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Making Connections Through Professional Partnering

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The changeover from library school to the work world can seem daunting. New graduates may ask themselves how to plot out their professional paths and what to do (or not to do!) at their first job interviews. Fortunately, a new program at the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS), Dalhousie University is seeking to facilitate this transition by pairing students with practicing professionals. The Professional Partnering Program was developed through the School's CLA Student Chapter and initiated by Heather Berringer, a second-year



Jamie Jarrett, Madeleine Lefebvre, Heather Berringer, Julia Stewart, Melissa Schwartz and Michael Colborne at a reception held recently to kickstart the partnering program.

student. I recently asked Heather to comment on the program. Here's what she had to say.

HO: How did the idea for "Professional Partnering" evolve?

HB: It actually evolved out of my participation in the Student-to-CLA program this year and the [CLA] conference in Halifax. I spent a great deal of time volunteering in the Job Link and found that many students had significant concerns about making the transition between school and their first "real job".

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They were unsure how to meet people at the conference, hesitant about their résumés and cover letters, and very nervous about upcoming job interviews. It occurred to me that perhaps they wouldn't feel this way if they had a relationship with someone who had already been through the experience, someone who could empathize with their situation and provide some guidance. This was where the idea for the program began.

HO: Who have been the key players in the development of the program?

HB: I intentionally kept it fairly quiet at first because, quite frankly, I wasn't sure it would work! The person who provided me with some guidance on this was Michael Colborne from the Provincial Library. He had been the liaison for the Students-to-CLA at the conference. I shared the idea for the program with him, and he felt that it was not only feasible, but a good idea! He has been extremely helpful and supportive ever since, as have faculty and staff at the SLIS.

HO: What are the short term and long term goals of the program?

HB: I think that, short term, we would like to help students overcome that fear of leaving school and beginning their careers. Obviously, this includes some tangibles like creating [effective] résumés and cover letters, but also things like helping them meet other professionals, make contacts and develop networks even before they complete their studies. We also hope this can

give students a more accurate idea of what they will actually do [in the workplace] once they graduate. Long term, I hope students who participate this year will eventually come back as professionals and continue the cycle.

HO: How will professionals benefit from their involvement in the program?

HB: As Michael Colborne put it in one of his publicity messages, a student can "challenge the way you look at things". I do think that "Library School" has changed a great deal in a short time, and that perhaps getting a fresh perspective on the things you've done for years can be beneficial. I also think there's that element of "doing a nice thing for someone" that should really be a motivator. I hope our participating professionals will quickly realize just how much they are helping their student partners simply by being a sounding board.

HO: How has the typical relationship between a student and professional been developing?

HB: The typical relationship has involved meeting at our recent reception and some sort of job shadowing experience or tour of the professional's workplace. I definitely foresee several résumé revamping sessions, as well as practice interviews for those second-year students preparing to enter the workforce. I also hope that students and professionals may share some outside interests. At the end of the academic year, we will also have a dinner where we can all get together again.

HO: Can professionals outside the Halifax area become involved?

Absolutely, though that will certainly change the dynamic of the partnership; most contact will probably have to happen by e-mail.

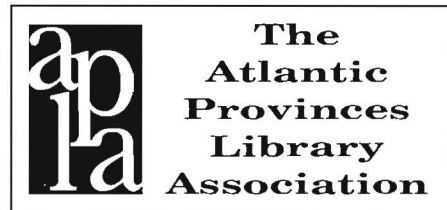
HO: What has been the response to the program thus far?

HB: So far, I'm very pleased to say that it's been excellent! It's exceeding my expectations. We also hope this article might convince more professionals to volunteer for the program; additional students have already submitted applications now that they have seen how things are going with their colleagues.

HO: Where can people find out information about the Professional Partnering Program and other activities the CLA Student Chapter is planning this year?

HB: Everything can be found on our new Website: <http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/PeopleGroups/Cla-slis/>. In addition, if you have suggestions, comments or questions, I encourage you to contact me at hberring@dal.ca.

HO: Thanks, Heather. And good luck!



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From The President's Desk

Good-bye Marnie MacGillivray! Hello Denise Corey-Fancy!

Our Treasurer, Marnie MacGillivray, moved to Calgary in November to take up a position as a librarian with the National Energy Board. Marnie has served APLA in the position of Treasurer since 2001 and became our webpage editor shortly thereafter. We will miss her.

Once Marnie alerted us to her imminent departure, the executive discussed our options, consulted with our parliamentarians and determined that our best option was to appoint a *pro tem* Treasurer to fill the position until we can elect a new Treasurer at the next OGM.

Welcome to our new Treasurer, Denise Corey-Fancy. Denise graduated from Mount Allison University in 1997 and completed a Diploma in Library & Information Technology at the Nova Scotia Community College in 1999. She has been employed at the Mount Saint Vincent University Library since her graduation from the NSCC. Currently, Denise is enrolled in a certificate program in marketing at the Mount. Her next career goal is to enroll in a MLIS program.

