that Standing Order 6.02 be changed in accordance with L. Mackey's report with the amendments from the floor (L. Mackey/ M. Mercure)

NOT CARRIED

8. Vice-President's Reports

8.1 New Brunswick - M. Mercure

Report printed the *Bulletin*.

8.2 Newfoundland & Labrador - T. LeBlanc

Report was circulated.

8.3 Nova Scotia - G. Bertrand

Report printed the *Bulletin*.

8.4 Prince Edward Island - S. MacLeod

Report was circulated.

8.5 Membership - R. MacPherson

Report was circulated.

9. Secretary's Report – G. Byrne

Report was circulated

10. Financial Examiner's Report - P. Glenister

Report was circulated

Motion to approve the Financial Examiner's report (Mackey/J. Archibald)

CARRIED

Motion to appoint P. Glenister as financial examiner next year (E. MacLean / M. Charters)

CARRIED

11. Treasurer's Report - D. Corey-Fancy

Report was circulated. D. Corey-Fancy highlighted several items:

APLA currently has \$62,000 in assets

\$ Advertising revenue from the *Bulletin* is down slightly

\$ Membership revenue is steady

\$ There were four GAF grants awarded this fiscal year

\$ There were two Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship scholarships awarded this fiscal year

D. Corey-Fancy offered her thanks to the Executive Committee and the membership

L. Melanson suggested that who the APLA Memorial Award was given to be clarified before the report is published in the *Bulletin*.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report. (D. Corey-Fancy/E. MacLean)

CARRIED

12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin Management Board - P. Gallant/E. Patterson

Report was printed in the *Bulletin*. Patricia Gallant noted that the new *Bulletin* editors are Stacey Penney & Dianne Taylor-Harding from Memorial University of Newfoundland and that a third editor is still being sought.

13. Executive and Standing Committee Reports

13.1 Aims & Objectives – J. Richard

Report was circulated. J. Richard highlighted several aims and objectives for the coming year involving increasing

services and opportunities to members, including The Partnership & APLA Store, the redesign of website, Grow-a-Library, an upcoming membership drive and further collaboration with regional associations.

13.2 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups – J. Richard

J. Richard announced that H. Sanderson has taken over the continuing education interest group, M. Colborne has agreed to be convenor for developing sessions for The Partnership. APLA is currently looking for new conveners for the Library Technicians, New Librarians and Information Professionals, and Computers and Connectivity Interest Groups.

13.3 Finance - A. Groen

(Chair to J. Richard)

A. Groen highlighted several budget items, including a new line to cover the costs of accepting credit cards, an equipment line to cover the purchase of a server, \$3000 under executive projects to kick-start the Grow-a-Library project, a substantial increase to president travel to cover costs of attending other conferences and meetings, \$500 for an upcoming membership drive and proposed revenue from The Partnership (Education Institute) sessions.

A. Groen noted that there is a significant deficit again. While there are funds to cover the deficit now, it will need to be looked at in the future. He suggested possibilities such as raising membership dues or e-publishing the *Bulletin*

E. MacLean questioned whether APLA could look at establishing the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship as a charitable fund? D. Corey-Fancy responded that she will investigate the possibility.

L. Melanson questioned the advisability of an online-only *Bulletin* because of the possibility of losing ad revenues and a tangible benefit of membership. He suggested the possibility of giving members an option of how to receive the *Bulletin*. J. Richard responded that advertising revenues might not go down with online publishing, and giving members a choice

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Vice President, New Brunswick Annual Report

Submitted by Mireille Mercure, VP New Brunswick

As Vice-President for New Brunswick, over the past year I contacted representatives of the various libraries throughout the province and compiled their news for the APLA Bulletin and attended meetings. I also contacted various library staff to encourage them to join APLA. This is my third year in this position.

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

Some of the new people this year in New Brunswick libraries are: York Regional Library : Young Lark Jin, Deborah Van Der Linde, Jill Katherine Foster, Judy MacLean, Anthony Dickinson; Saint John Regional Library : Keith MacKinnon, Jocelyn Paquette, Lesley Wells, Jody Osicki; Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region : Nadine Goguen, Chantale Bellemare, Emanuela Chiriac; Haut St-Jean Regional Library : Pierrette Charette, René Lavandier, Andrée Boutot-Cyr, Sylvie Fréchette and Louis Roy; South-East Regional Health Authority : Lori Léger. People who took new positions : André Gionet, Darlene Tan, Diane Buhay, Joann Hamilton-Barry, Jeanne Maddix. Notable retirements: Susan Collins, Pat Johnston, Jean-Claude Arcand. People who died during the year : Dr. M. E. Travis; Guy Nadeau; Jerry Walford.

