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Shannon Gordon

As a MLIS student at the University of Western Ontario, I am currently working at Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library as part of an eight month work-term. Recently, I completed a project involving the creation of a display for the annual career fair held at Memorial in early October. Promoting librarianship was the focus of the display, and despite being amidst companies primarily recruiting engineers and accountants, the booth was exceptionally well received.

Questions were constant throughout the event, and many students expressed a strong interest in the profession. While a substantial portion of these students had academic backgrounds in the Arts and

Humanities, there also was a large percentage having Business, Science, as well as Computer Science backgrounds. It was this group who were greatly intrigued at the idea of working in a corporate or government library, as well as by the possibility of pursuing a career in systems librarianship. Those who had already been interested in librarianship prior to the Career Fair were pleased to see the display. Their reasoning for considering pursuing the profession was that they had heard many positive things, namely that it is a very marketable degree to have, as the skills obtained are transferable to a variety of work environments.

What made the booth an even more relatable experience for the students was the fact that each hour I was accompanied by a librarian from either the academic or public library worlds. Not only did this

“Really, You Need to Have a Masters Degree?”

allow for students to speak one on one with an individual having several years of experience, but it also allowed for common stereotypes to be identified and openly discussed. It was fascinating to not only be exposed to the genuine interest had by students toward the profession, but also to the common misconceptions that surround librarianship. What astonished students the most was that it is necessary to complete a Masters degree in order to be a professional librarian. The generally held sentiment of the 'non-believers' was that being a librarian required no post-secondary education of any kind. Once the reality of the situation

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Holly Jolly Social

Mark your Calendars

The Holly Jolly Social will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia from 5:30 - 8:30 with catering provided by Scanway.

The cost is \$7.50 for students and members of the art gallery (Proof of both required) and \$15.00 for all others.

This year please feel free to bring a guest or two. Admission includes entrance to the ART OF THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD exhibit. There will be a cash bar.

Please RSVP to dsmcdonald@ns.sympatico.ca with number of people indicating if you are a student or member of the art gallery by December 2, 2005.

Donations to Feed Nova Scotia are encouraged and graciously accepted.

See you there!



Education Institute

This fall marks the beginning of a full calendar of continuing education opportunities from the Education Institute, a service of the Partnership, Canada's network of provincial and territorial library associations.

Since APLA is a member organization of the Partnership, all APLA members are eligible for preferred registration rates.

For a full description of courses offered through the Education Institute, check out: <http://www.thepartnership.ca/cgi-bin/site/showPage.cgi?page=3&Deducation/ind=ex.html>

The Institute wants to ensure that the topics offered are relevant to library workers, so they are continually looking for ideas for future sessions. Last summer many of you sent me your suggestions for sessions, which I passed along to the organizers.

Please continue to let me know if you have ideas for topics you would like to see covered in the future, whether in an audio-conference or in a longer format.

We are also very interested in providing content for future sessions, as well. This is a great opportunity to showcase some of the innovative things we do in Atlantic Canada. Do you have a topic that you would like to present as an audio-conference? We would like to make the Education Institute a truly national initiative, with ideas and content from all parts of the country.

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From the editors' desks

It is the beginning of a new year for the APLA Bulletin and Dianne Taylor-Harding and Stacey Penney of Memorial University have taken on the role of editing. We are thankful that Ruth Cordes will be continuing as Advertising Editor and especially grateful for the advice and support we have received from out-going editors, Patricia Gallant and Erin Patterson. We hope to continue to issue the quality Bulletin that Pat and Erin presented over the past three years. This will be a great learning experience for us and we hope that our first issue will show that we are on the right track (Let us know if we are not)! As we begin our tenure we look forward to hearing from APLA members all over. If you have articles, papers, notifications or ideas for the Bulletin please contact us at any point. We look forward to working with all of you over the next three years.

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From St. Jerome's Den

"Procrustes was an editor."

Robin Skelton, A Devious Dictionary

A hearty welcome to our new editors and a fond farewell to those who have edited the Bulletin for the past three years. On the occasion of this changing of the guard we are reminded of some of the advice which has been given to, or by, editors in the past and also words of wisdom to writers. The Oxford English Dictionary (2nd ed.), defines an editor as "one who prepares the literary work of another person, or number of persons, for publication, by selecting, revising, and arranging the material." The earliest example it gives of this definition of "editor" is a 1712 reference to a selection from Addison. On the other hand, the definition of a "writer" as "a person who can write" or "one who paints with words" is illustrated by a sentence penned around 897. Now, we should not conclude from this that editors are, or were, an afterthought. Those who have been writers, editors, or both, know full-well that both are required in order to get anything published, especially when the effort

is a voluntary one. So, with due respect to both editors and writers, we ponder various insights from the past.

Because newspaper moguls have been so much in the news recently, we might consider Roy Thompson's response when asked, "What is editorial content?". A man of few spoken words, he opined that it was, "The stuff you separate the ads with." Of course, he was a publisher and, if his words are to be believed, he was a minimalist when it came to interference with editorial policy, feeling that, "If any of our editors were to come out against either God or the Monarchy, I guess we'd have to do something." As one who submits a column to the Bulletin, this is much my stand also, only I might replace "God" and the "Monarchy" with "copyright" and "free public libraries."

If editing is "selecting, revising, and arranging," then "news is anything that makes a reader say

'Gee whiz!...News is whatever a good editor chooses to print' (Arthur McEwen in *Colliers*, 18 February 1911) and "an editor [is] a person who knows precisely what he wants - but isn't quite sure." (Walter Davenport as quoted by Bennett Cerf in *Saturday Night Reader*, no. 2) The editor "should say to himself, 'How can I help this writer to say it better in his own style?' and avoid 'How can I show him how I would write it, if it were my piece?'" (James Thurber, *New York Times Book Review*, 4 December 1988)

If style is what writing and good editing are all about, then the last word falls to that paragon of style, Mae West, who is famously reported to have said: "It's not what I do, but the way that I do it. It's not what I say, but the way that I say it." May you do and say, edit and write, in a way that would make Mae proud.

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From the President's Desk

Happy Autumn! It is a very busy time of year for we academic types, but between teaching, tours and many student visits, I wanted to take a bit of time to get you up to date on what your executive has been working on during the late summer and early fall. At the end of August, Ivan Douthwright, Michael Colborne and I attended a "Partnership" retreat, generously hosted by the Ontario Library Association in Toronto. The purpose of these meetings was to focus our collective efforts to determine the direction of the Partnership based on the needs of our individual associations and members. We covered three main topics: the Education Institute, the Electronic Research Journal, and a National Career Centre.

THE EDUCATION INSTITUTE:

The Education Institute is the continuing education component of the Partnership. The purpose of EI is to bring professional development and educational opportunities directly to your desk or institution. It is my hope that the Atlantic Provinces steps up and begins to share our expertise and experiences with the rest of the country. Please contact Michael Colborne, at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, if you have ideas for sessions which you would like to see, or if you would like to present a session of your own. I also encourage the library community in all four provinces to host sessions at their institutions, as the Provincial Library does in Nova Scotia. Acadia will be hosting a number of sessions during the fall and all are welcome. This is one of the best parts of the EI, that for one low price, as many members as you can fit in the location can attend. In the near future, the Partnership plans to extend further discounts for institutions, wherein organizations can purchase a transferable package at savings of 20%. We are investigating other incentives to promote these sessions. All members should have received the fall catalogue of teleconferences and courses by now. If you have not, you can see the full listings at www.thepartnership.ca. Stay tuned...

THE ELECTRONIC RESEARCH JOURNAL:

The Partnership has unanimously agreed to undertake the creation of a new online peer-reviewed journal. At the August meetings, the

group determined that the journal would be electronic only and would be hosted at the University of Guelph. The Editorial Board will report to the Partnership Roundtable and a writing support team will be set up to help librarians and staff prepare their research. APLA will have a permanent seat on the Editorial Board and our members are encouraged to participate in the writing support team. Each association will be recruiting approximately three or four members for this service. The focus and scope of the journal will include recent developments, best practices and practical and theoretical research. The submission policy for articles will be open, not by invitation, and the review process has not yet been determined. Material previously published will not be accepted and material under consideration by another publisher will be allowed under certain conditions. Currently the editorial board is investigating exclusivity rights with vendors and open access policies, including copyright.

NATIONAL CAREER CENTRE:

Finally, we discussed the idea of a National Career Centre. This website will attempt to pool all provincial and territorial library associations' best content. The website would be a collaborative effort, filling a void for those associations that do not have this type of resource, sharing the forms, database and formats of the current job sites as well as new features such as a resume database. Revenue generated would go back to the library association based on geographical location. Because of the overlap between Nova Scotia Library Association and APLA, the associations would need to work out their own revenue sharing arrangement. Job posting would be \$50/\$75 member/non-member rate for posting up to 2 weeks, \$75/\$100 rates apply to 4 week postings for employers and it would be free to the membership. Unemployed association members can identify themselves and participate in an alerting service, free of charge.

Other news

THE LIBRARY BOOK RATE:

On behalf of the Association, a letter was sent to the federal minister responsible for Canada Post, thanking him for his efforts extending the library book rate until March 2006 and emphasizing the importance of the continuation of the book rate for our region. The association received a response from his office, indicating that he appreciated our letter and would forward it on to the President of Canada Post. We will be discussing the library book rate at the fall executive meeting and will let the members know what kind of advocacy plan we will pursue to ensure this valuable service continues.

