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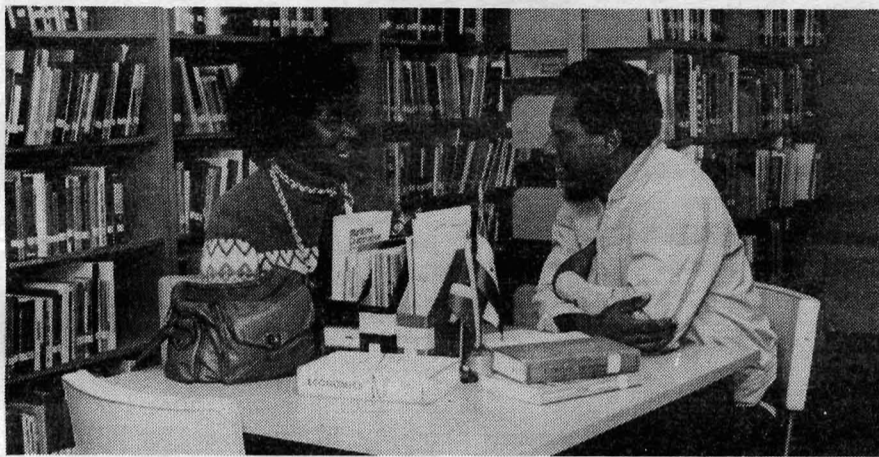
by Sue Adams

It was a typical day at the Coady library. Mohamed wanted "all the information about programs for street boys in the Sudan." Busaba was interested in indigenous peoples' organizations. Keerthi needed information about rehabilitation programs for female offenders. Gonzalo just wanted to know the cheapest way to Ottawa.

Each June, sixty-five development workers from around the world come to the Coady International Institute in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, for an intensive six-month course leading to a Diploma in Social Development. From Sudan, from Thailand, from India and Ecuador they come armed with questions like these, and with a commitment to develop the skills they need to strengthen their organizations' work with the poor. During their stay, they participate in a program of studies based on the principles of self-help, adult education, and economic co-operation pioneered by the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University during the 1920s and '30s. The program also includes an examination of more contemporary social movements and development models.

The library which serves the needs of this diverse and motivated group of students must surely be unique. Sister Marie Michael, for whom the library is named, began developing the specialized collection in 1964 when she inherited an unruly conglomerate of pamphlets and brought to the Coady her many years of experience in extension work.

Now retired, Sister Marie Michael recalls a true sense of family developing with each new group of participants. She viewed the library as a place for them to feel comfortable and relaxed while satisfying their need for learning. Discussion was permitted, even encouraged, but there was one rule: no whispering! "A whisper is such an ex-



Two Coady International Institute students confer in the Sister Marie Michael Library, which copes admirably with the research needs of such diverse students

asperating sound," Sister Marie Michael still maintains.

For the past fifteen years, the course of the library has been charted by another dedicated librarian, Sister Berthold Mackey, who retired in 1990. During those years, she guided the collection to its present 5,000 volumes and saw the emergence of new areas of concern. The library includes the standard works on adult education and co-operative organizing, as well as appropriate mater-

ial on technology, communications, health, and development economics. A significant focus on women in development is now reflected in the literature, while future collection-building may emphasize human rights and environmental issues.

These resources are well used in researching the most challenging assignment (for student and librarian!), the "independent study." This thesis-like project requires the student to apply

learning gained through course work and a literature review in developing an action plan related to his or her work situation at home. In any year, the problems addressed may range over the fields of agricultural extension work, community nutrition, credit union management, co-operative housing, and literacy programming. Helping students with the research for these projects was a great source of satisfaction for Sister Mackey, as she learned about the students' work in their diverse countries and the challenges they face.

The relationships that are built in this setting keep one in touch, in a very personal way, with political, social and natural events around the world. The network of Coady graduates forms a strong and supportive movement for social change both in the developing world and here in Canada. To play a part, however small, in this process is exhilarating and a privilege.

(Sue Adams is Librarian at the Coady International Institute in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.)

## SERENDIPITY:

### A few how-to's and what-not-to-do's of library branch building.

by Beverly True

In the beginning, circa 1967, 1968, there were four branches and a bookmobile comprising the Cumberland Regional Library system. As in so many library situations compromises had been made. Thus, Oxford was located in a dilapidated building with a floor that gradually rose three inches from wall to wall, making it nearly impossible to keep the shelving level. To correct that problem, some of the shelving, cast-offs from a former store, was lashed to the columns in the main area. Oxford could at least boast large store front windows in which to mount displays that would immediately attract all 1400 inhabitants of that town. The Parrsboro Branch occupied a corner of the Town Hall. It had a five foot tall Branch Assistant and old wooden, solid shelving reaching eight feet to the ceiling. Added features were no heat on weekends when the municipal office was closed, and a jail housed in the cellar down below—a lively spot on Friday nights when the early evening inebriates were ushered in for a rest. The Springhill Branch was tucked away into half of a downtown office building with but enough room to shelve two-thirds of the slowly growing collection.

Amherst had a respectable, modern facility of some 1600 square feet.

Wisdom tells us that librarians should never compromise, architecturally speaking. If one accepts the proffered 10 X 15 foot temporary quarters, one will repent for the next thirty years, since councillors and the public assume that since you have a library building, why do you need another one?

commercial tenant like the library. Now, I had never planned any library, and it soon became apparent that those three foot bays one so took for granted were really made up of dozens of tricky parts—end panels and top plates, starter bays, extension bays, shelves (of course), and assorted hardware gadgets and gadgets. For weeks I made my way through library sales catalogues,

... and there is a ten pound bag of left-over hardware which we can't quite bring ourselves to throw away. Just in case.

Well, I arrived in 1969, and when I was appointed Chief Librarian in 1971 these branches were my inheritance. Many a dream I had of improving these sites; but, quite truthfully, there was a lot to learn about politicking, budgeting, and management before I could dabble in brick and mortar. Suddenly, as if by some miracle, events in the guise of new buildings were thrust upon me.

Picture it! Springhill, Nova Scotia, 1974. The Town had acquired the former Miners' Hall, some 3400 square feet, and wanted a respectable, non-com-

taped off the new branch floor, wrestled with my ruler, and endeavoured to draw desks and chairs and reading tables and those nasty shelving units to accurate scale. I informed the Town Council of comparative prices on furniture, and shelving. In fact, I worked myself into a frenzy amid nightmares of having everything delivered and finding that nothing fit. Moving day came. Some jolly, very high-spirited (especially for ten in the morning) town crew

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Although retired, Sister Marie Michael continues to make friends at the Institute. Here she is accompanied by a student from the Philippines



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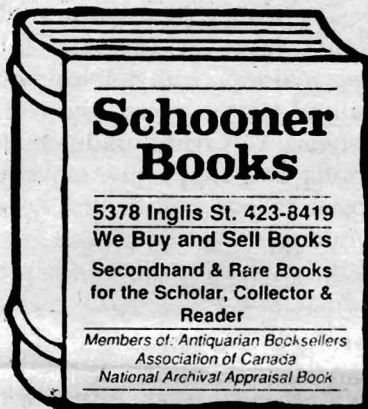
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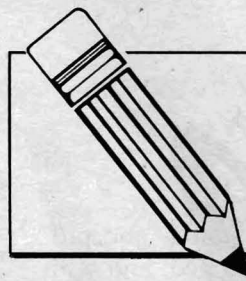
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## From the EDITOR'S DESK

**A**s you will see from the corrections box and our very first Letter to the Editor, what you are holding is the ultimate rarity among Bulletin issues: the triple duck issue. Since we are not personally responsible for any of the above blunders, and since they did appear in such a flock, this seemed an appropriate issue in which to initiate the duck award, the brain-child (or should we say, duckling) of our Managing Editor. The duck award has long been an unofficial institution, and by going public we realize we are inviting a free-for-all of duck nominations - but we are fearless. Let the feathers fly.

As you will notice, your Bulletin issues have been getting fatter and - we hope - better. For more on the financial mechanics behind that, see the Bulletin's annual report. The point of it all is, however, to give you the membership more for your money. In this issue, for instance,

along with the annual reports and 1990 minutes, we have also included substantial article content (see the Coady story, "Computerizing a Small Library," or Beverly True's story of library branch building, for instance). More of anything means more work of course, both from us and from our contributors. We would like to hear a little more often from the membership in the coming year so we can know if we're on the right track. Ducks or bouquets, either one helps us keep on our toes.

Anyway, see you in Corner Brook.

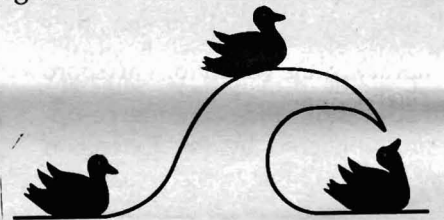
Bradd Burningham

As a p.s., it has just come to our attention that Elsevier has agreed to purchase Pergamon Press for \$764.9 million dollars. The combined serials output of Elsevier will now be some 1100 scientific or technical journals. According to the Manitoba Library Association's *Newsline*, the *Wall Street Journal* suggested that had this move occurred in the U.S., anti-monopolies legislation would have been called upon to try to halt the sale. Just what we need: more high priced information concentrated in fewer, greedier, hands. It's enough to give a serials librarian nightmares.

### CORRECTIONS

The article 'Copyright Revision: Users Versus Creators?' which appeared in last issue was incorrectly attributed to Ronald Lewis. The author of the article is Bernard F. Hart of Education Media Services, Nova Scotia Department of Education.

An item in last issue indicated that the Provincial Association had gained a seat on CLA Council. In fact, this proposal has not yet passed. Further documentation will be considered at the June CLA Council meeting.



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# SERENDIPITY

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members transferred the books and some pieces of furniture the few blocks between old and new branches. The shelving company sent out its representative to supervise the jolly boys in putting up the shelving. He was pleasant, but nonplussed, and had no practical knowledge of how to put the shelving together. Undaunted, the jolly boys, now in fine feckless humour by two in the afternoon, put everything together in a jiffy—a topsyturvy jiffy of top plates and shelves. It all worked, however—and still stands today some sixteen years later. Occasionally, one does notice a shelf that looks suspiciously like a top plate, and there is a ten pound bag of left-over hardware which we can't quite bring ourselves to throw away. Just in case.

I shall draw the moral presently.

Less than a year later I had a telephone call from the Parrsboro Trustee, Councillor Ralph Foster. The town stood a great chance of getting a grant for a brand new building—and Ralph thought a library branch which would be of use to the entire community was the best choice. Hooray! I gave thanks for having such a go-getter on the Board. The hitch, of course, was *time*—there was none, or not enough to really design a building or get a formal architectural plan on the drawing board. At that moment, over the phone, I probably designed the best library in the world for Parrsboro's 1800 people.

"Ralph", I said, "let it be a one-level building 31 X 35 feet, with a

useable cellar for storage and programmes, low ceilinged, and with windows placed high enough to let in light and not interfere with shelving. Let there be no fancy columns decorating the room, nor any interesting corners and angles. Let it be one large, empty box, Ralph." And so it was—a light, airy branch with simple shelving attached to the walls. I designated what furniture we needed. A skilled carpenter built it out of rich, warm-coloured wood,

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and the Town paid the bill without a murmur.