Throughout the year public libraries in the province received various authors. Some of them were: Donna Stewart, Julie Lawson, Artémise Blanchard, Rebecca Cuevas de Caissie, Denis Monette, Beth Powning, Heidi Jardine Stoddart, Rob Rayner, .

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

Public libraries across the province held training for their staff for the upgrade to a new automated library system and catalogue, and later for the Babies in the Library program.

The New Brunswick Public Library Service officially launched a new online service that will provide research assistance to find answers to factual questions. The service, called Quaestio, allows New Brunswickers to send questions via e-mail to a reference team.

The Archives & Research Library of the New Brunswick Museum, in partnership with the N.B. Sports Hall of Fame and Sport, Recreation and Active Living of the Dept. of Wellness, Culture & Sport, has produced a virtual exhibit entitled Balls, bats, and boats: Sporting and recreational activities and traditions in New Brunswick, which is accessible for viewing on the New Brunswick Museum's website <<http://www.nbm-mnb.ca>>. In honour of the 60th anniversary of VE [Victory in Europe] Day, the Archives and Research Library of the New Brunswick Museum has produced a virtual exhibit "Mark Our Place": images and memoirs of New Brunswickers in Wartime. This is accessible for viewing on the New Brunswick Museum's website also.

La Bibliothèque Champlain et le groupe des technologies de l'apprentissage de la D.G.T. de l'Université de Moncton ont participé au projet pancanadien eduSource et leur article fut publié à ce sujet.

In May, Bibliothèque Le Cormoran, in Saint John celebrated its 20th anniversary. In November, the Saint Antoine Public Library and the Salisbury Public Library celebrated 25th anniversaries. That same month, the Sackville Public Library celebrated its 21st anniversary in the present building. This was a year of copious celebrations in the A-W-K Library Region. The Shédiac, Port Elgin and Dorchester public libraries all commemorated their 45th anniversaries. The Boiestown Community-School Library celebrated its 15th Anniversary on October 18. The Chatham Public Library celebrated its 30th Anniversary on October 20. The Bouctouche Public Library became the first library in New Brunswick to receive the name of an author, and will be known forthwith, as the Gérald LeBlanc Public Library, in honour of the Bouctouche native and Acadian poet.

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

Vice-president, Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Report

Submitted by Trish LeBlanc, APLA VP Newfoundland & Labrador

This report represents the end of my tenure as VP Newfoundland and Labrador.

Building on last year, the regular contributors to the Newfoundland and Labrador news column in the APLA Bulletin were extended to other regions of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries and the College of the North Atlantic.

In addition, this year I developed more regular contact with the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association, discussing areas of mutual interest to both APLA and the NLLA, including increasing membership and The Partnership.

I served on the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award Board and participated in the selection of this year's recipient.

Vice President, Nova Scotia, Annual Report

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand

During my fourth year as Provincial VP for Nova Scotia, I participated in the spring and fall APLA Executive meetings and continued to solicit input from representatives within the region for the APLA Bulletin. As always, the bulletin contributors provided an array of interesting articles, stories and pictures; thank you to all for your efforts. In my role as APLA webmaster, I was responsible for redesigning the association's web site in 2005 and will continue to serve as webmaster for the next year.

The Nova Scotia region has had another year of challenge and change. Members of the Novanet consortium spent this year preparing for the introduction of a new integrated library system. The ExLibris system went live on January 9th and, by all accounts, was a huge success. Congratulations to Bill Slauenwhite (ILS Implementation Project Manager), Dylan Boudreau (Technical Lead), Fred Edwards (Technical Analyst) and all who helped guide this project to completion. This year also saw the continued emergence of the ASIN Portal project in our region. This project, which combines the elements of a federated search tool, resolver, Relais ILL and online subject content areas, began testing prototype versions in the fall of 2005. The portal is expected to move to full production in the very near future. Dalhousie University Libraries celebrated the opening of its GIS (Geographical Information Systems) Centre in November of 2005. The centre, staffed by three fulltime GIS experts as well as nine students and faculty associates, will contribute to the body of GIS research and development in the Maritimes.

Public libraries in our region had another year of popular programs and successful initiatives. The Cape Breton Regional Library hosted its summer reading club with the help of a new 'alien' mascot who lurked between branches to help promote the program. CBRL celebrated the opening of its expanded New Waterford branch in July of 2005, as well as the continued

preservation of Cape Breton history with the printing of the 75th book by Breton Books in December. The Annapolis Valley Regional Library celebrated the opening of its new Windsor Regional Library in November of 2005. The new library features increased space for collections as well as larger facilities for programs and services. The AVRIL is also implementing a new integrated library system which will provide greater access to its resources and enhanced functionality for staff and patrons. The Halifax Regional Library continued its award winning summer reading program in 2005 with 'Blast Off!' a space exploration themed collection of books, programs, and prizes. This year also saw the introduction of a new online computer booking service which allows patrons to book public computers using the HPL's web site.

