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“Doing Research is Essential to the Development of a Professional Librarian.”

Mary Dykstra

I prefer to change the statement “Doing research is essential to the development of a professional librarian” to “Research is librarianship.” Put that way, I couldn’t agree more!

Although there are many definitions of research, here is one by Jesse Shera that might do best in this context: “It is an intellectual act that begins with the asking of a question (emerging from an awareness of one’s ignorance) and progresses through the critical examination of evidence that is both relevant and reliable to the revelation of truth that is generalizable and universal.”

It is generally accepted that the research process consists of the following steps: (1) identification of a problem, (2) collection of data, (3) selection of one or more tentative solutions, (4) testing and evaluation of the solution(s) using appropriate methodologies, and (5) final selection of a solution. There are differences in the methodologies and other aspects of what is called “scientific research,” where data are usually collected from physical sources, and the “scholarly research” usually undertaken by humanists with data which tends to be bibliographical. In all cases, though, the greater the care and rigour with which the essential steps in the research process are undertaken, the greater the validity and credibility of the research.

It is important to understand that certain things are not research. Describing a particular system or situation does not qualify. Nor does compiling a bibliography. Nor does gathering together the opinions of several experts without weighing the evidence. Nor does inventing a hypothesis without testing and proving it. All of these things might be very useful in and of themselves, or as informational tools for researchers to use, but to equate producing them with “doing research” does nothing to improve the image of a profession. Research is disciplined inquiry and problem solving, in order to create new knowledge.

It seems clear from the above that not all librarians will have the time, ability, or inclination to “do” research. Nor should they. There must be consumers of research, as

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We put the above statement – admittedly a provocative one – to a number of Atlantic area librarians, and asked them to respond to it in light of their own situation. It appears we struck a nerve, for almost everyone we asked responded (some of the responses will have to be run in the next issue). Is it essential? Read on and find out.

—BB

Amédeé LeBlanc

Depuis de nombreuses années, les bibliothécaires qui exercent leur profession dans les universités canadiennes et américaines ont souvent des discussions concernant la recherche et se demandent si elle est vraiment nécessaire pour exercer leurs fonctions. Selon certains écrits, il est très difficile de donner un plein rendement au travail en plus de faire de la recherche pendant ses temps libres. Par contre, plusieurs articles écrits par des bibliothécaires chevronnés dans la discipline reconnaissent l’importance de la recherche pour atteindre un statut professionnel et valoriser la profession.

Lors d’enquêtes en 1981 et 1983, Russ Davidson et son équipe constataient que les bibliothécaires des institutions académiques avaient une certaine réticence à s’impliquer dans des projets de recherche. On présentait comme argument que, comme leur travail était échelonné sur une période de douze mois exigeant quarante heures par semaine, il était donc pratiquement impossible d’initier des projets de recherche.

Du point de vue administratif, Thomas English (1984) dévoile le résultat de son enquête qui corrobore celle de Davidson. Dale S. Montanelli

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Susan McLean

Is research essential to the development of the professional librarian? Yes, most definitely. Is it essential that every librarian carry out research in their respective area of expertise? No.

What is essential is to recognize the importance of research to librarianship. Without it we as individuals, and the profession as a whole, would not develop and keep pace with the times. There is no need, however, for every librarian to be actively carrying out original research in their area of expertise. What is necessary is that we develop skills as effective team members to allow us to work together to identify areas requiring research, effectively carry out the research and integrate it appropriately in our work places.

If we are to make it into the future we will have to develop and keep pace with diverse and rapidly changing issues in the field. In order to do this we have to pool our expertise. We need people in the profession with a range of abilities, including: good communication and interpersonal skills to allow for the effective exchange of ideas; automation knowledge to develop the systems we need for the future; strong public and technical service abilities to keep the libraries running; good leadership and administrative skills to ensure that institutions carry out the work they were designed to undertake; and good political skills to ensure that the library has adequate funds to put the ideas generated by research into practice. Effective and competent researchers are a necessary part of that team. However, just as it is not necessary that we all be automation specialists, chief administrators or public service librarians, neither do we all need to be researchers.

What we must do as individual librarians is recognize the importance of research. A shortcoming in the profession is the tendency to ignore this importance either by not encouraging it, or by not integrating it into the daily routines of our libraries. Because we are, by and large, a practising profession it is easy to get caught up in the daily running of our institutions and leave little or no time for thinking about what we do, for stepping back for a critical review.

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Information Resources on the Internet:

A Beginner’s Guide to the Internet.

—by Angela Lonardo

The world of information is rapidly changing. Networks and networking are a relatively new phenomenon in the information field, including libraries. As document delivery becomes as sophisticated as our ability to access information, networking might well transform the information sector.

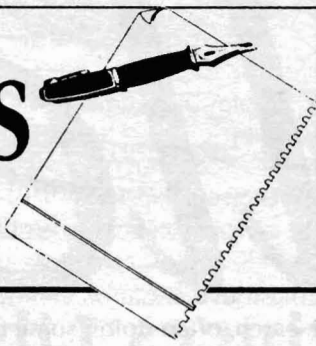
Networks connect people and computers. In Atlantic Canada we have 4 regional networks. NLnet (the Newfoundland and Labrador Network) links Memorial University of Newfoundland, Cabot Institute of Applied Arts and Technology, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Forestry Canada (Newfoundland and Labrador Region), Institute for Fisheries and Marine Technology, and the National Research Council Canada (Institute of Marine Dynamics). The NSTN in Nova Scotia, AccessNB in New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island Network in PEI are comparable regional networks.

CANet, pronounced C-A-net, is a nationwide network, which links the regional networks across Canada. CANet provides universities, government, and industry with software, electronic mail, file and document transfer, supercomputer facilities, and databases. CANet provides the regional networks with database access by giving them access to a global network, the Internet. Internet is an international network, linking together regional and national networks around the world. For example, a scholar in Newfoundland sitting at a microcomputer or workstation connected to a campus network with an appropriate telecommunications infrastructure, such as Memorial University provides, can link to the Internet and exploit a growing number of open access databases.

There are over 200 library catalogs available on the Internet, such as the online catalogs (OPACs) of the University of New

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

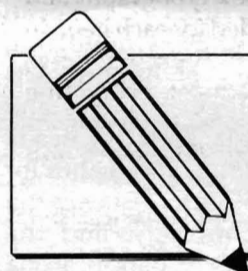


In the previous issue of the *Bulletin*, you read about various challenges facing the library community in the Atlantic Provinces, including such things as funding, intellectual freedom, and resource sharing. These same issues are common across Canada, as was pointed up at the recent meeting of the Provincial and Territorial Library Association Council (PTLAC). The PTLAC, comprised of the Presidents of library associations across Canada, was a guest of the Ontario Library Association at its conference in November, 1991. As well as holding a meeting of the Council, PTLAC participated in a conference program which enumerated and discussed the issues facing the library community in Canada. Andrea John, APLA's Past President, attended on behalf of APLA. At the PTLAC meeting, Council members reaffirmed the desire to maintain a relationship among local and regional library associations. In particular, members feel that concerted lobbying efforts are necessary. It is interesting that the

need to network and cooperate is felt so strongly in groups such as these. Even though the individuals are members of other groups which are pursuing the same goals, we feel that the network provided by PTLAC offers additional advantages which are worth the effort of maintaining a new affiliation.