At this very time, Oxford, not to be outdone, decided to move from its old building to another old building around the corner; but before it did so, I was able to get the new landlords to agree to re-paint, re-wire and carpet, so that, in essence, our new-to-us quarters *were* a great improvement. And it still had a great storefront window. I also was get-

ting smarter. I called upon Millard Wright of Colonial Scientific whom I'd met when we were at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Halifax a few years before; and Millard worked out to the last centimetre and bolt what the shelving requirements were, and his company installed it.

For the next decade our Branches burbled merrily away. My heart yearned to complete our service outlets to the County, to phase out Bookmobile stops and replace them with Branches in Advocate Harbour, River Hebert and Pugwash. The problem was to convince the County Council, which had never before had to deal with building and maintain-

to the Press that I also felt a Branch in River Hebert was most desirable. My only answer was that there seemed to be no available building in that area. Twenty-four hours later my phone rang and a staunch and determined River Hebert Village Commissioner, Alice Sanderson, informed me that the Miners Memorial Hall was ready to take its place as a community library.

Remember the moral I promised to present after my first experience in Springhill, lo those many years ago? When I saw the narrow Miners Memorial Hall, when I toured the Pugwash Train Station with its four doors and seven windows, and while I had two eager Village Commissions panting for attention, I telephoned Millard Wright and Dave Thompson at Van Rez and offered them the challenging and creative opportunity to design these new branches—which they did with expert dispatch.

Nearly four years ago the Saga of the Great Amherst Branch Expansion and Relocation began to unfold. This is a political blockbuster whose labyrinthine plot and large cast of characters would put "Twin Peaks" to shame. Lucidity has at last prevailed, however, and the ending will be a happy one. In the meantime I have discovered that the Secretary, Lynn Jones, is an excellent draftswoman who wields a mean slide rule, an intrepid arranger of furnishings and shelving, a bulldog on detail, and a wheeler-dealer with consultants and architects. So as the hour for opening the tenders for the proposed Amherst Branch draws ever closer, Lynn is optimistically comparing colour swatches and paint samples. I myself have learned to read a fifteen page blueprint almost accurately.

What I had initially envisioned nineteen years ago has come to pass. All four original branches have been enlarged and improved. The County has the three branches I desired. I have assured Councils that Cumberland now has its branches in place, and there need be no further development.

But, Friday, while driving through the Wentworth Valley on my way to a Conference I saw the *gap*—I saw a long stretch of rural community, a small elementary school that will possibly be phased out within the next five years. *Picture it!* Wentworth 1996—a plain, functional building, perhaps next door to the community hall, miles of treacherous winter driving for the Bookmobile avoided. I have that feeling...hmmm...But *enough*.

Friends, the final moral is this: never do anything that somebody smarter than you can do better. Learn well from them and pay them well.

(Beverly True is Regional Librarian for Nova Scotia's Cumberland Region. This article was originally given as a speech at the 1990 NSLA Conference in Sydney.)

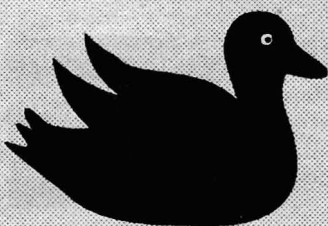
## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

In your January-February issue, you carried my story on the demise of the *Micmac News*. In one paragraph, the cuts to the Native Communications Program are described as an "outrageous, sinister and shameful attack on Canada's aboriginal people."

While I do not necessarily disagree with these sentiments, they were actually expressed by Brian Douglas, editor of the *Micmac News*, and should have appeared as part of the quote from Mr. Douglas' final editorial.

Lynn Murphy  
Librarian  
Halifax City  
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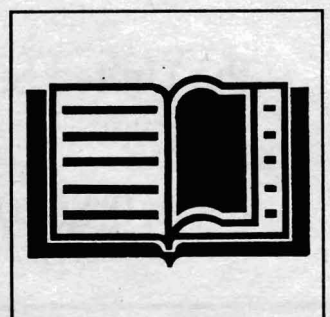
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ing branches, or with finding suitable locations. My luck continued. In 1985 the Advocate Area District Commission began construction of an imposing log recreation centre in the Village of Advocate Harbour, and our representative on the Board arranged for me to discuss the possibilities of putting a small branch there.

The Advocate Harbour Branch was a simple area to plan in keeping with the rustic style of the building. All involved in the Commission were so eager to become practical contributors *and to save money* that it became a community effort. There are drawbacks with this sort of enterprise, however. The carpenters making the shelving had ignored my specifications for 3/4 inch board and, delighted to strike a bargain, bought 1/2 inch board which began to bow not too many months after its installation. The eagerness and energy of volunteers has to be more closely supervised than I had realized. I was rescued by the Staff from coming to grief on opening day. So excited had I become about this Branch, so ecstatic to see new books for Advocate Harbour being processed, and so relieved that the Bookmobile would never again have to make that hazardous drive in winter, that I had completely forgotten about the ordinary implements of daily life for a Branch Assistant—items such as pencils and pens, date due stamps, paper clips, staplers, and elastic bands. We raided the local office supply store and actually were able to circulate material that memorable afternoon.

Advocate Harbour started a chain reaction. The Village Commission in Pugwash called to tell me that the former train station was now its property and a perfect place for a branch library. While at a Council meeting to argue the case for this project, a Councillor asked why Pugwash should come before River Hebert. After all, hadn't I mentioned





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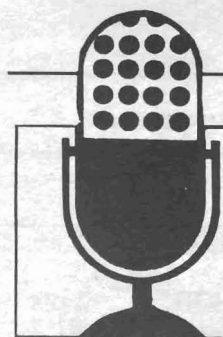
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# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVELLES DU NOUVEAU- BRUNSWICK

The second annual mid-winter CLA meeting was held in Saint John, February 8-11th. Delegates from across Canada were joined by local and Atlantic trustees and librarians who participated as observers at the divisional and Council meetings.

### Community college libraries

Gilles Leblanc, a native of Moncton, has been hired as the new librarian at the Campbellton Community College.

### Public libraries

At a reception held on February 25, 1991 in the Multipurpose Room of the Saint John Free Public Library, Brian P. Prowse (President, Fundy Cable Ltd. \Ltée.) and Shelley Blaine (Affiliate Marketing Representative, Arts & Entertainment Network, New York) presented the A & E Library Theatre to the Saint John Regional Library. In October, 1990, the Moncton Public Library had been the first Canadian recipient of the Library Theatre, which consists of a 20 inch television monitor, a videocassette recorder, mobile stand and a collection of six A & E program cassettes, together with five companion books. The Library Theatre is valued at \$3,000.

On February 14th, the Saint John Free Public Library and West Branch library were visited by children's author Peter Cumming.

The Moncton Heritage Room of the Moncton Public Library was inaugurated on December 13. Funding for the project was provided by the city of Moncton and by various businesses and organizations in the area. The Heritage Room will house historical materials covering the entire AWK Region. So far, the collection, which includes a quantity of material on the CNR, holds around 1,500 items.

Jean-Claude Boudreau was named Acting Director for the Chaleur region and will continue in that capacity until a new Regional Director has been appointed to replace Gilles Chiasson.

A toy library was inaugurated in the Bathurst area. The collection boasts around 100 toys supplied by the programme Paquito Incorporé, an organization that did extensive research to identify the best toys for promoting children's intellectual and psychomotor development.

### University libraries

John Teskey of the University of Alberta has accepted the appointment of Director of Libraries for the University of New Brunswick

(Fredericton). Mr. Teskey, presently Associate Director of Libraries, Administration, at the University of Alberta, will commence his new duties in Fredericton in the fall. Staff training is underway for implementation of an automated circulation system developed jointly by the Library and Computing Services. The system is being tested in the Education Resource Centre and it is anticipated that the Harriet Irving Library and branches will implement the system in May.

Mount Allison University will install the circulation module of the DRA automated system over the summer. Funding for this module will come directly from Mount Allison's students, who voted in a March referendum to donate to the library \$25.00 per year per student for three years. Funds generated in the first year will pay for the module; the money will be used to purchase books in the subsequent two years. This is the second three-year period in which students have made direct donations to the library on this scale. Previous donations have been used to purchase a security system, as well as to buy books.

### Legislative Library

Jean-Claude Arcand is the new Catalogue Librarian at the Legislative Library.

Claire Dionne  
VP-New Brunswick

## NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

### Halifax Campus Library, Nova Scotia Community College

Debbie Costello is the new librarian at the College, since January. She had previously worked at Halifax County Regional Library. She replaces Joann Morris, who retired in the Fall.

### Nova Scotia Legal Aid

Peter Lambly, APLA Secretary, is the interim Librarian for N.S. Legal Aid. He will be working there from 15 April-15 October. He is replacing Merle Lister, who will be on maternity leave.

### Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council

Christine Corston of the Women's Directorate is the incoming Secretary for the GLC. Kathryn Arbuckle continues as Chair, and Marie De Young of the Department of the Attorney General will serve as Vice Chair/Chairelect (1992/93). Verona Leslie of Camp Hill Hospital continues as Treasurer. Gwen Whiford of the Public Archives will speak at the Fall Nova Scotia Library Association Conference on the GLC's experiences with the Pay Equity Process. As reported in an earlier issue of the *Bulletin*, Librarians II received equity, and their positions will be raised from PR 9 to PR 12 over a four year period. Accordingly,

Librarians III and IV will be raised from PR 11 to PR 14 and PR 13 to PR 16 respectively. These pay scales are to be "phased in." Librarians I remain at the PR 7 level.

### Halifax Library Association

On February 19, Dr. Guy MacLean, N.S. Ombudsman, spoke to the membership about recent changes to the provincial Freedom of Information Act. In co-operation with the Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia, a full-day racism awareness education workshop was held at Dalhousie Law School on March 2. Of the 33 participants, 14 were from the library community. This marks the second time that HLA and PLE have co-sponsored events, and HLA looks forward to new opportunities for joint projects in the future. The meeting on March 6 was held at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. It included an A/V show, a presentation by Carman Carroll, provincial Archivist, and a tour of PANS. Thanks to Gwen Whitford, Librarian at PANS (and past HLA president), for her efforts in providing a very entertaining evening. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Nova Scotia Library Association

The 1991 Annual NSLA Conference is scheduled for September 27-29 at the Holiday Inn, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Marion Pape, Provincial Librarian of Nova Scotia, is the keynote speaker. The theme of this year's conference, which is being hosted by the Dartmouth Regional Library, is: "Libraries Reaching Out to the Community." Well known Canadian author and journalist Michael Harris is the featured writer at the confer-

ence. He will read from and discuss his best selling works *Justice Denied* and *Unholy Orders*. Conference topics include literacy, public relations, automation, A/V collections, programs for seniors, the role of library technicians, co-operation between school and public libraries, pay equity and more. For further information, contact Sharon MacDonald, Conference Convenor, c/o Dartmouth Regional Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, N.S., B2Y 4P8, (902)464-2315.