Finally, as this is my last submission as the association's VP for Nova Scotia, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone within the organization for a wonderful experience. Participating on the association's executive these past four years has been both challenging and rewarding. Librarians do a great deal of work in our region to advance the profile of libraries within our communities and institutions and we should be very proud of our accomplishments! I would encourage anyone with the desire to contribute to the goals of the profession to become involved with APLA (at any level); it is a truly enriching and enjoyable experience.

See you at APLA in Fredericton!

Vice President, Prince Edward Island

Submitted by Donald Moses

I began my term as APLA VP-PEI in November 2005. Since that time I have contacted perspective and lapsed members and have hosted a number of continuing education sessions from the Education Institute. I attended my first APLA Executive meeting in March 2006 where I had a great time learning how the meetings worked and getting to know the other members of the Executive. It has been a great experience and I encourage others to give it a try.

Colleagues from the Provincial Library Service, Holland College, and UPEI's Robertson Library have been generous in their contributions to the news items for the APLA Bulletin. Notable events from this last year include a new library for Holland College's Charlottetown Centre campus (still under construction), UPEI's search for a University Librarian, and the faculty strike

at UPEI that saw librarians walking the picket line. The Provincial Library Service, Holland College and Robertson Library continued their partnership and support of the islandlibraries.ca portal and the isle@sk reference email service for all Islanders. As well, the Provincial Library Service partnered with community agencies to deliver novel programs like Read and Walk – a partnership with the PEI Active Living Alliance – which provides pedometers for loan to library patrons at their local branch library.

My goals for the upcoming year include an increase in APLA membership from Prince Edward Island, promotion of APLA's partnerships like those with the Education Institute, and support of APLA's Grow a Library program.

President's Report, March 25-26, 2006 APLA Executive Meeting

The Partnership

Representatives from almost all of the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations met in February before and during the OLA Super Conference. Once again, OLA graciously hosted us and covered all costs for travel, accommodations and meetings. Ivan and I both attended. Quebec and Newfoundland have officially joined the group. The Partnership continues to be an organic cooperative effort with focus mainly on creating and improving opportunities for all of our members. Discussion continued on our three main topics: the Education Institute, the Electronic Research Journal, and a National Career Centre. APLA should be distributing documentation from the meetings to our members. Ivan and I will be speaking about the Partnership, its history and future potential, at a conference session. The Partnership will continue to meet as a group twice/year in February and August and APLA should be prepared to start sharing or covering the costs of our representatives (normally President and VP/President Elect).

The Education Institute

I am continuing to promote programs offered by the Education Institute through the APLA listserv and on the APLA website. As well, promotional letters have been sent to all Institutional Members offering one free session in keeping with the decision made at the Fall Meeting of the Executive.

The webmaster and I will work on developing a better web presence for these programs on the APLA website.

During our February meeting with CLA, the Partnership was congratulated on the success of the Education Institute.

Michael Colborne continues as the regional program developer for NSLA and APLA. However, I would like to recommend that the

APLA Executive create a Standing Committee on Continuing Education to work with M. Colbourne to develop content from our region and particularly our members. I have consulted with Heather Sanderson and the Continuing Education Interest Group and it was agreed that the Standing Committee should be in addition to the Interest Group and not replace the IG at this time. I have proposed changes to the Standing Orders to create this Committee.

Trudy Amirault from NSLA (and also an APLA member) is chairing the National Continuing Education Committee. Until we have a Standing Committee she will liaise with Heather Sanderson, our convenor for Continuing Education Interest Group.

The Electronic Research Journal

The Editorial Board is meeting on a regular basis via teleconference to set up the journal. I have volunteered and been acclaimed as the first Chief Editor of the yet to be named journal. The focus and scope has been written and the general format has been determined.

Current Focus and Scope statement:

The electronic journal is a practitioner's journal of The Partnership published twice a year. Articles may be contributed at any time for publication consideration. Potential articles are reviewed by members of an editorial review committee. Articles fall into several categories. Feature articles on theory & research and on innovations in practice are in-depth, peer-reviewed articles and fall in the range of 1,000 to 5,000 words. Other types of articles include viewpoints, conference presentations, profiles, news & announcements, professional development and reviews.

The journal will be electronic only and hosted at the University of Guelph. The Editorial Board will report to the Partnership Roundtable through the Chief Editor and a writing support team will be set up to help library workers prepare their articles. Articles will be accepted in either or both official languages, though translation service will not be offered by the journal.

We may be having a quick email contest to find a name for the journal with the prize being a year's free membership to the winner's

provincial association.