APLA RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL LIBRARIES:

I have written a letter to the Honourable Jamie Muir, Nova Scotia Minister of Education, expressing our concern with the state of school libraries in Nova Scotia. In the letter, I refer him to a recent Statistics Canada report on the low funding rates in Nova Scotia as well as evidence linking properly funded school libraries to higher literacy rates. The letter will be reviewed and approved by Council in October and sent to the Minister, with copies to the Premier, and the opposition's Education Critic.

GROW A LIBRARY TRUST:

This fall, we will be creating terms of reference for The Grow a Library Standing Committee, moving it from an Ad Hoc committee to a Standing Committee. Members of this committee met during the NSLA Conference in Amherst at the end of September and brainstormed ideas for fund-raising activities. As for our first project, we are in the process of approaching Code Canada, an International Aid Agency whose main focus is literacy, to partner with us to build and support community libraries in Ethiopia. In addition to the \$3000 dollars transferred from operating funds to the trust, APLA raised over \$750 since May, including funds generated from the bulb campaign in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Library Association Conference.

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News from the Provinces

NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

PEOPLE / GENS

Submitted by Mireille Mercure

Darlene Tan transferred from her position as Head Librarian of the Biological Station Library in St. Andrews to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Library in Ottawa in September 2005. Joanne Cleghorn will be acting head of the St. Andrews Biological Station Library until the position is filled.

The New Brunswick Museum, Archives & Research Library welcomed Mona'a Malik, a 2nd year student from University of New Brunswick Saint John, to its Saturday staff. Other contract staff members added for the fall, included Carol Fillmore, who is working with the photograph collection in conjunction with an upcoming Archives & Research Library virtual tour, and Don Lemon, who is working on a Control of Holdings project.

The Haut Saint Jean Library Region welcomed two new staff members, Sylvie Fréchette and Louis Roy. Ms. Fréchette has assumed the position of Technical Services Librarian in the regional office in St-Basile, N.B. She has a Master of Library and Information Science degree and a Certificate in Archival Studies from the Université de Montréal. She spent 14 years working as the Archivist for the Palais de Congrès de Montréal. She also worked as Records Manager for le Syndicat des Métallos and as a Library Technician for the National Film Board.

Louis Roy has been appointed as Circulation Supervisor at the Mgr. W.J. Conway Public Library in Edmundston. He received a college diploma in information management in 1994 from la Cité collégiale in Ottawa. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts from the Université de Moncton, Edmundston Campus. Mr. Roy comes to the region with more than ten years' experience in the library field.

The Haut Saint Jean Region was saddened by the sudden death of long time employee Guy Nadeau in July. Mr. Nadeau had been with the region since 1971 and was the only remaining long-term staff member. He served as the bookmobile driver for HSJ. He will be greatly missed by both his colleagues and bookmobile patrons.

Rosalind Smith of the L.P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock has taken a one-year leave of absence. She is currently teaching in Kiev, Ukraine. She will resume her duties in Woodstock in August 2006.

The York Library Region was pleased to welcome some new faces over the past few months. There have been a few changes at the York Library Region Headquarters: Patricia Anglin, City Librarian of the Fredericton Public Library, accepted the position of Acting Regional Director in March 2005. The region would like to thank Joann Hamilton-Barry for all her hard work during her time with the region and wishes her success in her new position as City Librarian for the Saint John Free Public Library. Julie Cole accepted the position of Acting Public Services Librarian in May while Catherine Hoyt took up the challenge of Acting Head of Public Services of the New Brunswick Public Library Service. The region was also pleased to welcome two new members to the team in August. Judy MacLean was hired to replace Ms. Cole as the Acting Library Director of the Nashwaaksis Public-School Library and Anthony Dickinson was hired as the new Library Manager of the McAdam Public Library. The Fredericton Public Library is happy to welcome back Children's Librarian, Marilyn Lohnes, from her secondment with the Cataloguing and Technical Services unit at the provincial office in September. Acting Children's Librarian, Lisa Grewal, will be involved in an internship program with the New Brunswick Public Library Service for the next two years.

Jerry Walford, an employee in the Reference Department of the Moncton Public Library since March 1992, passed away on August 21, 2005 at the age of 53. Jerry's dedication, eagerness to serve the public well, readiness to learn, assistance, cooperation, constructive suggestions and educational background have been highly valued and appreciated. Everyone will remember Jerry in a positive manner and will keep him in good memory.

Lori Léger has accepted the position of Manager of Library Services for the South-East Regional Health Authority in her hometown of Moncton. She started working there at the beginning of September. Lori was the recipient of the 2005 APLA Award to the top student graduating from

the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies.

Longtime Harriet Irving librarian Pat Johnston has ably filled in as Interim Chief Librarian at Ward Chipman Library on the UNB Saint John campus. She will retire at the end of 2005. Meanwhile, the Ward Chipman Library welcomes its new Head of Access and Research Services, Diane Buhay. Diane, a native of Sault Sainte-Marie, Ontario, has worked at Mount Alison University and has held management positions, including Acting City Librarian, within the Saint John public library system.

MEETINGS - TRAINING / RÉUNIONS - FORMATION

The Library Managers and Directors of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region met for their regular meeting on September 23. The regional trainers for the system migration have begun attending training in Fredericton and the staff will be trained in October and November on the new system.

In Saint-Antoine, the library received an interesting provincial practicum project that enabled a local High School student, Liette Haché, already interested in librarianship and information sciences as a future career, to shadow the library manager for eight weeks. She learned the ropes firsthand while pitching in to help with the summer reading club activities and the daily routine work at that library.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES WEEK / SEMAINE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES PUBLIQUES

Canadian Library Week will be held from October 17 to 24, 2005. The slogan this year is "Lifelong Libraries - Discover Us!" A national poster and planning kit have been prepared for Canadian Library Week. Canadian Library Week aims to promote all types of libraries. The theme, "Lifelong Libraries - Discover Us!" aims to draw attention to the vital role libraries play in the lives of all Canadians. Libraries are centres of knowledge, gathering places for the exchange of information and ideas, as well as custodians of history and culture. You can obtain more information on activities organized by New Brunswick Public Libraries for Canadian Library Week by visiting our website at <http://www.gnb.ca/publiclibraries>. You can also

get more information about this national initiative by visiting the Canadian Library Week website at <http://www.cla.ca/clw/>.

La Semaine canadienne des bibliothèques aura lieu du 17 au 24 octobre 2005 et aura pour thème "Les bibliothèques, c'est pour la vie : découvrez-les!" Une affiche nationale et une trousse de planification ont été préparées pour la Semaine canadienne des bibliothèques. La Semaine canadienne des bibliothèques vise à promouvoir tous les types de bibliothèques. Le thème, "Les bibliothèques, c'est pour la vie: découvrez-les!," vise à mettre en valeur le rôle important joué par les bibliothèques dans la vie des Canadien(ne)s. Les bibliothèques sont des centres de connaissance, des lieux de rencontre pour l'échange d'information et d'idées, et les gardiennes de notre patrimoine historique et culturel. Pour obtenir de plus amples informations sur les activités organisées par les bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick durant la Semaine canadienne des bibliothèques, visitez notre site Internet au <http://www.gnb.ca/bibliothequespubliques>. Vous pourrez aussi obtenir de plus amples informations sur cette initiative nationale en visitant le site Internet de la Semaine canadienne

des bibliothèques au <http://www.cla.ca/scb/>.

DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING / DONS ET LEVÉES DE FONDOS

On Thursday, June 9, the current Student Council president, John-Derek Lepanto and next year's Student Council Jason Colman met with Beverley Lyons, Librarian at New Brunswick Community College Saint John, to present the library with an audio-visual presenter which will be placed in the



On Thursday, June 9th, current Student Council president, John-Derek LaPointe, and next year's Student Council president, Jason Cosman, met with Beverley Lyons, Librarian at New Brunswick Community College Saint John, to present the library with an audio-visual presenter. It will be placed in the AV Room of the library. It is rare for the Student Council to make such a sizable gift; therefore, the donation of the AV presenter is all the more appreciated by the staff of the college library.

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FACILITIES / LOCAUX

The Mgr. Plourde Public Library in St.-François has been closed since the June 2005. The library is currently undergoing a renovation and expansion project. The new facilities will double the amount of existing floor space from 2400 square feet to 5200 square feet. The library will have a new teen corner, genealogy section and study corners. The library is due to reopen later this fall.

The Bouctouche Public Library became the first library in New Brunswick to receive the name of an author, and will be known forthwith, as the Gérald LeBlanc Public Library, in honor of the Bouctouche native and Acadian poet who passed away earlier this year. On August 4, an official ceremony with several dignitaries and artists took place followed by a reception at the local marina.

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Service officially launched a new online service that will provide research assistance to find answers to factual questions. The service, called Quaestio, allows New Brunswickers to send questions via e-mail to a reference team of librarians. Users will receive an answer within two working days. To use this free online reference service, go to <http://www.gnb.ca/publiclibraries> and click on Quaestio.

