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Mark May 8 - 11, 2008 on your planning calendars for APLA's annual conference. Hosted at the Delta, on Charlottetown, PEI's beautiful waterfront, this year's conference theme "Libraries Exposed" promises to unmask information, uncover education, and unwrap entertainment.

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SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association administers the Carin Somers Scholarship Trust. The trust provides an annual scholarship, valued at approximately \$2,000, in her name to assist a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree in Library and Information Studies.

Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee.

The successful applicant will have been accepted in a school of graduate studies as a candidate for a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies accredited by the American Library Association. The award will normally be announced at the Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association Spring Conference.

Application forms are available online in both [English](#) and in [French](#).

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CLA/ACB - Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship

Norman Horrocks * Wendy Newman * Ken Haycock * Marianne Scott * Ernie Ingles * Bruce Peel
What do these six people have in common?

They are just six of the 30 past winners of the highest honour granted by CLA/ACB and if you didn't know that then perhaps you haven't been thinking about who you could nominate for the 2008 CLA/ACB Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award!

Visit the link below to see a list of all the past winners and learn more about this award. Most importantly discover how you can nominate the person you feel most deserves to join this illustrious list.

Our committee has seen a marked decline in the number of nominees put forward over the past few years and there was even a year recently when the award was not presented due to a lack of nominees. Please take the time to give this some serious thought and perhaps join with your colleagues to prepare a submission this year. The deadline is February 28th and the committee hopes to have a good number of quality nominations to consider.

http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Canadian_Library_Association_Outstanding_Service_to_Librarianship

Submitted by Gary Gibson, Chair, CLA/ACB Awards (Special) Committee

APLA Memorial Awards

Financial assistance for study or research is provided by the APLA Memorial Trust. Donations to the Trust are always welcome as a means of assisting the professional development of future members and for honouring past members.

Projects that contribute to the development of the applicant's career and benefit the library profession are encouraged. All members, including previous applicants and winners, are invited to submit an application.

For more information about the award, to make a donation to the trust, or to submit an application (including a letter outlining your proposal, a current curriculum vitae, and estimated costs of your project by March 31st, 2008), please contact:

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2008 Merit Award

The APLA Merit Award, to be presented at the banquet during our Annual Conference in Charlottetown in May, honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces. Some contributions that might be considered in selecting a person for this award include:

- leadership in library associations at the local, regional and provincial levels;
- contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems; or
- significant contributions to library literature.

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ALISE / Norman Horrocks Leadership Award

Colleagues in Dalhousie's School of Information Management are delighted to share this news: (ALISE) [the [Association for Library and Information Science Education](#)] has established a new Award - the *ALISE / Norman Horrocks Leadership Award*. It was announced on 10 January 2008 at the 2008 ALISE Annual Conference in Philadelphia PA.

The Award will recognize an ALISE member of no more than seven years membership who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in professional ALISE activities. It will recognize newer members for service to the Association rather than limiting recognition at this stage to academic achievement.

The Award of a Certificate and \$500 will be given annually starting at the 2009 ALISE Conference in Denver CO.

The Award is named for Dr. Norman Horrocks, OC, Professor Emeritus, School of Information Management, Dalhousie University, Halifax,

Nova Scotia. He is a Past President of ALISE, former Editor of its *Journal*, and recipient of three of its Awards.

Submitted by Fiona A. Black, PhD, Director,
[School of Information Management](#)

NSALT Award of Excellence

The [Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians](#) is looking for nominations for our Award of Excellence.

Please see the details below:

The [NSALT Award of Excellence](#) is the highest honour that the Association can bestow on a member of NSALT. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to the Library Technicians of Nova Scotia and to NSALT.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominees must be members of NSALT.
2. Nominations must be made by two nominators, one of whom must be a current member of NSALT.
3. Nominators should state their working or professional relationship to the nominee.

4. Nominators must provide letters providing appropriate evidence to demonstrate the nominee's suitability.
5. Letters should include evidence of a particular significant service to NSALT, evidence of sustained and significant service to NSALT, or evidence of significant particular or ongoing contribution to library technicians or library service in Nova Scotia.

The nomination committee consists of the Vice-President and two NSALT members-at-large. The award is presented annually at the Annual General Meeting in March.

The award includes:

- one year membership
- an engraved plaque

Nominations must be submitted by February 29, 2008.