National Career Centre

Judith Silverthorne and a group of representatives from the library associations worked on a framework for the National Career Centre. Donna Bourne Tyson represented APLA. After learning about the 8Rs initiative it was decided to review our strategy on this project and perhaps partner with 8R Council.

The Library Book Rate

I received updates from CLA on this issue and distribute the information to members via the website. I have encouraged members to use the library shipping tool and report issues directly to CLA or at least communicate usage statistics, in whatever way they are tracked, to CLA.

APLA Resolution on School Libraries

A letter was sent to Minister and Education Critics in January regarding the resolution about school libraries at the 2005 OGM. A response was received in late March from the Minister and was posted to the APLA listserv.

Grow a Library Trust

Ewa and I continue to work on documentation for Revenue Canada. The committee will discuss strategies for fundraising during the conference in April. Some ideas are the bulbs sales again, good will offering before and after Stephen Lewis's keynote address and have a our CODE Adopt a Library website ready to have delegates donate online at our booth (APLStore/Membership). Sean Maddox will speak about the CODE initiatives and I will speak about APLA efforts in this regard, at the conference.

APLA Archives

I have received the box list from NSARM and I have inquired with Dalhousie, who reported they no longer have any of the APLA archival records. The box from NSARM shows nothing received from the association since 1995 which is inaccurate. Both the Archivist and Deputy Archivist at Acadia are planning trips into NSARM to review the collection before our May meeting. I have recommended a change to the standing orders to reflect the transfer.

VP/President Elect Annual Report 2005-6

Submitted by Ivan Douthwright, VP/President Elect

My involvement in the association as VP/President Elect has been an exciting and rewarding year. My first major involvement was joining Jennifer in August at the Partnership meetings in Toronto. This group consisting of the Presidents and Vice Presidents and Executive Directors of all the provincial and territorial library associations in Canada is a dynamic and high energy group excited about the various initiatives we are a part of – primarily the Education Institute, The Career Centre and the upcoming E-Journal. It is very exciting to work in this group and being a part of the national scene. Also as a part of the Partnership endeavours, we were able to attend meetings at the February conference of the Ontario Library Association, which was also a very rewarding experience.

My second major involvement has been of course working with our Own executive in both October and March executive meetings. There too we have accomplished a great deal this year and it has been exciting to work with this incredible bunch of people in developing ideas, projects and endeavors at the regional level – many of which you will be hearing about at the upcoming conference in May.

In the background, I have done a great deal of work updating the Conference manual of the Association and will be passing that on to the more recent conference coordinator's for their revisions. This is a very useful tool for conference coordinators and keeping it updated with the most recent input is very important.

Finally, I guess the rest of my work has been in working toward next year. I have had conversations with Don Butcher of CLA in developing the groundwork for our joint APLA/CLA conference in Newfoundland-Labrador in 2007. And have given some thoughts to the aims and objectives for next year as well. I thank you for allowing me to serve you as VP this year and look forward to continuing to do so as President in the upcoming year.

Annual Reports from APLA Committees and Interest Groups, 2005/2006

MEMORIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Tanja Harrison

The 2005-2006 APLA Memorial Awards Committee consisted of the convener and four Members: Betty Jeffery (University of Prince Edward Island), Barb Phillips (Saint Francis Xavier), Helen Prosser (Northern Lakes College), and Ann Smith (Acadia University). APLA President Jennifer Richard served as an ex-officio Member of the Committee in accordance with APLA Standing Order 4.05.

Advertisements for the award were communicated over the APLA listserv and a call for applications was printed in several issues of the APLA Bulletin. Four applications were received by the extended April 7th, 2006 deadline.

On behalf of the Committee, it is recommended that the APLA Memorial Award be presented to

Vivian Howard, Dalhousie University. Ms. Howard's application proposes to study a research gap in the reading interests of junior high school youth. Results are expected to assist public library programming for this age group in the Halifax Regional Municipality, and the data to serve as a benchmark for future investigations across Canada.

In accordance with Standing Order 3.08, the amount awarded will be limited to the annual interest from the Memorial Awards fund. The APLA Treasurer will notify the winner soon to distribute the total award monies.

Many thanks to the Members of this year's APLA Memorial Awards Committee for their contributions throughout the selection process.

FIRST TIMERS GRANT

Submitted by Jennifer Richard

Three official completed applications for the First Timers Grant were received. After checking with Ruthmary Macpherson, VP Membership, to determine that they were all members in good standing, and we chose a name "from a hat" - conference bag actually. Rebecca Bartlett from the Dalhousie School of Information Management was the lucky winner. She has been notified, as have the others. This selection was completed before the early bird registration expired.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Gillian Byrne

The major work of the Communications and Public Relations Committee for 2005 was the launch of the website at the APLA Conference. Masterminded by Gordon Bertrand, the website got an updated look and some of the exciting new features, including a news section and back issues of the APLA Bulletin.

