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See You In St. John's!

The view from here



Vue d'en haut

This pre-conference issue of the *Bulletin* is full of information you'll need to get the most out of APLA 2003: The View From Here/La vue d'en haut. From the minutes of last year's Ordinary General Meeting to the location of the liquor store, you'll find it in these pages. Up-to-the-minute information is also available on the conference website at staff.library.mun.ca/APLA/ and on the APLA listserv.

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From The President's Desk

This is my final opportunity to speak directly to the membership through the *Bulletin*. As such, I want to say that it has been a real privilege to serve as APLA president. I have enjoyed every bit of it and encourage you all to seek nomination for this chance to meet with the many fine people working for libraries in the Atlantic Provinces.

First and foremost, I want to remember Joy Tillotson, who passed away in St. John's, NL on February 20, 2003. As many of you know, Joy was an active member of APLA, serving both as president in 1987/1988 and subsequently as vice-president (membership) in 2000/2001. She was convener of interest groups and committees, including conference planning committees, and was twice editor of the *Bulletin*. Beyond APLA and Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, I am aware that Joy served on CACUL, presented at numerous conferences, and conducted and published research. During the time that Joy was sick, I was reminded of her ubiquity while assisting a student to find an article published in the 1980s. We were using the *Canadian Periodical Index* when my eye was arrested by a citation for an article by J. Tillotson called "Library week a success." I know that Joy was a vital part of many successful library weeks.

You will find annual reports from executive members and conveners of the numerous committees and interest groups in this pre-conference issue of the *Bulletin*. This practice gives members who are unable to

attend the conference a chance to see the reports for 2002/2003. These people are doing excellent work for the association and for you, the members.

One of the items that is being discussed by the library community in Canada is a bid to host IFLA 2008 in Québec City. ASTED has proposed this and APLA has written to support the bid. Québec City is in competition with Rome to hold this international conference.

Jane Archibald of the Killam Memorial Library represented APLA at a Brown Bag Lunch at DALSLIS. Jane joined representatives from NSLA and HLA to talk about Association Involvement Beyond CLA.

One of the things that the executive must deal with in the short term is the transfer of the

Carin Alma E. Somers Trust to another financial institution. It seems that the trust, at a market value of \$75,000, is not of a size to warrant the expertise of TD Canada Trust. If anyone has some advice on this matter, please bring it to my attention.

The Executive meets once more in Moncton before APLA 2003 in St. John's, where we are looking forward to seeing many of you in person. Besides the many wonderful presentations to attend and the exhibits to visit, the social events are a vital component of any APLA conference. Please join us at the Past Presidents' Reception on Thursday evening to start the conference off by honouring our past president, Norine Hanus, and visiting with many other past APLA presidents.



Conference committee members Annette Anthony, Heather Roberts, Bernie Conran and Marguerite Jones share details of their work to date.

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In Memoriam: Joy Tillotson (1953-2003)

Music, mathematics, and motorcycles were just some of the interests in Joy's life. But it was another avocation which brought her to Newfoundland originally and to the path that led to a career in librarianship. In 1974, Joy arrived in St. John's to work as the road manager for the Newfoundland Travelling Theatre Company. It was a summer of long drives (often on dirt roads), sleeping on school floors, managing frayed nerves, and having a whale of a time with Mary Walsh, Greg and Beni Malone, Tommy Sexton and other later to be well-known performers. Something about the city and the island spoke to her and she stayed to get a master's degree in mathematics. During her studies Joy met the librarians in the university library. She liked what they did and enjoyed their company enough to go back to university, this time to Simmons College for her master's degree in library science.

For the next 24 years (1979-2003) Joy used her talents to improve the research experiences of many patrons at both Memorial University of Newfoundland and the National Research Council of Canada. Joy took up a position as an information services librarian at Memorial University after her return from Simmons. Except for the years from 1984-1990, Joy remained in this division taking on the headship in 1991, a position which she held until her death. The years when Joy "strayed" from the University were spent as Branch Head,



Joy Tillotson

Marine Dynamics Branch, Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (National Research Council of Canada).

Throughout her career Joy exemplified the best of librarianship, both on the job and in her professional activities. She played leadership roles in provincial, regional, and national organizations. Her list of professional activities is long and varied and includes the presidency of both the Newfoundland Library Association and APLA, council member of the Canadian Library Association (CLA), and a member of the CLA Monographs Editorial Board. APLA also benefited from her terms as secretary and vice president for membership and from the two times that she was a member of the *APLA Bulletin* editorial board.

As part of the library studies certificate program offered at Memorial University, Joy played a role in professionalizing the

work of library technicians. For 10 years she developed and taught a course on reference skills and tools. The manual she wrote for this course went through nine editions with her as author and now, in its 11th edition, with her as co-author. From articles on topological space, bench marking waiting times, and web searching to conference presentations on questionnaire construction, Canadian locations for international polar science literature, and using computers to search the 18th century, Joy's list of publications and conference presentations is extensive and reflects the diversity of experiences that she brought to her work. A recent article, "Web site evaluation: a survey of undergraduates," was chosen as the Outstanding Paper published in the 2002 volume of *Online Information Review*.

It isn't hard for us to think that Joy was born to be a librarian, but she questioned her decision at least once. To satisfy her curiosity, Joy decided to take a career interest inventory to see what work she was best suited for. She was amused when the results told her that she should be a librarian.

Joy passed away on February 20, 2003 after a short illness. For her colleagues, who learned, practised, and developed with her, the loss is very great indeed. In accordance with Joy's wishes, donations may be made to the Joy Tillotson Memorial Fund c/o the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of

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From St. Jerome's Den

Spring is too long in coming this year but the silly season is right on time. April 15 was the deadline for entries to the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest (www.Bulwer-Lytton.com). In case you have forgotten, this is the contest that honours the Victorian novelist Edward George Bulwer-Lytton who penned these opening lines to *Paul Clifford* (1830):

It was a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents—except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness.

And you thought it was Snoopy.

The contest was started in 1982 and is sponsored by the English Department at San José State University. Not surprisingly, it challenges entrants to compose the opening sentence to the worst of all possible novels. And also not surprisingly, there are thousands of entries each year.

By the way, there is a Canadian connection to Bulwer-Lytton. Whitewater enthusiasts may recognize the name as that of the confluence of the Thompson and Fraser Rivers in British Columbia, and of the town of Lytton, BC. This area was named to honour Bulwer-Lytton who was Colonial Secretary when the province received its present-day name.

You may also recognize these quotations which are attributed to Bulwer-Lytton:

Beneath the rule of men entirely great, The pen is mightier than the sword.

Imitation, if noble and general, insures the best hope of originality. [How ironic?]

But no article on the contest would be complete without a sampling of the winners.

The camel died quite suddenly on the second day, and Selena fretted sulkily and, buffing her already impeccable nails—not for the first time since the journey began—pondered snidely if this would dissolve into a vignette of minor inconveniences like all the other holidays spent with Basil.

Gail Cain, San Francisco, California (1983 Winner)

The bone-chilling scream split the warm summer night in two, the first half being before the scream when it was fairly balmy and calm and pleasant for those who hadn't heard the scream at all, but not calm or balmy or even very nice for those who did hear the scream, discounting the little period of time during the actual scream itself when your ears might have been hearing it but your brain wasn't reacting yet to let you know.

Patricia E. Presutti, Lewiston, New York (1986 Winner)

As the fading light of a dying day filtered through the window blinds, Roger stood over his victim with a smoking .45, surprised at the serenity that filled him after pumping six slugs into the bloodless tyrant that mocked him day after day, and then he shuffled out of the office with one last look back at the shattered computer terminal lying there like a silicon armadillo left to rot on the information superhighway.

Larry Brill, Austin, Texas (1994 Winner)

In Memoriam: Joy Tillotson (1953-2003)

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Newfoundland, St. John's, NL A1B 3Y1. The fund will be used in a way which will benefit the library and the School of Music.