The executive met in Moncton the last week of October. As an executive project, we decided to fund a teleconference series in PEI on Reference Services: Virtual, Digital, and In-Library - a New Model for Effective Delivery. This series, produced by the College of DuPage, will be presented in two parts on February 7 & April 11. Our Vice-President for PEI,

Andrea Stewart, will host participants to the teleconference at Holland College. One of the teleconference presenters, Jim Rettig, University Librarian of Richmond University, suggests that "the future of the library is inextricably linked to the future of reference. Within the library ecosystem, the vitality of reference is an 'indicator species' for the health of the whole."

The Association was instrumental in providing administrative assistance for the Disaster Preparedness and Response Workshop, presented by the National Library of Canada and held at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, November 14-15. There were 68 participants including librarians, library support staff, archivists, record managers and "document control" people. All reports were that the workshop was excellent. Anyone interested in organizing a similar workshop for their province should contact Lois Loewen at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography Library in Dartmouth, NS.

The executive wrote letters to CLA and ASTED supporting ASTED's bid for hosting IFLA 2008 in Quebec City. CLA responded that it was not supporting the bid because of its concern regarding the resources required to support the conference.

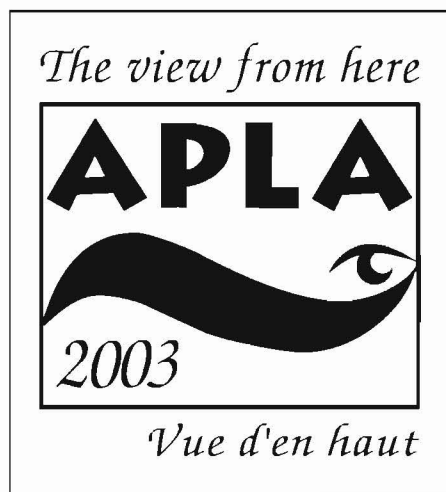
Upon application by six members requesting the formation of a new Interest Group, the executive approved the formation of the New Librarians and Information Professionals Inter-

est Group. The convener is Emma Cross of Mount Allison Library.

The Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society has ceased to exist. APLA had two representatives to the society; the most recent were Karen Smith and Gillian Webster. The Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association, an industry support organization representing book publishers located in Atlantic Canada, has taken over the publication of Atlantic Books Today. Have a look at ABT under the new management to see if it meets the needs of the library community. Thanks to Karen and Gillian for representing APLA during this difficult transition period.

Reports from Suzanne Sexty and Dianne Taylor-Harding indicate that plans for APLA 2003 are well in hand. The theme will be The View from Here and all sessions and exhibits will be located at the Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Elaine MacLean



Basic Disaster Preparedness and Response Workshop

In mid-November, the National Library of Canada presented a workshop on basic disaster preparedness and response for printed materials at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO). This event was sponsored by APLA and organized by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Maritimes Region, with the assistance of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library.

Alison Bullock and Mary McIntyre of the National Library presented a half-day workshop, three times, to almost 70 people representing libraries, archives and records centres. In 3 jam-packed hours, participants learned about the 3 Rs of disaster preparedness - readiness, response and recovery. The key aspects of these 3 elements were presented via a slide presentation, case studies, group discussion, a "walk about" in the BIO Library stacks and a practical session in BIO's fish lab that involved salvaging wet materials.

Participants learned that developing and regularly updating a comprehensive emergency and disaster plan is essential. Taking the time to assess risk, develop a procedure, identify collection priorities, designate a response team, stock an emergency supplies cabinet and train personnel is indispensable in the event of a disaster. The plan could be one of the most valuable



Participants triaging wet books at the disaster workshop.

documents in your collection. Good communication was emphasized in responding to an incident or disaster as it can drastically affect the outcome of the response. A trained response team led by a decisive, level-headed coordinator is critical in leading the salvage and recovery effort.

A "walk-about" in the BIO Library stacks provided the participants with opportunities to identify potential threats such as stains on ceiling tiles, learn how to tarp stationary and compact shelving, and apply simple measures to protect materials against water damage. These measures included keeping materials off floors, using pallets if necessary to elevate boxes above floor level, and pushing book spines back from shelf edges, to allow upper shelves to provide more protection in case of dripping water.

After a demonstration of how

to safely handle and pack wet items, participants donned gloves and began vacuuming water off the floor, and triaging and packing wet materials in one of BIO's fish labs. Several points were emphasized during this exercise: never open a wet book, differentiate damp from wet material and pack them separately, and freeze the boxes as soon as possible. This buys valuable time as conservation and other treatments are determined.

The workshop was well-attended and well-received, and participants left better prepared to deal with disasters in their institutions. Alison and Mary may be the most experienced and knowledgeable Canadian experts in the field as they have responded to many incidents at the National Library in the past decade. Thousands of books and documents have been damaged but because of a comprehensive disaster plan and a well-trained and fast acting RAT (response action team), many of these items have survived and continue to be accessible. It really does pay to be prepared.

Thanks to Elaine MacLean, Marnie MacGillivray and Denise Corey-Fancy for their roles in making this workshop possible. There is a possibility that this workshop may be presented in New Brunswick next spring.

Submitted by Lois Loewen

XHTML: The New Web Standard

It is hard to believe that the web as we know it has only been in existence for less than ten years. In that time, HTML has been the standard for creating web documents, but that is changing.