The other major project undertaken by the Committee was an investigation of merchandising possibilities by the association. A poll was placed on the APLA website to gauge interest in APLA merchandise from members. Of the replies received the vast majority indicated they would like to purchase items such as t-shirts, pens and mugs. The Committee is moving forward with this project B look for APLA merchandise at a conference near you!

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by John Neilson

The APLA Access to Government Information Interest Group (AGIIG) draws its support from librarians and library technicians/assistants working in university, government and special libraries. The majority of the AGIIG members, now numbering more than 30, work in the Atlantic Region.

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VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

	2005/06	2004/05
Personal	248	240
Life/Honorary Life	27	28
Institutional	26	27
Subscribers, Paid	22	20
Total	323	315

PERSONAL MEMBERS (INCLUDING LIFE/HONORARY LIFE) BY WORKPLACE

	2005/06	2004/05
Academic	114	96
Public	47	34
School	9	4
Special	33	23
Other	15	11
Not working*	57	62

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS BY LOCATION

	NB	NL	NS	PEI	Other	Total
Personal	81	27	108	13	19	248
Life/Honorary Life	7	2	10	2	6	27
Institutional	7	2	14	1	2	26
Subscribers, Paid	2	2	1	0	17	22
Total	97	33	133	16	44	323

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS BY TYPE

	2005/06	2004/05
Academic	14	10
Public	6	9
School	0	0
Special	4	5
Other	2	3

PERSONAL MEMBERS (INCLUDING LIFE/HONORARY LIFE) BY TYPE

	2005/06	2004/05
Librarians	192	199
Library Support Staff	37	40
Trustees	3	2
Students	26	19
Other	17	8
Total	275	268

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This past year continued to see the already large worldwide presence of governments on the Internet grow even more. There were encouraging developments in some areas and disappointing changes in others. For example, this spring, Statistics Canada will make all of its electronic publications available free of charge. Meantime, the Depository Services Program (DSP) has moved to limit proxy access to its delivery service. What both developments will mean for the DSP and for libraries remains to be seen.

All current and prospective members of the Interest Group are invited to attend this year's APLA conference in Fredericton where we are sponsoring a session about the CBC Digital Archives.

COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT INTEREST GROUP

To be presented at the OGM.

COMPUTERS & CONNECTIVITY INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by Hansel Cook

I was asked in May 2005 by Gillian Webster to become the Computers and Connectivity Convener for 2005-2006. Most of the activity over the year was concerned the email list. First, a call was put out on the regular APLA listserv to identify people who wanted to join this interest group (or be removed from it). A new updated email mailing list for group discussion was created.

In the fall of 2005, the primary discussions of the group involved preparing a session for the 2006 APLA conference. A call went out for possible topics of interest. Going through these suggestions, I approached several members about speaking on these topics. In the end, it was decided that two sessions, by Rita Campbell (Building the Gael Stream) and Peter Webster (Library IT Hot Topics in Online Information) would be submitted to the conference planning committee. I prepared these submissions, and both were accepted in early 2006.

Most recently the group was consulted about specific topics for Peter Webster's session, which is a broad look at recent information technology applications for libraries. We

wanted to make sure the session would be addressing the most recent topics in this field.

Current plans are for there to be some sort of gathering of interested members of the group at the Fredericton conference.

Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group

To be presented at the OGM.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by Heather Sanderson

At last year's conference, management issues emerged as an area of interest for continuing education sessions in future conferences. On this theme, Saint Mary's University Librarian Madeleine Lefebvre's session on change management, "Growing a Library: Cultivating Staff to Ensure They Bloom," will be of particular interest to delegates at this year's conference.

APLA has been a member of The Partnership for the past year. This has given our members access to a wide selection of continuing education programming from the Education Institute at membership rates. The delivery formats of audio conferences, online courses and web casts are especially valuable to those who are working on their professional development and continuing education from non-central locations.

As convener of this interest group, I am one of the Education Institute's regional continuing education committee chairs. We would like to hear from the membership of each association, including APLA, about what they would like to see offered by the Education Institute. We are looking for suggested topics and presenters from each region. We would like to hear from members who would like to present a session. Recent offerings have included: marketing and fundraising for libraries; current technologies such as blogs and RSS; services for youth, seniors, special needs clients, etc.; copyright and privacy issues; genealogy; reference skills; cataloguing; mid-career tune-up; trends in librarianship; grant and proposal writing; managing remote collections; and many more. If you would like to propose a session or be a presenter, please contact myself or Michael Colborne, the program developer for APLA.