By Suzanne Sexty, Honorary Research Librarian, Memorial University of Newfoundland

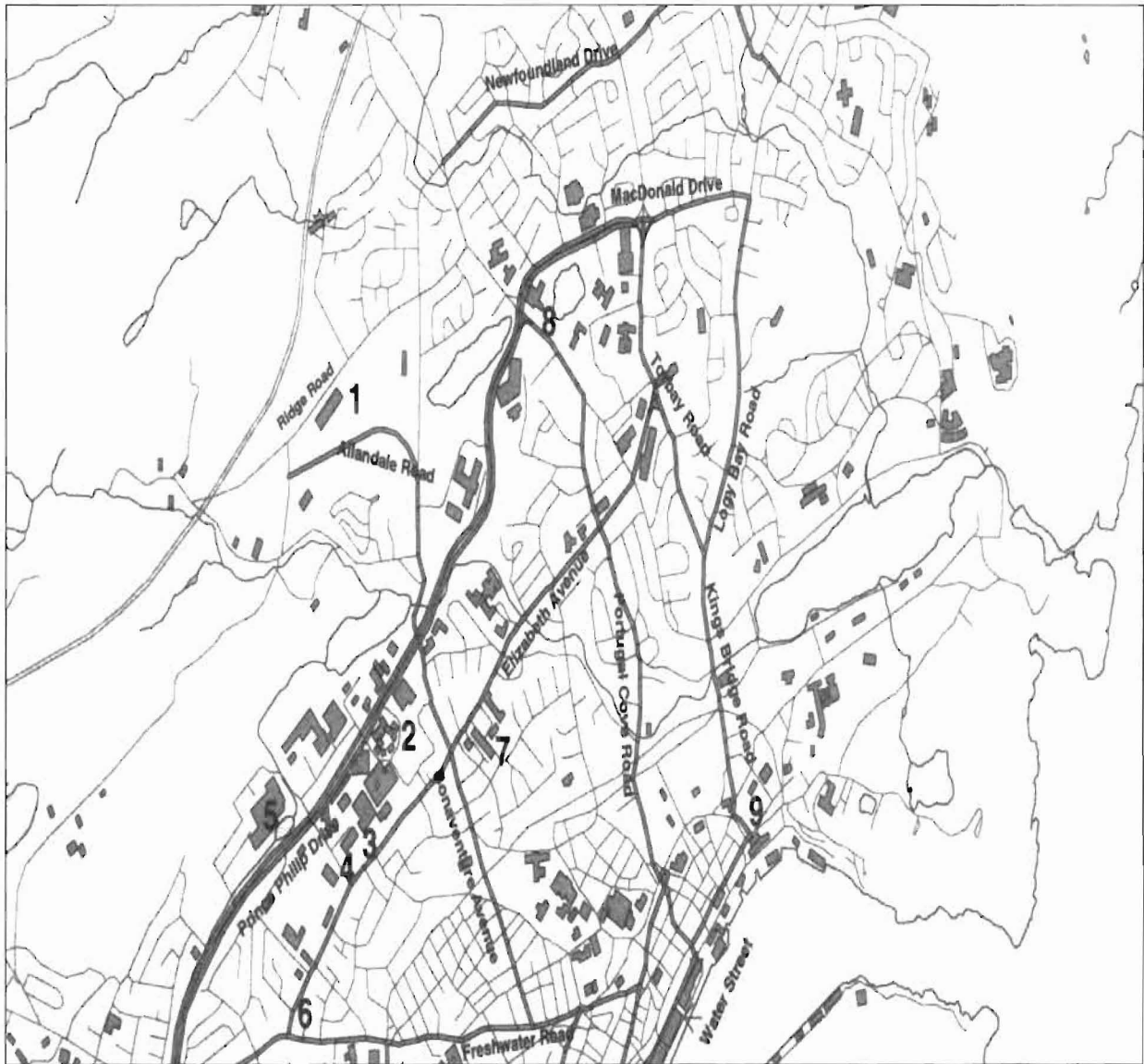
In respect to Joy's editing propensities, the commas and capitals have been kept to only those which are absolutely necessary.



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Legend

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| 1 | Marine Institute - location of sessions | 5 | Health Sciences Centre - hospital |
| 2 | Paton College (Hatcher House) - residence | 6 | Guv'nor Inn |
| 3 | Arts & Administration Building - Past Presidents' reception | 7 | Churchill Square - groceries, liquor, drug store, shops |
| 4 | Field House/Aquarena - athletic facilities | 8 | Holiday Inn |
| | | 9 | Fairmont Newfoundland Hotel |

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**Marine Institute
Memorial University of Newfoundland
May 22-25, 2003
staff.library.mun.ca/APLA/**

The Planning Committee for APLA 2003 has prepared this fact sheet to help make your conference experience more pleasant.

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

Sample taxi fares* (there is no airport bus) to:

Memorial University of Newfoundland (Paton College residences)	\$12.50
Holiday Inn	\$12.50
Delta St. John's Hotel	\$17.50
Fairmont Newfoundland Hotel (aka Hotel Newfoundland)	\$17.50
Guv'nor Inn	\$17.50

*Sample fares are for the designated airport taxi company (Gulliver's). There may be a \$2.50 per person charge for each additional passenger.

**ACCOMMODATION IN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE
(Hatcher House, Paton College)**

When you arrive, go to Hatcher House for your room assignment. The check-in desk is open from 8:00 am to midnight. If you arrive at any other time, there is a number to call for service.

A schedule for the shuttle bus to the Marine Institute will be available at Hatcher House.

REGISTRATION - HOURS AND LOCATIONS

Thursday, May 22 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Arts and Administration Bldg. (Main Campus) - 5th floor Penthouse (aka University Club)
Friday, May 23 7:30 am-5:00 pm	Marine Institute, Lobby
Saturday, May 24 8:30 am-3:30 pm	Marine Institute, Lobby

PARKING

If you are staying in residence, ask for a permit at the check-in desk. You can park without a permit at the Marine Institute.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



LITERACY INITIATIVES/ INITIATIVES D'ALPHABÉTISATION

The Saint John Family Literacy Committee hosted the provincial Family Literacy Conference in the Atrium of Market Square. The program included two clay workshops, one for adults and one for children. Several guest readers entertained the participants and the official ceremonies featured

Honorary Chair Diane Lord, Premier Bernard Lord, and Lieutenant-Governor Marilyn Trenholm-Counsell. Several libraries across the province celebrated this special day with programs and by giving away objects such as pencils, magnets, bookmarks, stickers and t-shirts.

La Région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean a reçu un certificat de reconnaissance de la Fédération d'alphabétisation du Nouveau-Brunswick avec ABC Canada pour les activités organisées lors de la Journée d'alphabétisation familiale le 27 janvier 2003 ainsi que les efforts déployés durant ces dernières années dans le domaine de l'alphabétisation.

One of the many early childhood literacy partnerships between the public library system and other groups is the

"Born to Read/Le goût de lire" program. York Library Region began such a partnership in 2002. The initiative provides 6000 English and 2000 French bookbags per year to all newborn babies according to the mother's language. York offers space to store the materials as well as meeting room space.

The "Babies in the Library" program brings parents, caregivers and babies into the library for 30 minutes of movement, songs, finger plays and rhymes. Originally developed and implemented in the Saint John Library Region, funding was provided to develop the French component. A successful pilot project took place in the Saint-Antoine Public Library. A provincial training session for "Bébés dans la bibliothèque" was held in late March in Moncton.

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Premier Bernard Lord with volunteers at the Family Literacy Day Celebrations in Market Square

DEVELOPMENT IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES/ DEVELOPPEMENT DANS LES NOUVELLES TECHNOLOGIES

As of February 2003, every student of the New Brunswick Community Colleges has access to online databases Répère, Ebsco's Masterfile Elite, Computer Source and Canadian Reference Center. Also, in the near future, all campus library catalogues will be available on the web.

Public libraries across the province have continued to offer basic computer skills, e-mail and Internet public training sessions. Web awareness sessions have also been offered at the Saint John Free Public Library and the Sussex Public Library.

JEUX DU CANADA GAMES

The Games were very successful in the Restigouche and Chaleur regions. The excitement spread over the province. Many public libraries benefited from a grant to purchase new books which were proudly displayed in those libraries in the weeks preceding and during the Games. Activities and exhibits abounded. Libraries showed their support and encouragement by organizing Scrabble games, treasure

hunts, and draws; displays of flags from each province and territory represented; demonstrations of various sports; and talks by coaches.

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS/AUTRES ACTIVITES SPECIALES

"Freedom to Read," "Heritage Week", "Black History Month," and "Learning Disabilities Month" featured book and poster displays. Author Flora Kidd spoke about writing her trilogy on the Marco Polo and author David Goss shared letters from his Valentine's box.

A new bilingual radio spot was created by La Bibliothèque Le Cormoran to remind immersion students and their parents that they have books to help with homework.

Another initiative by the Grand Manan Public Library was an annual silent auction which raised over \$3100 for the library.

DONATIONS/DONS

La Bibliothèque Champlain de l' Université de Moncton a reçu deux dons importants: une collection d' environ 3000 monographies portant sur la littérature américaine et une collection d' ouvrages portant sur la musique durant la période médiavale.

Submitted by Jeanne Maddix



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Public Library's e-mail

addresses have all changed to firstnamelastname@nlpubliclibraries.ca. The old addresses will remain active for a short while. The Public Library's web site will also soon have a new URL: www.nlpubliclibraries.ca.

St. John's Region

The A.C. Hunter Adult Library at the St. John's Arts & Culture Centre is sponsoring a Newfoundland Author Reading Series. Recent guests have included David Benson, who read from his book *And We Were Sailors: Poetry and Essays* on February 19; Joshua Jamieson, author of *The Teenage Years...Mapped*, on March 11; and Paul Bowdring on March 19.