XHTML (Extensible HyperText Markup Language) became an official World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) standard in January 2000. XHTML is HTML 4.01 redone in XML (Extensible Markup Language). For those who already know HTML, this means learning the basics of XHTML will be straightforward, since the tags used in both are almost identical. There are just some very important differences. For instance, in HTML, tags can be in upper or lowercase; XHTML tags and attributes must be lowercase. In HTML empty elements like line breaks (
) do not need to be closed, but in XHTML such breaks need to be closed or have / in the start tag (
 OR
).

W3C has adopted this new standard because XHTML gains the benefits of the XML language, which is more suitable for new technologies. For instance, XML documents can be converted to other formats using the XSLT language. These include PDF and formats needed for mobile internet devices. "However, in order for XSLT to work, the XML resource must be compliant."¹ This requires XHTML documents to be well formed, which means they follow strict syntax rules of all elements having either closing tags or being written in a special

form. PCs (personal computers) have enough processing power for their browsers to still properly interpret code with minor code errors, so you need to use code validators, such as the W3C validator service at <http://validator.w3.org>. Most validation tools require that you have minimal knowledge of XHTML tags to correct found errors. There are several self-help books on HTML and the W3Schools.com site (<http://www.w3schools.com/>) has excellent tutorials.

There is no rush for libraries

to convert their web sites to XHTML, but since it is the new standard, you may want to start making all new web documents XHTML compliant.

1. Brian Kelly, "Web Focus: Let's Get Serious About HTML Standards," *Ariadne* 33 (September-October 2002). 15 Nov. 2002 < <http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue33/web-focus/> >.

Submitted by James Watson

Call for Nominations

The executive offices requiring nominations for 2003/2004 include:

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Guidelines:

1. No member of the Nominations and Elections Committee is eligible for nomination.
2. Any APLA member may nominate any other member for elective office.
3. Every person nominated shall be a personal APLA member in good standing and shall file a letter of acceptance with the Secretary of the Association.
4. The Treasurer shall reside in the Province of Nova Scotia.

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Dalhousie Learning Commons

After several stages of planning and extensive renovations, the Dalhousie Learning Commons opened its doors on the morning of October 24th. This is a library-based, service-oriented facility designed to significantly enhance access to scholarly information and improve learning for both students and faculty members. Most of the 160 computers are called Scholar Workstations and feature a powerful suite of productivity software. It is our desire that this technological learning environment will facilitate research and communication not only during their years of study, but also afterwards, as students graduate and use their acquired knowledge to engage in lifelong learning.

As tuition fees increase, student expectations for services and facilities also grow. Many universities have already responded to these new expectations. Queen's, Toronto and Calgary, for example, have "Information Commons" in place and are actively developing plans for expansion. Dalhousie's introduction of a Learning Commons demonstrates our desire to respond to student expectations, student needs and new methods of learning.

The Learning Commons also has a number of Express Workstations. These are com-



Dalhousie's new Learning Commons

puters which are designed to meet the needs of our commu-

nity, our alumni, and visiting scholars. Next time you are on the Dalhousie campus, come visit the Learning Commons located on the ground floor of the Killam Library. If instead you'd like to visit us online, go to www.library.dal.ca/commons/.

Submitted by
Gwendolyn MacNairn

APLA 2003 St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador May 22-25, 2003

Whether you are contemplating the past, dealing with the present, or envisioning the future, *The View from here/Vue d'en haut* will offer you opportunities to engage in a variety of sessions, workshops, and social events. The keynote address by Fiona Black, Acting Director, School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, will reflect on the educational needs and aspirations of library workers at all levels. Whether you are new to the library workforce, nearing retirement, or in a mid-career position, continuing education should be of interest to you - and to your employer. Libraries should be in the foreground of all communities - social, economic, and intellectual - and they need to play a key role in the emerging view of Canadian society. A lifelong learning ethic which is both encouraged and supported at the organizational level will better position us for this obligation and opportunity.

The View from here/Vue d'en haut also will offer sessions on digital reference, learning commons, finding information on the deep Web, and service to seniors. Readings by local authors are being arranged, and we have not forgotten those issues which are of ongoing importance to library advocates, including copyright, staff development, and library instruction.

As more information becomes available it will be posted to the Web at <http://staff.library.mun.ca/APLA/>.

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The Nova Scotia Digital Collections Initiative

The Nova Scotia Digital Collections Initiative (NSDCI) is a multi-agency collaboration concerned with digital projects in Nova Scotia. The Initiative was formed in May 2002, when the Nova Scotia Provincial Library hosted a day-long meeting with representatives from a wide variety of institutions and organizations with an interest in digital collections; these included archives, museums, public libraries, universities, the Nova Scotia Community College, and the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies. The NSDCI aims to identify common areas of interest, promote collaboration and avoid duplication of effort; to contribute to the interoperability of digital projects and foster resource sharing; and to facilitate access to Nova Scotia digitization projects. A recommendation was made at the May meeting for the development of a centralized web-based resource.