### Kellogg Library - Dalhousie University

Bill Owen has been appointed Head of Public Services at the W.K. Kellogg Library, Dalhousie University. He replaces Linda Harvey, who retired in August 1990. Bill has been a reference librarian at the Kellogg Library since 1980. Ann Barrett has resumed her position as Reference Librarian after 2 years as Head of the Health Sciences Library at the University of Papua-New Guinea. Patrick Ellis is now Head, Lending Services, with the Circulation and Interlibrary Departments reporting to him. He also retains his responsibilities as Dental Librarian. Hughena MacMillan replaces Patrick as Head of the Interlibrary Loans Department.

Gwen Whitford  
Vice-President, Nova Scotia

*Please Note: News from Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island is included in the Annual Reports from the Vice Presidents, elsewhere in this issue.*

## In Memoriam: MARGARET AUGUSTA ROSS

The library community was saddened by the recent death of Margaret Augusta Ross of Halifax.

She was educated at Halifax Ladies College and Dalhousie University, where she obtained a B.A. and M.A. in History, a M.Ed. and, in 1971, her M.L.S. She taught for several years in Halifax schools and eventually became a library consultant. In 1987, Margaret retired from her position as Supervisor of Library Services for the Halifax City District School Board.

Margaret was very active in many volunteer activities in the community. She was a past-president of the Junior League of Halifax, the Board of Governors of YWCA, the School Administrators Association of Halifax, the

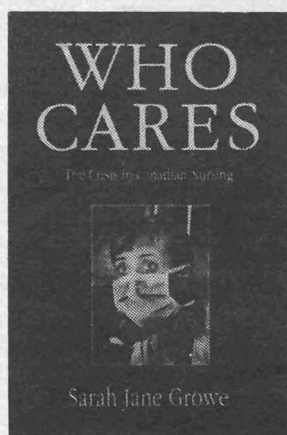
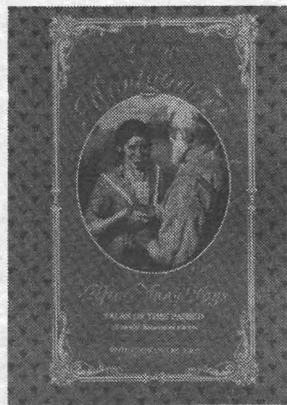
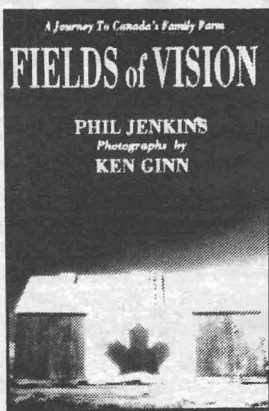
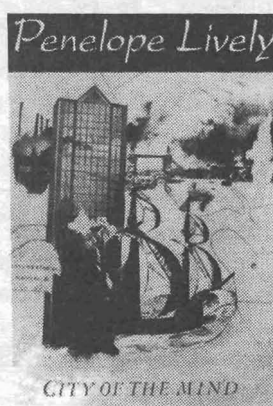
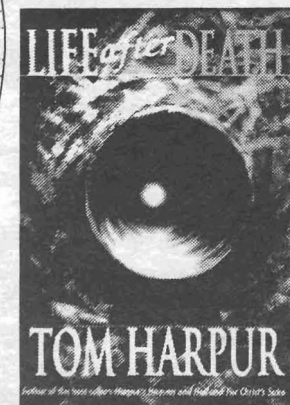
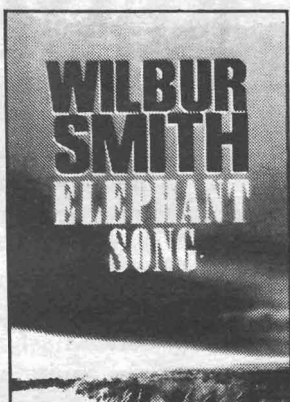
Nova Scotia School Library Association, the Halifax Branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women and of the Halifax Retired Women Teachers Association. She was also a past member of the executive of the auxiliary of the Izaak Walton Killam Children's Hospital, the Local Council of Women, the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity of Dalhousie University, the local committee of UNICEF, the Halifax Library Association and was a councillor of the Canadian Library Association.

APLA members would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Margaret's family. We will remember Margaret for her generous contribution to the library profession.



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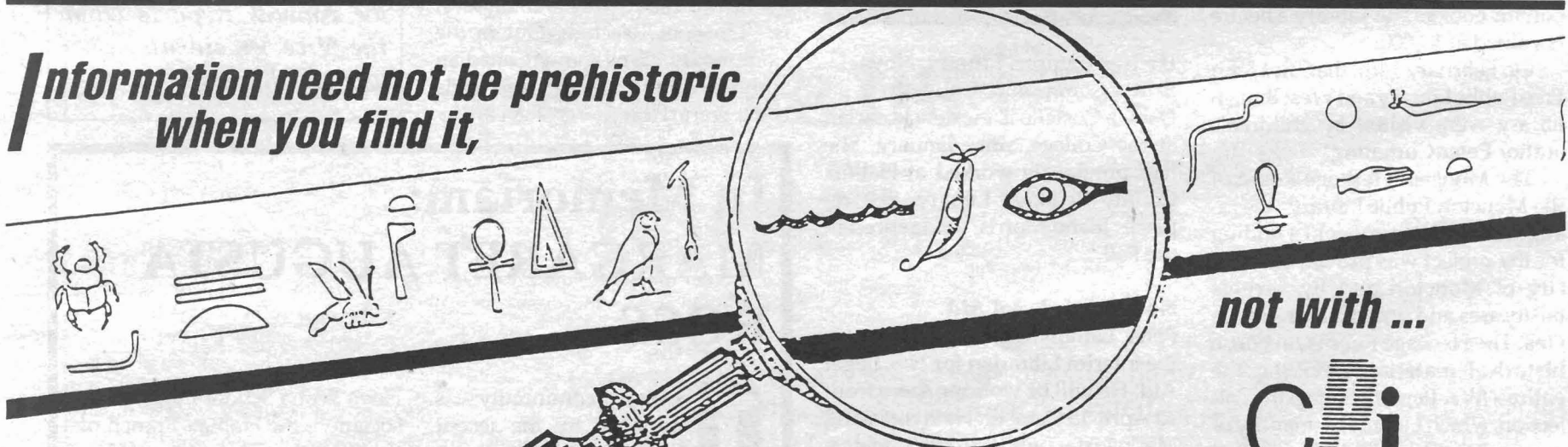
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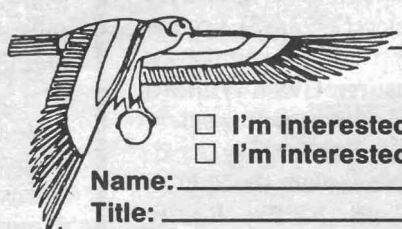
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# 1991 APLA ANNUAL REPORTS

## Report of the PRESIDENT

Being head of a volunteer organization such as APLA has been exciting and rewarding. To respond to the inquiries of members has required the assistance of the many volunteers who generously give their time and commitment. From Interest Groups to committees to the hard-working conference planners, our individual members have kept APLA going.

### Housekeeping and growth

This past year has been a year of housekeeping and a year of growth for APLA. While the day-to-day work of running the association has taken a lot of time and energy, the executive has been able to start thinking about what directions we wish to follow in the next few years.

At the September and January executive meetings, the executive reaffirmed its commitment to strategic planning. Strategic planning will, I hope, ensure that the APLA's limited resources are targeted at areas which really have an impact for our members.

Last year's executive decided that continuing education was to be a priority for APLA this year, and the birth of the Continuing Education Interest Group has been an important first step in this ongoing goal.

### Lobbying

Lobbying activities were carried out on a number of issues including the PEI Provincial Library relocation, copyright, Goods and Services Tax, school library funding, paper conservation and pay equity.

### PTLAC

The new Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council, which represents APLA and other library associations, was strengthened when it persuaded CLA that it needed a seat on CLA Council to ensure that APLA and other associations have a voice and a method of communication with CLA.

It has been an honour to serve as President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association this year. I wish our new President, Judith Head, the best of luck for next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea John

## Report of the PAST-PRESIDENT

The Past President serves as convener of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Committee members this year were: Clarie Dionne, Vice-President New Brunswick, and Don Carter, Vice-President, Prince Edward Island. Nominations were sought for Vice-President, President-Elect; Vice-President, New Brunswick; and Vice-President, Newfoundland.

The Past-President also solicits nominations for the APLA Merit Award. The Executive is pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Pearce J. Penney, Provincial Director, Newfoundland Public Library Services. The

Award will be presented at the APLA Conference in Corner Brook.

Revisions were also made to the procedures manual to include: 1) two new interest groups - the Continuing Education Interest Group and the Newspaper Interest Group; 2) revisions to the job description for the provincial vice-presidents; 3) guidelines for the release of membership labels; and 4) the Nova Scotia Archives Finding Aid to the APLA Archives.

It has been a pleasure to work with the other Executive members and convenors over the past three years. I wish to thank the membership for this opportunity and to extend congratulations and best wishes for a successful 1991-92 to the new executive.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan McLean

## Report of the SECRETARY

As APLA Secretary for the 1990-1991 term, my main duties have involved organizing the Fall and Winter Executive Meetings held in Halifax on the weekends of 22-23 September, 1990 and 26-27 January, 1991. Meeting space and accommodations were booked at the Halliburton House Inn; agenda for the Sunday business meetings and schedules for the Executive committee meetings were prepared in consultation with the President.

Minutes recorded from the Saturday dinner meetings, where the topic of APLA's strategic planning was introduced and further developed, were distributed to Executive members. Minutes and related correspondence from the day-long Sunday business meetings were sent to Committee and Interest Group Convenors as well as the Executive. The task of circulating information concerning the decisions and activities of the Executive has been eased considerably by the logistic support provided by Saint Mary's University.

I would like to express my appreciation to the President for her assistance during the past year. To Andrea John and to the APLA Executive, thank you for the valuable opportunity of serving as Secretary in the 1990-1991 term.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter D. Lambly

## Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, NEW BRUNSWICK

"Budget restraints," "GST," "Literacy (ILY)," and "Increased use of new technologies," seem to be the 1990-91 headlines for the New Brunswick library community.

At the Université de Moncton, steps were taken to automate the collections of the Edmundston and Shippagan libraries. L'identification des ouvrages que ces bibliothèques avaient en commun avec la Bibliothèque Champlain du campus de Moncton et l'ajout des notices à la Banque Éloize constituent les premières étapes d'un projet qui vise à former un réseau des bibliothèques de l'Université de Moncton.

University of New Brunswick libraries faced their third consecutive year without an increase in the book/periodical fund. This required careful selection on the part of the Collections Division to minimize the effects of underfunding. Many projects were still undertaken: retrospective conversion of the Education Resource Centre collection, serials recon, cataloguing of a large gift collection of children's literature and implementation of an automated serials check-in system.

During 1990, New Brunswick Community College librarians were involved in planning standards for their libraries, preparing for automation and seeking certification. The first draft of the Standards Report was completed but has not yet been approved. Implementation of the INLEX system, which was to have started in late 1990, has been put on hold due to budget restraints. At the same time, the NBCC librarians' request for certification was turned down by the NB Labour Relations Board.