With respect to an issue that was mentioned in an earlier *Bulletin*, there is every indication that "buying around" will be subject to regulation (Distribution Rights) under the Copyright Act, and that such regulation will be drafted soon (some thought before Christmas). Under the proposed regulation, the exclusive Canadian distributor will have the sole right to import those titles governed by its distribution contract. There will be an exemption for a "retail parallel importer" who imports the titles for purposes of resale to any purchaser. This exemption is designed to get the CBA on side. APLA will be addressing this issue in conjunction with CLA and other library associations.

Judy Head



From the EDITOR'S DESK

It is impossible, at least currently, to get a Master's degree in library science without receiving some basic training in research skills and methods. Many librarians, particularly those in academic libraries and library schools, are contractually obligated to carry out research. Many others, in all areas of librarianship and for a variety of reasons, also do what they consider to be research.

But what exactly is "research"? Should we all be doing it? Are those who aren't being left behind? Are those who are doing it, doing it at the expense of library users?

We put our intentionally

provocative statement to a number of Atlantic area librarians and waited to see what would happen. The response was a little overwhelming (we will have to run some replies in a subsequent issue). And opinion, as you will see, is very divided.

About the only lesson we learned was that many librarians feel very strongly about this issue. I don't think we answered any of the above questions. But they are questions, it appears, which should be asked, and which aren't likely to go away.

A final note about this issue. Perhaps inevitably it is slanted towards the concerns of the academic world. We hope to remedy that in subsequent issues.

Bradd Burningham

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well as producers. And because many of their clients are themselves researchers, librarians must also be able to recognize good research in other fields when they see it, and understand the research process.

All professions worthy of the name have their researchers. Normally these are the academics, or teaching members of the profession, together with those in associated institutions who may collaborate with them. Others, such as the editors of professional journals, are involved in the dissemination of research. And then there is that large group of practitioners who must apply the research, which involves reading research results, keeping informed about research in every way possible, assimilating new knowledge and acting upon it in situations where it is relevant.

In the profession of medicine, for example, most research is performed in the medical schools and associated teaching hospitals. It is not, as a general rule, performed by practicing physicians. It goes without saying, however, that it is crucial for the professional viability and development of practicing physicians that they have in-depth knowledge of current research in their field and the ability to apply the results.

Professional librarianship in North America has suffered tremendously from the absence of a strong research environment. First there is the matter of funding. Compare, for example, the British Library's Research and Development Department, which makes available one and a half million pounds per year for research in librarianship and information studies in the UK, with our own National Library, which has no such department or funding. One of the consequences of this lack of funding is the difficulty librarians have in arranging study leaves long enough to enable them to conduct meaningful research. Although the number of librarians who would like to be involved in research at some point in their careers is increasing, too many find that for financial reasons (and/or lack of support from their employers) it is impossible to do.

Even worse, very little of the mass of significant research currently being produced in information science and technology—most of it extremely well funded—has found its way into the practice of librarianship. Nor is there much knowledge among librarians of the information revolution which has already marginalized their profession. There is some urgency, therefore, in the need for all librarians to participate in research, if not as doers then as consumers, supporters and appliers.

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For many of us there is also little in place to support the carrying out of study and research. Sabbatical leaves are generally only available to those in the university environment. Broader access to sabbatical leaves would allow more practitioners to take advantage of the research that has been completed and to develop and carry out research projects themselves. Skills are not easily maintained by reading the literature on evenings and weekends or by attending conferences for sessions intended to update or introduce an area. Particularly at this juncture in time, we need extended periods of study to upgrade and expand our skills as well as to allow us to carry out research.

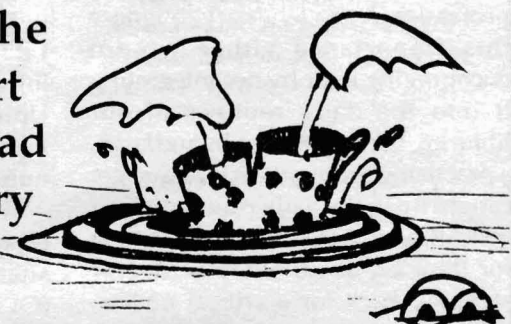
Those doing research have responsibilities as well. They must ensure that the limited resources available for research are used for those areas most in need of development. This requires close work with "practitioners". It is essential that persons carrying out the research communicate effectively with those on the front lines, not only to make certain that the subject of the research is relevant, but also to ensure valid results. Research in and of itself is not the answer to the profession no matter whether it is carried out by every librarian as part of the requirements of the profession or by individuals for the profession as a whole. Research that does not work to make libraries more effective institutions is of little value.

We must also remember that a depth and range of expertise is required perhaps such as at no time previously. As individuals, we are told that those of us who are able to adapt to change are most likely to survive. The same can be said of our institutions. Areas of responsibility are changing so rapidly that there is no hope of maintaining expertise in all areas. What will allow us to grow and survive is a strengthening of our teamwork skills, our ability to negotiate and communicate with each other and with our communities. We must develop and share our individual expertise as well as recognize and seek out the expertise which we are missing. If we are able to maintain this teamwork and dialogue we may move on to exciting developments. Without it we have no chance of growing.

So, is research essential to the development of the professional librarian? Absolutely. Without research the profession will not develop, and as a result we will cease to exist. We have an obligation to ensure that research is carried out and that the areas needing research are identified to ensure that the resources available are focused on the areas most in need. We have an obligation to ensure that there is ongoing dialogue between those planning and carrying out the research and those working in the field.

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(1986) commente les résultats en écrivant: "Not only do administrators see the work of librarianship as different from that of the rest of the faculty, they see librarians as having fewer degrees of freedom, less independence, and different basic responsibilities." (p. 482)

Même si ces enquêtes ont démontré un point de vue différent, on peut affirmer, comme Dale S. Montanelli et Patricia F. Stenstrom le soulignent dans le même article, que la recherche est très bénéfique pour les bibliothécaires et est considérée comme très importante pour leur développement personnel et professionnel.

Il importe donc de se demander pourquoi les bibliothécaires s'impliquent peu dans la recherche. Le facteur temps est-il le seul responsable du peu d'engagement des membres de la profession? La motivation selon Marcia Zubrow (1979) est le point crucial de la situation—"it is the individual librarian's responsibility to be self-motivated in the area of professional growth." (p. 22)

Cette motivation dite intrinsèque est d'abord et avant tout ce qui incite le professionnel à faire le choix de se lancer dans la recherche. Si la motivation vient de l'intérieur, les bénéfices personnels sont considérables. Entre autres, on note la valorisation de soi, la reconnaissance de ses capacités par ses pairs, le développement de sa créativité, moins de résistance aux changements, et enfin un excellent moyen de réduire la monotonie qui conduit souvent à l'épuisement professionnel.