Creation of the NSDCI website (<http://www.library.ns.ca/services/NSDCI/index.htm>) represents the work of the Web Content Committee which includes representatives from the various sectors active in digitization. The web site exists to promote best practices in digitization, to provide information on training and funding opportunities, and to inform about digital projects. For the past few years, many educational and heritage institutions, as well as libraries in Nova Scotia, have been digitizing collections and making

them available on the web. Information about these projects is available through a link from the NSDCI website to the Canadian Initiative of Digital Libraries' (CIDL) Inventory of Canadian Digital Initiatives (<http://www.nlc.bnc.ca/initiatives/erella.htm>), a database of current, planned and in-progress projects from across Canada. Searching the Inventory for Nova Scotia content reveals the diversity and scope of the digitization activity in the province.

In order to raise awareness and encourage use of the resource, the NSDCI website will be launched formally on January 17, 2003, in Halifax at

the Akins Room, Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management. The event will be co-hosted by the Provincial Librarian, Elizabeth Armstrong, and the Provincial Archivist, Brian Speirs.

The NSDCI community will continue to look for ways to pool resources to ensure that as many projects as possible are made available on the Web for the benefit of researchers and the general public within Nova Scotia, across Canada and around the world.

Submitted by
Bernadette Kennedy
Nova Scotia Provincial Library

E-Parenting Webcast

On Saturday, November 16, the Gander Public Library CAP Site hosted a live webcast on Toddler Nutrition. This event was sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Child Health, which launched a website on E-parenting last spring. The object of the webcast was to reach out to parents in smaller areas of the country who may not have a lot of information at their fingertips on topics such as good nutrition for fussy little children.

While the parent turn-out was low for this live webcast, Pat Parsons notes that it demonstrated that public library CAP sites have great potential to share good information with users everywhere. Parsons states, "This is what our CAP sites are all about - getting the right information to the right

people at the right time. Just because attendance was low on this issue, it doesn't mean it will be so on the next. Five parents were registered, but only two could make it. The best-laid plans of parents are often disrupted by babies and toddlers. Those parents who couldn't make it were encouraged to log on at home. We hope to continue the partnership with CICH and look forward to offering another session soon."

This live webcast on Toddler Nutrition, and the previous one on Climate Change in May, can be seen at www.eparentingnetwork.ca.

Submitted by Pat Parsons
Manager, Gander Public
Library CAP Site

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



Endowment fund / Bourse annuelle

In cooperation with Eric Swanick, retired Legislative Librarian, on behalf of the Fredericton Library Circle, the New Brunswick Public Library Service has decided to participate in the establishment of an endowment fund. This fund will provide an annual bursary to New Brunswick students

attending Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies.

En collaboration avec Eric Swanick, Bibliothécaire parlementaire à la retraite au nom du "Fredericton Library Circle", le Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick a décidé de participer à l'établissement d'un fonds qui servira à fournir une bourse annuelle aux étudiant(e)s originaires du Nouveau-Brunswick fréquentant l'École de bibliothéconomie de l'Université Dalhousie.

Best practice award for Catalogue / Prix de pratique exemplaire pour catalogue

In March 2002, the New Brunswick Public Library

Service launched Vision, its online library catalogue, on the Internet. In September 2002, this initiative received a Best Practice award in the Electronic Service Delivery category from LibraryNet (Industry Canada). Vision allows patrons not only to search for resources available in any public library or bookmobile in the province, but also to renew items online and to check the status of their accounts. To access Vision, go to <http://vision.gnb.ca>.

En mars 2002, le Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick a procédé au lancement de Vision, son catalogue de bibliothèque sur Internet. Cette initiative a été récompensée en septembre 2002 par un prix de "pratique exem-

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Reading Capital of New Brunswick

The Doaktown Community/School Library staff were instrumental in promoting the "Read Across New Brunswick Challenge" in their community this year. Along with teachers, students, and the public, they pulled out all the stops, with articles in local newsletters and church bulletins, a message on the local school's talk mail, and numerous other programs and initiatives. It worked! They won the September 9 challenge and Doaktown is this year's "Reading Capital of New Brunswick".

Membership Drive / Campagne de recrutement

Over 5000 new members joined the province's libraries during the first province-wide membership drive, held September 3 to October 10. Results were dramatic across the province as staff organized various activities and spoke to community groups about what public libraries have to offer.

Plus de 5000 nouveaux membres ont pris des cartes du réseau de bibliothèques

publiques lors de la campagne de recrutement, entre le 3 septembre et le 10 octobre dernier. Les résultats sont encourageants, surtout que plusieurs employés ont organisé des activités ou ont adressé des groupes de la communauté au sujet des services qu'offrent les bibliothèques publiques.

Public Libraries Week / Semaine des bibliothèques publiques

The third annual New Brunswick Public Libraries Week was launched at the Mgr W.J. Conway Public Library in Edmundston.

This year's slogan was "Explore your library@<http://www.gnb.ca/publiclibraries>". The slogan aimed to promote the theme of technology and its use in public libraries. Public libraries across New Brunswick held activities such as workshops on using electronic resources.

Many libraries offered the public free introductory courses to the new Virtual Reference Library, various databases, the Vision Online Catalog and the tools on the Gates computers.

La troisième Semaine des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick a reçu son coup d'envoi à la Bibliothèque Mgr W.J. Conway à Edmundston.