The Library Book Club has been meeting on the first Wednesday of each month for discussion of the following:

- January: *Clara Callan* by Richard Wright
- February: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- March: The Thomas Hardy novel of choice
- April: *That Summer in Paris* by Morley Callaghan

The A.C. Hunter Children's Library sponsored readings in its Activity Room. Guests included storyteller Liam Murphy, who presented stories for older children and adults on March 4, and Susan Chalker-Browne, who read from her new picture book *Goodness Gracious Gulliver Mulligan* on March 29.

On Saturday, March 8, Carmelita McGrath led a Writing Workshop for aspiring writers, aged 16 and up, in the Activity Room. An "After School Club" met in the Activity Room on Thursdays from March 6 through March 27.

Lisa Wilson, formerly with the library at the College of the North Atlantic's Seal Cove campus, is replacing Heather Myers as Children's Librarian at the

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

A.C. Hunter Children's Library. Heather Myers is temporarily acting Lending Services Librarian for the A.C. Hunter Library, St. John's.

Central Region

The new year has started off on a busy note for all branches in Central Division. Public Library CAP sites received another round of funding from Industry Canada which will come in handy for hardware/software upgrades and extra hours of access -- both high priority items on local library agendas.

Central Division Office has received funding under the HRDC Job Creation Program for a Regional Community Access Coordinator for 30 weeks. Tina Murphy has been hired to do a needs assessment of all CAP sites in the Kittiwake Area and to research CAP sites in the Atlantic Region to learn about sustainability success stories. "We hope to come up with some viable options for sustainability for our CAP sites," says Central Division Manager Pat Parsons. "We want to know how our neighbours across the gulf are coping with funding shortfalls, the cost of continuous upgrades, and the expectations of the public."

Family Literacy Day was a big success in many branches in January. Many libraries hosted family readings with mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and kids reading lots of funny winter stories and poetry to help make light of the freezing temperatures outside.

Everyone is gearing up for our annual April Library Week Celebrations sponsored by the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association from April 28-May 3.

The theme this year is "Books

& Bergs", and promises to be lots of fun for everyone. Library Week runs right into National I.T. Week, and with many library CAP sites hosting open houses and Internet games, May will certainly get off to a crazy start!

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

College of the North Atlantic

Ron Knowling is replacing Bonnie Morgan, who is on leave from the College's Seal Cove campus library.

Queen Elizabeth II Library

Marguerite Jones is on a six-month sabbatical, completing her bibliography of the Basques and Newfoundland. Gillian Byrne's contract in Information Services has been extended.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador's Law Library has moved to new quarters on Water Street.

Dana Feltham, formerly with the College of the North Atlantic library in Clarenville, has taken a position with the Newfoundland Ocean Industries Association.

ASSOCIATIONS

Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association Library Week 2003

The goal of Newfoundland and Labrador Library Week is to make people aware of the broad range of services provided to them by the libraries of Newfoundland and Labrador and to encourage people to visit their own libraries during library week and the rest of the year. Special activities are hosted by many libraries throughout the province during Library Week.

Library Week 2003 will be held April 28 - May 4. The plan-

ning committee is comprised of Michelle Walters, Stacey Anthony, Jewel Cousens, Christine Davies, Dana Feltham, Theresa Hynes, and Lisa Wilson. The theme for NLLA Library Week 2003 is "Books and Bergs - Don't be left out in the cold this Library Week!" The website at www.infonet.st-johns.nf.ca/providers/nlla/lib-week2003/ includes these "ice-breaker" activities:

- Iceberg Quiz - Take the chill out of the air by warming up to some great trivia!
- Puzzles to get you crackin'!
- Read cool books!
- Check out these coool links to iceberg info
- CONTEST!! Enter our berg limerick contest

Submitted by
Dianne Taylor-Harding



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Community Access Program (CAP)

Eight of our eleven branches offered computer training programs for the public between September and March. These programs consisted of one-on-one tutorials, after-school computer programs and topic-specific workshops. This spring we will extend the program to all eleven branches for a six-month period. The individual CAP site committees are excited about the service that is made available through these funds.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES ... CONTINUED

Mobile Branches

Well, it's almost ready. The new bookmobile will be on the road in March. It is undergoing some final work before it's ready to roll. The outside of the bus will sport the banner logo from our website.

Smart Libraries Project

The second year of the Smart Libraries funding is nearing a close. In the final year (2003-04) we will look at any additional developments and sustainability. The administrative components of the site have been the key in allowing us to keep it up to date. It has been decided to discontinue the seniors portion of the site and focus on the kids and teens. A promotional article in the *Regional* was published on February 25th and included a two-page spread promoting the website as well as libraries in general.

LibraryNet

We were fortunate to receive LibraryNet funding for the nine-week period of January to March. Two young people were hired through this initiative to perform research focusing on the website and youth. The research included focus group sessions with library users aged 12-15. These participants were asked a series of questions relating to our site and then given some homework to complete for a second session in March. We have received some really good feedback from these groups (maybe it helped that we fed them pizza).

Another aspect of this project involves working with two elementary schools. As part of the language arts program, teachers have agreed to ask children to post their comments on the books they read to our site. It is hoped that this will result in increased

usage of the site and some communication between the two schools.

Branch Services Report

The library celebrated Family Literacy Day on January 27 by hosting a display, in partnership with the Annapolis County Learning Network, at the Greenwood Mall. Associated library programs took place in individual branches that day and throughout the week.

The Annapolis Royal Library recently hosted an evening program entitled 'Meet with a Reading Specialist'. Parents were invited to drop by and talk with reading specialist Jane Power-Grimm, who offered tips on how to help children become better readers.

On February 27, the Annapolis Royal Library invited everyone to 'Join Us For Coffee'. Staff were on hand to promote talking books and other special-needs services.

The Middleton Library offered a series of preschool story and craft sessions. Thank you to Shelley Lincoln for her efforts in this endeavour.

The Circle of Readers Book Group is organized by Kentville branch staff and meets once a month at the Kentville library. This adult group reads and discusses a new title each month.

At the Windsor Library, the Hackmatack Book Club is under way. This is an eight-week program of fun activities and discussion where children help pick the winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Awards.

African Heritage Month was promoted in all our libraries through special booklists and displays. March 5th featured the showing of the video *Rose Fortune: Rhythm Stick to Freedom* at the Annapolis Royal Library. Rose Fortune was the daughter of Black Loyalist refugees; she became an entrepreneur in the town of Annapolis Royal in the late 1700s, transporting goods to and from the ships at the town wharf.

All branch programs are listed on our website's Calendar of Events at www.valleylibrary.ca.

Halifax Regional Library New Cataloguing System

The Library's online catalogue is getting a whole new look! During the spring of 2003, we'll be changing over to new software which will be more visually appealing and ultimately more user-friendly for the public. The new software, with its cleaner, more contemporary look, will also enable users to link directly from the catalogue to both e-branch (the Library's website) and the Internet. By the end of



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2003, links from the catalogue will also provide customers with access to book reviews, book cover art, and table-of-contents information on popular titles. To support this new catalogue, the Library will be installing new personal computers to replace the current catalogue terminals. These new computers will help the Library better meet demand for improved access to its collection as well as to the Internet. HRL's entire collection will remain accessible from home through the Library's website at www.halifax.library.ns.ca. PC installation at all 14 branches of the HRL system will be completed through the summer months.

Halifax Regional Library's IT Learning Centres Providing a Great Service for Non-Profits

The Halifax Regional Library is offering a great opportunity for non-profit groups looking for a way to provide IT training to their staff. With three Information Technology Learning Centres,

located at the Alderney Gate, Keshen Goodman and Sackville branches, the Library is filling a much-needed role in the community by offering this crucial service free to non-profits. The three branches have quiet and comfortable training rooms which are fully equipped with high-speed Internet access, presentation equipment, a laser printer, the latest Microsoft Office software and more. They provide the perfect environment for teaching everything from basic computer and job search skills to how to use email or the Internet. They're also a great spot for groups to get together to develop websites, create newsletters or prepare for fundraisers. The flexible set-up also allows each group to decide how to best use the space and equipment depending upon their own requirements. A trainer can also be made available to interested groups.

Halifax Regional Library Wins American Library Association's Most Prestigious Award

The Halifax Regional Library is pleased to announce that it has won the American Library

Association's prestigious John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award. HRL received the award, which honours outstanding achievement in library public relations, for its promotion of 2002's Summer Reading Club. The John Cotton Dana Award is the most prestigious of all library awards in the public relations field and is important not only to the winning library, but also to the communities so positively impacted by these outstanding programs. The John Cotton Dana is the Halifax Regional Library's fourth award received over the last year. Other awards are the LibraryNet "Best Practices" award for innovative Internet use in Canadian public libraries, the ALA's "Best of Show" award, and the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Architecture (Keshen Goodman Library).