Le 22 août dernier, le Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick a officiellement lancé un nouvel outil en ligne grâce auquel les usagers peuvent obtenir de l'aide pour effectuer des recherches et trouver des réponses à des questions factuelles. Le service, appelé Quaestio, permet aux Néo-Brunswickois(es) d'envoyer par courriel leurs questions à une équipe de bibliothécaires et de recevoir une réponse dans un délai de deux jours ouvrables. Pour avoir accès à ce service de référence virtuelle gratuit, rendez-vous au site Internet <http://www.gnb.ca/bibliothèquespubliques> et cliquez sur Quaestio.

PROGRAMS / PROGRAMMES

Despite the interesting weather in Saint John, the summer of 2005 saw a steady increase in patrons to the New Brunswick Library Archives & Research Library, some who have traveled from as far away as England, Texas, Florida, the New England States, British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. The library staff will provide a "Tour of the Archives & Genealogy Information Session" on Saturday, October 23 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, November 17 at 1 p.m.. This is a public program for those interested in genealogy, who would like to become more familiar with the Archives & Library collection.

The Shediac Public Library organized an innovative fund-raising activity during the summer. The Library Manager, Gabrielle LeBlanc, was interviewed by CBC radio and got a chance to talk about her very successful idea, "The Garden of Knowledge Campaign," where the garden is symbolic of the library and the seeds are the books needed to gain more knowledge. Patrons and visitors were asked to sow seeds, by offering any amount of money (as small as \$1.00), and in return receive their name posted on the large flower-columns placed in the library. Larger donations merited stickers. Close to \$2000 was raised. This overwhelming response

surprised everyone involved in this initiative.

The Memramcook Public Library kicked off its Adopt-A-Book program in August by creating a partnership with La Grande Ourse Bookstore in Moncton. Many books were offered in consignment and adopted, one by one, by the local patrons. The program ran so well that a second trip to the bookstore and an extra shipment of books were required.

SUMMER READING CLUB / CLUB DE LECTURE D'ÉTÉ

It is extremely encouraging for library staffs, when appreciation, joy, fun and more reading (!) result from their efforts. This thought came to light when reading each branch manager's report in the fall "What's Going On" internal newsletter. They were reporting the response to the summer students and the programs offered during our annual Summer Reading Club (SRC). We know we are onto a good thing when each year we hear enthusiastic things from children and parents about this program. Elva Hatt, Library Manager of the St. Croix Public Library, said this year's theme "Let's go on a Safa-Read" was an excellent one because it "provided lots of opportunity for decorating the library and making crafts." A highlight for the children in St Stephen, was a visit by Yugo., a Japanese exchange student, who taught the children how to make origami animals. Robin Sexton-Mayes, Acting Children's Librarian at the Saint John Free Public Library, noted that one child remarked: "This is awesome!" after she participated in a scavenger hunt as part of their summer program launch. Mireille Mercure, Director of la Bibliothèque le Cormoran, agrees with the response given by this child from the Main Library. Young patrons at Cormoran are still talking about the treasure hunt and giant board game they played on the floor of their library during the summer programs. And this is still occurring several weeks after the date of the events! Emily King, Library Manager of the East Branch of the Saint John Free Public Library, had the young participants at her library's Summer Reading Club in awe after she and her staff wound a paper chain of 2006 links around the ball field where one of the closing events was held. The links represented the number of books read by the Library's Club up to the date of the closing ceremony. By the time she submitted her report the figure was up to 3,005 books read. Positive results like this help to keep us all

coming back each year to do it again, with our goals set a bit higher. We say to ourselves: if we can keep children reading while they have fun in programs like this, then how can we get even more children involved in and enjoying this experience? And that's always our challenge!!

The 2005 Summer Reading Club in Haut Saint-Jean Library Region was once again well prepared by the staff and students in the region. Libraries were decorated with all manner of jungle plants and animals. Many festivities were held throughout the region and were well attended.

The 2005 Summer Reading Club in the York Library Region was a great success with 1,530 children reading almost 37,000 books in the region this summer. A huge thanks goes out to our wonderful staff and summer students that make each year's program such a success. This year's theme "Let's go on a Safa-Read" was a great choice and the children had lots of fun this summer. The York Library Region is once again excited to participate in the 2005/2006 Hackmatack Children's Book Award program. Libraries have begun registering excited young readers for this fantastic book club.

HACKMATACK

The 2006 Hackmatack Book Award provincial author tour (English) is being organized by Leigh Ann Cumming, Public Services Librarian. This is a collaborative effort involving Children's Librarians, Nancy Cohen (Moncton), Marilyn Lohnes (Fredericton) and Robin Sexton-Mayes (Saint John - Main). Joanne Head, Deputy Director of the Western Counties Regional Library in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia is partnering in this event as well. Ms. Cumming gratefully acknowledges the invaluable assistance of Joann Hamilton-Barry, City Librarian of Saint John, in preparation for this project. Ms. Barry had previously been responsible for organizing this wonderful event.

Le volet francophone pour les visites d'auteurs dans le cadre du programme Hackmatack est organisé par Mireille Mercure, directrice de la Bibliothèque Le Cormoran et présidente du comité francophone de Hackmatack. Ces visites sont organisées grâce à la collaboration du personnel dans les régions de bibliothèques et dans les bibliothèques francophones de la province.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Recent retirements and new appointments are the big news at the University of New Brunswick Libraries in Fredericton.

Mary Flagg retired in June from her position as head of Archives and Special Collections. Doris Rauch retired in July from her position as head of the Engineering and Computer Science Library. Andrew Pope, who was instrumental in the implementation of Sirsi, the first ILS at UNB, retired in August. Mary, Doris and Andy had 46, 26 and 31 years of service respectively to their credit.

Others to have joined the ranks of retirees include Genevieve Kilburn (Harriet Irving Library Reference Department), Kathy Duffy (HIL Circulation) and Daisy Gorman-Prebble (Acquisitions Department).

Appointments include Leanne Wells as Information Services and Outreach Librarian; Linda Roulston as Electronic Licensing Librarian; Merle Steeves as Bibliographic Services Librarian; Patricia Belier as Acting Head of Archives and Special Collections; Joanne Smyth as Distance Education Librarian; Stephen Rosenfeld as Director of Library Systems; Steve Lelievre as Head of the Engineering Library; and Susan Gants as Information Desk Coordinator (HIL).

Patricia Johnston is on secondment to the Ward Chipman Library until the end of December, replacing Susan Collins who retired in July.

John Teskey assumed the Presidency of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) at the CARL Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon July 12, 2005. His two-year term runs until 2007.

Submitted by Jocelyne Thompson

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

College of the North Atlantic (contributed by Lynn Cuff) Professional Development (PD) sessions were held in Stephenville for College of the North Atlantic Library Services Staff on June 22 - 23. Twenty-two librarians and library technicians participated in sessions that ranged from the "Role of Library Services in the success of Distributed Learning Students" to "How to enhance our new Student Orientation."

The College coordinator for Professional Development, Sheldon Brown, facilitated a session on the role which library services will play in growing a "learning college." The College's support of professional development was recognized in a presentation made by Barb King when she reported on sessions she attended this spring at the Workshop on Instruction in Library Use [WILU] in Guelph, Ontario.

Andy Spilioe from the Online Computer Library Centre (OCLC) presented a session on services provided by that organization. Much interest was expressed in using OCLC's services to digitize the libraries' archival collections and explore the possible development of an e-books collection for the college's trades programs.

Participants approved a revised Collection Development Policy as well as a revised Circulation of Materials Policy. Both policies were revised to meet the needs of new programs and advanced technologies. Participants went away with valuable information and much to think about for the new school year of 2005-06.

Of course no PD session is complete without some time for relaxation. Group members toured the historic Our Lady of Mercy Church and Museum Complex, hiked the Gravels Trail and were treated to baked beans, touts and fish cakes. The College's library services staff looks forward to the next time they can get together.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CENTRAL



Kevin Higgins/The Beacon (photo credit)

BOOK TOWER – NL Public Libraries Central Regional Library manager Pat Parsons is surrounded by a wall of more than 1,000 children's books destined for Nigeria. The books were collected throughout the central region as part of a province-wide program to supply Nigerian schools and libraries with children's reading material.

Summer came in with a bang in most of the 33 libraries in Central, as the "Blast Off with Books" Reading Program got under way in early July. More than 50% of our Region took part, and many of the libraries displayed the most creative array of aliens, space ships and rockets made by kids and staff. The feedback on this theme was very positive - staff reported that children loved it, there were lots of books on the topic and some excellent exchange of craft and game ideas. Staff is already looking forward to next year's program, and we are aiming for 100% participation.

Five branches in Central Newfoundland are participating in a pilot project called "Ebookbuddies." It's a program that can literally double a current children's book collection, as children can read on-line any of the more than 250 full-text books available in this literacy program. The program just got underway when school began, but early feedback indicates a lot of interest. Pat Parsons explains, "We selected branches housed in schools, so teachers and parents could have a wider selection of books available and get the children away from just games and puzzles online. We also went with sites that had good connectivity so the downloading wouldn't be onerous." Parsons notes that the generation coming up is so visual oriented, that it's nice to offer them more on-line. Nothing ventured. Nothing gained! The project idea comes from Ontario. For more information, check out <<http://www.ebookbuddies.com>>.