In the area of school libraries, the Dept. of Education's seeding program for the automation of school libraries continued as the Circulation Plus system was introduced in four more districts. Such movements as the "whole language" and "literature-based" approaches to language are resulting in heightened interest in children's literature and in increased emphasis on research-based learning.

L'année 1990 a vu également l'apparition de disques compacts et de vidéocassettes sur les rayons des bibliothèques publiques de la province ainsi qu'une plus grande utilisation des micro-ordinateurs, alors que les compressions budgétaires continuent de faire les manchettes:

"C'est de la TPS que l'on se souviendra en pensant à l'année 1990-91. Notre pouvoir d'achat a été fortement attaqué et les années à venir s'annoncent difficiles pour le développement des collections." (Bibliothèque régionale Haut-Saint-Jean)

"The 1990-1991 year has been ... one of great emphasis on our financial situation. This region continues to have a noticeably lower staff to population ratio than the rest of the province .... In addition, we continue to see our materials' purchasing ability steadily eroded by budgets which do not reflect increasing costs." (AWK Regional Library)

Two new public libraries were opened in Bouctouche and Boiestown and all libraries were involved in activities to mark International Literacy Year (ILY). The Saint John Public Free Library inaugurated its adult new reader section, five libraries received grants from the Dept. of Advanced Education and Training to build literacy collections, and booklets were produced to introduce new parents to the importance of reading to their children.

At NBLS, productivity in the cataloguing of materials increased by almost 60% using the new INLEX system. A revised version of the provincial newsletter was introduced under the title *Liaison*. Statistical reporting was standardized throughout the public library system with the introduction of provincial statistics forms to reduce the workload in the regions and to conform with national requirements.

During the last years, library assistant courses given by the Université de Moncton and the University of New Brunswick have given most staff in the small and special libraries of the prov-

ince an opportunity to receive basic library training. With the increase in the use of new technologies like CD-ROMs, it is estimated there will be a demand very soon for more specialized professional development activities for the staff of these libraries.

Mes deux dernières années avec l'APLA ont été pleines d'expériences enrichissantes. Je remercie tous ceux et celles avec qui j'ai eu l'occasion de travailler.

Respectfully submitted  
Claire Dionne

## Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

It was an eventful year for Island libraries, with many interesting changes occurring.

The situation at the Provincial Library constituted the biggest story of the past year in the Island Library world. First came the news that the Provincial Library was to be moved lock, stock and paperbacks to Morell, 35 miles east of Charlottetown. The site has been selected and plans have been drawn up but the government's financial restraint program has meant that the move has been postponed for a year. Meanwhile, staff changes have been numerous as many long-time employees decided they would rather not commute.

Several other newsworthy items from the Provincial Library include the switch from its former location in the Department of Education to the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs last August 1. Another matter of future importance was the undertaking of a feasibility study on the merits of automating the Library's operation undertaken by Jane Beaumont & Associates; the final report is expected shortly.

The University of P.E.I. began its automation program using the D.R.A. automation software package and is presently undergoing the perils of retrospective conversion of its catalogue. To date some 90,000 titles have been made available for student access; it is hoped the remainder of the collection will be finished by early 1992. As well, a six-unit CD-ROM workstation running *Readers' Guide, Agricola* and *PsychLit* has just gone into operation.

School libraries also underwent change during the past year. The school library consultant's position was split away from the Provincial Library when that institution changed departments last August 1. Four more schools have acquired automation programs, bringing the total on the Island to eight. The first online database access in Island school libraries arrived last month. Five new library resource centres are under construction or in the planning stage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Carter





## Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, NOVA SCOTIA

During the summer, APLA *Bulletin* information was sent to all libraries listed in the *Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries*. A detailed explanation of the kind of material required for submissions, and deadlines for publication were distributed to each library. This was based on some suggestions provided by the *Bulletin* Editor last year.

Also, an Information Sheet and a Questionnaire were distributed to all Nova Scotia members in the Fall. APLA's objectives and a brief description of the General Activities Fund and the Memorial Award were contained in each package. The Questionnaire was an attempt to solicit feedback on the Nova Scotia Membership's Continuing Education concerns.

Approximately 30 responses to the Continuing Education Questionnaire were received. These were passed along to Carole Compton-Smith, Continuing Education Convenor. A number of subjects for workshops were indicated by the respondents. They included topics such as copyright, library automation, library designs and plans and a cataloguing refresher. It is hoped that this information will be helpful to the Continuing Education Interest Group.

Letters of introduction to APLA were sent to approximately 50 prospective members, and an altered version was sent to those who had not renewed their memberships from the previous year. It is hoped that the results of this effort were fruitful.

Two matters of concern were passed along to the President. They included issues surrounding Pay Equity "disparities" resulting from the Provincial Government's findings on Librarians I and II. The Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council has taken action on this matter, and had requested our support. Also, the Canadian Council of Archives was looking for support from organizations for obtaining funding from the Federal Government for an in depth conservation program. The President responded positively to both of these requests.

In September, I attended the Nova Scotia Library Association Conference in Sydney. I addressed the Board and the general membership regarding APLA's plans and activities. It was an excellent conference. For details on this year's, look under Nova Scotia News in this issue.

Marion Pape, Provincial Librarian, was interviewed in November. An article was prepared and was included in the January/February 1991 issue of the *APLA Bulletin*. She made mention of the numerous activities of library associations in the region. She is pleased that such groups are "action-oriented."

Two requests for financial assistance from the General Activities Fund were passed along to the President. The Government Libraries Council had requested funding for a workshop. However, they withdrew their application because they discovered that they had an overwhelming response to their workshop, and could easily fund it on their own. As the application had not been fully processed, APLA withdrew its proposal for support. However, the GLC is most grateful for APLA's willingness to help out. The second request for assistance came from the Library Technician's program, Halifax Campus, Nova Scotia Community College. They are holding a session on the various library associations that their students can belong to, and have asked for our support. At the time of writing, the Finance Committee has not yet made a decision on funding this event. In any case, I will attend and give an overview of APLA.

The Provincial Library is hosting a meeting on resource sharing in Nova Scotia. I will be in attendance, and have been asked to "wear my APLA hat" on this occasion. I will be interested in hearing about what the other Atlantic Provinces are doing in this regard, and hope that we be able to better work together on this issue.

In March, I attended a meeting sponsored by the CASLIS Executive. A presentation on current issues in special librarianship was attended by a large number of special librarians in the Halifax-Dartmouth area. The question of the feasibility of establishing an Atlantic Chapter has been raised. Discussions to date have not resulted in a decision on this matter.

Approximately 10 libraries and/or organizations submitted news for each issue of the *APLA Bulletin* during the past year. I am grateful for the interest and support of the Nova Scotia Library community.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Vice-President, Nova Scotia, during this past year. I look forward to the next year with eager anticipation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gwen Whitford

## Report of the VICE-PRESIDENT, NEWFOUNDLAND

It's been a busy year for the VP Newfoundland, given that APLA '91 is taking place here in Corner Brook in less than 6 weeks from this deadline, and all librarians within a 50-mile radius have been seconded onto the Local Arrangements Committee. On a local arrangements committee of 7, 2 became pregnant, a percentage which surely defies all statistical norms, and strikes fear into the heart of one whose mother always told her things come in threes.

In the past year we've seen a strike of support workers at Memorial University, which disrupted library services for a number of weeks. The Provincial Public Library Services finally stabilized its staff situation, but had to eliminate its Provincial Books by Mail Service last summer, and community college libraries have been in a state of flux ever since the government announced a reorganization of post-secondary institutions last summer. Even as I write, most libraries in the province are dealing with the effects of the latest provincial budget. News of lay-offs is filtering down from a number of institutions such as Cabot Institute of Technology and the Geological Survey Branch Library of the Newfoundland Department of Mines and Energy. Public libraries have laid off some support staff, but most of the cuts have been taken in the form of frozen positions, unfilled maternity leaves and leave without pay. The word from Memorial, so far, is that very few staff, if any, will be laid off, but staff leave vacancies, etc., will not be covered, nor resigning staff replaced.

On a brighter note, David Davis, Provincial Archivist of Newfoundland and Labrador, sent news of a physical reorganization taking place in the service in the past year in the areas of user services and storage. Additional storage space to house new records and to reorganize current records was a priority and space for one additional km of records has been located. All the reference services are being consolidated in one area in which the microfilm service will also be available, converted from a self-service to a request system. Records from the present reference room will be re-housed temporarily on the first floor of the Colonial Building until they can be reorganized. Most frequently used records will remain there, while others will be transferred to off-site storage. It is hoped that closing of services during

these changes can be kept to a minimum. Space for staff and public activities will be more clearly defined and a Honeywell surveillance system will be installed. It is anticipated that after this reorganization, "users of the Public Archives should find it a much more effective environment in which to pursue their research interests," says Davis.

The acquisition of CD-ROM data bases continues to mushroom in Newfoundland Libraries. In the last issue, I reported that hospital libraries had MEDLINE and CINAHL. In addition to ERIC and PsychLIT, acquired in 1989, Memorial has added *Index to United Nations Documents*, *U.S. Government Printing Office Catalog*, *Canadian Business and Current Affairs*, *Social Sciences Citation Index* and has ordered *CD:Education*. ERIC and PsychLIT are being run on Silver Platter on a LAN using 4 machines; the U.N. and U.S. documents share 1 machine, while one machine each is dedicated to CBCA and SSCI. Audrey Conroy at the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre Library, reports they now have WAVES, a CD-ROM catalogue of selected holdings of technical reports, consultants' reports and other fisheries materials from around the world available in Fisheries and Oceans Canada Libraries across the country. According to the latest issues of the *NLA Bulletin*, this Micromedia-produced database will soon be added to Queen Elizabeth II Library and the Marine Institute. At the most recent meeting of the Newfoundland Library Association, Linda Barnett of the Health Sciences Library gave a presentation on Local Area Networks, and, of course, CLA's pre-APLA seminar in Corner Brook on May 23 will feature Paul Nicholls, author to the *CD-ROM toolkit*. Meanwhile at public libraries, we still do it by hand ... sigh.

I don't have too much to report from the school end this time, but Calvin Belbin, Learning Materials Consultant for the Department of Education, gave a presentation at the last Provincial Public Libraries' meeting and we are hoping that something will come out of this in the area of school-public library cooperation. I'll keep you posted.

That's all the space I'll take for now, because I'm busy processing APLA '91 registrations and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in May. I would like to thank everyone who sent news this year and apologize if your items didn't get included due to space limitations. Please do keep sending your news in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elinor Benjamin

## Report of the BULLETIN EDITOR

It has been a year of change and growth for the *Bulletin*. We managed to increase our advertising revenue 80% over last year (1989/90), which is an increase of 100% over the year before (1988/89), when the current *Bulletin* team took over. Our advertising revenue for the 1990/91 year will be \$6365. This added revenue has enabled us to increase our regular issue size to twelve pages from eight (the issue you are reading may actually have to go sixteen). Finally - and most importantly - our contributors have made all this possible by providing a steady and varied stream of high quality news, information and articles to fill our expanded pages.