IWK Health Centre Foundation Supports Early Literacy Programs at HRL

Fall 2002 marked the official launch of "Baby's First Books" infant literacy programs at the Halifax Regional Library. This

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new programming initiative, made possible by a generous grant of \$9500 from the IWK Health Centre Foundation External Grants Program, allowed for staff training and program resources to be provided at seven of HRL's branches. As a result of this, "Baby's First Books" programs were offered throughout the fall and will be continuing into 2003, with new locations coming on board. This very successful funding partnership with the IWK Health Centre Foundation has enabled Halifax Regional Library to greatly enhance our services to families by offering early literacy programs on a long-term and sustainable basis and by providing enhanced collections to support these programs. The support we have received for this important programming initiative has been very much appreciated.

Eastern Counties Regional Library NSLA/LBANS 2003 conference update!

Eastern Counties Regional Library is pleased to announce that "Nova Scotia Libraries -- Strait Ahead!" has been selected as the theme for the 2003 fall conference. Plans are progressing well for the joint NSLA/LBANS conference set for October 24, 25, & 26 at the Dundee Resort in Richmond County, Cape Breton. Both the Programming and Local Arrangements committees have met recently to plan for a conference that will interest and appeal to all members of the library community. Potential exhibitors have been contacted, sponsors are coming on board, and email boxes are getting busier by the day!

The theme provides a wide berth for a variety of workshops

and sessions. The Programming Committee is still narrowing down the list of potential speakers and sessions are still open to suggestions. Potential workshop topics can be forwarded to committee co-chairs Dave Cumby at dcumby@nsme.library.ns.ca or Mary Landry at mlandry@nsme.library.ns.ca.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Mount Saint Vincent University Library

Mount Saint Vincent University Library welcomes Peter King to its Bibliographic Services staff. Peter replaces Chris MacDonald who is now employed in the Patrick Power Library at Saint Mary's University. Peter has previous academic library experience at Dalhousie's Kellogg Health Sciences Library and comes to the Mount from a cataloguing position at the Halifax Regional School Board. The Library staff are working on a self-study in anticipation of an external review mandated by the University's Committee on Academic Policy and Planning. The external review is scheduled to begin after the appointment of a University Librarian in late summer 2003.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Holland College

Library Services staff are in the midst of a busy term as students begin to look forward to graduation. Staff have been occupied with instruction, updating and designing new web pages, and participating in several professional development opportunities.

In our technology news, we

are presently testing the latest version of the Horizon iPac. We expect to have it fully functional and ready for the public by the first of May. Also, we recently added AccessScience, which includes content for science, technology, and medicine, to our list of databases.

The two-part teleconference series entitled "Reference Services: Virtual, Digital, and In-Library -- a New Model for Effective Delivery," sponsored by APLA and CASLIS Atlantic Canada Chapter and hosted by Andrea Stewart at the Holland College Lecture Theatre on February 7 and April 11, was extremely successful. We had an excellent turn-out and a great deal of positive feedback. Thank you to everyone who participated! We look forward to the possibility of more of these professional development opportunities in the future.

UPEI Robertson Library

UPEI Robertson Library instituted a Food for Fines program from March 24 to April 7. Library users had the opportunity to help needy families on Prince Edward Island by bringing in 1-5 non-perishable food or grocery items for the Food Bank. In turn, the library deducted \$2.00 per item (up to \$10.00) from the user's fines.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Prince Edward Island Provincial Library Service is pleased to announce that Kathleen Eaton has joined the library services team as the Chief Librarian of the Confederation Centre Public Library. A native of New Brunswick, Kathleen joins us from the Grinnell Library Association in Wauppinger's Falls, New York. Welcome Kathleen!

March 12 marked the official opening and naming of the J.-Henri Blanchard Library, the new French public library

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branch in the Centre Belle-Alliance in Summerside. The library opened its doors in May 2002 and serves French-language readers in the community as well as the École-sur-mer. It incorporates a variety of features and resources including books, videos, CDs and public Internet access. For more details, see the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs press release at www.gov.pe.ca/news/getrelease.php3-number=2990.

Summerside Rotary Regional Library staff participated in two community events in April: the Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair on April 26 and the Consolidated Credit Union Children's Expo on April 27. Library employees read stories in both French and English to children at these events. Library staff always enjoy the opportunity to share the joy of reading and participate in activities outside

the walls of the library.

The Friends of the Confederation Centre Public

Library held their spring book sale on April 5 and 6.

Submitted by Andrea Stewart

Subscribe to the APLA List!

The APLA-list is an unmoderated discussion list for people who are interested in library issues in Atlantic Canada. The list is sponsored by APLA to provide a:

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

To Subscribe to the APLA-list, send the message "SUB APLA-LIST yourfirstname lastname" (with nothing in the subject line) to listserv@is.dal.ca.

You will receive a welcome message. Save this as it gives you information on how to post to the list, check the archives, unsubscribe, and other commands which you may want to know.

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If you have any questions about the APLA-list, please contact the postmaster, Suzanne Sexty at ssexty@mun.ca.

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President's Annual Report 2002-2003

My first responsibility as APLA president was to convene the Joint Executive meeting on a lovely sunny day in downtown Halifax at the conclusion of the CLA/APLA conference. It was an auspicious beginning, and although we have had the usual challenges facing all associations, things have gone smoothly, largely due to the dedication of your colleagues to keep APLA functioning as an active and vital organization.

One of the early challenges facing the executive this year was finding a replacement for our Treasurer, Marnie MacGillivray. There must be something in the air at Mount Saint Vincent University, a special something which promotes talent in financial matters, because we found our pro tem treasurer Denise Corey-Fancy right there, working alongside Marnie. Denise has helped us make the transition from one treasurer to another as smooth as can be.

At the fall meeting, the executive approved the formation of another interest group for New Librarians and Information Professionals. Emma Cross at Mount Allison University is the convener of this group.

APLA provided administrative support for a Basic Disaster Preparedness and Response Workshop held at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in November. There were 70 participants in the workshop, which was presented by Alison Bullock and Mary McIntyre of the National Library of Canada.

As an executive project, the executive approved funding for the "Reference Services: Virtual, Digital and In-Library" teleconference series offered by the College of DuPage "Soaring to Excellence" program. The two

sessions in February and April were hosted by Andrea Stewart (Vice President/Prince Edward Island) at Holland College in Charlottetown. CASLIS Atlantic partnered with APLA on this initiative by providing the refreshments for the participants.

I was pleased to be able to present our Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship to Kate Greene, a second year student at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies. Kate and I met for the presentation at a reception honouring Catherine A. Quinlan as the 2002 Outstanding Alumna selected by the Associated Alumni of the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies.

APLA was pleased to assist with five events and projects through the General Activities Fund. One award went to Eastern Horizons of Newfoundland and Labrador for sponsorship of an author's luncheon during a conference focussing on Canadian children's books and young adult literature. Another went to a Law for the People workshop held in New Brunswick. We assisted in the promotion of Library Week in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, and provided access to a Community Health Impact Assessment Resource package for libraries throughout Atlantic Canada. The last award of the 2002/2003 fiscal year went to an Emerging Technology in Libraries workshop to be held in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador. A total of \$5350 was spent on these important activities and projects which serve to further the aims and objectives of the Association.

The Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society ceased to exist as of September 17, 2002. APLA was

represented on the management board by two of our members, the last of whom were Gillian Webster and Karen Smith. We thank them for their service on our behalf, particularly during the difficult time of closure of the office and the assets being assigned to the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association.

The executive considered several excellent suggestions from the membership over the past year. One was to find a method of funding an Atlantic Canadian librarian to attend the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute. As the next institute is TBA, we have deferred working on this objective. Another was to fund an APLA Prize for a student of the Library and Information Technology Program at the Nova Scotia Community College. The executive will be bringing a motion to the OGM on this suggestion. The Interest group conveners asked that listservs be created for groups which do not already have them, and we hope to have these up and running soon.

Of course, none of this could occur without the interest and dedication of the executive, the conveners and the membership at large. You are all to be congratulated for your persistent work over and above the call of duty, which is a characteristic so prevalent in the library community.

APLA acknowledges with regret the passing of two long-time members, Maud Godfrey and Joy Tillotson.

Finally, I want to thank you all for this opportunity to serve the library and information service community of Atlantic Canada. We have great things going on here.

Submitted by Elaine MacLean

Annual Report of the Vice President (Membership) 2002-2003

Thank you to Gwendolyn MacNairn and Betty Sutherland at Dalhousie for their assistance in preparing the membership directory this year.