Please forward submissions to:
Erin Purcell, Vice-President, [Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians](#)

Join the APLA Discussion List

APLA-L is an un-moderated discussion list for people who are interested in library issues in Atlantic Canada. The APLA list is: a place to post notices about workshops, seminars, and other events a source of current information about the actions of the APLA Executive a forum for sharing questions, comments and ideas about library services a place to post job advertisements

To subscribe to the APLA list, send the command "sub apla-list" to listserv@lists.dal.ca. To send a message to everyone on the list, use apla-list@lists.dal.ca. To stay on the list but suspend your messages (while on vacation, for instance), send the command "set apla-list nomail" to listserv@lists.dal.ca. When you want to receive message again, send the command "set apla-list mail" to listserv@lists.dal.ca. To unsubscribe from the list, send the command "unsub apla-list" to listserv@lists.dal.ca. If you have any questions about the APLA list, please contact the postmaster, Sarah Gladwell, at sarah.gladwell@gnb.ca.

LEGS FOR LITERACY!

APLA librarians supported literacy efforts in South East New Brunswick by manning a water station for the recent "Legs for Literacy" marathon held Nov. 4 in Moncton, New Brunswick. The water station was on the windiest part of a very windy course (thanks to post-tropical storm Neil). The stalwart volunteers were librarians (l-r) Ruthmary Macpherson, Ivan Douthright, and Nancy Cohen and marathon runner Gloria Landry. Despite the weather, nearly all the runners not only turned out but completed their event. Approximately \$15000 was raised



NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Submitted by Nadine Goguen

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

University of New Brunswick

The [Gerard V. La Forest Law Library](#) at UNB has been very fortunate recently, in receiving two very generous bequests to support the library's collection of legal materials.

On October 15, 2007, the main reading room of the library was named the Colin B. Mackay Reading Room, to honour Dr. Mackay's many contributions to UNB, the Faculty of Law and the Law Library. Colin B. Mackay was President of the University of New Brunswick from 1953 to 1969, and he remained involved in the life of the university throughout his lifetime. Upon his death in 2003, he left his estate of some \$6 million to UNB, including a bequest of approximately \$3 million to create an endowment for the Gerard V. La Forest Law Library. The annual income from the endowment, the largest ever received by the Law Library, goes primarily toward the purchase of law books, journals and other educational materials to enrich the holdings of the Law Library.

During the summer months the room was completely renovated, including new paint, carpeting, chairs, upgraded electrical outlets for student laptops, and refinished study tables and carrels. A stained glass portrait of Dr. Mackay, created by Hugh MacKinnon and Edward Bowes of Shades of Light Ltd. of Fredericton, was also installed. The naming ceremony was attended by members of the UNB community and by many of Dr. Mackay's friends and family members.

In November 2007, at a ceremony to celebrate the success of UNB's Campaign for the Faculty of Law, it was announced that the Gerard V. La Forest Law Library will receive \$750,000 from the estate of Mary Louise Lynch. This generous gift will allow the library to further enhance its collections and services. Dr. Lynch, an UNB law graduate, was the registrar of the law school for many years. She served on UNB's Board of Governors for more than three decades and became its first Governor Emerita in 1984. The faculty will be naming its new "smart" lecture hall / moot courtroom in Ludlow Hall in her honour.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The [Provincial Archives of New Brunswick](#) has launched an online history exhibit which reveals the impact of immigration on the population and growth of early New Brunswick, and how community leaders were involved in attracting thousands of people to the province.

"Immigration helped to build New Brunswick before and after Confederation and it is a key element to growing our province again," Supply and Services Minister Roly MacIntyre said. "This virtual history exhibit illustrates how our early settlers created viable communities and kept their culture and heritage alive throughout time. It is a window into the past and an example for the future."

The online exhibit entitled, [Pioneers, Ploughs and Politics: New Brunswick Planned Settlements](#), contains 104 pages of text, 581 pages of historical documents and 229 digitized photos and can be visited at <http://www.archives.gnb.ca>.

In particular, the site documents how the communities of Stanley, Johnville, Kincardine, New Denmark and Allardville were established during the 19th and 20th centuries. These areas were settled by English, Irish, Scottish, and Danish immigrants, and Acadian colonists who settled in New Brunswick as part of "planned" settlement movements.

"Like today, our province was eager to have new immigrants," MacIntyre explained. "New Brunswick needed workers to help make it grow. The people who founded these pioneer settlements worked long hours and faced many hardships as they struggled to build new lives in a new land. They proved equal to the challenge and left their mark on the province's landscape. Their stories of strength and endurance, success and disappointment are a legacy for all New Brunswickers."

For example, several hundred English and Scottish settlers came to York County in the 1830s where they established the Village of Stanley, named after Edward G.G.S. Stanley, the Earl of Derby.