The *Bulletin* is a co-operative effort and could not happen without the combined efforts of the team: Gwen Creelman, Advertising Editor; Moira Davidson, Managing Editor and Acting Editor for over half of the past year; Nancy Cohen, News Editor; and Donna Gogan, Filis Fahey and Marita Webb,

who provide technical support. I have seldom met a group of people more individually capable yet so willing to pull together to reach a common goal.

As for the rest, we hope the *Bulletin* does our speaking for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bradd Burningham

## APLA Rep. for THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES BOOK REVIEW

The past year has been a successful one for the *Atlantic Provinces Book Review*, and the success seems likely to continue during 1991. Volume 17, in four issues, appeared during 1990, and saw the introduction of some new features - articles on the book industry in general, space allotted for notices from book-related organizations, the grouping of related items in a single review.

Although there were changes in content for volume 17, no major changes in circulation occurred. The *Review* is enclosed in the *Sunday Daily News* four times a year, and in the following week appears in the Weekender section of the *Miramichi Daily Gleaner*. It is shipped in bulk to writers' organizations in Newfoundland and New Brunswick for distribution, to H.H. Marshall Education Division, to school libraries in Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and Newfoundland, and to public and institution libraries across the country. Multiple copies go to bookstores for pickup and there is also a list of individual subscribers, who pay \$8.50 a year.

We were fortunate in having our Canada Council grant renewed again - the Council has provided \$50,000 for fiscal year 1991, and the first installment of this grant has been received. Application to the Province of Nova Scotia for renewal of provincial funding will be made in June.

Through various savings, the *Review* has been able to accumulate a budget surplus of several thousand dollars. The existence of this surplus prompted a decision to raise the payment to reviewers to \$75 and \$150 and that for writers of feature articles to \$250. (If any members of APLA have expertise in book reviewing, and would like to review items for this publication, please contact the Editor, David Pigot, at Saint Mary's University.) Money from the surplus has also been used for the purchase of computer equipment, as has the grant received from the Department of Communications - a computer, 40MB hard drive and an internal modem have been purchased so far. (Almost 80% of reviews are now being received on disk.)

I have concentrated my efforts during the past year on trying to obtain funding from foundations to match the monies received from the Department of Communications (which was 50% of project costs, to a maximum of \$10,000). After a great deal of effort in putting together a funding request package, and approaching ten Canadian foundations, all I have are ten refusals. Most of the foundations to which requests were sent already have an established list of "clients," and were unwilling to distribute funds to an "unknown quantity" during a time of financial restraint.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy G. Reade





## MEMBERSHIP

## Committee

It is my pleasure to report that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association personal membership figures as of the end of this fiscal year have increased by thirteen over the same time last year. While we were happy to welcome fifty-one new members to our association, this is down from sixty-seven last year. It is nice to see that there are nine new members supporting us and keeping in touch from outside the region. Institutional memberships have increased to forty from thirty-nine, with two organizations taking this type of membership for the first time. There are fourteen honorary and life members, a number which is not reflected in the accompanying chart.

The Membership Committee is examining the duties of the Vice President Membership and those duties of the provincial Vice Presidents in relation to membership. This will be discussed further at the Committee meeting to be held during the APLA Annual Conference.

Please refer to the accompanying figures for an outline of membership by province and by category of membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslye McVicar,  
Vice President, Membership

## AIMS &amp; OBJECTIVES

## Committee

The Committee on Aims and Objectives has been preoccupied with the proposal that APLA should develop a strategic plan. The proposal was debated at the Fall executive meeting and at the Winter meeting the executive voted to undertake the strategic planning process in 1991. The Committee on Aims and Objectives was charged with coordinating the process through its various stages. The Committee sent out a request for proposals for assistance in the development of a strategic plan and is now evaluating the responses.

Special thanks to the members of the Committee for their active participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Head  
Convener

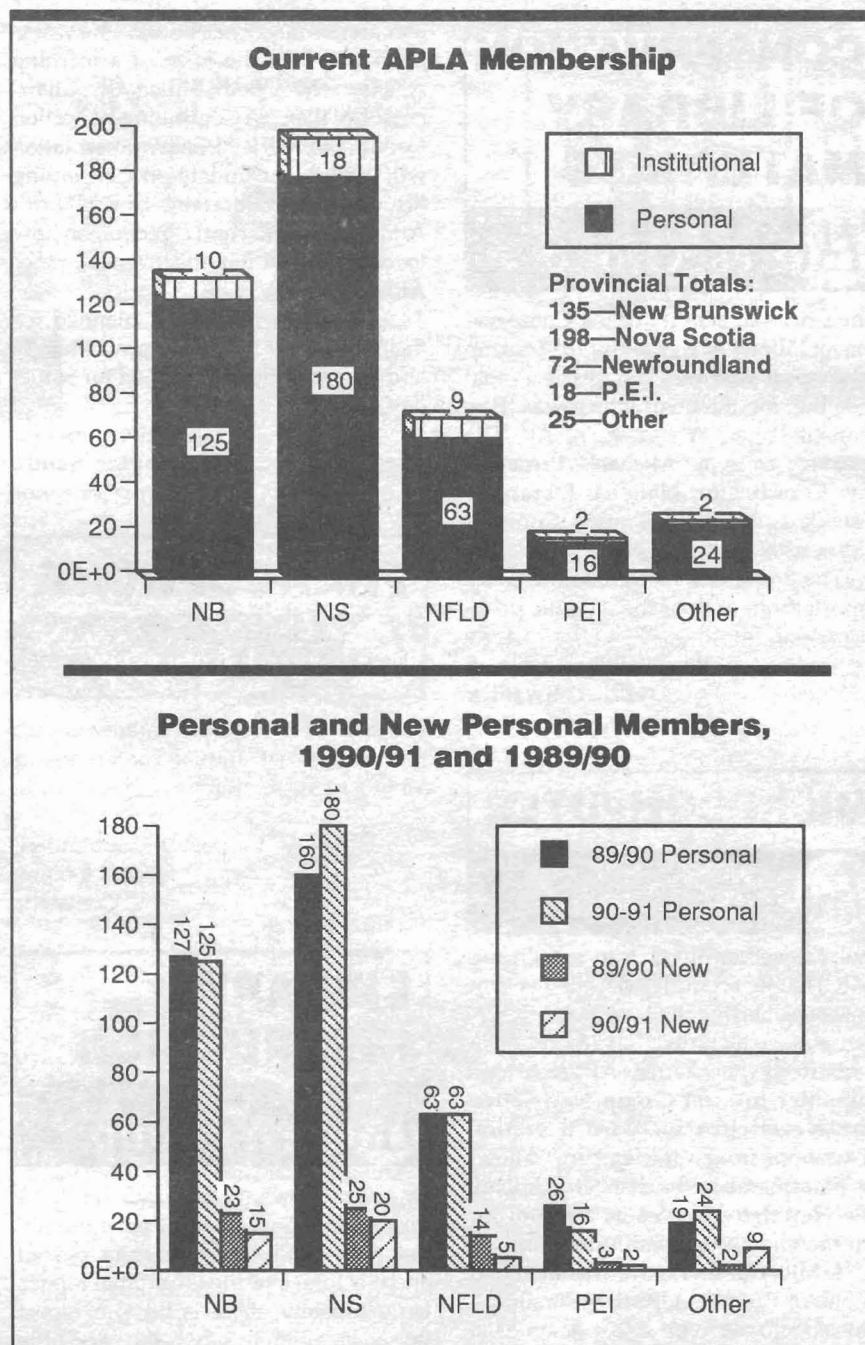
## APLA MEMORIAL AWARDS

## Committee

## 1. 1990 Awards:

Two Awards were granted for 1990. Ruth Miller of Mount Allison University received \$800 to attend the biennial conference of the Australia Library and Information Association in Perth, Western Australia. Ruth was participating in a ten-month exchange with a librarian from the Warrnambool campus of Deakin University in Geelong, Victoria. According to Ruth's report she very much enjoyed the conference and meeting librarians from all around Australia.

The other award of \$400 went to Eric Swanick of the Legislative Library in New Brunswick to attend a pre-SLA Conference course on marketing and public relations. Eric is prepared to act as a resource person in the area of marketing and public relations for the APLA community.



## 2. Donation:

A donation in the amount of \$200 for the APLA Memorial Awards Trust Fund was made by the Dartmouth Regional Library Board in memory of Carin Somers, late Provincial Librarian. Carin was a former President of APLA and a supporter of the Memorial Awards. The generous donation will enable APLA to improve funding to future Memorial Award winners who wish to further their professional development and benefit the library profession as a whole.

## 3. 1991 Award:

The Committee received two applications for funding and decided to award the amount of \$1000 to Dr. William F. Birdsall of Dalhousie University to assist in the research for a book he is writing about the changing concept of the library. Bill's research will look at how the library is changing from a place with specific collections to the electronic library or "library without walls." He will investigate what the political and professional implications may be for librarianship.

## 4. Conditions for the Awards:

The conditions for the award are vague and ambiguous. It is difficult to determine if certain applications fall within the spirit or the intent of the Awards. Consequently the 1991-92 Committee will look at the conditions of the award with a view to making the decision easier for future Committees. Our recommendations will be forwarded to the Executive for their consideration.

## 5. Members of the Committee:

Thank you to Jane Archibald, Marguerite Jones, and Charmaine Romkey for serving on the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Schenk,  
Convener

## Committee on COMMITTEES

Two new interest groups were formed this year. Following expression of interest at the Moncton conference and in keeping with APLA's focus on continuing education activities for its members, the Continuing Education Interest Group was formed to, among other things, ensure that a mechanism exists within APLA to allow it to fulfil its continuing education mandate.

The Newspaper Interest Group was formed to provide a vehicle for sharing information and experience and to facilitate co-operation among the Atlantic Provinces with respect to the National Library Decentralized Program for Canadian Newspapers, and to provide a forum for discussion of issues surrounding newspaper collections. The mandate of the Special Committee on Copyright was extended for another two years.

Convenors of Interest Groups deserve a special tribute for their continuing participation in meeting the goals and objectives of APLA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Head  
Convener

## Committee on COPYRIGHT

The Committee on Copyright, which is a committee of one since no volunteers have come forth, took an observation stance this year. Copyright, Phase II was to have gone to Cabinet late in 1990 but seems not to have done so. Numerous documents, reports, releases etc. were sent to members of the Executive who in turn were to have kept their constituencies alert. Letters of concern about the Copyright situation were sent to various ministers.

A session on the current status of Copyright will be conducted by Bernie Hart at the 1991 Annual APLA Conference. A full report will be given at that time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald A. Lewis  
Convener

## FINANCE

## Committee

The General Activities Fund received one request for financial support. The School of Library and Information Studies received \$400 in support of a workshop on Competitor Intelligence.

## Membership labels

A new policy for the distribution of membership labels was put into place this year; three organizations requested labels and were turned down under this policy.

## Goods and Services Tax

Because APLA's operating expenditures were under \$30,000, APLA is not required to collect Goods and Services Tax on membership fees, conference registration or other items.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea John  
Convener

## Standing Committee on INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The year began with a rousing speech delivered by Alan Borovoy at APLA '90. The Committee appreciated the cooperation it received from convention planners and the APLA executive in bringing Mr. Borovoy to Moncton.