En plus de la motivation intrinsèque, la motivation extrinsèque incite la personne à faire

le choix de s'impliquer. L'élément suivant est en effet important pour la mise sur pied d'un projet de recherche: l'encadrement par d'autres chercheurs en stade initial qui en facilite le processus. Il faut aussi prévoir du temps, du financement et obtenir certains bénéfices en retour.

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I agree with the statement that "doing research is essential to the development of a professional librarian." The professional librarian is often in a situation conducive to research, often doing some form of research on the job, has research skills, and often research material is in the collection or at least the librarian can readily locate the necessary material. Of course, there are too many restraints to doing research. Continued down-sizing, the litany of doing more with less, family responsibilities and other reasons often result in the onus for doing research being placed upon someone else or on members of a library school faculty. This is unfortunate for several reasons. The library profession is facing many challenges and changes and to respond to these, to stake out the library "turf," it is imperative that more librarians do research and publish the results of this research.

Research is that essential element which extends the boundaries of knowledge; it pushes and nudges the profession forward and it attracts people to the profession. To Mary Jo Lynch there are four types of research, namely, practical, bibliographical, scholarly and scientific. Practical research is that which discusses practical experiences, experiences which can be used as examples, to be used, built upon, altered for the use of others. Scholarly research is thought pieces or opinion pieces on aspects of librarianship. These are critical to the development of the profession. And the profession certainly needs more scientific research, that

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Atlantic Canadian Imprints: Not Enough of a Good Thing

- Review by Douglas Lochhead

Patricia Lockhart Fleming. *Atlantic Canadian Imprints, 1801-1820: A Bibliography*. Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1991. xviii, 188, [2] pp. \$95.00 (cloth). ISBN 0-8020-5872-8.

As the compiler-editor states, this bibliography is "the first comprehensive analytical bibliography of Atlantic Canadian imprints... [and] covers some 320 books, pamphlets, broadsides, government publications and serials". It does not include newspapers. Fleming describes her work as a "descriptive" and "historical" bibliography based on "analytical" principles. By adhering to the descriptive-historical approach this bibliography is an invaluable reference source for future studies of the social history of Atlantic Canada. In many ways Fleming continues the scholarly research provided by Marie Tremaine in her great *A Bibliography of Canadian Imprints, 1757-1800* (1952).

Atlantic Canadian Imprints, 1801-1820 provides us with a record of imprints arranged chronologically. Each is accounted for by a provincial code and number. Detailed information about title-page transcriptions, collations, contents, paper, illustrations, typography and binding is provided for each item. In addition Dr. Fleming has supplemented almost every title with historical notes regarding its publishing history. The work also includes six indexes.

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Swanick continued from page 3... research which by scientific methods documents new knowledge. There are many potential areas for research in librarianship; many areas are undeveloped or underdeveloped. Personally, I would recommend studies on the book, publishing,

library history, bibliography, collection development and preservation. Of course, there are many more, so many more, areas for study.

I enjoy the challenge of bibliographical work. Some, for example, David Weber, will argue

that 'bibliography is the heart of librarianship.' The terms enumerative, historical and analytical have been used to clarify bibliography. I will simply interpret the term bibliography to mean the book's constituent parts or paper, binding, type design and use, illustrative process(es), and printing processes. These are only part of the physical evidence of a book. Depending upon the book, there is the potential for many more questions. Is it a first edition? A reprint? Is there a bookplate? Annotations? Is there a publishing history? There are many more questions to be considered.

Some time ago, I received financial assistance to author an enumerative/analytical bibliography of Alden Nowlan's published writings. I have learnt a great deal about Nowlan's writing habits, his thoughts on printing and design and about the publishing process. For example, Nowlan's

poetry collection entitled *Playing the Jesus Game* was his first work published in the United States, in Trumansburg, New York, to be specific. During the years 1970-1973, this work was published three different times. This poses a few questions. Why was it published three times? Did Nowlan become very popular in the United States, more popular than originally estimated? Were there changes in the text of the poems with each printing? How do I identify the publishing chronology of these volumes? There are several challenges in this bibliography. Nowlan wrote under several pseudonyms; he wrote extensively for newspapers and periodicals. I have over 2500 references to writings by and about Nowlan. I suspect that not all will agree on the importance of this project.

I competed to obtain the money; there was no one else considering an Alden Nowlan bibliography, at least not that I knew of. All that aside, this project is research, will contribute to further studies on Nowlan, an important figure, and also will contribute to further studies on the society about which he wrote so perceptively and so much. As hinted at, bibliography is often the first step to further research. This project has been important for collection development, preservation, automation and simply for the challenge of the chase.

There are many other areas for research. Research invigorates, research challenges, research offers new perspectives. It is essential. There are restraints, there always will be restraints, and some will be insurmountable. However, it is critical for more librarians to be involved in research because research certainly is essential to the development of the professional librarian.

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La Commission Régionale des Bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean commemorated its 20th anniversary by presenting long-service awards to its employees. Pictured from left to right are Jocelyne LeBel, Director, NBL; Yvette Fortin, Guy Nadeau and Yvette Quimper, each with 20 years of service; and, Paulette Violette, President of the Commission Régionale.



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N.B. LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY CELEBRATES SESQUICENTENNIAL

On October 4th, the New Brunswick Legislative Library celebrated its sesquicentennial. The Library had been formally established in 1841, formally because the roots of the library lie in Jonathan Odell's collection brought to the colony in 1784.

Nearly 300 people, a number of whom were from outside the province, came to celebrate this festive occasion. There were three speakers. Dr. Russell King, then Minister of Advanced Education and Training, spoke of the importance of the Library within the larger context of society in general as well as to the Members of the Legislative Assembly. The keynote speaker, Dr. Marianne Scott, the National Librarian, celebrated the Library in a broader cultural and social context and went on to cite some of the Legislative Library firsts, the latest of which is its issuing select publications on permanent paper. The Library's latest publication, the one launched by Dr. Scott entitled, *The Development of the New Brunswick Legislative Library, 1841-1991* (separately published as *Evolution de la bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative du Nouveau-Brunswick, 1841-1991*), was published on permanent paper. By clenching in her fist a piece of acidic paper, Dr. Scott showed a major problem librarians must contend with to preserve the written heritage. A direct appeal was made to the New Brunswick government to use permanent paper in all their publications. The Premier, Frank McKenna, spoke of the importance of the Legislative Library to the



The N.B. Legislative Library celebrates its Sesquicentennial. From left to right, Dr. Russell King, E. Swanick, Marianne Scott, The Right Honourable Frank McKenna Premier of New Brunswick.

Members of the Legislative Assembly and also spoke of the important role the Library has played in the promotion of the province through the Library's collections, publications on and distribution of New Brunswick materials.