With a hectic summer behind them, many branches started off September busy as well, by celebrating International Literacy Day on September 8 with local author readings, early class visits and open houses. Now, everyone is gearing up for National Library Week and CAP [Community Access Program] day, so the brainstorming is in full speed. Between special events, tourist visits, public training sessions, and the traditional services that the public expects, like story hours, there is not much lull in our libraries these days. We continue to strive to provide a more than acceptable level of public library services to all area, with the limited resources we have. Speaking of which, many staffs in libraries have expressed their alarm and concern over the proposed elimination of the Library Book Rate. Central Division relies heavily on this rate to service communities without

(CONTRIBUTED BY PAT PARSONS)

News from the Provinces

libraries, as well as to keep on top of a growing number of interlibrary loans.

Western Division (contributed by Sandy Chilcote)

The Western Division welcomed a new assistant manager, Dianne Keeping, on September 19. She is coming to us from the Department of Justice, so we expect to receive a lot of wisdom as well as library expertise. Ed Kavanagh came from St. John's and toured many libraries in Western Newfoundland during late April and early May. He was very well received, both for his final tale in the Amanda Greenleaf series and for his fine new harp CD. He told stories and played the harp. Future tours are planned for Children's Book Week in Labrador and Western Newfoundland. Genevieve Cote will tour in Labrador, and Jan Andrews will cover a few libraries on the Island. Elinor Benjamin will be doing storytelling for us during Library Week.

Our IT staff has been very busy moving new computers and monitors into our libraries. Also, we are looking forward to installing the new Dynix system in November

Submitted by Trish LeBlanc

NOVA SCOTIA

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

The Dalhousie University Libraries are very pleased to announce that Linda Bedwell and Dominic Silvio have been appointed as Public Services librarians / Subject Specialists in the Reference and Research Services Department of the Killam Library. Linda's appointment began on September 6, 2005, and Dominic's appointment began on September 15, 2005.

Linda Bedwell has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics and History from St. Mary's University, partial completion of an MBA degree from St. Mary's University and an MLIS degree from Dalhousie, 2005.

Linda worked at IMP Aerospace Ltd. from 1992-2001, in various capacities such as Technical Publications Editor and then as Contracts Administrator. While in library school, she worked as a Graduate Research Assistant with the History of the Book in Canada Project and as an Information Desk floater in various branches of the Halifax Public Libraries. She enjoys hiking,

ballroom and swing dance lessons, and spending quality time with her dog, Friday.

Dominic Silvio received an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Environment and Resource Management from University of Toronto, a Diploma in Theology and a Diploma in Philosophy from St. Paul's Major Seminary in Sudan, and an MLIS degree from the University of Western Ontario in 2005.

Dominic has experience working in the University College Library and the Robarts Library at the University of Toronto, in the Markham Public Libraries, and in the D.B. Weldon Library at the University of Western Ontario.

As a subject specialist, Linda Bedwell will be responsible for Sociology and Social Work, Anthropology, Women's Studies and Education. Dominic Silvio will be responsible for collections management in Political Science, International Development Studies and Black Canadian Studies.

Please join us in welcoming these new librarians to the Dalhousie University Libraries' community!

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

What an incredible summer we've had! Over 1,000 Valley children registered for the Summer Reading Program! The theme was a space one this year, Blast Off, and a partnership with Upper Clements Park allowed each child who completed a major portion of the reading and activity projects to receive a free all-inclusive Fast Pass to the park. There have been other prizes and incentives along the way, and the kids have shown great enthusiasm.

Along those lines, staff from 14 Wing Greenwood made presentations in six libraries over the summer. Children, and their families, discovered what is involved in becoming a pilot or a navigator, and discussed flying in general with knowledgeable people.

Children's Librarian Angela Reynolds took her talents on the road with special presentations in nine libraries. Her Ghost Stories involved creepy, scary tales of ghosts and ghoulies from her southern roots. This was for ages 8 and up only (library was not to be held responsible for nightmares!). Her Family Stories was fun and interactive stories for all ages.

We have had several talented summer students,

hired through various avenues of funding, who have offered truly wonderful programming throughout July and August. The space theme carried through to such weekly programs as the Junior Space Club, in Wolfville, and Rockin' Rockets and Mini-Martians Pre-school craft and activities in Windsor. Our story boxes, especially themed activity packages including crafts to be signed out with accompanying books, were further developed and distributed.

We were pleased to host a visit by author and educator, Joyce Grant-Smith, at the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library in July. Joyce offered a writing workshop for children with funding she received from the County of Annapolis.

Once again, the Canadian Federation of University Women, Wolfville, has approved our proposal for funding of \$2000. This money will be spent on pre-determined children's programming to be delivered across the valley. The first event was held at the Kingston Library this month, when author Pamela Hickman shared her love for animals with about 55 guests.

AUTOMATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

The migration process to the new integrated library system has begun. We conducted training sessions for staff, August 22 to October 6. Staff is anxious, yet very excited about the changes.

The schedule of events, developed by staff, has been extremely helpful. Staff members will be better informed when assisting the public with their library accounts. The information available in the new automated system is superior to the current system. The end product will be more informative for the public. The web catalogue will have an image of the book cover where available as well as book reviews, a synopsis and a table of contents. Users will also see which position they are in the holds' queue.

Through the joint efforts of the Provincial Library and headquarters' staff, we have some good news about receipt printers. We will be able to share printers among the staff workstations in a branch. Discussions will take place, at the next Automation Working Group meeting in the Provincial Library, to decide what products will be available from the new system.

Procedures have been developed to minimize the impact of the move to the public.

COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM (CAP)

Through funding from the CAP program, four summer students worked for the AVRL this summer. Efforts made by these students yielded some amazing resources for addition to our public programs. The Regional Working Groups in our region have been coordinating the CAP students.

The AVRL expects that a fall/winter youth program will be available to CAP sites within the next couple of months. The application forms for funding, for the 2005-2006 year, still have to be distributed. It is anticipated that the funding levels will be the same as in 2004-2005.

EQUIPMENT

Hantsport and Kentville are the only libraries left to have wireless routers configured. The service is being well received by users in the locations it has been installed. The Kentville library needed some electrical wiring before the installation could be done.

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARIES

The TD Summer Reading Program at the CBRL has come to an end. In September, 'Closing Parties' were held at all of the branches to give children who completed the program a chance to celebrate their reading achievements and to hand out prizes and certificates. At the CBRL, children registered in grand numbers and we are very proud of the final totals: 695 children completed the Summer Reading Program and read 11,967 books!

The Summer Reading Program's success is the combined effort of many, many people. The list of people will be familiar across regions, but, as a voice from the CBRL, we extend our thanks one more time. In brief, thank you to the TD Summer Reading Club, Library and Archives Canada, and the Canadian Space Agency for the wonderful materials and ideas that they provided. Thanks to our generous sponsors, both locally and nationally (a complete list of sponsors can be found on our website www.cbri.ca), to our encouraging staff members and to the enthusiastic parents and children who visited the library over the summer. The list of contributors is long and the library is grateful, but one name deserves special mention – she is the Co-ordinator of the Summer Reading Program at the CBRL and her hard work, organization and tireless effort to bring children in the area a great Summer Reading Program are appreciated – Thank You Donna MacLeod.

Over the summer months, a few of CBRL's branches were able to hire summer students to fill various positions. The student jobs ranged from computer support, computer training, children's programming, assisting at the front desk staff, shelving, and inventory – to one unique project, a first for the CBRL – creating puppet shows with a Cape Breton theme. Thank you for your time and energy: Corrine Cheetham, Samantha Delaney, Robbie Horwood, Crystal MacInnis, Mary MacNeil, Kathryn Malcom, James Nicholson and Lindsay Thompson. It was great working with you over the summer!

A few of our branches are now wireless hotspots – this makes accessing the internet very



convenient for laptop users in the library. The McConnell library, as well as Baddeck and the Ingonish branches enjoy hotspot status. We hope to extend wireless internet access to other CBRL branches in the future.

Seventeen staff members from the CBRL entered this year's Run for the Cure as "the CBRL Happy Bookers." Staff raised \$878.00 to donate to Run for the Cure. This is the fifth year that the library has entered a team in the event.

From mid September to early October, staff at the CBRL had the opportunity to participate in one-day training sessions on UNICORN. Theresa MacDonald and Angela MacLeod are in charge of training and preparing staff for the transition from MULTILIS to UNICORN.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

ROBERTSON LIBRARY:

"September is the coolest month, breeding huge crowds out of empty study rooms, mixing book-bags and cell-phones, stirring

quiet service desks with fresh students. Summer kept us (very) warm, covering us in forgetful vacations ... " We knew it was coming; we were enthusiastic participants in orientation events for new students and faculty ... and yet, it is still a shock – albeit a pleasant one – to find all public areas of the Library suddenly so busy and frequent lineups at the service desks. A full schedule of Library instruction classes and orientation tours is also well underway, and we were happy to host, in cooperation with the First-Year Advantage Program, our first session of "The Amazing Race" on September 23.

We have had plenty of practice welcoming new faces in recent months, however, with a number of additions to the Library staff team: Roseanne Gauthier and Courtney Matthews are working in Access and Delivery Services and Periodicals, respectively; Jason MacNeil is the digitization technician for our Digital Archives project, and Grant Johnson is our new Systems/Web Coordinator. We also have Louise Mould with us as acting Cataloguing Librarian, while Jannah Toms is just completing a three-month contract as Archival Librarian for our audio-visual archive pilot project.