Le slogan de cette année était "Explorez votre bibliothèque@<http://www.gnb.ca/bibliotheques>". Le slogan visait à promouvoir le thème de la technologie et son utilisation dans les bibliothèques publiques.

Les bibliothèques publiques à travers le Nouveau-Brunswick ont organisé des activités telles que des séances de formation sur

les ressources électroniques, des concours régionaux, lancement d'un site web avec un concours de Rallye - recherche, mini-quiz, lancements de livres par Marie-Danielle Croteau, Theresia Quigley, et Robert Duguay.

Canadian Children's Book Week / Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse

Paul Yee toured eight of the province's public libraries during the Canadian Children's Book Week 25th anniversary celebration November 2-9. The children were excited to meet a real, live author, and they let Paul know it; good crowds turned out at all venues.

Denise Paquette a aussi visité des bibliothèques dans les comtés d'Albert-Westmorland-Kent pendant cette semaine.

Professional Development Days / Journées de développement professionnel:

All libraries in the Saint John Library Region closed on September 11th for Employee Development Day. Staff across the region met in Saint John for a day of learning and fun. There were sessions on the Hackmattack program, ergonomics, turning the negative into a positive, and supporting new adult readers, as well as a session for all staff to hear about upcoming initiatives and to brainstorm for ideas on implementing these programs.

A staff workshop was held at the end of October for all employees of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region. The morning was devoted to a presentation on having a healthy back. In the afternoon, Executive Director of NBPLS Sylvie Nadeau gave a presentation on the accomplishments of

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the New Brunswick Public Library Service. Following this, Regional Director Claude Potvin recognized staff in the region who had reached chronological milestones.

The professional librarians within the New Brunswick Public Library system met in October. Sessions on Preferred Futuring will help to establish goals and direction for the future.

The Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick held their annual fall conference. It was an informative day on the topic "Mentoring: a window on our profession" with presentations by Ernie Ingles, Associate Vice-President at the University of Alberta, and Lorio Roy, Editor and Executive Director of L'Acadie Nouvelle. The day ended with a panel discussion with Ernie Ingles, Lorio Roy, Sylvie Nadeau, and Melinda Renner (Law Librarian at UNB), moderated by Ella Nason (Assistant Director of NBPLS).

Submitted by Jeanne Maddix



Public Libraries

During November, the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (PILRB) quietly unveiled its new pages on the World Wide Web.

The PILRB is the governing body for Public Libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador. Its mandate is to ensure that library materials, information, and programmes are available to meet the needs of the public. This is achieved through a network of 96 branches, divided into three divisions, and the Provincial Resource Library (which includes the St. John's City Libraries).

The attractive new PILRB website <<http://www.publib.nf.ca>> provides access to the online library catalogue and various online collections, including Electric Library Canada and the Digital Post Card Collection. Online services can be accessed on the new website.

Updated contact information and service hours are provided for each branch library, and for the regional and administrative offices.

Central Division

from Pat Parsons, Regional Librarian, Central Division
Acclaimed NF writer Michael Crummey turned the Buchans Public Library into a "happening

spot" during Come Home Year in July. Over 200 residents and visitors jammed into the library, then were moved to the gym next door to hear Crummey read from *River Thieves* and *Hard Light*. It was a wonderful evening. The next day west coast storyteller Elinor Benjamin entertained 70 children with Nordic folk tales and other stories. Pat Parsons, Regional Librarian commended the local Library Board for their initiative to partner with the Come Home Year Committee which cost shared the events. "It shows that the library can and should be a vital part of all local events. Many of the people that came home, including Michael, shared fond memories of hours spent in the old Buchans Library."

The Reverend Lindbergh Barbour read from his new book "Coming Home" at Greenspond Public Library. Twenty five residents gathered to listen to the yarns that he spun, and later enjoyed refreshments donated by local board members.

During October, branches in Fogo and Twillingate offered a Creative Writing Workshop for Seniors. These one-day programmes were sponsored by the Literacy Division of the Seniors Resource Center.

Advanced computer training was offered at most Library CAP Sites through a programme cost shared with Industry Canada. This programme is meeting computer needs throughout Central Region.

Children's Book Week was celebrated with a visit from illustrator Stephane Jorisch. He held an interactive session with about 30 eight year olds in Twillingate Public Library.

Submitted by
Dianne Taylor-Harding

*Merry Christmas
and Best Wishes for
the New Year from
the Atlantic Provinces*

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Public Libraries

Halifax Regional Library

IT Skills Project a Huge Success

The Library's recent IT Skills Project, which began in March of this year and wrapped up in October, was a resounding success, with large overall attendance and very positive public feedback. The project, made possible through a grant from Human Resources and Development Canada (HRDC), allowed the Library to develop 10 introductory computer skills modules which were then made available to the public through all 14 HRL branches. Two staff hired to develop and then implement the modules were also responsible for training library employees. A total of 175 programs were offered around the system, covering everything from hands-on computer basics to advanced email. The popular workshops attracted 1375 people, most of whom were young seniors or job seekers looking to become more familiar with technology or gain help with job searches. The Library has received an incredibly positive response to these programs.