A reception followed. The history of the Library, New Brunswick publications, New Brunswick political ephemera and a selection of rare books were all themes of the evening's exhibitions. The October 4th celebrations were the final in a series of activities during the year. In July and September, the Legislative Library celebrated New Brunswick librarianship and libraries in a series of lectures. The first talk was given by Peter F. McNally of McGill University. His

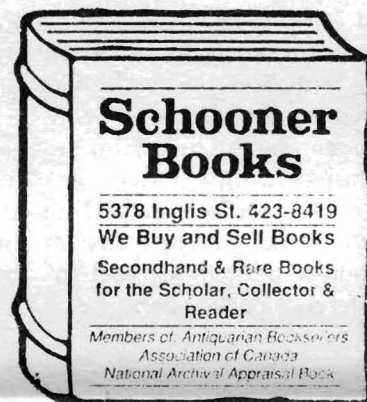
topic was "Libraries and Culture: A New Brunswick Perspective." The second talk, "Jonathan Odell, New Brunswick's First Librarian and His Library," was given by Ann Condon of the University of New Brunswick (Saint John). The final talk in the series was "Libraries in the Information Age." Mary Dykstra of Dalhousie gave this talk. All talks were filmed and shown on television. The Library was the subject of a number of articles, staff interviews and promotional items. As Premier McKenna stated, "The Legislative Library has provided 150 years of dedicated service to New Brunswickers." The Library looks forward to the challenges of the next 150 years.

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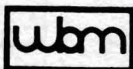


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Video and film are forming an increasingly important part of library collections. This workshop features a panel discussion on intellectual freedom issues concerning video, film and television; special interests and self-censorship in production; the controlling factor of community standards; and much more. Gordon Parsons, founder of Wormwood Cinema and Atlantic Film Festival organizer, and Wally Wason, Marketing Officer of the National Film Board, are just two of the speakers invited to "reel in" the conference participants.

Information Literacy: Slogan or Strategy?

How important is "information literacy" for the future? Some say it is a key issue for the nineties and beyond—others are not so sure. Librarians in the field will examine and define the concept of "information literacy" as well as offer a range of perspectives on the issue.

Marketing Library Strategies: Lessons from Free Enterprise

Profit-oriented organizations realize the importance of marketing to their financial well-being. Could the not-for-profit library community pick up any useful lessons from this sector? Dr. Larry Amey will examine, in detail, how libraries might adopt and modify these marketing strategies for their own purposes.

Monica Hughes

A reading, workshop, or both, by an invited author has proved to be a popular feature at previous APLA conferences. APLA '92 will be no exception. Monica Hughes, celebrated SciFi author of "The Isis Trilogy" and "Invitation to the Game", among other titles, will read from her latest work at the Friday night reception. She will also present a conference program "Envisioning the Future: Issues in Writing Science Fiction for Young People."

Other Workshops

If the previous workshops noted were just not the right "bait", perhaps the following topics will "hook" you:

- Internet Resources;
 - Beyond Boolean;
 - Welcome to the Future: Computer Assisted Collection Development;
 - Copyright Update;
 - The Effects of Technology on Women;
 - Getting to Yes: Skills for Personal Negotiations;
 - Grantsmanship.
- to name only a few.

Pre-Conference Workshop

Just for the "halibut" plan to arrive in Halifax for May 7th and drop anchor at one of the two full-day workshops being offered as the "catch of the day":

- *Automation For School Libraries.* Canadian library and information consultant, Jane Beaumont, will discuss in detail automation in school libraries, from how to assess the need for automation, through successful conversion of catalogue cards, to implementation of the system.
- *Evaluating Library Services.* Charles McClure, professor, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, will discuss the evaluation process, strategic planning and an overview of specific evaluation techniques that academic, public and special libraries might implement.

Conference Banquet and Social Event

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KEYNOTE SPEECH: A RECIPE FOR CHANGE

Beyond fide and chips may be lobster, caviar, or oysters on the half-shell; a rich and tasty menu for APLA '92. But, if sea cucumbers and sea urchins become the choice morsels of the next century, what will be on the menu for libraries and other diners in the information marketplace? Our keynote speaker, Dr. Blaise Cronin, will discuss the mortality of traditional librarianship, its demands and prospects for the information workers of the future, plus the strategies that might enable librarians to face change and remain competitive.

Dr. Cronin, formerly from the University of Strathclyde, Scotland, is now Dean, School of Library and Information Science, Bloomington, Indiana. He is a popular speaker and has written extensively on this topic.

In conjunction with Dr. Cronin's talk, conference participants will be able to discuss strategies for change in:

How information technology is implemented;

What information technology is implemented;

The professional skills required for the information age;

How library institutions must change and adapt to a new mould.

Plan to make your reservations for a good table at this timely treat.

DALHOUSIE LECTURE SERIES

The School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, will continue its Friday lecture series during winter term 1991/92 with the following lectures:

January 24, 1992: "The Computerization of Government Information: Implications for Today's Information Professional," Arden Bell, Manager, Data Dissemination, Statistics Canada, Halifax

February 28, 1992 "Emerging Technologies and Records Management: Challenges for 2000." Reuben Ware, Director, Provincial Records Management, Nova Scotia Department of Government Services

March 13, 1992: "New Research Perspectives: A Focus on the User," Elizabeth Frick, Associate Professor, Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies.

March 27, 1992: "Emerging Issues of the 90's—Implications for Knowledge Workers." Patrica Bowers, Vice-President, Information Technology Association of Nova Scotia (ITANS)

April 3, 1992: "Publish and Flourish: Getting Started." Bradd Burningham, Editor APLA Bulletin, and Robert Cook, Convenor, Canadian Library Journal's Editorial Board

For more information, contact the School of Library and Information Studies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Special Libraries Association's Middle Management Institute will be offering their *Management Skills* workshop in Fredericton from April 9th to 11th and in Halifax from April 13th to 15th. For further details in Fredericton, call Eric Swanick at (506)453-2338. In Halifax call the School of Library and Information Studies at (902)494-3656.

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Brunswick, Mount Allison, and the University of Prince Edward Island. Regional library networks, such as NOVANET, the network of academic library OPACs in Nova Scotia, are also on the Internet. Seven Nova Scotian post-secondary library catalogs are represented in NOVANET (see figure 1).

As close as Atlantic Canada OPACs are to our fingertips, so are other Canadian catalogs, such as McGill University's MUSE and University of Toronto's FELIX, and American library catalogs. Examples of some American OPACs which are available on the Internet are those of Harvard University, Washington University, University of California, Occidental College, Northwestern University, and the Cleveland Public Library. With access to library catalogs in Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, New Zealand, and Australia, as well, (see figure 2) the Internet provides us with the holdings of a global library. Public and academic libraries are not the only institutions on the Internet, National Libraries, government and industry libraries are also there.