As the above list suggests, we continue to develop a number of digital projects, mainly in Special Collections (although we are alert to digitization opportunities elsewhere), and are now examining system and server options to allow us to host a greater variety of digital content more efficiently. In addition to our "in-house" activity, we are always on the lookout for relevant e-resources available through purchase/subscription. Some recent acquisitions of note include the following: the ebrary Academic Complete e-book collection, America: History & Life, CAB Abstracts (replacing subscriptions to Beast CD, Parasite CD, and Vet CD) and the Blackwell Synergy e-journals collection.

Looking ahead, we expect to busy implementing the recommendations arising from the comprehensive External Review of the Library, completed in May. We thank the reviewers, Gwen Ebbott, Ed MacDonald and Michael Fox, for their hard work. We also look forward, along with our institutional partners, to new developments with the Atlantic Scholarly Information Network [ASIN] portal.

Annual Report 2004-2005

Treasurer's Annual Report 2004-2005

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association continues to do well with assets totaling \$62,828, despite our expenditures exceeding our revenues for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Revenues from Bulletin advertising and subscriptions were down from what we had anticipated, but still remain solid. Hopefully a change in printers will help control our costs. However, membership rates continue to be high. The revenues from APLA 2004 were not received within this fiscal year and will appear in next year's statement.

There was one First Timer's award, for a total of \$497.10, presented last year to Steve Lelievre. There was \$352.18 available for someone to attend the APLA 2005 conference.

The Memorial Award of \$308.42 was granted to Suzanne Sexty for "Literary Awards in Canada 1900-2000." Unfortunately, the project was not able to use the money within the fiscal year. Four GAF grants were awarded for a total of \$1575 to support the Serials Ecosystems Conference, the Library and Information Technology program reunion, ACCESS, and the Robertson Library in conjunction with PEIPLA to support OLA audio conferences.

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship was awarded to Cathy Cull and Sarah McLean, with each of them receiving \$1115.80. APLA took over the management of this trust in June.

Our first APLA Prize to a graduate of the Library and Information Technician program at the Nova Scotia Community College was awarded to

Heather Zinn. The APLA Prize for a graduate from the MLIS program at Dalhousie University was awarded to Sophie Walker.

I would like to thank the executive members and the membership in general for the opportunity to serve over the past few years. It has been a great learning opportunity and I have had the chance to meet and work with lots of great people.

Submitted by Denise Corey-Fancy

Financial Examiner's Report

[for year 1 April 2004 - 31 March 2005]

To the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association:

have examined for integrity and accuracy the financial records of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association as at 31 March 2005, including the statements of operations, functional expenses, changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended.

My examination was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. In the course of my review of the Association's records I conversed with the Treasurer to receive the necessary documents and to clarify various points.

In my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the organization and its investments as at 31 March 2005, and the

results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the notes to the Statement applied on a basis consistent with that of preceding years.

This year for the first time the investments of the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Fund have been reviewed as the Association is now directly responsible for the management of the Fund.

I have also examined the financial records of the APLA Memorial Awards Trust Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 31 December, 2004.

Peter Glenister
Mount Saint Vincent University
Halifax, Nova Scotia 27 April, 2005

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Revenues and Expenses
March 31, 2005

	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Examined
BULLETIN		
Advertising	2,000.00	1205.00
Subscriptions	1,000.00	812.38
Royalties a	89.63	143.43
Subtotal	3,089.63	2,160.81
CONFERENCE FUND		
Seed (2004) b	1,500.00	0.00
General (2004) b	1,000.00	0.00
Subtotal	2,500.00	0.00
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Memberships	10,000.00	10,669.00
Institutional Memberships	3,000.00	3,500.00
Subtotal	13,000.00	14,169.00
OTHER		
GAF	0.00	0.00
Interest	20.00	7.20
MMF Interest	743.76	743.76
First Timers	497.10	497.10
Carin Somers Scholarship	2,231.60	2,231.60
Miscellaneous	0.00	609.97
Subtotal	3,492.46	4,089.63
TOTAL REVENUE	22,082.09	20,419.44

a American exchange

b Revenue from APLA 2004 was not received until after the fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Examined
BULLETIN		
Packaging & Supplies	30.00	0.00
Printing	9,000.00	8826.25
Postage & Shipping	3,200.00	2059.19
Subtotal	12,230.00	10,885.44
CONFERENCE		
Conference Seed Grant (2005)	1,500.00	1000.00
Conference General (2005)	1,000.00	0.00

Subtotal 2,500.00 1,000.00

MEMBERSHIP 300.00 0.00**APLA PRIZE**

Dal. SLIS prize 500.00 500.00

NSCC prize 500.00 500.00

Subtotal 1,000.00 1,000.00**OTHER**

Executive travel (meetings) 6,900.00 5850.58

President's Travel c 1,000.00 725.63

Executive Projects 2,000.00 1000.00

Registration & Memberships 450.00 550.00

Postage 200.00 139.67

Student Assistants 225.00 225.00

Supplies h 200.00 88.08

APLA Domain 0.00 0.00

Bank fees 110.00 102.27

Subtotal 11,085.00 8,681.23**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

Aims & Objectives 0.00 0.00

Bulletin Management Board 0.00 0.00

Membership 0.00 0.00

Merit Award 88.08 82.23

Nominations 0.00 0.00

Subtotals 88.08 82.23**STANDING COMMITTEES & INTEREST GROUPS**Communications: Directory & extra
postage to mail with Bulletin 500.00 0.00

Other Committees/Interest Groups 0.00 0.00

Subtotal 500.00 0.00

GAF Grant 2,500.00 1,575.00

Miscellaneous 100.00 235.40

Subtotal 2,600.00 1,810.40

Transfer to Memorial Award 1,765.26 1,765.26

Transfer to First Timers Award 2,265.26 0.00

First Timer Award 497.10 497.10

Carin Somers Scholarship 2,231.60 2,231.60

Subtotal 6,759.22 4,493.96**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** 37,062.30 27,953.26**TOTAL REVENUES** 22,082.09 20,419.44**REVENUES - EXPENDITURES** -14,980.21 -7,533.82

c Motion APLA Executive Meeting Sep. 25, 2004.

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STATEMENT

Balance Sheet for Atlantic Provinces Library Association 2004-2005

Assets	2003/2004	2004/2005
Current Accounts	8,937.38	1403.56
First Timers	24,751.86	24,606.94
General Investments (MMF)	37,033.80	36,817.52
Total	70,723.04	62,828.02
Liabilities		
Uncashed cheques	1,984.00	727.32
Equity	68,739.04	62,100.70
Total	70,723.04	62,828.02

MEMORIAL

Atlantic Provinces Library Association Memorial Awards Trust Fund
January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004

Balance Sheet	2004
Savings Account	9,644.67
Investment Certificate [matures 12/05]	6,000.00
Investment Certificate [matures 06/05]	8,000.00
Total	23,644.67

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Receipts

Donations	0.00
Savings Account Interest	1.84
GIC Interest	293.51
Other d	1765.26
Total	2,060.61

Disbursements

Safety Deposit Box	40.25
Award	0.00
Total	40.25

Excess of revenue over disbursements 2,020.36

d 1/2 of 50% of surplus from APLA 2003 (APLA Executive Meeting Apr. 2004).

Amount available to be awarded 2005 738.20

Signature of Financial Examiner:

CARIN ALMA E. SOMERS SCHOLARSHIP

June 3, 2004 - December 31, 2004 e

Investments (31/05/04)	78,483.72
Management fee	609.97
Certificate (06/03/05)	77,873.75
Interest (2004)	1,741.39
GIC (31/12/04)	79,615.14

e The maintenance of this fund was taken over by APLA in June. The fiscal year will run January - December.

Dalhousie SIM Director's Report

School of Information Management
Faculty of Management
Dalhousie University
Director's Report to APLA AGM – May 2005

The Directors report was presented by Judy Dunn on behalf of Fiona Black, who sent her regrets - Fiona was speaking at the Congress of the Humanities in London, Ontario.

Judy described two examples of the astonishing student activity this year. The first activity is Prospectus 2005, an online collaborative job-seeking initiative. The second is the digital "Dalhousie Journal of Information and Management".

A highlight of this past year was that Dalhousie also had CLA President, Stephen Abram as Visitor-in-Residence.

The Professional Partnering Programme continues to be a great success for the students and the School. Thanks to Michael Colborne for being our professional liaison in this endeavour.

In line with the School's and the Faculty's strategic plan, the name of the School changed to School of Information Management, effective 9 May 2005. The accredited degree programme remains the MLIS, and the School will also be contributing to a Faculty-wide Masters in Management.

The School has approximately 100 full and part-time students. The School's move to the new Rowe Management Building is on schedule for August 2005. There will be an official opening in the fall, to which the practitioner community will be invited. The School is also preparing for the visit of the ALA's Committee on Accreditation (COA) External Review Panel (ERP) visit in October 2005 regarding our seven-year accreditation review.

A special event was held to honour Judy Dunn on April 14. In addition, Judy was honoured with this year's Outstanding Alumni Award by the Associated Alumni. Judy is taking up a new position as Assistant Dean in the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto.

The School welcomes JoAnn Watson to the position of MLIS Programme Coordinator, as looks forward to working with her.

Vivian Howard, lecturer in the School for the past several years, has embarked on her PhD, part-time, at the University of Wales at Aberystwyth. Vivian's research focuses on teen reading habits as she will continue to be a faculty member in the School.