With the assistance of the Bulletin Editor and the Book and Periodical Development Council, the "Freedom to Read Week" materials and fliers were available on time.

The APLA President wrote to the president of the student body at Dalhousie concerning an article which appeared in the *Dalhousie Gazette*. The convener wrote to the Editor of the *Gazette*. Both letters dealt with upholding freedom of the press.

Steve Field and Chris Dennis have been planning a session for APLA '91 on the many faces of censorship.

After a couple of years in the position of convener I feel it is time to pass the gavel to someone else. Interested people should contact the convener at 506-364-2572 or fax at 506-364-2617.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian McNally  
Convener

## PUBLICATIONS Committee

Since the late fall, the Publications Committee worked on the design and wording of a new APLA brochure to help attract new members.

The committee has also provided design and wording for a certificate to be presented with the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Prize to a graduate of Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies.

Work is continuing on the update of the *APLA Membership and Directory Handbook*. Members of the Publications Committee include: Susan Collins, Andrea Cunningham, Anne Kilfoil, and Barbara Malcolm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Cunningham,  
Convener



## COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT

### Interest Group

Established to maintain communication links among collection development librarians in the Atlantic Provinces, the Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG) is now in its sixth year. During its first five years CDIG experienced much growth; the newsletter grew to include articles and news; special seminars have been offered to CDIG members; and the membership grew to 45 members in 1989/90. Although the group is still very active within APLA, the membership list submitted to the convenor in August of 1990 included only 21 members. This "drop" in membership can perhaps be explained by the fact that many members may simply have forgotten to check the appropriate box on their membership form. This issue will be addressed at the annual business meeting in May of 1991 at the APLA Conference in Corner Brook. In May of 1990 the CDIG not only held its annual meeting at the APLA Conference but sponsored a well received conference programme on the difficulty of maintaining subject credibility in collections development. This workshop featured Holly Melanson, Dalhousie University, and Laura Scott, Memorial University. The CDIG conference programme for 1991 will feature a representative of Revenue Canada, Kay Thompson, and Elaine Boychuk of Dalhousie University. The topic will be the impact of the Goods and Services Tax on not only the collections budgets but all library functions. It is hoped that this topic will appeal to all librarians who have had to cope with the GST. Though the business meeting and annual conference program are important to CDIG members, CollNet, the quarterly newsletter, is still the main vehicle of communication among all CDIG members. The newsletter not only publishes articles on conferences, collections development issues, and special projects but it provides an annual membership list, news of grants received, etc. CollNet has been well supported by some members, but some individual members representing different types of libraries are not heard from. A major objective of 1991/92, as it has been in other years, will be to actively encourage these members to participate more fully in the Collections Development Interest Group. More participation by all its members will make this Interest Group a more viable and meaningful resource for all collections librarians in the Atlantic Provinces.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Laura R. Peverill,**  
 Convenor

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE & TECHNICAL LIBRARIES

### Interest Group

CCTLIG was again relatively inactive, mostly due to the sloth of the convenor who was heavily committed to the APLA '91 conference planning. A meeting was held at the 1990 Moncton conference, attended by nine librarians, where an exchange of provincial news and individual library developments occurred. Some interaction by phone occurred during the year, but the planned newsletter was cancelled due to lack of submissions. An annual meeting is planned for the conference in Corner Brook.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Jim Carter,**  
 Convenor

## CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

### Interest Group

The principal activity of the Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group in the past year was last year's annual meeting, the theme of which was 'Permanent Paper, Where We're At'. The speakers were Jan Michaels, Preservation Coordinator, National Library of Canada and William Turney, Communications New Brunswick.

The presentations were followed by reports from each of the Atlantic provinces.

Respectfully submitted  
**Eric L. Swanick**  
 Convenor

## MICROCOMPUTER

### Interest Group

The Microcomputer Interest Group (MIG) has just completed its first year of existence. During the past year MIG activities have included the publication of a quarterly newsletter, *APLA Microcomputer Interest Group Newsletter*. The *Newsletter* includes a section "Questions from our Members," allowing other members the chance to respond. The *Newsletter* serves as a forum for our members to share information.

A MIG questionnaire was included in one of the *APLA Bulletin* mailings. This concluded with a 27 person MIG membership list. Information gathered from the questionnaire resulted in the compilation of a directory of MIG members and their expertise.

Investigation of communication via a bulletin board system is ongoing and will be dealt with further at the Annual Interest Group meeting.

This year MIG also undertook the sponsorship of one of the sessions at this year's APLA Conference, "HyperCard and an Apple in the Library," presented by Stewart Walker - Coordinator of the Apple Centre for Innovation at Mount Allison University.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Diane N. Buhay**  
 Convenor

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Interest Group

A group of thirteen interested librarians came together in Moncton at APLA 1990 to discuss the ongoing concerns of Continuing Education.

By June, 1990 the APLA executive had established terms of reference for the Continuing Education Interest Group. The main goal of the group is to establish a mechanism whereby the Continuing Education mandate of APLA can be fulfilled. Other goals include providing analysis of professional literature to identify trends and issues in librarianship for the membership, as well as putting into place some regional continuing education co-ordinators who would also act as liaisons with other interest groups.

In October, 1990, Gwen Whitford, VP, N.S., asked for feedback on continuing education topics by circulating a questionnaire to librarians in Nova Scotia. In January, 1991, Carole Compton-Smith, Instructor at the Nova Scotia Community College, agreed to serve as convenor of the Interest Group.

One of the first actions of the Interest Group was to organize a Continuing Education workshop for the 1991 APLA

conference in Corner Brook. The workshop will take the form of a learning session which Beth Miller, the Chairperson of the CLA Continuing Education Committee, will lead. Beth's presentation will include an update on Continuing Education for Librarians in the North American context and direction on how to continue within the framework of APLA.

A business meeting is planned for the Interest Group on Friday, May 24 and the workshop is planned for Saturday, May 25.

Respectfully submitted  
**Carole Compton-Smith,**  
 Convenor

## FRANCOPHONE

### Interest Group

The APLA Francophone Interest Group met at the last annual conference in Moncton. The Group has not met since.

Respectfully submitted,  
**G rard Lavoie,**  
 Convenor

## LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

### Interest Group

One day follows another until they have formed first a week and then a month. Before one realizes it, the year has passed and it is time to write the annual report. Unfortunately, there is little to report this year as there has been very little activity in the Library Instruction Interest Group. Time was spent organizing the conference session "Close encounters of the counter kind" and one call for an article was placed in the *APLA Bulletin*. So far there have been no takers to write a response to Tom Eadie's article "Immodest proposals: user instruction for students does not work" (*Library Journal*, October 15, 1991).

Respectfully submitted,  
**Suzanne Sexty,**  
 Convenor

## LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

### Interest Group

A small, but interested, group attended the annual meeting at last year's Conference in Moncton. Our mandate for 1990 was to investigate the nonprofessional library educational/training programs currently available in the Atlantic Provinces. With the input of several other committee members, I was able to submit a brief article, "Library Technician/Assistant Programs," for the November/December edition of the *APLA Bulletin*.

As well as compiling information on the programs available in the Atlantic Region, we hope to obtain program outlines regarding library technician courses available in the other Canadian provinces. The lack of standardization and accreditation for library technicians is of real concern to many employed in our field.

On behalf of our interest group I have agreed to conduct a salary survey for nonprofessional library staff in the Atlantic Region - with survey data to be reported to APLA. This survey should prove to be both an interesting and challenging mandate for 1991-92!

A mailing will be going out to all library technicians listed in the APLA directory. Unfortunately only a few of us will be able to attend the Conference in Corner Brook. Yet it is my hope that the nonprofessional membership in APLA will increase; and that by raising such topics as accreditation, salaries and positions we may eventually come to some level of standardization for library technicians.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Valerie Brooker,**  
 Convenor

## NEWSPAPER

### Interest Group

The APLA Newspaper Interest group's main activity this year has been the organization of a panel discussion for the APLA Conference.

"Newspaper networks in the nineties: the future of Atlantic provincial newspaper plans," scheduled for Saturday, May 25 from 11:30 to 1:00, will bring together librarians from all four Atlantic provinces to discuss some of the problems and pleasures of developing effective resource-sharing newspaper networks. Among the speakers will be: Charles Cameron, Head of the Reference Section, Newfoundland Provincial Library; Judy Head, Chair of the Nova Scotia Newspaper Network Coordinating Committee; and Patricia Ykelenstam, Librarian at Holland College in Charlottetown.

The session will be of interest to any organization with retrospective newspaper collections, from libraries and archives to local history groups and newspaper offices.

The inaugural meeting of the Newspaper Interest Group will follow the panel.

**David Cumby and Lynn Murphy**  
 Co-convenors  
 APLA Newspaper Interest Group

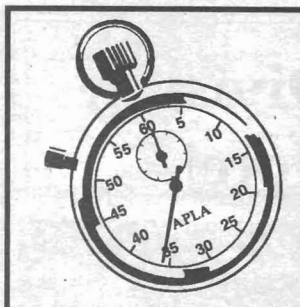
## APLA Rep. for THE NOVA SCOTIA COMPETITION FOR ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISHED WRITERS

A representative from APLA participated in evaluating manuscripts submitted to the Competition on Assistance to Established Writers. For the fiscal year 1990/91, \$10,000 was allocated and all the funding was distributed. The competition is now in its 16th year of providing assistance to writers in Nova Scotia who have established themselves as authors and require funding to assist in finishing a work-in-progress.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Laura Jantek**







# MINUTES

## APLA 51ST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### • FIRST SESSION •

Friday, May 11, 1990

J. Bouchard Building  
Université de Moncton  
Moncton, N. B.

#### 1. Call to order

The President called the meeting to order at 1920 h.

#### 2. Establish quorum

A quorum was present.

#### 3. Welcome

The president welcomed everyone to the first session of the fifty-first Ordinary General Meeting. The Parliamentarian, Richard Ellis was introduced, as were members of the current executive.

#### 4. Agenda

##### 4.1 Additions and changes.

There were no changes.

##### 5. Minutes of the 50th Ordinary General Meeting and the Special General Meeting of June 14, 1989

##### 5.1 Corrections

There were no corrections.

##### 5.2 Adoption

**Motion:** It was moved that the minutes of the 50th Ordinary General Meeting and the Special General Meeting of June 14, 1989 be adopted as circulated. (P. Glenister, M. Dykstra) Carried

#### 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

##### 6.1 Student Membership Fee

S. McLean reported that the Executive had reviewed last year's resolution, and recommended a revision of Standing Order 8.26.

**Motion:** It was moved that Standing Order 8.26 be revised to include: student members will receive an additional preferential rate (G. Creelman, P. Belier)

There was some clarification of the motion. S. McLean explained that a preferential rate would be established for each event. It includes the conference, and any events put on by APLA. Carried

#### 7. President's Report

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53, (6), May-June 1990

There was a query about the response from the Minister of Education in Newfoundland to APLA's letter. S. McLean stated that a letter was received. No change in the Department's position was indicated. The President declared the report received.

#### 8. Vice Presidents' Reports

##### 8.1 New Brunswick

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.2 Newfoundland

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.3 Nova Scotia

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.4 Prince Edward Island

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

##### 8.5 Membership

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990.