While most institutions accessible on the Internet contribute their online catalogs, other types of databases are also available, such as in-house bibliographies. For example, Carnegie Mellon Library Information System offers a database of Architectural Illustrations. When the word Boston was searched in this database, 66 records were retrieved. Record number 6, which

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| Technical University of Nova Scotia | TUNS |
| University College of Cape Breton | UCCB |
| University of Kings College | KINGS |

figure 1

issues, is another information database available from CARL. If the user runs a search on acid rain, this database provides the user with addresses and descriptions of groups who are involved with this issue, together with lists of activities which the groups have undertaken. Metro Denver Facts provides statistical and regional information about Denver. School Model Programs provides information about educational improvement programs by identifying and describing educational programs in Colorado that work towards fostering school improvement. The database also provides the user with addresses to contact for further program information. Factual databases produced by other institutions include PENpages, produced by Penn State University, and a database of agricultural and nutritional information, including statistics and consumer oriented information. The Cleveland free-net allows users to visit Cleveland-area sites electronically and also provides access to various Cleveland online catalogs.

The databases mentioned are only a few examples of the many types of information available on the Internet. Internet also makes available several archives of computer software, from which the user may download freeware computer programs. Commercial databases may be accessed on the Internet, but these are often accompanied with password restrictions. OCLC's EPIC and the RLIN (Research Libraries Group), both requiring passwords to access, are other examples of sources on the Internet. Campus information is commonly available also, including faculty job opportunities, off-campus housing, course outlines, university calendars, research opportunities, listings of social and cultural events, university policies and procedures, student activities, and news and weather.

Lastly, there are guides to the Internet available, both online and paper, as well as software which provides menu-driven access to Internet information resources. The former includes *Library Resources on The Internet: Strategies for Selection and Use*, edited by Laine Farley,

figure 2

Deakin University Library

Details follow for Deakin University Library, Victoria,
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Library System: ALICE

ALICE - the Deakin University Library OPAC

Internet access to Deakin University Library (ALICE)

Access to the Deakin University Library's online library system
can be gained from any terminal which is connected to the
INTERNET network.

There is also a wide range of factual information available on the Internet. For example, CARL, the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, offers a selection of 7 information databases (see figure 5). *Choice Book Reviews*, a journal frequently used by librarians for selection of materials, is one of the databases available. For example, a subject search for books about Buddhism and women can be executed, and the searcher may view the bibliographic information and the complete *Choice* review for each item identified.

Environmental Education, a directory of environmental education agencies, organizations, and groups who make available information on environmental

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Complete texts of literature and scholarly works:

BIBLE - the King James Version of the Bible

SHAKESPEARE PLAYS - thirty-three plays by Shakespeare

SHAKESPEARE SONNETS - all of Shakespeare's Sonnets

figure 3

identified the Boston Public Library, displayed the bibliographic information for a book which includes an illustration of the building.

The INTERNET, however, provides access to more than just library catalogs. Complete texts of primary sources, often together with critical commentaries, are available on the Internet. For example, Dartmouth College Library offers the scholar at her or his workstation the complete texts of the Bible and Shakespeare's plays and sonnets (see figure 3). It is possible to search for the terms "fatted calf" in the Bible, and retrieve the story of the prodigal son in Luke, chapter 15. The user is then able to read the full text of this chapter from verse 1 to 24 directly on their screen. Dante's *La Commedia*, together with full text commentaries,

is another example of a full text database to which we have remote access on the Internet.

In addition, via e-mail, Internet offers access to electronic journals and newsletters, such as the *Public-Access Computer Systems Review*, published by the University Libraries of the University of Houston. Users who subscribe to the journal receive the journal's table of contents in their e-mail (see figure 4). The user has the option of sending an FTP (file transfer protocol) command to retrieve the full text of any article listed. The article is subsequently sent as a file to the subscriber's computer. Also available online via Internet is *Public Access Computer Systems News*, an electronic full text newsletter, also published at the University of Houston.

figure 4

The Public-Access Computer Systems Review

Published on an Irregular basis by the University Libraries,
University of Houston. Technical support is provided by the
Information Technology Division, University of Houston.

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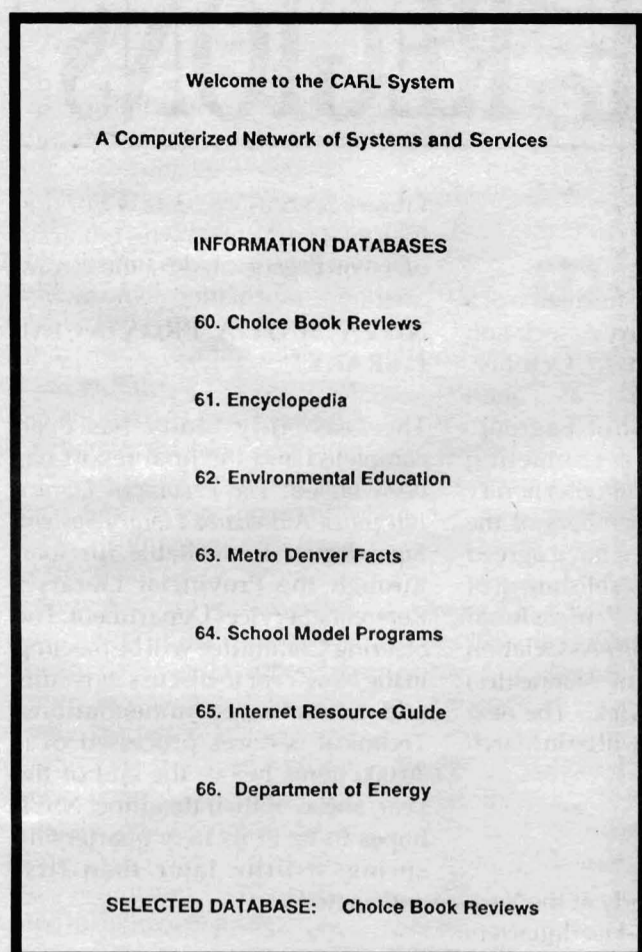


figure 5

which grew out of the 1990 annual meeting of the Direct Patron Access Committee. The purpose of this guide is to give Internet users strategies for identifying and using library catalogs on the Internet, providing examples of library systems and resources, and the titles

of directories for locating available systems. *Canadian Internet Accessible Libraries* is a listing of approximately 21 online library catalogs in Canada accessible via the Internet. There are international directories, such as the Billy Barron list and the Art St. George list, and guides for Australia and the United Kingdom.

Hytelnet is an example of software which assists users in reaching Internet accessible libraries and other information sites. Library catalogs are arranged by country and instructions to access individual sites are provided. Libtel is another example of software which provides the user with menu-driven access to Internet sites.

Suggested Readings

There is a new column in *Computers in Libraries* by Gord Nickerson about the Internet. The purpose of the column is "to provide a useful guide to the resources on the Internet for new users." It is non-technical in its approach and promises future articles on electronic mail, OPACs, archive sites, how to use TCP/IP application programs, and detailed coverage of individual resources on the Internet.

Arms, Caroline R. "Using The National Networks: Bitnet and The Internet" *Online* 14 (September 1990) p. 24-29.

Kalin, Sally W. & Tennant, Roy. "Beyond OPACs ... The Wealth of Information Resources on The Internet" *Database* 14 (August 1991) p. 28-33.