Self-Check Now at Alderney Gate and Cole Harbour

Self-check machines, very popular at both the Keshen and Tantallon libraries, have now been installed in two more branches. Alderney Gate and Cole Harbour are now equipped with one machine each (Cole Harbour's will not be up and running until the New Year). The easy-to-use self-checks are just one more way HRL is working to improve its service to an increasingly busy public. Drop by soon and try one out!

Keshen Goodman Hosts "Sheepish" Visitor

"Wooly" the Sheep will soon be arriving at the Keshen Goodman Library. Loaned to the library by the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, "Wooly", who stands eight and a half feet tall, and weighs a whopping 800 pounds, is part of a travelling exhibit of outdoor folk art from the Museum of Civilization in Hull, Québec. Wooly is making his rounds in the HRM, having already spent time at both the MicMac Mall and Halifax Shopping Centre. He'll be calling Keshen Goodman home for the month of December.

For more information check

out the Library's website at www.halifax.library.ns.ca.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Smart Libraries

The Smart Libraries project has moved into its next phase - content and sustainability. Although development of the site with new services and features is a continuing focus, staff are now working on sustainability. As a result, workloads have been distributed to various departments and incorporated into their routines. This move is critical for the long term life of the site.

Interest in our site has grown as a result of workshops offered at the Canadian Library Association Conference, LBANS/NSLA and the Community Access Conference. As a result, an invitation has been extended to other regional libraries to attend an in-depth demonstration during which the site's web developer will assist in demonstrating the administrative features of the site as well as how this product could benefit other regional libraries. All projects are designed to be replicable, community-based and sus-



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tainable through the FundyWeb (Nova Scotia's Smart Community). Schools within the valley have been promoting the site to their students. They are encouraged to use the resources found at <http://www.valleylibrary.ca> at school and at home.

Patrons are now able to renew books on-line and place their own holds, giving them more control of their accounts. Introduction of these new services has resulted in a great deal of positive feedback, higher library use and increased circulation!

The region has applied for LibraryNet funding through Industry Canada to assist in the development and implementation of projects involving technology in libraries. One proposed project would work with groups of teens to enhance the Smart Communities project while another will work with classes of elementary school-aged children

to use the site as part of their classroom activities.

Community Access Program (CAP)

Eight out of eleven branches offer computer tutorials and some children's programming. Several branches were 100% booked for the month within the first week, a clear indication of the popularity of these tutorials. The program is funded through CAP and will continue until mid-May.

Branch Services Report, November 2002

Fall programming is under way!

Wolfville Memorial Library is hosting a series of children's programs throughout the fall. Breakfast Serials takes place on Saturday mornings for ages 5-8 and involves reading, science experiments, crafty creations, and much more. The popular Tiny Tales Storytime is back for ages 3-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For adults, a reading by author John Stiles in October

was sponsored by Insomniac Press, and another by Pat Lotz on November 25th was sponsored by Gaspereau Press.

At the Windsor Library on October 29, a most interesting and informative author visit took place. Dr. Brad Kelln, an author, clinical/forensic psychologist, and special consultant to the Halifax Regional Police, was our guest. Dr. Kelln's second crime novel, *Method of Madness*, which is set in Halifax, was published in October and approximately 25 people were on hand for this presentation sponsored by Insomniac Press.

Windsor Library continues to host Fun and Fables for preschoolers on Friday mornings.

At the Frank E. Morse Memorial and Middleton Libraries in Lawrencetown, a fall series of adult programs was offered. These programs included: local veterinarian Dr. Natasha Cairns' family program on pet care; Darlene DenHaan's (of DenHaan Enterprises) talk

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on fall gardening; local lawyer Ron Richter's presentation on will preparation; Charlotte Janes' demonstration of our online website; and children's librarian Katherine Forrestall's program for new and expectant parents and their babies, Baby's First Books.

Other library offerings included pumpkin painting at the Berwick Library; the Circle of Readers Book Club at the Kentville branch; various computer-related programs for children; and one-on-one computer tutorials for all ages.

Our mobile branches (book-mobiles) now serve a total of 151 community stops including 35 schools, 23 senior and special care facilities and 18 day cares/nursery schools.

Academic Libraries

Acadia University Vaughan Memorial Library

The Vaughan Memorial Library welcomes two new members to its staff. Heather Shore (B.Sc., MLIS) has accepted a full-time contract position as an Academic Librarian, replacing Jennifer Richard, who is on maternity leave. Karen Padovani (BA) fills a full-time permanent position as a Library Technician in Access Services (Internal). Welcome Karen and Heather!

Mount Saint Vincent University Library

Christine Lovelace has been appointed Archivist at Mount Saint Vincent University. Christine graduated in November 2002 with a Masters of Archives and Records Management degree from

University College, London, England. Jennifer Adams has been appointed Reference & Instruction Librarian to replace Marnie MacGillivray who is now working at the National Energy Board Library in Calgary.

St. Francis Xavier University Library

Earlier this month it was announced that Rita Campbell will be stepping down as University Librarian in June of 2003. In his announcement, Academic Vice President Ron Johnson praised Ms. Campbell for the many significant improvements in service during her nine year tenure, and for her tireless dedication to the students, faculty and staff of Saint Francis Xavier University.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand



Academic Libraries

Holland College

Another busy term is coming to an end at Holland College and, believe it or not, the holiday season is right around the corner!