The School is a partner in Dalhousie's Interdisciplinary PhD programme and the first LIS PhD student is Heather O'Brien (class of 2002) with thesis supervisor Elaine Toms.

Alumni are particularly generous in supporting the Associated Alumni annual scholarships. In addition this year, a generous cheque was received specifically in support of the Barbara Patton Scholarship fund. The Associated Alumni of the School are thanked for their continuing strong support of the School.

This is the first year that a Showcase of student projects has been an integral part of APLA, following a pilot project last year. The School thanks APLA for its support of our students in this way.

Stan Squires receives Outstanding Public Library Service Award

At the CAPL [Canadian Association of Public Librarians] meeting in Calgary, 15 June 2005, Stan Squires received the BroDart Outstanding Public Library Service Award. In his acceptance speech, where he viewed his career as a homerun, he recalled his years in libraries of the Atlantic Provinces as rounding first base:

Excerpts from the Acceptance Speech by Stan Squires: "Thank you all so much, you are so very kind and generous ... "My remarks tonight are entitled" Books and baseball.

"And books, baseball and teams have followed me throughout my library career...

"I want to thank so many people tonight who have mentored me over my career, encouraged, argued with, and supported me, and who share a piece of this award.

"To continue the baseball analogy and "there is no I in team", and want to start with getting to first base.

"1st base. My first base Coach has to be Roy Stokes, before he came to Canada and to UBC; he was Director at Loughborough Library School in England, where he encouraged me as a student to look beyond the UK and at international librarianship.

"I arrived in Canada on June 30th 1969, on a very hot, humid day and went to Sackville, New Brunswick as teacher-librarian at the Regional high school. Arriving in late afternoon, a fellow teacher offered to show me around Sackville. For those of you who don't know Sackville, it is typical of many rural Canadian communities. One main street, which didn't take long to explore, but whilst we explored we came across a recreation field where baseball game was being played.

"Emigrating from the UK, I had never seen baseball but as a keen sports addict was very interested in any sports. After a few minutes I made a remark that I regret for the rest of my life and one that my family and friends continually remind me of. I said, "what a boring game this is", and moved on... A few weeks later, when school opened, I was leaving the school the first day, and was stopped by a group of Grade 7 students who pleaded with me to umpire their game ... how could I refuse?

"For those of you know me, I am now a baseball addict, season ticket holder for the Jays, will travel far and wide to visit old stadiums, and never miss an opportunity to watch baseball and entertain visitors and colleagues at games as you will hear.

"Following my introduction to baseball... I spent some very happy and informative career years in

both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. I am so pleased to see Norm (Horrocks) here tonight in the room. Norman has been mentor to so many librarians, and I always recall his kind words of support so many years ago. Thank you Norm.

"But along with Norm helping me to get to First Base, 35 years ago, my friends and colleagues from the Atlantic Provinces - Alberta Letts, Mary Fraser, Diane McQuarrie, Katherine McLennan, the Tatamagouche Group, Cathy Ayers fellow rebel, Yvonne Earle, Betsy Armstrong, Alan Macdonald, Penny Marshall, Pam Forsyth, David Witherley, Bonnie Waddell, Aileen Barker and so many others. Thank you.

"You all taught me so much about Canadian librarianship and helped me adjust.

Thank you to you all for lifetime memories and career skills." ...

"As I cross home plate, after more than 40 years of library service, I accept this award conditionally with so many of you and those who cannot be here. Every minute has been a blast; I would, without hesitation, repeat every minute of it.

"Thank you so much, to you all and to Arthur Brody, BroDart and CAPL."

Edited content, from speaking notes forwarded by Norman Horrocks

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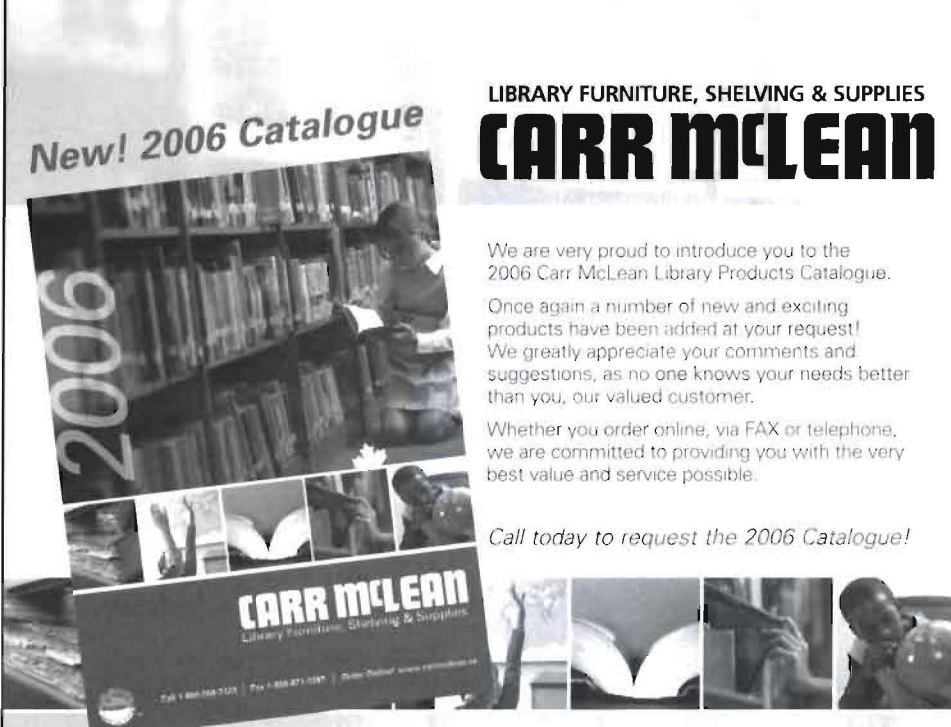
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Nous devons dans une première étape nous assurer d'une évaluation qualitative de nos services à la clientèle. Il faut s'assurer de la disponibilité des volumes rapidement par la bibliothèque ou le réseau. Nous devons également nous assurer d'une programmation de

qualité pour toutes la clientèle qui utilise nos services. Tout ce suivi qualitatif nous cerne les carences ou les points forts de celle-ci. Nous orientons nos efforts à satisfaire notre clientèle qui reviendra si elle est satisfaite. C'est à vous tous de pouvoir développer des instruments d'évaluation qui seront permanents pour tâter le pouls de vos usagers. Mais il faut toujours être au diapason du développement.

Une autre étape est peut-être d'introduire un petit coin librairie qui vous rapportera des revenus pour y développer vos collections. L'ajout d'un petit café est également une source de revenus. Vous pourrez confirmer à vos paliers de décisions l'apport économique que vous favorisez pour votre développement. Une autre étape sera la production de spectacles avec des artistes locaux et la co-production de tournées avec des groupes ou d'autres artistes pour promouvoir l'expression d'une langue orale ou écrite. Vous deviendrez un

centre culturel avec une forte attraction et pourrez également profiter de revenus sur les spectacles.