Raeder, A.W. & Andrews, K.L. "Searching Library Catalogs on The Internet: A Survey" *Database Searcher* 6 (September 1990) p. 16-31.

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This bibliography would have been greatly enhanced if it had included a longer introduction. Bibliographical methods are outlined in full but no reason is given for the early cut-off date of 1820. If this work had been extended to 1841, the end-date of Fleming's admirable *Upper Canadian Imprints 1801-1841* (1988), much more about the printing history of the Atlantic provinces would have been revealed. This longer period saw dramatic changes in printing processes and a marked proliferation in the publishing industry throughout all four Atlantic provinces. The important role of printing and publishing in our social history would have been documented in much greater detail. One would hope that Dr. Fleming plans a study of this period in the near future.

Atlantic Canadian Imprints, 1801-1820 is a valuable reference source for all book collectors, both private and institutional. Its meticulous scholarship and bibliographical expertise is everywhere evident. One's only reservation is that there is not more of it. Two decades more at least.

Douglas Lochhead is a noted bibliographer and was APLA's Merit Award winner in 1990.

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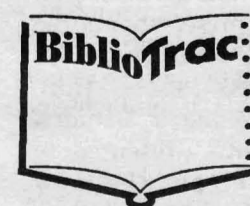
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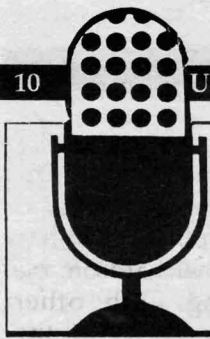
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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVELLES DU NOUVEAU- BRUNSWICK

Public Libraries

The York Regional Library hosted a one day Picture Book Workshop on November 18th in Fredericton. Representatives from the downriver branches were invited and about 20 people came from all parts of the region. The workshop covered the issue of quality in picture books and how to recognize it, and included sessions in choosing, using, and recommending picture books for preschoolers and the early grades. From the opening presentation "What's wrong with Ninja Turtles?" to the closing roundtable discussion of favourite books the session was judged a success. This was the first of a planned series of sessions designed for the staff in the branches. On the following weekend a workshop was held on story telling and storytimes for the staff in the upriver branches. At the Fredericton Public Library a large audience gathered for a storytelling session on Dec. 5th, St. Nicholas' Eve. The story tellers were Paddy Gregg (former CBC announcer), Norm Foster (playwright) and Michael Shamata (TNB Director). In this time of cutbacks, it is somewhat heartening to hear of the recent sod turning ceremony in Chipman to mark the beginning of construction of a fifteen hundred square foot extension to their library.

Dans les cadres de son 20ième anniversaire, la Commission régionale des bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean soulignait le 23 novembre derniers les 10, 15, et 20 années de service de ses employés. Les employés concernés ont reçu des marques de reconnaissance portant le logo de la Bibliothèque régionale. Différents invités d'honneur ont rehaussé le succès de cette soirée: la directrice du Service des bibliothèques du Nouveau-Brunswick, Madame Jocelyne LeBel et les commissaires de la Commission régionale. Le tout s'est terminé par une soirée dansante.

Judy Heron, the Saint John Regional Library representative on the Executive of the New Brunswick Library Trustees Association, attended the meeting in Bathurst where a brief was presented to Marcelle Mersereau, the new Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. At the Central Library, the Adult Services Dept. recently featured popular story teller Jackie Webster and Self-Help Coordinator Sharon McCutcheon, while the Audio Visual Dept. featured

representatives from Symphony New Brunswick. On the art scene, the Kennebecasis Public Library featured a very popular art display by the husband and wife team of Carolyn (watercolours) and Hal (photographs) Killam in October and the West Branch Library Gallery featured local artist Catherine Sommerville. The St. Croix Public Library successfully raised \$22,000.00 for the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer.

The Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library reported that award-winning local author Antonine Maillet recently visited the Bouctouche Public Library to present an autographed copy of each of her books. During the Northrop Frye Festival, held in Moncton, the Moncton Public Library officially named one of its meeting rooms after this famous former resident. A permanent display of his books has been set up adjacent to the room. Among other activities in the library during the Festival was the "Bookworm Brain of Moncton" contest based on the game show "Jeopardy". The two contending teams consisted of staff members, board members and library patrons, with Councillor Peter Ford and M.P. George Rideout acting as "celebrity captains".

Archives

The "Survey Report of Mount Allison University Archives" by Eva Burnham has been published. It contains the results of her survey of the Mount Allison University textile collection, undertaken in April 1988, initiated by the New Brunswick Conservation Committee.

With the recent amalgamations of various New Brunswick government functions, the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, formerly a branch of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage, was transferred to the Dept. of Supply and Services. This decision reflects more clearly the role of archives as an essential component of government management and operation. The popular exhibit "La mer est mon domaine/The Sea is My Domain" will be displayed at the Provincial Archives during the winter months. Co-sponsored by the Archives and the Village acadien, the exhibit has attracted large audiences at the Village (Grand Anse), the Musée acadien in Moncton, and the Nepisiguit Centennial Library in Bathurst. In November, all staff attended an introductory session on disaster planning and preparedness which was organized by Archives Conservator Harold Holland. A series of workshops on aspects of disaster planning and preparedness will be presented in 1992.

New Brunswick Library Association

The committee for the formation of a New Brunswick Library Association met in Fredericton in October. Margaret Wicken has been appointed chairperson of the group. The group will be contacting potential members, plus other library associations. The members of the Formation Committee have agreed to work toward the establishment of a New Brunswick Professional Librarians Association/Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(les) du Nouveau-Brunswick. The next meeting of the group will be in March 1992.

People

Kerri Robinson, formerly at the York Regional Library Sub-Headquarters in Woodstock, moved to Collingwood, Ontario in December.

At the Saint John Regional Library, Kim MacKinnon-Lemon has returned from her leave of absence to study at Dalhousie University School of Library and Information Studies. The wedding of East Branch Manager Valerie Brooker to Stephen Bauer took place in October. Lynn Jenkins has been appointed the Bibliotheque Le Cormoran representative to the Saint John Regional Library Board. Frances Corbett has been re-elected Chairperson, and Martha Edwards, Vice-Chairperson, of the Saint John Free Public Library Board.

Brian McNally is the new Atlantic Provinces reporter for Database Canada. Anyone with news items on new database software, improvements to old database software, new databases in process, etc. should please forward details to Brian at Mount Allison University.

Susan Collins

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Legislative Library of Nova Scotia

Over the past year, approximately 17,000 records were sent to OCLC for retrospective conversion. The data base is now 20,000 records and growing. The Public Access Catalogue has proved very popular. For the convenience of MLA's and their staff, the library is currently arranging for dial-up access to the on-line catalogue for all three Caucus offices. The next phase of automation will be the installation of the Acquisition and Serials modules. Two Library Technician Students from the Nova Scotia Community College recently completed their work experience in the Technical Services Department. A recent

Library School Graduate is working with the Technical Services Librarian on records generated by the recon.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

The Feasibility Study has been completed and the final report has been tabled. *The Provincial Library Integrated Automated Library System: Final Report* is available for loan through the Provincial Library's Reference Services Department. The Steering Committee will be meeting in the New Year to discuss its results and to make recommendations. Technical Services processed over 30,000 items before the end of the year, ahead of their deadline! NSPL hopes to be in its new quarters by spring, a little later than first anticipated.