GRUPE D'INTÉRÊT FRANCOPHONE / FRANCOPHONE INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by Chantale Bellemare

This year, the Francophone Interest Group organized a session in French at the Halifax APLA Conference. Pascal Lupien, Academic Liaison Librarian at the University of Guelph's McLaughlin Library, did a presentation called "La référence virtuelle: avantages et défis pour les bibliothèques francophones et bilingues." After an overview of the languages found on the Internet, Pascal Lupien talked about the advantages of offering virtual reference. Making this service available in a francophone or bilingual environment can be challenging. You need bilingual software and enough francophone or bilingual staff to respond to the users in written French of good quality. You also have to deal with the lack of French language electronic content, both licensed or on the open web, in comparison with resources that are available in English. Partnerships and networking between francophone or bilingual libraries can certainly help to overcome these obstacles.

Other than that, the group has not been really active. We hope to increase the membership and to enhance the contribution of the group to the association. The next APLA conference in Fredericton will be an opportunity to work on this.

I have nothing to report about ASTED.

INFORMATION LITERACY INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by Gwendolyn MacNairn

The Terms of Reference for this Interest Group have been updated to reflect last year's name change from "Library Instruction" to "Information Literacy." These include:

- Promote information literacy activities in libraries of all sectors throughout the Atlantic Provinces
- Convene seminars or programs relating to information literacy
- Exchange information regarding activities with similar groups across Canada and within the Canadian Library Association

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Events

PROSPECTUS 2006

Submitted by Rebecca Bartlett, Prospectus Committee

Prospectus 2006 <<http://www.simprospectus.ca>> has been launched! An initiative of the students of Dalhousie's School of Information Management (SIM), *Prospectus* is an online searchable database of current SIM students intended to connect employers with potential employees.

With over 50 students participating and 6 searchable categories, *Prospectus 2006* allows you to view profiles and resumé of individuals who anticipate making a significant contribution to the library and information profession.

We invite you to explore Prospectus 2006 and discover the future.

CNSA SPRING CONFERENCE, MAY 24-26, 2006

Submitted by Karen White, CNSA Education Committee

The Council of Nova Scotia Archives annual Spring Conference will take place on May 24-26, 2006 at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in Halifax. Join your archival colleagues for 3 days of learning, discussion and fun in the Archives' newly renovated meeting rooms. Registration forms, full session descriptions, and travel information is available on the CNSA website <<https://mail.wds.mun.ca/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.councilofnsarchives.ca/training/conference2006.htm>> under Training/Conference.

Highlights include:

- sessions on the new federal funding program for archives, National Archival Development Program (NADP)
- the planned Heritage Website Portal
- how to promote archives to politicians
- discussions about the Heritage Strategy interim report
- show-and-tell session of each other's digital projects.

The pre-conference workshop on May 24 will look at best practices for organizing electronic files and for caring for computer equipment.

APLNB/ABPNB 2006 SPRING EVENT, MAY 27

"The 12 Habits of Highly Effective Librarians"

Are you an effective librarian? Are you SURE? Speaker, Maureen Sawa, Director of Public Service and Community Development at the Hamilton (ON) Public Library will tell us how to improve our professional performance at this highly entertaining session:

"The 12 Habits of Highly Effective Librarians" at the Delta Fredericton Hotel on Saturday May 27 from 1:30-3:00 PM.

She will look at the key issues affecting libraries and librarians and focus on the personal and professional competencies that librarians must develop to be successful! Full program description at:

<<http://www.lib.unb.ca/APLA/sessions.php#29>>.

3RD ANNUAL SNRG CONFERENCE

For: academic, public, government & special libraries, and consortia

Located in: eastern Canada and the northeastern United States

Place: Mount Allison University

Date: June 26 – 28, 2006

Does your library system use Sirsi Workflows software? If so, then this conference is for you.

The annual SNRG Conference is designed for library staff that use SIRSI Workflows software on a daily basis for acquisitions, cataloguing, serials control, circulation, course reserve, etc. and for libraries using one of the SIRSI public catalogue interfaces: iBistro, WEB2 or Webcat.

This conference will be informative and educational. Join colleagues from other SIRSI sites in eastern Canada and the northeastern United States to learn about and share the best practices for getting the most out of the ILS products from SirsiDynix.

Conference and registration information:

<http://www.mta.ca/library/snrg2006/>

Silent Auction at APLA

Start saving your pennies! If you are attending APLA 2006, then you won't want to miss this fun fundraising event: the Associated Alumni of Dalhousie's School of Information Management (SIM) will be holding our third annual Silent Auction during the conference.

We have lots of terrific items, so drop by our booth and place your bids! All proceeds will be donated toward scholarships to help SIM students (future librarians!) achieve their educational goals. If you or your organization have items you wish to donate, please contact Michelle Paon (michelle.paon@dal.ca).

In addition, the Associated Alumni will be holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at APLA on Saturday, May 27th, from 5:00-6:30 pm. All Dalhousie alumni are encouraged to attend. There will be pre-banquet munchies and a cash bar.