Membership is down slightly from last year. You may recall that the 2001/02 membership was down from the previous year, so we have some work to do in recruiting and retaining members. Thank you to the provincial vice-presidents for their ongoing efforts in this area. Thank you, too, to Jane Archibald at Dalhousie who recently spoke to the SLIS students about the benefits of belonging to APLA.

Members and Subscribers	2002/03	2001/02
Personal	195	205
Life/Honourary Life	27	27
Institutional members	26	30
Subscribers	25	19
TOTAL	273	281

The distribution by province remains similar to past years.

Members and Subscribers 2002/03 by location

	NB	NF	NS	PEI	OTHER	TOTAL
Personal	68	25	70	17	15	195
Life	2	—	6	2	1	11
Honourary Life	6	2	7	—	1	16
Institutional	7	2	13	1	3	26
Subscribers	2	2	1	—	20	25
TOTAL	85	31	97	20	40	273

Personal members by type

	2002/03 (includes Life/Hon. Life)	2001/02 (includes Life/Hon. Life)
Librarians	175	187
Library support staff	28	31
Trustees	3	3
Students	8	7
Others	8	4
TOTAL	222	232

Personal members 2002/03 (including Life/Hon. Life) by workplace

Academic	93 (41.9%)
Public	35 (15.8%)
School	6 (2.7%)
Special	40 (18.0%)
Other	10 (4.5%)
Not working*	38 (17.1%)

* Includes students, the unwaged, and retirees.

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APLA Bulletin Editors' Annual Report 2002-2003

As the new editors of the *Bulletin*, we have guided four issues to press now. Upon the advice of the previous editors, who established a successful working relationship with Print Atlantic in Moncton, we have continued to use that company to print the *Bulletin*. We are grateful to Roy Dawson, who turns our files of articles, advertisements and pictures into an actual publication, and to Kim Mills, our Customer Service Representative, for their assistance in bringing the *Bulletin* to our members and subscribers.

We have also appreciated the advice and the documentation we received from Emma Cross, Ruthmary Macpherson, and Brian McNally of Mount Allison University when we replaced them as editors. Our *APLA Bulletin* guide has proven to be very useful indeed.

Of course, without the news and articles submitted by the members and executive of APLA and other contributors, as well as the support of our advertisers, it would be a very insignificant publication indeed. Suggestions or submissions for future issues are always welcome. It has been an interesting and rewarding year, and we look forward to the next one.

Submitted by
Patricia Gallant
Heather O'Brien
Erin Patterson

Annual Report of the Vice President (Membership)

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Institutional members

2002/03 by type of institution

Academic	10 (38.5%)
Public	10 (38.5%)
School	0 (0%)
Special	4 (15.4%)
Other	2 (7.6%)

During 2002/03, I counted as new members only those people who were joining APLA for the first time. During 2001/02, I had counted those who were joining for the first time plus those who were rejoining after a considerable period of time. In future, we will use the 2002/03 definition to make the figures more comparable.

New Members

	2002/03	2001/02
	30	54

New Members 2002/03 by type

Librarians	14
Library support staff	5
Students	7
Other	4

Committee on Committees Annual Report 2002-2003

APLA has 11 interest groups and various committees. Committees are an excellent way to get involved in the association and communicate with colleagues across the region who share your similar interests. Many are continuing their work and planning events. I hope all will have a chance to meet during the conference in St. John's. At present, the newspaper, trustees and francophone interest groups are in need of conveners.

Submitted by Laurette Mackey
Vice President/President-elect

Membership on APLA Committees and Interest Groups

Communications and Public Relations	11
Memorial Awards Committee	4
Access to Government Information*	12
Collections Development	34
Computers and Connectivity	32
Conservation of Library Materials	9
Continuing Education	14
Groupe d'intérêt Francophone	7
Library Instruction	33
Library Technicians	14
New Librarians and Information Professionals*	14
Library Trustees	4
Newspapers	3
Youth Services*	17

*not all IG members are APLA members

Submitted by Bernadine Conran

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Past President's Annual Report 2002-2003

In November, APLA lost its treasurer to new position in Calgary. The executive unanimously passed two motions by email which moved that Denise Corey-Fancy be appointed as pro tem Treasurer replacing Marnie MacGillivray, and serving until the next Ordinary General Meeting in May 2003.

The Nominations and Elections Committee, consisting of Jeanne Maddix, Andrea Stewart, and Norine Hanus, has found candidates for all positions. The positions open for 2003-2004 include Vice-President / President Elect, Vice-President for New Brunswick, Vice-President for Prince

Edward Island, Vice-President Membership, and Treasurer. All positions are being filled by acclamation. The new executive will be announced at the OGM in May.

A worthy APLA Merit Award recipient has been selected and will be announced at the conference in St. John's.

I am coming to the end of my three-year term on the APLA Executive. I want to thank all my fellow executive members for their support, hard work, and good companionship. It has been a pleasure to serve with all of you.

Submitted by Norine Hanus

Vice President, Newfoundland & Labrador Annual Report 2002-2003

Planning for the APLA 2003 Annual Conference

Under the leadership of Suzanne Sexty, the Planning Committee has been busy; meetings have been held monthly at the Fisheries & Marine Institute with the full committee. Joy Tillotson had chaired the initial meetings of the committee; members were saddened by her illness and mourn her recent death. We are very grateful that Suzanne was able to offer her energy and intellect in developing the conference program and events and chairing meetings. More information about the conference can be found in this issue and at www.apla.ca. Watch for articles on the APLA listserv.

Technology Developments

Library systems throughout the province have been developing new systems and enhancing their web presence in order to offer more and better services.

The College of the North Atlantic has been developing enhancements for services offered through its Sirsi iLink online catalogue. Students in Distributed Learning courses now have remote access to the library's online catalogue and licensed databases.

The Provincial Information and Library Resources Board has been upgrading its computer systems as well, and staff have new email addresses. It also has a new web address (www.nlpubliclibraries.ca) for its soon-to-be-launched website. Additional access to information through the online catalogue is now available.

Memorial University Libraries has been developing its website and its Sirsi iLink services too. Its new website and iLink IOLS will be launched at the APLA 2003 conference.

Vice President Activities

Bimonthly news reports from

the province have been prepared for the *APLA Bulletin*. Articles about APLA activities have been prepared for the *NLLA Bulletin*. I participated in the APLA executive meetings in Moncton in October.

As APLA Vice President, I attended meetings of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund.

Submitted by
Dianne Taylor-Harding

Vice President, New Brunswick Annual Report 2002-2003

As Vice-President for New Brunswick, my activities over the past year have included contacting reporters throughout the province and compiling their news for the *Bulletin*, contacting lapsed or non-renewing members of our Association and performing duties as needed by the Executive, such as making arrangements for the fall and spring meetings, both held in Moncton. Preliminary plans have begun for the 2004 Annual Conference which will be held in Moncton.

It has been a productive year along various angles in libraries across the province over the last year, as evidenced by the news items reported in the *Bulletin*. Some of the highlights:

- in the New Brunswick Community Colleges, funding was approved to give access to a variety of online databases and to make all campus library catalogues available on the web
- the public library system held its first-ever Membership Drive and over 5000 new members joined
- the public library system also received a Best Practice Award in the Electronic Service Delivery category from Industry Canada's Library Net for Vision, its online library catalogue
- an endowment fund was created to provide an annual bur-

sary to New Brunswick students attending the Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies

- several libraries have received special funding and collections such as several thousand military books at the Fredericton Public Library, over 3000 items on American Literature and a collection of works on music of the medieval period at the Bibliothèque Champlain of the Université de Moncton
- numerous literacy initiatives such as Born To Read/Le goût de lire and Babies In The Libray/Bébés dans la bibliothèque were undertaken

As my second and last term in this office draws to an end, I wish to sincerely thank each individual who has supported me in my efforts, especially the members who took time to send me news for the *Bulletin*. It has been a great learning experience for me and I warmly thank the Executive members for all their work and friendship.

Je termine un deuxième et dernier mandat en tant que Vice-Présidente pour le Nouveau-Brunswick. Je désire remercier tous les individus qui m'ont supporté dans mes efforts, surtout toutes les personnes qui ont contribué aux nouvelles pour le *Bulletin* et les membres de l'Executif pour le travail et l'amitié!

Submitted by Jeanne Maddix

Vice President, Nova Scotia Annual Report 2002-2003

The changing of the seasons accompanied by the warmer weather reminds us that the annual APLA conference is not far away! It also gives us the opportunity to reflect on the activities and events happening within APLA and Nova Scotia libraries in the past year.

In my first term as APLA VP for Nova Scotia I attended the fall executive meeting in Moncton where I had the opportunity to meet the other members of the executive and become more familiar with the diverse functions of the association and its members. I'd like to thank the members of the executive for their generosity, patience and tutelage over the past year.