It was noted that Newfoundland and Labrador is not this province's official name. Newfoundland is the official name of the province. The President declared the report received as corrected.

#### 9. Secretary's Report

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990.

The President declared the report received.

#### 10. Financial Report

##### 10.1 Treasurer's Report

P. Glenister circulated a report.

**Motion:** It was moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as distributed. (P. Glenister, A. John)

Carried

##### 10.2 Financial Examiner's Report

The report was circulated at the meeting. The President declared the report received.

#### 11. Executive Committee Reports

##### 11.1 Aims and Objectives

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.2 Committee on committees

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.3 Finance

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

##### 11.3.1 Recommendations for Membership Fee Increase

S. McLean outlined the reasons for the suggested membership fee increase of \$10.00. It was explained that a deficit is projected by 1991/92. Although the deficit can presently be handled, it was stressed that surplus (mainly from conference profits) is not a reliable source of income. P. Glenister explained the process of projecting a deficit. The proposed fee increase would address the ongoing expenses of the Association. There was considerable discussion on the issue.

The concerns included using the conference revenues instead of raising membership fees, not raising fees if there is not a current deficit, and the question of what people would get in return for the additional fee. It was felt that there should be a more immediate need in order to warrant a fee increase.

**Motion:** To change Standing Order #1, Membership fees to read as follows

##### 1.2 The fees shall be:

- Personal Members: \$ 35.00
- Life Members: \$350.00
- Institutional Members: 85.00
- Honorary Life Members No Fee (P. Glenister, A. John)

**Defeated**

##### 11.3.2 Budget 90/91

P. Glenister circulated a draft of the proposed 90/91 Budget.

**Motion:** It was moved that the Budget for 1990/91 be accepted. (P. Glenister, G. Creelman).

Carried

##### 11.3.3 Appointment of Financial Examiner

**Motion:** It was moved that Pauline Hildesheim be the financial examiner for 1990/91. (P. Glenister, C. Dionne)

Carried

P. Hildesheim was thanked for her previous work in this capacity.

##### 11.3.4 APLA Memorial Awards Trust

P. Glenister circulated a report. He explained the operation of the trust fund as of the 1989 tax year. He also stated that \$500 or more must be declared as income for tax purposes. Appropriate documentation would be issued with the award.

He noted that the trust should be used, or APLA could lose its charitable status.

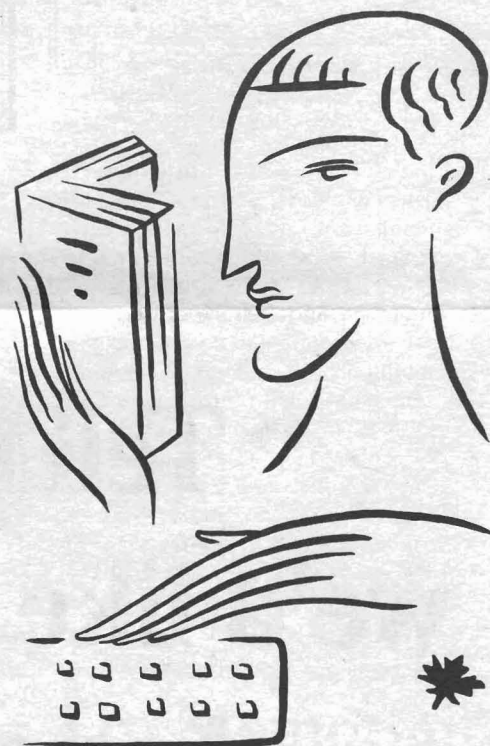
The President declared the report received.

##### 11.4 APLA Memorial Awards

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990.

J. Archibald stated that there was no announcement of a winner at this time. The deadline for applications has been extended to June 1, 1990.

The President declared the report received.



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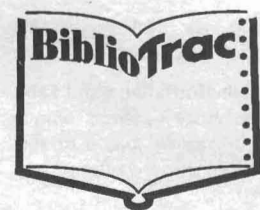
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## 11.5 Publications

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 11.6 Intellectual Freedom

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 11.7 Bulletin Management Board

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 11.8 Nominations and Elections

G. Creelman presented an oral report. She announced the results of the election as follows:

Vice-President/President Elect: Judy Head  
Vice-President Membership: Leslye McVicar  
Vice-President Newfoundland: Elinor Benjamin  
Vice-President Nova Scotia: Gwen Whitford  
The President declared the report received.

## 12. Interest Group Reports

## 12.1 Collections Development

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 12.1 Community College and Technical Libraries

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 12.3 Conservation of Library Materials

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 12.4 Library Instruction

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 12.5 Library Technicians

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 12.6 Trustees

There was no report.

## 12.7 Francophone

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 12.8 Microcomputers

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 13. Special Committee Reports

## 13.1 Committee on Copyright

The annual report was published in the *APLA Bulletin* v. 53 (6) May-June 1990. The President declared the report received.

## 14. Annual Conferences

## 14.1 1990 (Moncton)

S. Libby, Program Convenor, presented an oral report. She thanked Committees and Interest Groups for helping to find speakers. Lynn Murphy was thanked for her assistance in obtaining speakers for the Atlantic materials workshop. She also expressed gratitude towards APLA members who had chaired various sessions. The Local Arrangements Committee was also thanked for its hard work and cooperation. She thanked Marianne Scott and various others for their support and attendance at the conference. B. Boudreau presented an oral report. She stated that there were 222 registered delegates, and 35 exhibitors. She thanked the members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their hard work.

A question was raised about the registration deadline being at the end of the fiscal year (March 31). This meant that some were paying extra for being late (and paying from the new fiscal year funds). B. Boudreau explained that May 10-13 was the only time it was possible to book the Beausejour. Therefore the conference registration deadline was earlier, as per the Conference Planning Committee Procedures Manual.

The President declared the reports received.

## 14.2 1991 Conference (Corner Brook)

E. Behrens, Local Arrangements Convenor, presented an oral report. She stated that the dates of the conference are May 24-26, 1991, with pre-conference session on May 23.

She stated that the Program Committee consists of S. Sexty and C. Lipman from Memorial University. The Local Arrangements Committee consists of 6 librarians from Western Newfoundland.

The President declared the report received.

## 15. Resolutions Committee

Charlotte Dionne, Chair, announced that members should present their resolutions in writing to members of the Committee before 1230 h. on May 12. She stated that movers and seconders would be required at the Pre-Resolutions Session to take place at 1630 h. on May 12.

## 16. New Business

## 16.1 Access to the Membership List

S. McLean asked members for an indication of how they feel about this issue. She explained that requests for the membership list are received from library wholesalers. Some general discussion ensued.

Comments and concerns included whether or not a fee would be charged. It was felt by some that the Directory is a membership benefit and should not be sold. There was mention of the possibility of a flat rate for a set of labels. Further discussion included making a distinction between giving out a set of labels, and making the list available in electronic form so that it could be sold to a third party. There was concern about the list being sold many times over. The suggestion of contacting other library associations in order to see what they do was also raised.

After this discussion, a show of hands from the membership determined that the executive could make a membership list available in labels at a suitable charge and set guidelines for how we would make it available. It was further decided that labels should not be available in electronic form.

## 17. Report from the School of Library and Information Studies

Mary Dykstra, Director, presented an oral report. She spoke about the accreditation site visit that took place in March of this year. It was a successful visit. The final report will be presented by the COA at ALA in Chicago in June.

Elaine Toms is a new professor in the Library School. Jane Beaumont is an Adjunct Professor, and Gwen Creelman was Researcher-in-Residence during the past year.

There have been many applications for admittance to the Library School program. Two students, Yvonne Brown and Tim Tripp, have received \$14,000 NSERC grants.

There have been four Occasional Papers publications. Two will be completed this summer. The N. S. Newspaper Project is in the final stages of publication.

Jennifer Brownlow resigned from her position as Administrative Assistant. She had been there for 10 years.

Copies of the Self Study are available, as is a brochure on the Library School.

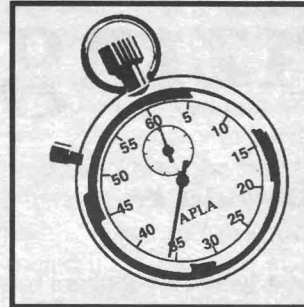
## 18. Adjournment

The President declared the 1st session of the 51st OGM adjourned at 2020 h.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Whitford

APLA Secretary



# MINUTES

## APLA 51ST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### • SECOND SESSION •

Sunday, May 13, 1990

Macdonald Cartier Room

Hotel Beausejour

Moncton, N. B.

## 1. Call to order

The President called the meeting to order at 940 h.

## 2. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

## 3. Resolutions

Charlotte Dionne, Chair, introduced the other members of the Resolutions Committee, Jocelyn Thompson and Jackie MacDonald. She then read resolution #1 to the membership.

## Resolution #1

WHEREAS, each of the Atlantic Provinces, in recognition of the fundamental importance of library services to their province and the nation, has set up a centralized agency to establish, develop, coordinate and promote these services, as well as to serve in the resource sharing network across Canada; and

WHEREAS, all these centralized library agencies whose governments support the maintenance of these significant roles have their headquarters located in their capital areas; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the library headquarters of a province outside of the capital area would diminish the visibility of the central library agency, would have adverse effects on the services offered and would increase the costs of those services,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the APLA executive write letters to the Premier and to the Minister of Education of Prince Edward Island urging reconsideration of their decision to move the Prince Edward Island Provincial Library headquarters operation from the capital area, Charlottetown, to the village of Morell, P. E. I. (D. W. Carter, Joyce Gaudet)

The mover, D. W. Carter spoke to the resolution, and gave an overview of the situation. He mentioned how the move of the P. E. I. Provincial Library from Charlottetown to Morell, P. E. I., would adversely affect the library services, as outlined in the resolution.

Some typographical errors were noted for correction.

There being no further discussion, the President called for the vote.

Motion Carried. There were 7 abstentions.

## Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to:

i) the speakers, panelists, presenters, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars, and theme sessions of the 1990 APLA Conference.

ii) the sponsors who have contributed in many ways to the success of the 1990 conference;

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iii) Members of the 1990 conference local arrangements committee, Bertha Boudreau and Susan Libby, co-convenors of their outstanding efforts in organizing the 51st annual conference. (Susan McLean, Gwen Whitford)  
Carried

## 4. Other Business

G. Pace, on behalf of Faye Hopkins, Cape Breton Regional Library, invited members to attend the Nova Scotia Library Association Conference in Sydney on September 28, 29, 30, 1990. Dr. Marianne Scott will be the guest speaker. A CLA pre-conference session will be presented by Katherine Ross.

S. McLean extended formal thanks to S. Libby and B. Boudreau for their excellent preparation of the conference. She presented each of them with a gift. S. Libby thanked all conference committee members for their help. S. McLean then expressed appreciation to all executive members, the secretary, committee and interest group convenors for their hard work.

Outgoing executive members A. Mews, P. Belier and G. Pace were thanked for their assistance. S. McLean acknowledged G. Creelman's efforts on the Executive for the past three years.