Holland College Library Services has teamed up with the PEI Provincial Library Service to provide orientation sessions for adult education students enrolled at Holland College. The aim of this partnership is to increase awareness of the library services, college and public, available to students in the various College satellite locations across Prince Edward

Island.

Staff changes abound in Library Services. Library Technician Joanne MacDonald has accepted a six month secondment to Holland College Student Services as the new Student Development Officer. Congratulations Joanne!! Donald Moses will join the ranks in the Charlottetown Centre and, now that the interviews are complete, a replacement will soon be hired to backfill Donald's position at the Aerospace and Industrial Technology Centre.

University of Prince Edward Island

UPEI Robertson Library is wrapping up another busy term which included a full slate of instructional sessions and a continuation of its Roving Assistance Programme until mid-December (not to mention all the desk shifts, and busy times behind the scenes). This term has also seen successful public lectures in the Library's Special Collections area, organized by the LM Montgomery Institute and the Friends of the Library, as well as a visit from Dr. Jan Cellucci, wife of US Ambassador Paul Cellucci and a passionate advocate for Canadian academic libraries.

Next term, the library looks forward to its first-ever digitization project, the launch of a brand-new Web site, and a complete internal and external review, now in the planning stage.

Public Libraries

The PEI Provincial Library Service made available a copy of the book *When Jeremiah found Mrs. Ming* by Sharon Jennings (in English or French) to every student in Grade 1 during

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Canadian Children's Book Week. By giving every child her or his very own book, this program, a partnership with the Canadian Children's Book Centre and the TD Bank Financial Group, encourages children to discover the world of books and reading. While in most other provinces this program is delivered through the school system, it's great to see the Chairman of the TD Bank Financial Group encourage children "to visit [their] local library to discover the magical world of books and the fun of reading."

Over the next several weeks staff development workshops are being held across the province. Reviews, input and training in the collection development policies and processes are providing great input into

the needs of the core service. Staff are also being guided through a review of the Public Libraries Act and municipal contracts in order to give tools to local staff for working with their local community groups. The Library Service is also rolling out a readers' advisory binder and bookmarks that are being well received. It's always great to get ideas about new books and authors.

The Kensington branch is currently moving to a new home in the recently renovated and expanded town hall. The move to the new location of the library, which is shared with the town hall, the police station, and doctors' offices, is eagerly anticipated. Staff at the Confederation Centre Public Library are also very pleased to learn that there will be major upgrades to the facility in Charlottetown. While

there are no firm dates set for that renovation yet, news of new electrical, mechanical and lighting systems, as well as paint and carpet, are welcome indeed.

The Confederation Centre Public Library (CCPL) Friends group held their fall book sale on October 19 & 20. They raised over \$2,400 from this sale. The funds will eventually be earmarked for special activities, equipment or collections as recommended by the Chief Librarian in consultation with the Friends group.

islandlibraries.ca

The "islandlibraries" partnership between Holland College Library Services and the PEI Provincial Library Service has proven to be very successful to date. Since August, the total number of visitors to the <http://islandlibraries.ca> website has been 3,080. For the month of

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October alone there were 1,055 visitors. We are very pleased with the response and have had a lot of positive feedback from users.

Submitted by
Andrea Stewart

**APLA
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Sheila Browne
Lori Collins
Denise Corey-Fancy
Kristen Fleuren-Hunter
Andre Gionet
Steve Lelievre
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John Patterson

GAF - General Activities Fund

The APLA General Activities Fund (GAF) was established in 1985. It is designed to provide funding for activities and projects that serve to further the aims and objectives of the Association. Since one of the primary strategic goals of APLA is continuing education, the GAF is often used to fund continuing education activities.

The GAF is open to any APLA member in good standing, including Vice-Presidents and committee or interest group conveners. The application process is designed for easy access to the funds. All that is required is a description of the activity, noting the purpose, the audience, and the duration, and a budget proposal, indicating whether the request is for seed money or a subsidy and whether other sources of revenue are to be used, and including the projected revenues/expenses. Applications are submitted to the Finance Committee, comprised of the President, the Vice-President/President Elect and the Treasurer. Once approval is granted and the activity takes place, all that remains is the submission of a financial report along with any funds recovered from the activity. In the case of multiple sponsors, all groups share in the profits/deficits in accordance with the amounts contributed by each.

In the current 2002/2003 fiscal year, the Finance Committee has approved 4 grants from the General Activities Fund, for a total of \$2900. To date, we have given:

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| Law for the People | \$1110 |
| Community Access to Health Planning Information | \$690 |
| Library Week (NS/PE) | \$600 |
| Children's Programming Workshop | \$500 |

But we would like to do so much more. We still have \$4800 in the GAF. If you have an idea, please send it along. We can help with the funding to make your idea possible. The deadline for applications for the 2002/2003 fiscal year is March 31, 2003, but grants can be approved any time before the deadline.



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In Memoriam

Maud Godfrey (BA, BLS) passed away Monday, October 21 in Amherst, Nova Scotia. A 1940 graduate of the University of Toronto Library School, Maud began her career in Ontario's Hamilton Public Library and in 1967 moved to Halifax where she led the reference services section of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. She was a member of APLA, the Canadian Library Association, and the Halifax Library Association.