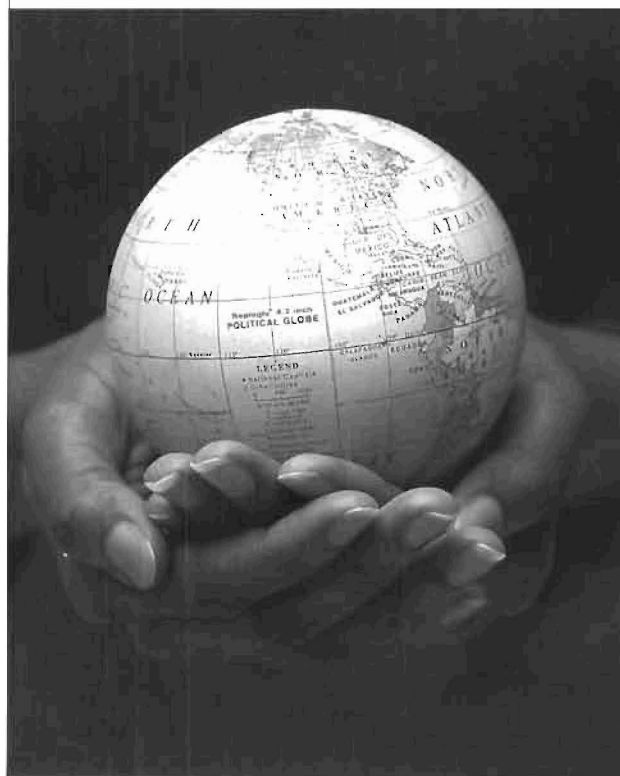
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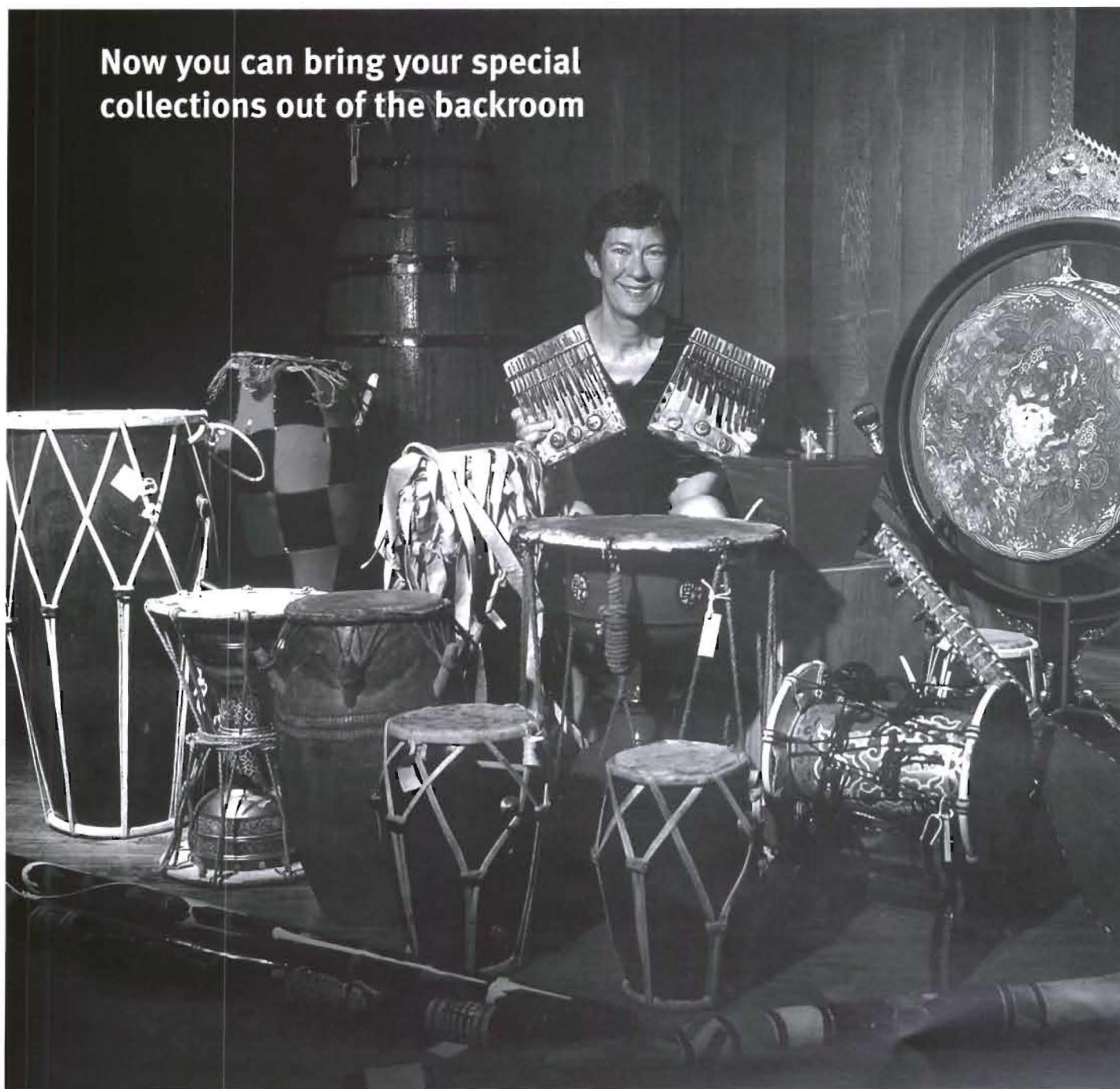
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To apply, please send a letter outlining your proposed project, details of costs, and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 15, 2006 to:

Tanja Harrison
Committee Chair
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APLA Merchandise Survey

In response to requests for APLA merchandise, the executive has created a short survey to determine member interest in different types of Atlantic Provinces Library Association [APLA] branded items.

Please take a moment to visit the survey site. Let us know what APLA items you would like to have made available.

The APLA Merchandise Survey can be found by following its link from the APLA News web page <<http://www.apla.ca/news.cfm>>

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Feeling like your creativity is being stifled at work? Want to contribute your expertise to APLA but not sure how?

I'm chair of APLA's Communication and Public Relations Committee. Those of you who checked off their interest in working with the Committee will be contacted shortly, but I thought I would also send out a general call for anyone who is interested in joining the Committee. We will be doing lots of interesting things this year, including investigating merchandising and promotion with @ your library (tm) and working with the new APLA blogs.

If you want to lend a hand, simply drop me a line.

Gillian Byrne, Convenor,

Communications and Public Relations

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2006 APLA Merit Award

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association invites nominations for the Association's Merit Award.

The Merit Award is conferred on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library service in the Atlantic Provinces.

Nominations accompanied by appropriate documentation of the nominee and her/his contribution(s) should be sent by January 31, 2005 to:

Allan Groen

Provincial Librarian

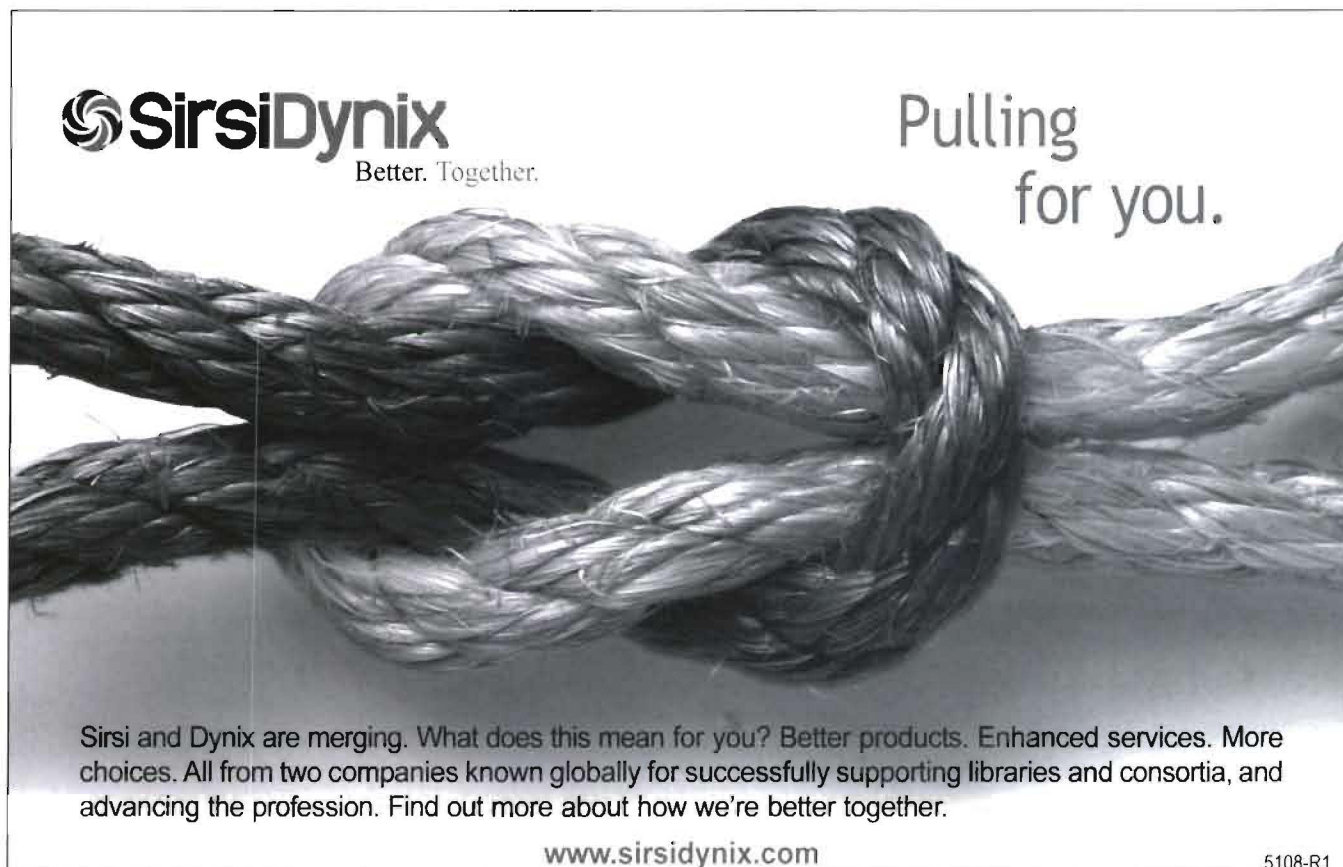
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From the President's Desk

MORE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I would like to acknowledge our newest conveners and thank them for volunteering to actively participate in the Interest Groups. Hansel Cook will be convening Computers and Connectivity, Karen Darby will be convening Library Technicians and Elizabeth Millar will be convening for New Librarians and Information Professionals.

I would like to thank Gordon Bertrand for all his work on the redesign of the website. It looks great! I encourage institutional members to send in photos of their buildings to showcase on the site.

I would like to thank Ewa Piorko, our treasurer, for the countless hours spent at the bank and with Revenue Canada setting up our MasterCard and VISA accounts, investigating PayPal and online payment methods, and completing all the paperwork associated with creating our newest Charitable Trust: The Grow a Library Trust.

I would like to congratulate Frances Newman (Local Arrangements Chair) and NSLA on a very successful and enjoyable conference this year and Jennifer Evans, Nova Scotia's new Provincial Librarian, on her new position!

Once again, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact myself or any member of the executive.

Jennifer Richard,
APLA President

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Librarians at the University Job Fair

was accepted, they were then perplexed and mystified by what one actually studies in library school. Many a soul believed that the time spent at library school involves nothing more than reading books, cataloguing those very books, and subsequently shelving them! There was consistent failure to recognize the theoretical and practical issues which constitute a Masters of Library and Information Science.