## 5. Inauguration of the new President

S. McLean presented incoming President A. John with the gavel.

A. John introduced the new executive for the year. Peter Lambly is the in-coming Secretary.

## 6. Adjournment

Motion: It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1020 h.

(P. Glenister, J. Archibald)

The President declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Whitford

APLA Secretary

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# Computerizing a Small Library

by Paul Tiwana

Microcomputers started appearing on the market in the early eighties. Library journals carried advertisements, articles, and reviews of computer software in their columns. We at the Nova Scotia Teachers College in Truro, Nova Scotia, were attracted by the technology which was knocking at the door of libraries. In our library, we had about 100,000 items and subscribed to 400 journals.

**We started looking for modules which, though purchased independently, could be combined together at the end into one integrated system.**

The integrated packages which we checked into, however, were very expensive. We therefore took a more economical route. Instead of computerizing the entire library operation with one integrated package, we decided to automate unit-by-unit, as we could afford it.

We started looking for modules which, though purchased independently, could be combined together at the end into one integrated

system. There were few jobbers in the market for small libraries; we found *Small Library Computing*, a Pennsylvania based company, best suited to our needs.

#### Bib-Base/Modules

*Library Technologies, Inc.* (formerly *Small Library Computing*) is owned and managed by two professional librarians, Bob Kepple and Jim Schoenung. They have written and developed Bib-Base modules, which

are pretty sophisticated, yet not too expensive.

Bib-Base is a database management and information retrieval system. Its structure serves as a foundation for integrated, cost effective, and easy to use library automation modules.

Presently there are five major Bib-Base modules available: Acquisitions (/ACQ), Cataloguing (/CAT), Subject Search (/SUBJECT), Marc (/

MARC) and Online Public Access (/PUBLIC). Additional modules for circulation and serials control are under development. All modules operate on IBM PC, XT, AT, or fully compatible machines.

Once you buy the core module for \$495, you can add other modules according to the needs of your library at about the same price.

#### Bib-Base/ACQ

We picked up our first module, Bib-Base/ACQ, in May 1987. We acquired this piece of software for two reasons: 1) It had excellent reviews in professional journals, and 2) the price, \$495, was quite reasonable, even though you have to pay for the core module too. We paid \$895 for the two.

One outstanding and very useful feature of Bib-Base is that it uses the MARC record format for holding information in its database. The records can be any length.

At present there are 5681 records in our /ACQ database. This has not affected searching speed. The database can be searched by Author, Title, Subject, Series, ISBN, Order No., Requestor, Invoice No., ID No., etc. The search is extremely fast.

The *List* function in Bib-Base allows you to produce bibliographies in three or four formats. If you are not satisfied with these formats, you can save data on ASCII files, and then import it into WordPerfect, or any other standard word processing program. We produce lists of our periodical holdings, computer software, and acquisitions sheets with

#### Bib-Base/MARC

In May 1989, we added the /MARC module, which again cost us only \$495. With this software, one can import data into the database from any source if it is in MARC Format. It works fine with OCLC, RLIN, etc. The transfer of records from *Books In Print Plus* has been faultless in our operation. It has saved many typing hours, and there is no fear of typos, especially with ISBNs.

#### Bib-Base/PUBLIC

In July 1990, we bought the Bib-Base/PUBLIC module. This is an online public access catalog. It will eventually replace our card catalog. The price was \$695, which also covers the Bib-Base/SUBJECT module.

We use General Research Corporation's CD-ROM Product, *Laser-Quest*, for record searches in our cataloguing operation. The records thus found are properly edited and then saved in MARC format by our cataloguing staff. Here again we use the /MARC module to transfer records into /PUBLIC. The transfer process is somewhat slow on the XT machine we are using for /PUBLIC, but the process has been smooth.

*Library Technologies* suggests *Library Corporation's Bibliofile* for direct transfer of records, but we achieve the same results with *Laser-Quest*. We prefer *Laser-Quest* to *Bibliofile* because of its Canadian content. Its hit rate is much higher compared to *Bibliofile* for Canadian materials. It is a great help in our recon project.

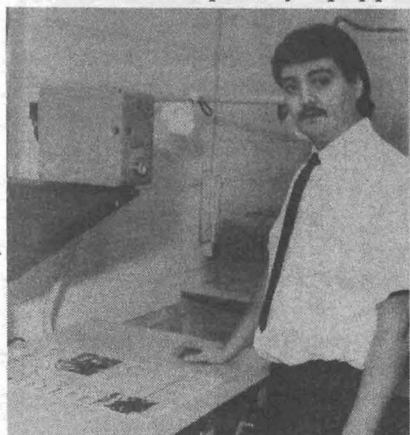
We have, at present, about 5000

## Newfoundland pH Group Announces Its Formation

**A** new conservation association, the Paper Heritage Group of Newfoundland (pH Group), has recently been formed. The cornerstones of the Group are Memorial University and the Newfoundland Public Library Services, with membership open to any organization in the province interested in paper preservation. A microfilming project of nineteenth and twentieth century Newfoundland newspapers is already in progress, and plans for book and document conservation are being developed. In addition, a Paper Conservator, working in a recently established and specially equipped



Donna Green delicately working at conserving an old manuscript



Howard Parsons microfilming a newspaper

lab at Memorial University Library, now provides basic paper conservation training and consultative services to the archival and library communities. The pH Group operates on a cost recovery basis with members contributing the funds required to complete their own projects.

A Board of Directors has been formed. Its Chairperson is Charles Cameron, Newfoundland Public Library Services, who can be reached for further information at (709)737-3946.

**In the four years of our automation project, we have spent \$2,085.00 on Bib-Base modules. This averages \$521.25 annually.**

#### Bib-Base.

We are now in a much better position to administer and control our Library budget. As soon as the budget transactions are entered, they are immediately calculated. Balance sheets can be instantly seen and printed. We have fund accounts for each faculty members, as well as a budget for the Department he or she belongs to. /ACQ accepts 500 fund accounts, and 300 vendor records.

You can order books on 3" by 5" multiple-copy order slips, or can use a sheet of paper. Checking material is fun. It also gives us much needed acquisitions statistics. We enjoy working with /ACQ. It saves hours of typing and filing work.

In June 1987, we brought in R.R. Bowker's CD-ROM product *Books In Print Plus* in place of its print version. Now we needed software to import records from *Books In Print Plus* directly into our database. The Bib-Base module provided the solution.

records in /PUBLIC. This has not affected its searching speed at all. Records can be accessed by author, title, series, subject, call number, LCCN, ISBN, ISSN, or OCLC/RLIN number. Searching with /PUBLIC is a snap. There is, however, no field for accession number. We are using one of the call number fields, which we configured to appear at the bottom, as our accession number field.

#### Circulation

The Bib-Base circulation module is under development. Presently, we are using a custom made circulation program developed by a student of our college on *dBase III Plus*. It has the features of a good circulation program.

#### Support

Although the manuals that come with Bib-Base modules are clearly written, whenever we had problems with the programs, we contacted *Library Technologies*. Jim Schoenung and Bob Kepple are always available and eager to help.



Though we are completely satisfied with our two earlier modules, /ACQ and /MARC, it is too early to say about /PUBLIC. At present, we have only one station for it. Faculty and students have just started using it. /PUBLIC may not have the sophistication of other OPACs on the

market such as IMPACT, MARCIVE/OPAC, or LASERGUIDE, but at the price of \$695 when we were planning to spend \$4500 for another card cabinet, it does not look like a risky venture. We hope it will be an improvement over the card catalog.

#### Economy

In the four years of our automation project, we have spent \$2,085.00 on Bib-Base modules. This averages \$521.25 annually.

For further information on all of the services of the *Library Technologies*, you may contact James A.

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# Review: Dolan, Elizabeth. *The Depository Dilemma: A Study of the Free Distribution of Canadian Federal Documents to Depository Libraries in Canada*. Ottawa: Canadian Library Association, 1989. 121 p. ISBN: 0-8802-239-5; \$40.00 (paperback)

Review by Eric Swanick

Substantial publications in whatever format (articles, books, etc.) on Canadian government publishing are scarce. In fact, what few such publications to date are available are cited in the bibliography of this publication. The major study in the area of Canadian government publishing previous to the one under review was Edith Jarvi's *Access to Canadian Government Publications in Canadian Academic and Public Libraries* (Ottawa: CLA, 1976). Dolan's work, therefore, attempts to fill one of the many areas needing further study in this area, namely the history of free distribution of Canadian federal documents.

"The purpose of the present study is to trace the development of the federal depository library system in Canada from its early stages to its present status under the Canadian Government Publishing Centre and

to discover elements of an emerging distribution policy" (p. 11). Dolan attempts to do this in five chapters, in 121 pages. The first chapter provides the background and the description of the study. The second chapter covers the period 1841 to 1927 in which the concepts of official publishing and the origins of free distribution are discussed. The depository system as established in 1927 is considered in the third chapter and the discussion is carried through to 1969. Chapter Four is entitled "A New Information Organization and Retreat to Supply and Services"; the fifth and final chapter of just over four pages is the conclusion.

Dolan follows, generally speaking, a chronological sequence of events from 1841 to the mid-1980s. The records for the early years are minimal and the text suffers accordingly. A high point came at the end

of the nineteenth century when the Department of Public Printing and Stationery came under the direction of Brown Chamberlin. Mr. Chamberlin had investigated the printing offices/distribution operations of both Great Britain and the United States in great detail. Chamberlin came close to establishing a depository system. Unfortunately this was not to formally take place until 1927 and only then after even more studies and effective lobbying by Canadian librarians through the American Library Association. PC 1471, passed in 1927, stated, in part, that the distribution of official publications should be centralized and systematic. PC 1471 was the standard bearer for future depository regulations.

The period following World War II is marked by increasingly available government records and further studies in the field of government information and the availability of this information. Simultaneously with the establishment of the Canadian Library Association in 1946, Canadian librarians become increasingly organized and articulate in lobbying for access to government information and maintenance of a depository system. Dolan recounts very clearly the attempt to establish Information Canada and shortly thereafter the proposals to drastically reduce the number of full and select depositories for Canadian government publications. These events of the 1970s take place during increased lobbying and government consid-

eration of access to information legislation.

Dolan correctly points out in her conclusion that many more studies need to be completed in this area. She states, "more needs to be known about the libraries in the system and their practice in identifying, selecting, organizing, maintaining and providing access to official publications. Existing criteria for the eligibility of libraries for depository status need to be discovered and analyzed; standards for collection development, accessibility and reference service are needed; inspection and performance of the depository libraries is necessary" (p. 120). Dolan has provided a significant contribution and hopefully a forerunner to many more studies in the areas she suggests.

That said, I have a few qualifiers. The index is totally inadequate. CLA has recognized this by recently sending out a revised index. The editorial process seems casual at best. There are inconsistencies in the use of upper case, in the footnote numbering and the line at the bottom of p. 15 is repeated on the next page. There are too many two line paragraphs. There are too many time jumps without proper explanation. The book is much too expensive. And why doesn't CLA take the lead and print their publications on permanent paper?

(Eric Swanick is Legislative Librarian, Legislative Library, Fredericton, NB.)

## Procedures for Resolutions

Resolutions concerning the policies and practices of the Association will be formally considered at the Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m. at the Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook.



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