CANADIAN PARKS SERVICE. ATLANTIC REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lynn O'Brien has been Acting Chief of Information Holdings Management since January of 1991. She is responsible for the library and the records office in the Atlantic Region. She is also Coordinator of Access to Information and Privacy for the region.

HALIFAX CITY REGIONAL LIBRARY

On November 12, 1991, HCRL celebrated its 40th birthday. It began as the Halifax Memorial Library in 1951, so named in memory of Canadians who died in war. Miss Mary (Mollie) Cameron, the first Chief Librarian, and Mr. Donald Crowdis, the first Chairman of the Library Board, participated in the celebrations. At the Halifax 1999 Conference, held in April 1991, Mr. Philip Vaughan, the Chairman of HCRL Board, presented a proposal for a new main library to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Halifax in 1749. The HCRL Board recently released its RFP (request for proposals) for an automated library system.

South Shore Regional Library

Author Barbara Greenwood conducted a creative writing workshop at the Bridgewater Branch. It was very successful and was attended by people of all ages. The SSRL Board is working on a fundraiser, scheduled for April 25, 1992. Plans are not yet confirmed, but it is likely that a fantasy "Cruise around the World" will be the theme. The inaugural meeting of the Friends of the SSRL was held in November. Founding members organized the group, drafted a statement of purpose, and discussed future projects. They would like to hear from other libraries who have "Friends" groups.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Two Capital Grant Proposals are being recommended by the Provincial Library Council to the Minister of Education for 1992-93. The proposals are to move two existing branches, Annapolis Royal and Wolfville, to larger quarters. The moving of the Annapolis Royal Branch would mean more space for Regional Headquarters. The Wolfville Branch has been going ahead with their plans as a community effort. They will be launching an official fund raising campaign in the spring to renovate the former Wolfville train station, which is in the last stages of purchase from the railway. The Kingston branch is presently being expanded. The Branch is moving from second floor to street level location, where an addition is being built.

Mount Saint Vincent University Library

University Librarian Lucien Bianchini will be taking early retirement effective January 1, 1993. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Bianchini will be taking a year's leave of absence beginning January 1, 1992. The Senate of Mount Saint Vincent University recognized the long and devoted service of Mr. Bianchini, who assumed the position of University Librarian in 1973.

Nova Scotia Library Association

On November 1, NSLA held a reception at the Maritime Museum in Halifax to present the first annual Ann Connor Brimer Award for an outstanding contribution to children's literature in Atlantic Canada. The award went to Joyce Barkhouse for her book *Pit Pony*. The NSLA membership drive is now underway. Annual memberships are available, for a fee of \$10, from Crystal Bethune, Western Counties Regional Library, 405 Main Street, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 1G3.

Halifax Library Association

A workshop on Wordperfect is tentatively scheduled for January 25. In March, the Cultural Affairs Library of the N.S. Department of Tourism and Culture will be toured. The Annual General Meeting will be held in April at the I.W.K. Hospital Library.

HALL (Halifax Area Law Libraries)

The November Meeting of HALL included a demonstration of Canadian Law On-line, an automated version of Canadian Abridgement, the basic Canadian research source for case law. The Joint Committee on Computer Access to Nova Scotia Legislation reports that there is an agreement in principle to allow Nova Scotia statutes and regulations to be accessed via QuickLaw. Marie DeYoung, N.S. Department of the Attorney General, and a member of the Legislative Council, will assist QL Systems Ltd. with a prototype of the on-line data base. HALL members appeared before the CLIC Task force on Electronic Access to Government Information to present

views from the private and public sector. HALL also participated in testing an on-line tutorial, designed by Donna Bourne-Tyson, for searching QuickLaw. The Law Foundation of N.S. provided funding for the project, and it will be distributed free of charge by the Continuing Legal Education Society of N.S. At the December meeting, Doug Vaisey, Saint Mary's University Library, and Cyndi Murphy, Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales Law Library, gave a presentation to HALL on sources of business and financial information. Lynn Duquette of Dalhousie Law Library organized the program.

Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council

The NSGLC has had a very active fall. Two position papers were prepared. One is an Automation Position Paper and the other is a Job Classification Paper. These were submitted to the Provincial Librarian. Marie DeYoung is the NSGLC representative to the Provincial Resource Sharing Committee. The Fall Workshop was the NSGLC's participation in the Canadian Library Association's Teleconference on Copyright. The Spring Workshop is on Performance Appraisal, and is tentatively scheduled for February 28 at the Public Archives of N.S.

Gwen Whitford

NEWS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

September saw the official launching of Bobcat, UPEI's new automated library system. Attending the ceremony were the President, Dean of Arts, members of the University Senate, library staff and other invited guests. A press release appearing later in the week explained the benefits of the system and how it could hook up with CA•Net and Internet, allowing access to UPEI's library database from anywhere in the world.

The circulation module of the DRA system is up and running. Only a few minor problems have been encountered. Staff have developed new policies and procedures for overdues. The new system gives them the ability to charge fines for overdue materials. The CD-ROM set up is being heavily used. Patrons now have the ability to off-print their citations. Work continues on the retrospective conversion, with approximately 125,000 records entered to date.

A search committee of eight members has been struck to work on the procedures to fill the University Librarian's position, which will be vacant in August 1992. Three library staff are sitting on the committee.

Provincial Library

A review on selected operations was carried out in June by a consultant from Peat, Marwick, Stevenson & Kellogg. The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has initiated several changes in upper and middle management positions since September. The senior management exchange has Don Scott, Provincial Librarian, assuming the duties of the Director of Policy and Planning. The incumbent of that position, Albert MacDonald, has become the Director of the Provincial Library. The exchange is for a minimum of 12 months. In October Priscilla Ykelenstam, Technical Services and Systems Librarian, was seconded to the position of Chief Librarian, Confederation Centre Public Library. The incumbent of that position, Bill Masselink, has been seconded to the position of (P.E.I.) Manager of the Canada Prince Edward Island Cooperation Agreement on Cultural Development. Joan Ricketts is continuing to act as Manager of Technical Services and Systems. Dawn Hooper has been hired on a part-time basis as a Special Projects Librarian. She will be assisting in the organization of the collections for the Eastern and Western Regional Libraries.

The new French Library located in the Carrefour Isle-Saint Jean area opened in October. This is a combined public-school library operation.

The new Summerside Rotary Regional Library officially opened its doors the week of November 18th, culminating a highly successful fund-raising campaign. Over \$400,000 has been pledged to cover renovations, new furnishings and all the other components needed to put the library in their new and vastly improved site.