Being a library school student myself, it was rewarding to promote and advocate the profession to other individuals considering whether or not to apply to one of Canada's several library schools. As no library school exists within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I believe, based on my experience at the Career Fair, that it would very much be in the interest of library schools in Canada to consider attending Memorial's Career Fair in the future. It is a great opportunity to introduce a very interesting and marketable Masters degree to students that have both already graduated, or are doing so in the near future.

I wish to express sincere thanks to APLA for providing the financial resources necessary for participation in the event.

Shannon Gordon
Queen Elizabeth II Library, Information Services,
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Take Part in Upcoming Education Institute Programs!

HERE IS A LISTING OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

November:

Monday, Nov. 21: Beyond Book Displays: Proactive Reading Promotion for Adults

Tuesday, Nov. 22: New Technologies and Libraries

Wednesday, Nov. 23: Becoming a Manager: It Is a Different World

Friday, Nov. 25: Developing and Promoting Graphic Novel Collections

Monday, Nov. 28: Annual Reports: How to Do Them Right!

Tuesday, Nov. 29: Booktalking for Teens that Works

Wednesday, Nov. 30: Creating Possibilities and Strategic Positioning through Fundraising

December:

Thursday, Dec. 1: Yes You Can! the Teacher-Librarian's Tool Kit for Student Success

Thursday, Dec. 1: Introduction to Disaster Planning for Libraries

Thursday, Dec. 1: Annual Reports: How to Do Them Right!

Monday, Dec. 5: Yes You Can! the Teacher-Librarian's Tool Kit for Student Success

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Web Design for the Design Challenged

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Yes You Can! the Teacher-Librarian's Tool Kit for Student Success

Thursday, Dec. 8: Libraries, Learning and Communities: Roles and Value

For more information check out the APLA website under Partnerships & Projects:
<http://www.thepartnership.ca/cgibin/site/showPage.cgi?page=education/calendar.html>

The APLA General Activities Fund

The APLA General Activities Fund provides funds for projects or activities which will further the aims and objectives of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

Applications will be considered based on the availability of funds. Applications should state topic and date of activity, relevancy to the Atlantic library community and APLA, sponsoring bodies, estimated costs and revenues, and a contact person.

Host sites for current programs offered by the Education Institute are encouraged to apply this year. As well, individuals or organizations developing face to face workshops that might be promoted through the Education Institute, are urged to apply.

Applications should be submitted anytime before March 31, 2006 to:

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Eileen Wallace Fellowship

The Eileen Wallace Research Fellowship in Children's Literature, valued up to \$5,000 (CDN) per annum, invites proposals for research and scholarship using the resources of the University of New Brunswick's Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection. Proposals are welcomed from anyone who can provide evidence of competence and scholarly background and outline a practical and worthwhile project using the resources of the Collection. Application forms are available from: Office of the Dean of Education, University of New Brunswick, PO Box 4400, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5A3, Canada. Telephone (506) 453-4862 or on our website <http://www.lib.unb.ca/collections/clc/>. Deadline for application is March 1st of any year, with fellowship to be awarded after July 1st of the same year.

Join the APLA Discussion List

Join the APLA Discussion List

APLA-L is an unmoderated discussion list for people who are interested in library issues in Atlantic Canada. The APLA list is:

- place to post notices about workshops, seminars, and other events
- source of current information about the actions of the APLA Executive
- forum for sharing questions, comments and ideas about library services
- place to post job advertisements

to subscribe to the APLA list, send the command "sub apla-list" to listserv@lists.dal.ca.

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From Ivan Douthwright

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Carin was always a tireless supporter of public service, libraries and both the Canadian Library Association and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. During her time as Provincial Librarian, 100% of the population of Nova Scotia became served by public libraries. She was

president of APLA, a second vice president of CLA, a guest lecturer at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Services and a frequent speaker at trustees meetings. In 1988, APLA honoured Carin with its Merit Award. Carin died in 1990. The terms the trust established by her family, are a demonstration of her interest in people and in the profession which she chose. (preceeding from the APLA Bulletin, May/June, 1990 and Sept./Oct. 1996)

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association administers the Carin Somers Scholarship Trust. The trust provides an annual scholarship in her name to assist a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree of Master of Library Science. Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee. The successful applicant will have been accepted at

an accredited School of Graduate Studies as a candidate for a masters degree in Library Science. The award will normally be announced at the Ordinary General Meeting held at the Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association Spring Conference.

Application forms are available online in both English and in French.

Applications should be submitted by March 31, 2006 to:

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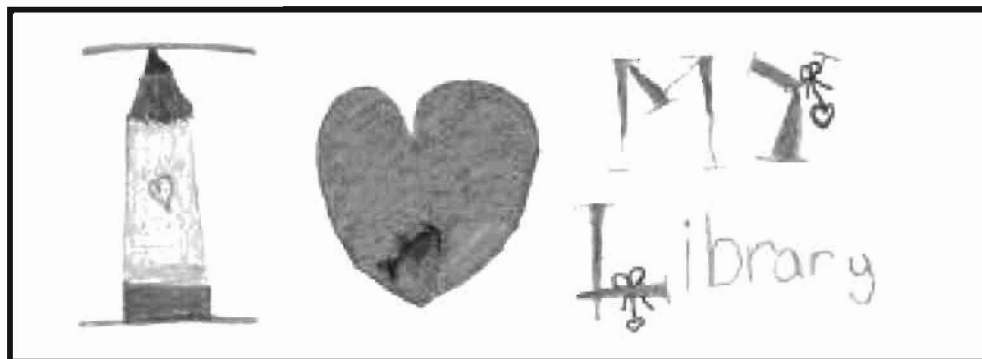
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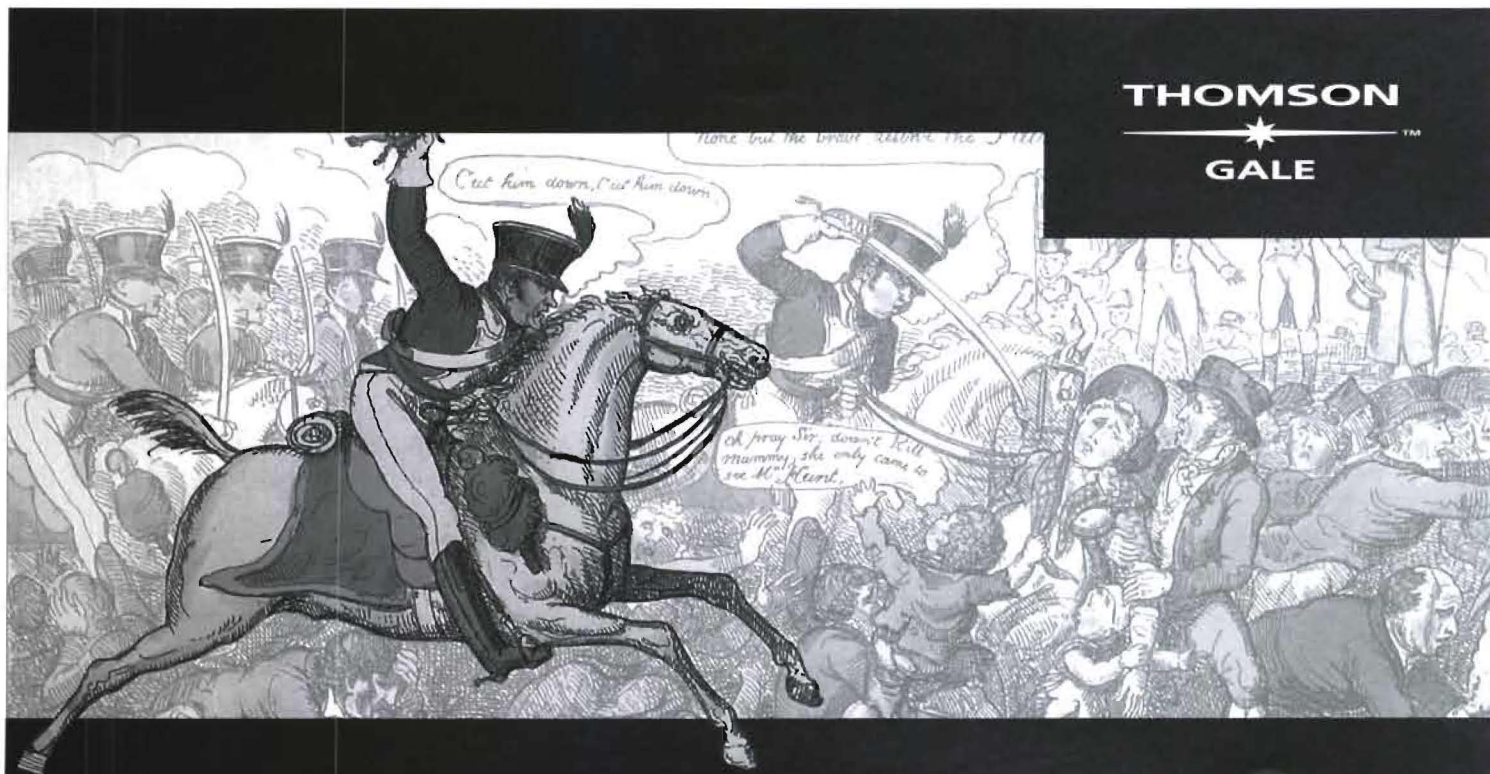
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