As part of the normal provincial VP activities, I contacted prior APLA members to remind them of the benefit and value of APLA membership and collected news from the region for the *Bulletin*. Thank you to all who provided news items -- it was exciting to hear about all the great work being done! In addition, it was decided to migrate the APLA web site from Mount St. Vincent to StFX in order to facilitate easier maintenance. I'd like to thank Marnie MacGillivray (who has moved on to a position in western Canada) for her efforts in maintaining the website. During the past few months the site has been updated to reflect changes in the APLA executive, interest group information/conveners and changes to the Carin E. Somers Scholarship application form. The website will continue to be developed over the next year.

There were many noteworthy

events in the region this year. The Annapolis Valley Public Library's "Smart Libraries" project was extremely well received by patrons and schools in the region. The project will be highlighted in panel discussions at the APLA and Ottawa Smart City Summit this year. This past summer the town of Middletown celebrated the opening of the library's expansion project which doubled the size of the existing facility. In addition, September saw the opening of the new Frank W. Morse Memorial Library in Lawrencetown. The Eastern Counties Regional Library launched their "Share a Book" campaign in conjunction with the introduction of their Virtual Catalogue, which is designed to improve access to the library's content and services. Technology was at the forefront at the Halifax Regional Library as their "e-branch website" won the Industry Canada LibraryNet Best Practices Award in recognition of innovation in the use of the Internet by Canadian public libraries. The Halifax Regional Library also won the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award which honours outstanding achievement in library public relations. The Dalhousie Learning Commons was opened in October of 2002, housing 160 computer workstations as well as printers, scanners, workrooms and teaching areas. The learning commons is designed to become the centre for information on campus by offering faculty and students an area to come together and share ideas and collaborate on projects. A Basic Disaster Planning and Response

Workshop was held in Halifax in November. This workshop, presented by the National Library, provided participants with appropriate incident planning strategies and practical hands-on sessions for the recovery of damaged material. Thank you to Lois Loewen for all her hard work in planning this event.

It's been a great year for libraries in Nova Scotia and as we move ahead in 2003 I look forward to becoming more involved in APLA and the good work of its members and supporters.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2002-2003

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust provides a scholarship 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. Despite my tardiness in promoting the scholarship, we have received three applications. The review committee, which consists of the Vice President and the provincial Vice Presidents, has reviewed the applications and we will make an announcement at the OGM in St. John's.

Submitted by Laurette Mackey
Vice President/President-elect

Vice President, Prince Edward Island Annual Report 2002-2003

It has been an exciting year for Prince Edward Island libraries. A partnership developed between Holland College Library Services, Provincial Library Services, and the University of Prince Edward Island Robertson Library as they combined efforts to provide one-stop library "shopping". Island residents now have the ability to search for and access the collections of these three institutions through one interface at islandlibraries.ca. We have been very pleased with the response and have had a great deal of positive feedback from users. We expect our marketing efforts to further increase usage of this portal/gateway as more and more Islanders learn about this convenient, easy-to-use service.

The islandlibraries partners will be participating in the session "Smart Libraries and Smart Communities: Building the Future Together" at the upcoming APLA 2003 Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you at this session.

I was pleased to organize and host a two-part teleconference series entitled "Reference Services: Virtual, Digital, and In-Library - a New Model for Effective Delivery," which was generously sponsored by APLA and CASLIS Atlantic Canada Chapter. This was a very informative and timely professional development opportunity for the library community on Prince Edward Island as the islandlibraries partners, with UPEI Robertson Library taking the

lead, embark on a virtual reference service. This was a highly successful event and we look forward to the possibility of more such sessions in the future.

As Vice President, Prince Edward Island, my activities over the past year included reporting the news from the Island library community, contacting potential and lapsed members to invite them to join our association, and performing duties as required by the APLA executive.

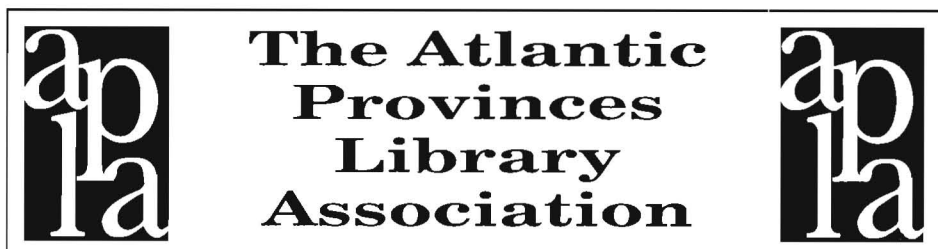
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed news items throughout the year. Also, as my term as VP, Prince Edward Island draws to a close, I would like to extend my thanks to all the members of the APLA executive. The last two years have been a wonderful learning experience for me. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to serve as your VP for Prince Edward Island. The knowledge I have gained has been invaluable and I encourage everyone to become involved with the association and its many committees. I now pass the proverbial torch on to your new VP, Prince Edward Island, Shirley MacLeod. Welcome Shirley!! I wish her all the best as she begins her term with the executive.

Submitted by Andrea Stewart

Communications and Public Relations Committee Annual Report 2002-2003

The new combined Communications/Public Relations Committee held an inaugural meeting during the Executive meeting weekend last October. One of the first priorities was to review the available stationery. We are happy to report that we have brand-new envelopes and postcards to use for correspondence. We hope that this will add an air of professionalism to the correspondence you receive from your Association. We also hope that the letters written on behalf of the Association for lobbying purposes will command greater attention coming in an envelope that clearly identifies APLA as the sender. The 2002/2003 membership directory was printed at Dalhousie University and distributed with the January/February *Bulletin*. Our new website editor is Gordon Bertrand (Vice President, Nova Scotia). The committee will focus attention on the website in the upcoming year.

Submitted by Elaine MacLean





Conference committee members Sue Sexty and Dianne Taylor-Harding scrutinize various campus maps to determine the best one to enclose with conference information.

Collection Development Interest Group Annual Report 2002-2003

Collection Development Interest Group Sponsors Digital Archiving Session

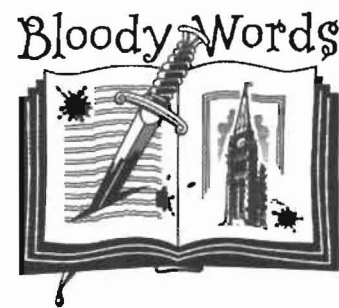
The Collection Development Interest Group established a listserv this year (apla-collections@acadiu.ca) and now has 33 members from university, community college, government, special and public libraries. Others who are interested are welcome to join by subscribing to apla-collections at majordomo@acadiu.ca

Traffic on the listserv has been very light but we are working on this! Planning for the conference session has been the major focus so far. We've been fortunate that one of our members, Jocelyne Thompson, was able to draw upon contacts made in the context of her collections work for the Council of Atlantic University Libraries to invite a panel of speakers associated

with major electronic initiatives. In a 2½ hour session entitled "Archiving and preservation of digital resources: is the future secure?", this panel will address the many questions surrounding the long-term archiving of journals in electronic form.

Another area which caught the interest of at least some of our members was the lively exchange about corporate sponsorship for buying library materials which surfaced on the apla-list. This is one of the areas we'll be considering for future sessions when we meet for dinner on Friday evening in Saint John's. We're not listed on the programme, so if you'd like to join us for dinner, please contact the convener, Mary MacLeod, at mary.macleod@acadiu.ca. The Collection Development IG looks forward to hearing from you.

Submitted by Mary MacLeod



Ottawa Hosts Criminal Minds

This June, Ottawa is set to host Canada's biggest crime and mystery writing conference. With such prominent criminal minds as guests Val McDermid, Peter Robinson and Howard Engel, Bloody Words 2003: Cops and Quills will be an indictable event for mystery fans, aspiring writers and published authors.

In addition to readings, book signings and author panels, Bloody Words 2003 will include workshops ranging from the latest in forensic science, to plot development, to current trends in mystery writing and publishing. Aspiring writers can also book agent interviews in advance

Bloody Words 2003 will be held in the historic Lord Elgin Hotel. Situated in the centre of Canada's capital, the hotel is only steps away from Parliament Hill, the National Gallery, the Supreme Court of Canada and the Rideau Canal. For those in search of a bustling nightlife, the restaurants and clubs of Elgin Street and the Byward Market are just around the corner.

Bloody Words 2003: Cops and Quills will take place from June 13th to 15th. For information and registration forms please see our website at www.bloodywords.com or call us at (613) 238-CLUE. Registration is limited.

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News Releases from the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies

January 2003 - Fiona Black Appointed Acting Director

Dr. Abolhassan Jalilvand, Dean, Faculty of Management, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Fiona Black as Acting Director of the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) from January 1st 2003 to June 30th 2004.