Public Libraries Act

In the first week of November three groups presented briefs to the committee of the Legislature assigned to the Public Libraries Act. Submissions were made by the Prince Edward Island School Library Association, the Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association, and the Benevolent Irish Society. The Committee will be assessing the recommendations put forward for adding to or modifying the present version of the Act. Final reading is scheduled when the House opens in the Spring.

School Libraries

The news from schools is automation and more automation. Various events have contributed to this, a significant one being the course on computers given last summer in the diploma program for teacher-librarians at UPEI. Seventeen schools have either purchased or are in the process of purchasing micro-based library systems; three of these are in the MAC environment; the others are IBM based, principally the MicroCat system. One school has purchased Lantastic to setup a networking system. A CD-ROM reader has been installed in the

School Librarian Consultant's office in the Department of Education. The first software package purchased was National Geographic's Mammals. Sandra Richardson, the consultant, along with other curriculum consultants of the Department, will be adding software, assessing its use and recommending how it can best be used within the school system.

The School Library Association had their annual meeting on November 8 as part of a province-wide development day. Science and Technology was the theme for the workshop day. Presentations were given on science research; CD-ROM technology and software; video laser disk technology and software; and, school library applications of microcomputers, including specific library systems as well as curriculum programs developed with Hypercard. Other developments discussed included NEWBED, a project of the New Brunswick Department of Education. Several Island schools have access to this system which carries educational software and has electronic mail capabilities. Don Carter's *Bargain Periodical Index* has been loaded into this system. Presently there are no datapac costs as Island Tel has donated five lines to the end of June 1992. Two schools are also involved in the Statistics Canada project, which allows them electronic access to statistical data.

Ray Doiron, Teacher-Librarian at Glen Stewart Elementary School, is one of two Island teachers receiving the Marshall McLuhan Distinguished Teacher Award, honouring achievements of educators across Canada. The honour is being bestowed in recognition of his work in the development of the school library automated systems as well as development of library-based curriculum software programs.

The School Library Association presented two briefs recently, one to the Legislative Committee on the Public Libraries Act, and the second to the Educational Task Force on Government Reform.

Holland College Library

Brenda Brady has been appointed College Librarian for the period October 1991 to the end of August 1992. The Library Services Division now comes under the Department of Development and External Affairs. It was previously part of the Administrative Service Department. Joanne MacDonald has moved from her library technician position in Harbourside Centre, Summerside, to the newly reclassified library technician position at the Technology Centre in the West Royalty Industrial Park. Jean Lykow, formerly at the Provincial Library, has been appointed to the Harbourside position.

Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association

PEIPLA presented a brief early November concerning the Public Libraries Act. The fall meeting was held on December 5 at the Glen Stewart Elementary School, where a

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special presentation was made by Ray Doiron, Teacher-Librarian. New officers for the coming term are: Noreen Hanus, President; Sandra Richardson, Vice-President; and Nan Bailey, Secretary-Treasurer.

Priscilla Ykelenstam

NEWS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

UNIVERSITY

Elaine Duffie has been appointed Head, Technical Services in the Health Science Library at Memorial. She comes from the University of Western Ontario, where her most recent position was Head, Government Publications Cataloguing Unit at D.B. Weldon Library.

The Atlas of Newfoundland and Labrador was recently printed. The cartographic design was done by Gary McManus and Cliff Wood of the MUN Cartographic Laboratory with help from a variety of other people. The publisher is Breakwater.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Provincial Public Libraries Board is watching the Provincial Government's amalgamation activities with interest. When two adjoining communities, each with its own public library, are amalgamated, fewer local library boards may be the result.

The Provincial Public Libraries Board has now produced a Literacy Kit aimed at new learners and is in the process of shipping a core collection of literacy materials to selected libraries throughout the province.

In the Technical Services Division, all are busy preparing for the installation of the new automation system. The target date is April 1, 1992. The Provincial Public Library Services have also recently arranged for a bulk purchase of EMPAC computers, enabling both staff interested in personal computers for their own use and several regional offices and departments to purchase systems at a reasonable price.

Children's Book Festival guests for 1991 were Ian Wallace for the Island and Budge Wilson for Labrador. Ian Wallace gave public readings in libraries at Stephenville, Holyrood, Gander and Port Saunders. Budge Wilson visited the North West River Volunteer Public Library. Concern has been expressed over the reduction in the number of public readings available through the Canada Council. The Western and Northern-Labrador Regions also hosted a tour by the Spectrum Cross-Cultural Institute's "Four Winds Gypsy Troupe" from New Hampshire. The troupe's performances of story, song and dance were well received in libraries in L'Anse au Loup, St. Lunaire-Griquet, Corner Brook, Stephenville, Stephenville Crossing and Port aux Basques.

The Gander Region held its first regional staff workshop in seven years. Funding for staff up-grading has been severely limited, so staff were amenable to using a UIC rebate and other means for keeping costs down, just for an opportunity to meet together and to share frustrations over inter-library loan paperwork and general underfunding. Other topics covered were fundraising (or lack of it) by local boards, the Provincial Public Library Board's automation project, Story Telling and an information session on the CUPE contract. Gander Region also advises of a \$500 bookshelf grant received by the Twillingate Public Library from the Canadian International Institute for Peace and Security.

The Provincial Reference and Resource Library, St. John's, received a \$2,000 Backlog Reduction Grant from the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Archives. The Backlog Reduction Program is sponsored by the Federal Government to allow archives or institutions which have archival collections to make inventories or other finding aids for unorganized collections.

The Library also received the services of Clara Rutherford, Travelling Archivist, who has worked for the past 18 months on similar collections in the province where Backlog Grants were received. In addition to providing the services of an experienced person, the Travelling Archivist Program also provides matching funds from the Archives Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (ANLA). The funds were used to organize the Henry J. Stabb Co./Charles MacKenzie Harvey Collection. A printed finding aid has been produced and Clara recently accepted a two and a half year contract position as Accessions Archivist with the Territorial Archives in the Yukon.

Apologies for lack of school and special library news this issue.

Anyone interested in running for the Executive of APLA as Vice-President, Newfoundland, a position which includes preparation of this column, and many other interesting duties, should contact me, Elinor Benjamin, (709-634-7333) or Andrea John (902-420-5507).

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York Regional Library, the largest of the Province's regions, has twenty-one branches, 2 bookmobiles and a sub-headquarters in Woodstock. York serves a population of 189,598 throughout central and western New Brunswick. Two of its branches are located in unilingual francophone centres and seven are public school libraries located in schools. There are ten professional positions and 72 non-professional.

Interested candidates must have a library degree from an accredited Library School, together with a minimum of five years professional library experience. The successful candidate will have proven ability in working effectively with administration, staff and the general public. Written and spoken competence in English is essential.

The Headquarters of the York Regional Library is situated in Fredericton, New Brunswick's capital, and one of Canada's loveliest small cities.

Deadline for applications is February 15, 1991. Please submit recent curriculum vitae and names of three referees to:

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