Welcome to New APLA Members

Submitted by Ruthmary MacPherson, VP Membership

APLA extends a warm welcome to these members. We hope that you will find your association with APLA enriching and valuable in your own professional life.

New Brunswick

Beverley D. Lyons, LR Fulton Library and AV Centre, NBCC Saint John

France Smyth, CCNB campus d'Edmundston

Judith Watkins, Fredericton

Newfoundland & Labrador

Danial Duda, Map Library, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Nova Scotia

Marilyn Curry, Windsor

Address Unknown - APLA members

Submitted by Dianne Taylor-Harding

APLA Bulletins which were recently sent to the following members have been returned to the editors.

If you know where these strays may now be working or if you have clues to their current email or home address, please contact either the Bulletin editors or Ruthmary MacPherson, VP Membership

Rachel M. Crosby, Halifax, NS

Bryson Crowe, Halifax, NS

Jeff Dodge, London, ON

Frances Giberson, Fredericton, NB

Gertrude E. Gunn, Fredericton, NB

Patricia Hayward, Hamburg, Germany

Fritz William Herrick, Fredericton, NB

Marlene Kelly, Dorchester, NB

Susan Pickett, Moncton, NB

A. Ramey, Moncton, NB

Leeanne Romane, Wolfville, NS

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likely wouldn't save money due to volume pricing.

P. Glenister asked what happened to APLA Memorial Award money that was not used. D. Corey-Fancy responded that the money did not come out of the Award account. P. Glenister also asked where the surplus from Halifax conference was reflected in the budget. D. Corey-Fancy replied that APLA does not budget for surpluses from conferences.

There was some discussion whether the surplus made from the Moncton was correctly appropriated into the Memorial Award and First Timer's grant. It was determined that the hotel deposit transferred to the organizing committee was not reflected in the numbers and the amounts were correct. It was suggested that numbers be clarified in future conference financial statements.

Motion to accept the budget
(A. Groen/ F. Brewer)

CARRIED

13.4 APLA Memorial Award - A. Groen

A. Groen announced that the Memorial Award had been awarded to Ruthmary Macpherson and Patricia Parsons.

(Chair returned to A. Groen)

13.5 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship – J. Richard

J. Richard announced that there were five high quality applications received and the winner was Denise Corey-Fancy.

13.6 Communications and Public Relations - G. Byrne

Report was circulated

13.7 Nominations and Elections - L. Mackey

L. Mackey announced that there was a full slate for the 2005-2006 executive, with no elections needed.

L. Mackey expressed her thanks to Nominating Committee S. MacLeod and D. Corey-Fancy

13.8 APLA Prize – A. Groen

(Chair passed to J. Richard)

A. Groen announced the winner of the APLA prize from Dalhousie was Lori Léger and the winner from the Nova Scotia Community College has yet to be announced.

13.9 APLA First Timer's Grant – A. Groen

A. Groen announced the winner of the APLA First Timers grant was Kathryn Howe

(Chair returned to A. Groen)

14. Interest Group Reports

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- Information - J. Neilson
Report printed the *Bulletin*.
- 14.2 Collections Development - M. MacLeod
Report printed the *Bulletin*.
- 14.3 Computers and Connectivity - G. Webster
Report was circulated
- 14.4 Conservation of Library Materials - S. Lloyd
No report
- 14.5 Continuing Education – H. Sanderson
Report printed the *Bulletin*.
- 14.6 Francophone - C. Bellemare
Report printed the *Bulletin*.
- 14.7 Information Literacy - G. MacNairn
Report printed the *Bulletin*.
- 14.8 Library Technicians - S. Harris
No report
- 14.9 New Librarians and Information Professionals - E. Cross
Report was given
- 14.10 Newspaper - E. Brown
Report was given
- 14.11 Youth Services - N. Cohen
No report
15. Report of the ASTED representative - C. Bellemare
Nothing to report
16. Report of CLA Copyright representative – D. Taylor-Harding
Report was circulated
17. Annual Conferences

17.1 Moncton, NB 2004

Report was circulated

17.2 Halifax, NS 2005

P. Webster announced that the Organizing Committee was pleased with conference so far. There were three pre-conferences held and 260 delegates registered. He expressed his thanks to the Organizing Committee.

17.3 Fredericton, NB 2006

J. Teskey announced that a theme had been chosen - Grow-your-Library, and that the Delta Fredericton had been booked. There has been one pre-conference scheduled already on conservation. He is currently looking for organizing committee members. The scheduled dates are the 27-30 May.

17.4 2007

Both CLA and APLA will be held in St. John's – talks are currently being held with CLA

17.5 2008

To be held in PEI

18. Unfinished Business

S. Sexty commented that the association owes many thanks to the Bulletin editors for their hard work in revamping the Bulletin. Much clapping ensued.