Dr. Black, who joined Dalhousie's faculty in 2001, has eleven years of practitioner experience, including mid-level management, in the library and information studies field. Dr. Black holds a B.Ed. from Aberdeen University, Scotland, an M.L.I.S. degree from Dalhousie, and her Ph.D. from the Department of Information Science, Loughborough University, England.

During her eighteen-month mandate, Dr. Black, working closely with colleagues and students, will promote strong working relationships between SLIS and the practitioner community in Atlantic Canada and beyond. These relationships will include collaborative research, continuing education offerings, and the development of course projects related to local needs and goals. In addition, Dr. Black will facilitate strong input from SLIS faculty, staff and students, in the planning stages of the new Faculty of Management building to open in 2005.

Dr. Black's publications and funded research projects focus on continuing education for information professionals and on Canadian print culture. She is English Editor for Volume 2 (1840-1918) with the bilingual project for a History of the Book

in Canada / Histoire du livre et de l'imprimé au Canada, funded by a \$2.3m Major Collaborative Research Initiative grant from the Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada. Dr. Black has reported on her research at conferences in North America, the UK and Australia. Her commitment to links between research and practice are reflected in her current projects on continuing education and she will be the Keynote Speaker at the conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association in May 2003.

January 2003 - Bertrum MacDonald Appointed Associate Dean (Research)

Dr. Abolhassan Jalilvand, Dean, Faculty of Management, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Bertrum H. MacDonald as Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty. Dr. MacDonald has left the post of Director of the School of Library and Information Studies, which he has held for the past seven and a half years, to assume the new position.

As Associate Dean (Research) Dr. MacDonald has been tasked with enhancing the research capacity and profile of the Faculty by capitalizing on its multidisciplinary perspective on public and private sector management. Consisting of the Schools of Business Administration, Library and Information Studies, Public Administration, and Resource and Environmental Studies, the Faculty supports disciplinary research and is significantly increasing its emphasis on interdisciplinary work through the establishment of research centres

and the appointment of Canada Research Chairs in Management Informatics and Risk Management.

In making this new appointment, Dr. Jalilvand said: "Our unique Faculty structure allows us to focus on cross-disciplinary research with the aim of creating a strong national brand and effective resources of competitive advantage."

A faculty member at Dalhousie since 1987, Dr. MacDonald is well-known for research and administration in his discipline. He is currently the Editor of Electronic Resources for the History of the Book in Canada research project, funded by a \$2.3m Major Collaborative Research Initiative grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. In 2001 Dr. MacDonald was awarded a two-month Dibner Library Residence Scholar fellowship which he pursued at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. In 2000 he was awarded the Marie Tremaine Medal, the highest award of the Bibliographical Society of Canada. Dr. MacDonald has reported on his research at many conferences in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and his papers have been published in leading Canadian and international journals. He is regularly called upon as a reviewer of research and graduate programs, and is currently the Canadian member of the accreditation agency of the American Library Association which accredits graduate programs in the United States and Canada.

Minutes Of The Atlantic Provinces Library Association 63rd Ordinary General Meeting

Mariner Suite 2, World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Thursday, June 20, 2002 3:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order
N. Hanus called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.
2. Establish Quorum
It was established that a quorum was present.
3. Adoption of the Agenda
N. Hanus requested two changes: item 19 Unfinished Business be moved to follow item 5; item 21 Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies when the Director arrived at the meeting.

There were no additions to the agenda. Agenda was accepted as amended.
4. Minutes of the 62nd Ordinary General Meeting
There were no corrections to the Minutes. The Minutes were adopted as printed in the *APLA Bulletin*.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the Minutes.
6. President's Report
N. Hanus noted that the report was printed in the *Bulletin*.
7. Past President's Report
P. Stevens-Earle noted that the report was printed in the *Bulletin*.
8. Vice Presidents' Reports
 - 8.1 New Brunswick
J. Maddix noted a correction to the report printed in the *Bulletin* to change the date March 29 to September 29.
 - 8.2 Newfoundland and Labrador
D. Taylor-Harding noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.
 - 8.3 Nova Scotia
C. Chisholm noted that the report was printed in the *Bulletin*. Since that time she had contacted members about a new interest group which will be dealt with later in the meeting.
 - 8.4 Prince Edward Island
A. Stewart noted that the report was published in the *Bulletin*.
 - 8.5 Membership
B. Conran noted a change to her report published in the *Bulletin*. The number of subscribers is 19 instead of 16.
9. Secretary's Report
D. Hooper noted that the report was printed in the *Bulletin*.
10. Financial Examiner's Report
P. Glenister submitted a written report. The Financial Examiner's Report was accepted as written.
11. Treasurer's Report
M. MacGillivray submitted a written report. Overall it was a good year for APLA. The amount from the Charlottetown conference has been received and will increase the funds available. MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted. (J. Archibald/L. Melanson). The Treasurer's Report was adopted as written.
12. Report of the *APLA Bulletin* Editors and *Bulletin* Management Board
R. Macpherson stated that the report appeared in the *Bulletin* with the correction that 2001-2001 should read 2001-2002. This is their last year as editors. The new editors are Erin Patterson and Patricia Gallant from Acadia University. Brian McNally has been advertising editor for six years and would like to pass it over. R. Macpherson reported that the frequency of the *Bulletin* is bi-monthly according to the Standing Orders. However, it has only been produced five times per year for the last two years. It is difficult for the Vice-Presidents to gather news for the summer. It is also difficult to obtain articles for six issues. The listserv is now used for some of the news items and the web page is available.

MOTION: That Standing Order 8.02 be amended to change the frequency of the *APLA Bulletin* from bi-monthly to five issues a year.

CARRIED.
13. Executive/Standing Committee Reports
 - 13.1 Aims and Objectives
E. MacLean stated that the report was printed in the *Bulletin*.
 - 13.2 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups
E. MacLean stated that since her report appeared in the *Bulletin* she received a request for a new interest group. C. Chisholm reported that Jim Watson of UCCB introduced the idea of a government documents group concerned with the issue of making information available to users. A message was sent to the listserv and enough members responded to form an interest group. E. MacLean presented a motion, copies of which were distributed.

MOTION: To establish a new Interest Group, called the Access to Government Information Interest Group, with the following terms of reference [as distributed]. Motion was adopted as written.

E. MacLean presented a second motion, copies of which were distributed. MOTION: To establish a new Interest Group, called the Youth Services Interest Group, with the following Terms of Reference [as distributed]. Motion was adopted as written.

Mary MacLeod will replace Glenna Quinn as convener of the Collections Development Interest Group.

13.3 Finance

E. MacLean took the Chair.

a) 2002-2003 Budget

N. Hanus presented the proposed budget, copies of which were distributed. Highlights included: \$17,573 conference fund revenue of which \$14,573 was from the 2001 conference and \$3000 from CLA for the 2002 conference; \$3000 budgeted for 2002 conference expenses; \$6000 for Executive Travel to cover two meetings per year; \$7700 for the GAF Grant includes the amount budgeted for 2001 but not paid till 2002; \$1000 was transferred to the Memorial Awards from Savings; deficit budget of \$3185 which is approximately half of what was left over from last year. Budget was accepted as presented.

b) Appointment of Financial Examiner

Peter Glenister has agreed to continue as Financial Examiner.

c) APLA Prize

The APLA Prize of \$500 was awarded to Renée de Gannes.

d) APLA First Timer's Award

Grants were awarded to Berenica Vejvoda and Christine Davies.

13.4 APLA Memorial Awards Committee

Two awards were granted. Dr. Fiona Black received the award for her research on continuing education in Atlantic Canada. Peter Glenister received an award to attend a Library of Congress' Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program.

13.5 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship

N. Hanus resumed the chair. E. MacLean stated that the report was printed in the *Bulletin* with the correction that six applications were received and five applications were eligible. The scholarship winner is Kate Greene and the presentation will be made in the fall.

13.6 Nominations and Elections

P. Stevens-Earle reported the

following positions are filled by acclamation: Vice President/ President Elect - Laurette Mackey; Vice President (Nova Scotia) - Gordon Bertrand; Vice President (Newfoundland and Labrador) - Dianne Taylor-Harding. Bernie Conran will continue as Vice President (Membership). N. Hanus thanked the outgoing executive members and introduced the new executive members.

14. Special Committee Reports

There are no special committees.

15. Interest Groups Reports

15.1 Collections Development

The report was printed in the *Bulletin*.

15.2 Computers & Connectivity

No news to report.

15.3 Conservation of Library Materials

No report.

15.4 Continuing Education

The report was printed in the *Bulletin*.

15.5 Francophone Interest Group

No report.

15.6 Library Instruction

The report was printed in the *Bulletin*.

15.7 Library Technicians

No report.

15.8 Newspaper

No report.

15.9 Trustees

No convener.

16. Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society

E. MacLean stated that the report was printed in the *Bulletin*.

17. Report of the Representative to ASTED

No report.