APLA Memorial Awards

Financial assistance for study and research is available from the APLA Memorial Trust. Projects which contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the Library profession as a whole are encouraged. To apply, please send a letter outlining your proposed research, estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 15th, 2003 to:

Angela Lonardo
 APLA Memorial Awards Committee Queen Elizabeth II Library
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Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

Applications are now invited for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

This annual award provides funding to 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. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and financial need is a consideration. Please note this scholarship requires that applicants have already been accepted in an accredited School of Library and Information Science as a candidate for a masters degree in Library Science. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2003

Further information and application forms can be found at the APLA Web site <http://www.apla.ca/> or please contact:

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Win a Set of 2003/2004 Hackmatack Nominated Books!

Young readers across Atlantic Canada are excited about the books nominated for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award. Hundreds of children in grades 4 to 6 in schools, libraries and community centres are avidly reading, discovering new worlds and cultures with books like *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis, being thrilled by *Adventures with Vikings* by Linda Bailey, or finding out about amazing discoveries in *Les Grandes Débrouillards* by Réal Godbout. Readers in both English and French are reading like mad, gearing up to cast their votes for their favourite books next May 2003. In addition, Hackmatack groups will have the opportunity to host author readings in all four Atlantic provinces and attend the Award Ceremony on June 19 in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The thrill of meeting these outstanding Canadian writers in person is a highlight for Hackmatack readers and underlines the importance and enjoyment of reading.

And that's not all that is exciting. This year Hackmatack organizers want to encourage participation in the reading program. All registered groups are eligible to win a set of 2003/2004 Hackmatack nominated books for their libraries. There will be one draw for each Atlantic province. Draws will be made at the June 19 Award Ceremony.

So register now for a chance to win! The deadline for registrations for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award is December 31, 2002.

For more information on the Hackmatack Award or to register a group, call Norene Smiley at (902) 424-3774 or e-mail hackmatack@hackmatack.ca. Check out the Hackmatack website at www.hackmatack.ca.

First Timer's Conference Grant

Have you never been to an APLA annual conference?

Do you want to go to St. John's but cannot afford it?

Why not apply for APLA's First Timer's Conference Grant?

To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA, residing in Atlantic Canada, and planning to attend her/his first APLA annual conference. Grants are allocated, consistent with general APLA guidelines, to help meet conference related expenses. If more applications are received than can be met by the fund, money will be awarded by drawing from the names of all eligible applicants. Recipients will be expected to write a short report, for the Executive and the Bulletin, summarizing their conference experience. Applicants should include name, business address, chosen means for contacting (mail, e-mail, telephone, or fax) estimated costs (travel, accommodation, meals, and registration), and a signed compliance with eligibility requirements.

Applications should be submitted by March 31, 2003 to:

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Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the trust has made its 2002 award to Christine Hiller in the amount of \$2000.

Ms. Hiller is a native of Newfoundland, having grown up in St. John's. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (History Major with Honours and a Minor in English - 2001) from Memorial University and is currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Studies degree at Dalhousie University.



Williams Trust Fund recipient Christine Hiller

The Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award was established to promote the development of librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants seeking funding for library-related projects or assistance in pursuing graduate studies in Library Science. Annual awards generally approximate \$1000.

Applications are now invited for the Award. The deadline for applications is March 28, 2003. For further information and an application form contact:

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From St. Jerome's Den

What do Charles Dickens and Stephen King have in common? More than you might think. Among other things, they have both had a number of their books made into movies and they are both serial writers who took advantage of the technology of their time.

Although the first serial appeared in England in 1698, the form had gone out of favour before it was revitalized by Dickens and his *Pickwick Papers* in 1836. Dickens was taking advantage of a number of innovations in publishing technology that radically lowered production costs and the price to the end user. Cheaper, faster paper manufacture, steel-plate mass reproduction of illustrations, advances in automated typesetting, and the steam-powered cylindrical printing press were all introduced between 1800 and 1830. The first chapter of the *Pickwick Papers* sold 400 copies at one shilling per copy. Not a great start, but interest increased over the next 56 parts, and the last chapter sold 40,000 copies.

When King first released his novel, *The Green Mile*, he chose a serial format of six volumes, which like Dickens' novels were in print. According to King, he was inspired by Dickens and had also been a fan of the episodic stories that he read in the *Saturday Evening Post*. *The Green Mile* was the first serial novel published in the United States since the 1920s. Also like Dickens, King took advantage of the technology of his generation by publishing *The Plant* as a

Web serial. He sold the chapters at \$1 each on an honour system. However, by chapter 7, only 46 percent of the viewers were paying so he ended the project - without ending the novel.

While Dickens' example was followed by other Victorian

authors such as William Thackeray, George Eliot, Anthony Trollope, Joseph Conrad, and Thomas Hardy, it may be too early to determine whether or not King, or someone else, will be successful in producing serialized fiction on the Web.

Eileen Wallace Research Fellowship in Children's Literature

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:

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The deadline for application is March 1st of any year, with fellowship to be awarded after July 1st of the same year.

2003 APLA Merit Award

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association invites nominations for the Association's Merit Award. The 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 February 29, 2003 to:

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