L. Mackey noted that the APLA Merit Award was presented to Michael Colborne at the banquet

19. Resolutions

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

"Qu'il soit résolu qu'APLA donne son appréciation sincère aux membres du comité organisateur de la conférence d'Halifax, aux conférenciers, aux exposants et à tous ceux qui ont contribué au succès de la conférence."

(J. Richard/M. Mercure)

CARRIED

"Be it resolved that APLA respond to the Nova Scotia minister of Education on the issue of librarians, teacher-librarians and school libraries by stressing the importance of properly staffed school libraries to the complete education of our youth."

"Qu'il soit résolu qu'APLA donne réponse au ministre de l'Éducation de la Nouvelle-Écosse à propos des bibliothécaires, des bibliothécaires-enseignants et des bibliothèques scolaires en soulignant l'importance de la dotation appropriée des bibliothèques scolaires pour assurer une éducation de qualité à nos jeunes."

P. Webster suggested APLA send a research portfolio as well as a letter to the media. B. Gnassi suggested trying to obtain a meeting to exchange docs, while it was also suggested sending the portfolio to the deputy minister/opposition/parents associations as well.

(H. Gunn/G. Bertrand)

CARRIED

20. Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies

A report was given on behalf of F. Black who sent her regrets. Some highlights were the name change of the school to School of Information Management, the move of the school to a new building and the upcoming ALA accreditation. During the year, Stephen Abram was visitor-in-residence, Judy Dunn received the outstanding Alumni Award and Heather O'Brien was accepted as the School's first PhD candidate. Judy Dunn left Dalhousie to take up a new position at University of Toronto and JoAnn Watson was hired as the new MLIS Programme Coordinator. The success of the professional partnership program, Prospectus 2005, and APLA Showcase student projects was mentioned.

21. Inauguration of Incoming President

Thanks and certificates were given to outgoing executive members and the incoming members were introduced

The gavel was passed on to J. Richard.

22. Adjournment

J. Richard adjourned the meeting at 9:50am.

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Activities:

Several members of this Interest Group requested that there be a session on Federated Searching at the Annual APLA Conference. In more general terms, Acadia University will be hosting the Annual WILU Conference, and CARL launched an Information Literacy portal in both official languages

<http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/information_literacy/information_literacy-e.html> and

<http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/information_literacy/information_literacy-f.html>.

LIBRARY TECHNICIANS INTEREST GROUP

To be presented at the OGM.

NEW LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION SPECIALISTS INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by Elizabeth Millar

I must begin by thanking previous convener Emma Cross for launching the New Librarians and Information Professionals Interest Group. Her efforts created a group that currently stands at more than thirty-five members. We wish her well in her new position in Ottawa.

The Interest Group did not meet at the conference in 2005, but we will be having an informal dinner at APLA 2006 in Fredericton. Sign up in the conference registration package, and check the conference bulletin board for full details when you arrive. Please bring ideas for ways in which the interest group can assist you as you begin your career. Are you interested in convening the Interest Group? While it is only a year since I took over from Emma I must now step down myself. Please contact me at emillar@mta.ca if you would like to be more involved in the Association.

NEWSPAPERS INTEREST GROUP

To be presented at the OGM.

YOUTH SERVICES INTEREST GROUP

To be presented at the OGM.

Annual Report from APLA Bulletin Editors

Submitted by Stacey Penney, Dianne Taylor-Harding, Ruth Cordes

Issues:

- Four issues in Volume 69 were edited, printed and delivered to members.
- The final issue of Volume 68 was prepared by the former editors, Patricia Gallant and Erin Patterson. While preparing this issue, they shared their knowledge and processes with the new editors. We are very grateful that Patricia and Erin provided this instruction.
- The current editors are hoping to fix timelines with printers in order to send out the APLA Bulletin in a more timely fashion.

Digitizing:

- A few older issues were digitized for the new APLA web site.
- The APLA Executive has decided that issues older than 6 months may be digitized.
- The editors, in cooperation with staff at the NRC, St. John's Information Centre, will digitize issues from volumes 66-69.
- Patrick Ellis digitized two articles from the 1967 APLA Bulletin for the Dalhousie Libraries' Kelloggiana web pages.

Advertising:

- The number of advertisements in each issue has increased; therefore, advertising revenue has increased as well.
- A new rate card has been prepared and sent to potential advertisers.
- The advertising editor contacted corporations that come to the APLA Conference or other library conferences in Canada and corporations that advertise in periodicals from other library associations. These contacts have yielded several new advertising contracts.

Templates:

- Templates have been developed to expedite formatting and editing of articles for each APLA Bulletin.



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