18. Annual conferences

18.1 Charlottetown 2001

A. Stewart, Co-Chair of the Conference, stated that a written report was submitted to the Executive. The feedback from the conference was positive. There were 207 registrations. A contributing factor to

the success was the publicity by Sharon Clark.

18.2 Halifax 2002

N. Hanus reported that over 300 registrations were received from Atlantic Canada. According to CLA Today the conference number is 866.

18.3 St. John's 2003

D. Taylor-Harding extended an invitation to the 2003 conference at Memorial University, St. John's from May 22 to May 25.

18.4 Moncton 2004

J. Maddix reported that she is looking for people to work on the 2004 conference.

19. Unfinished Business

19.1 Public Relations Committee/ Communications Committee

E. MacLean presented a motion, with regards to the terms of reference for a merged Communications Committee and Public Relations Committee.

MOTION: That Standing orders 6.04 and 6.05 be deleted and replaced with the terms of reference [as distributed], for the Communications and Public Relations Committee, as Standing Order 6.04. Lloyd Melanson noted that Standing Order 6.03 Intellectual Freedom had been rescinded, so the Standing Orders were renumbered.

Amendment to MOTION: That Standing Orders 6.03 and 6.04 be deleted and replaced with the terms of reference [as distributed], for the Communications and Public Relations Committee, as Standing Order 6.03. The Motion as amended was declared adopted.

20. Resolutions

E. MacLean thanked L. Melanson and J. Maddix for serving on the Resolutions Committee. Two resolutions were received.

Resolution 1

WHEREAS the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) announced on April 10, 2002, that Canada will join more than 40 coun-

tries marking International Adult Learners' Week from September 8 to 14 of this year, and

WHEREAS libraries play a vital role in adults' lifelong learning experiences, RESOLVED, that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association support the declaration of Adult Learners' Week in Canada by promoting the active participation of its members in relevant Adult Learners' Week activities.

Le Conseil des ministres de l'Éducation du Canada a annoncé le 10 avril dernier que le Canada va se joindre à plus de 40 pays pour souligner la Semaine des apprenants adultes du 8 au 14 septembre 2002.

Puisque les bibliothèques jouent un rôle important et valorisent l'apprentissage tout au long de la vie, il est résolu que l'APLA apporte appui à cette déclaration de la Semaine des apprenants adultes au Canada en encourageant la participation active de ses membres à des activités pertinentes au courant de la semaine.

(Sue Adams/Gordon Bertrand)
Discussion on promotion included placing an item in the next issue of the *Bulletin* and on the web. Information packages are available. The resolution was accepted as presented.

Resolution 2
Resolved, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association extend its appreciation to those who have contributed to the success of the APLA portion of this conference and in particular to Jennifer Richard and all the hard-working members of the Local Arrangements Committee, and to the CLA Conference Planning Committee.

Il est résolu que l'APLA passe ses remerciements à tous ceux qui ont contribué au succès de la portion de l'APLA de cette conférence et, en particulier, au Comité d'arrangements locaux présidé par Jennifer Richard ainsi qu'au Comité de programmation du congrès du CLA.
(Barb Phillips/Lloyd Melanson)
The resolution was accepted as presented.

21. Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies Director Bertrum MacDonald stated that it was a positive report from

SLIS. He acknowledged the support of APLA and especially for providing the annual award to a graduating student. This year's winner was Renée de Gannes. SLIS will be moving to a new building in 2005. The building will house all four Schools in the Faculty of Management. Two new dual degree options were launched last fall. There are approximately 80 students in the School. There was an increase of approximately 40% in applications for September 2002. Demand for graduates is high. Students compete successfully externally as well as for prizes and awards. Dr. Fiona Black joined the faculty last year. Judie Mulholland will start in July. The School has seven full-time faculty. Ernie Ingles was Visitor-in-Residence and spent a week at the School in March. The public lectures series began with a lecture and

workshop by Chuck McClure. Fiona Black is looking at opportunities for continuing education in Atlantic Canada. The School is required to report annually for ALA Accreditation and the latest was confirmed in December 2001. The Dawson Printshop participated in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the beginning of printing in Canada.

- 22. Inauguration of Incoming President N. Hanus thanked everyone who served with her. She passed the gavel to incoming President Elaine MacLean. E. MacLean requested a round of appreciation for N. Hanus.
- 23. Adjournment
There being no further business, E. MacLean thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Notice of Motion

For addition to the standing orders (9.09), to read: APLA shall donate a prize to be known as The Atlantic Provinces Library Association prize, to be awarded to the outstanding student in the Library and Information Technology Program of the Nova Scotia Community College as chosen by the faculty of the College. The amount shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be given to one student. A certificate of recognition will be given to the winner by APLA and recognition provided in the *APLA Bulletin*. The student award winner shall receive a one-year membership to APLA.

APLA Welcomes Its Newest Members



Chantale Bellemare

Gillian Byrne

Bryson Crowe



Matthew-Jim (MJ) D'Elia

Catherine Joanne Deluney

Richard Dennis

Allison Fulford

Shelley Gullikson



Janet Goosney

Cindy Harrigan

Rose MacDonald

Mireille Mercure

Lynne Post

Heather Sanderman

Heather Shore

Sally Wood



**Information Access Librarian
University of New Brunswick
Saint John Campus**

The University of New Brunswick invites applications for the position of Information Access Librarian in the Ward Chipman Library on the Saint John Campus.

The Library is seeking a knowledgeable and dynamic individual who will provide leadership in the organization of information and access to the Library's collections. The responsibilities of this position include: management of library collections; participating in the development of emerging services; overseeing the activities of the technical services staff; coordinating the acquisitions of electronic resources; assisting in the management of the library materials budget; and, participating in reference services. Other responsibilities include: general collections development and taking part in library instruction programs. The successful candidate will also participate in appropriate library, university and professional activities.

Qualifications: Masters degree in library or information science from an ALA accredited institution is required. The successful candidate must have: excellent interpersonal skills, a strong service orientation, effective communication skills, and the ability to work effectively with students, faculty, general public and co-workers. Knowledge of current technical services, collection management and electronic licensing issues is preferred. Experience with budget management is desirable. Reference experience in an academic library is an asset.

Salary and Rank: This is a full-time, continuous appointment track position, to be filled at the rank of Librarian I-II. The salary range is \$38,259 - \$56,217. Librarians are members of the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers. Excellent benefits, including a moving allowance and annual professional development allowance.

The Saint John campus of the University of New Brunswick, located in Tucker Park overlooking the beautiful Kennebecasis River Valley, is an expanding campus which serves a population of over 2,600 full-time and part-time students, with rapid growth in international students and new graduate and undergraduate programs. The Library, with a staff of 5 professional librarians and 13 support staff, is part of a combined unit, Information Services & Systems, which also includes Instructional Technology and Integrated Technology Services. Visit the Library's home page at: <http://www.unbsj.ca/library/home1.htm>.

The position is available 1 July 2003. Review of the applications will begin on May 1st and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should mail or fax a letter of application, resume and names of three references to:

Susan H. Collins, Director of Information Services & Systems
University of New Brunswick P.O. Box 5050
Saint John, NB E2L 4L5
Fax: (506) 648-5701

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Applicants should indicate current citizenship status.

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The Library is seeking a service-oriented individual with a commitment to user success who can provide a full range of reference services to undergraduates and graduate students as well as faculty. Position responsibilities include: providing general reference and information services using print and electronic resources; serving as a subject consultant to academic departments; participating in collection development; assisting with the planning, creation and implementation of reference and user access services; and assisting in an active bibliographic instruction program. The successful candidate will also participate in appropriate library, university and professional activities.

Qualifications: Masters degree in library or information science from an ALA accredited institution is required. The successful candidate must have: excellent working knowledge of print and electronic information resources; strong service orientation, interpersonal skills and the ability to relate well to various constituencies, including students, faculty, general public and co-workers. Effective communication skills are required. Must be able to work some evenings and weekends. Reference experience in an academic setting would be an asset.

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Looking To Get Involved In Your Professional Association?

Interest groups are a great way to get involved in APLA. With all the different APLA interest groups there's one to suit everybody. Look over the list and contact the convener of the group that suits you best.

APLA Interest Groups And Conveners

Collections Development

Mary MacLeod, Academic Librarian, Vaughan Memorial Library,
Acadia University, P.O. Box 4, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6
Phone: (902) 585-1734 Fax: (902) 585-1748 E-mail: mary.macleod@acadiu.ca

Conservation of Library Materials

Simon Lloyd, Special Collections Librarian, Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island,
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Phone: (902) 566-0536 Fax: (902) 628-4305 E-mail: slloyd@upe.ca

Computers and Connectivity

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Continuing Education

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Library Instruction

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Access to Government Information

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Library Technicians

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Youth Services Interest Group

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New Librarians and Information Professionals

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