In the 1860s, several hundred more Irish immigrants from Saint John and elsewhere in the Maritimes migrated to a large tract of wilderness land in Carleton County to create the settlement of Johnville, named for its promoter, Bishop John Sweeny of Saint John.

In the 1870s, Scottish and Danish immigrants crossed the Atlantic Ocean and traveled inland by steamship up the mighty St. John River to settle in Victoria County where they established the communities of Kincardine, Kintore and New Denmark.

In the 1930s, about 40 Acadian families from Gloucester County, led by Father J.A. Allard of Bathurst, moved 15 miles inland and carved out of the woods, the farming community of Allardville during the Great Depression. This community will celebrate its 75th anniversary this year.

In total, five million immigrants came to Canada during the period in history known as the Great Migration. Thousands chose to make New Brunswick their home. Each of them had a compelling story that is integral to the fiber of the province. None are more dramatic than the "Home Children," many of whom came with British charity worker, Maria S. Rye, and found placements with working families throughout New Brunswick.

"All of the immigrants who came and stayed represent the workforce that built this province," MacIntyre said. "They worked in the shipyards, the mills, the docks, the woods and on the farms. They are the architects of the economic success and cultural society we have today."

In the *Charter for Change*, the Graham government made a commitment to develop a new strategy to focus on today's population growth in New Brunswick. This strategy included the recent establishment of the Population Growth Secretariat which has a mandate to retain and repatriate New Brunswickers and boost immigration numbers in the province to 5,000 immigrants per year by 2015. The province has also doubled the budget for population growth including funding for immigration initiatives, retention, repatriation and settlement.

"This government recognizes that population growth is one of the most important public policy issues today if we are to achieve self-sufficiency," MacIntyre noted. "This exhibit shows how the Archives can educate and make us aware of an issue from the past that has evolved to become front and centre once again."

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Fondé à Shippagan en 2004, Recyc'livre International Inc. a pour mission de promouvoir l'apprentissage gratuit au sein de communautés internationales dans le besoin par le biais d'achats de livres neufs dans la langue d'origine des bénéficiaires.

La fondatrice et directrice de Recyc'livre International Inc., Madame Caroline St-Louis, a créé cet organisme en y fusionnant deux de ses passions, la bibliothéconomie et l'aide internationale. Madame Angèle Clavet-Légère, bibliothécaire à l'Université de Moncton, participe au développement de l'organisme depuis 2006.

Au début de 2007, une entente de collaboration fut signée entre Recyc'livre International Inc. et la Fédération des jeunes francophones du N.-B. afin d'élargir nos activités dans les écoles secondaires de la province du Nouveau-Brunswick. Huit écoles secondaires francophones du N.-B. participeront en 2008 au Projet Recyc'livre International. Plusieurs partenaires importants se joignent par la suite à cette entente de collaboration soit le Service des bibliothèques publiques du N.-B., l'Université de Moncton, la Librairie acadienne, et l'organisme Alphabétisation N.-B.

Par le biais de notre activité de financement, nous désirons promouvoir l'alphabétisation en français et offrir l'accès au savoir dans nos communautés. Notre levée de fonds se caractérise par la collecte et la vente de livres usagés en français. Durant la vente de ces livres usagés, c'est le client qui détermine le prix d'achat du livre. De cette façon, nous désirons stimuler l'achat de livres chez les moins fortunés et les étudiants. L'argent amassé est distribué au cours de la même année à des organismes humanitaires internationaux qui œuvrent dans des petites communautés où les bibliothèques communautaires ou scolaires ont un besoin urgent de livres. C'est donc sur place, dans les communautés bénéficiaires, que les livres neufs sont achetés.

Depuis sa création, Recyc'Livre International Inc. a aidé neuf communautés dans le besoin provenant de huit pays différents à travers le monde, dont le Népal, le Pérou, la République-Dominicaine et le Guatemala. En tout, près de 5000\$ furent distribués en moins de quatre ans.

Participez en grand nombre à nos activités au Nouveau-Brunswick en 2008!

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region

[Dieppe Public Library](#) is pleased to welcome a new part-time assistant librarian, Nancy Arsenault.

[Moncton Public Library](#) welcomes a new part-time library clerk, Angèle Courchesne-LeBlanc.

The communities of Moncton, Dieppe, and Riverview took part in the [Frye Festival's](#) first Community Read Challenge. The objective was to encourage as many people as possible to read "*Life of Pi*," the book for which [Yann Martel](#) received the prestigious Man Booker Prize in 2002. Readers were invited to fill a ballot at their public library. The community with the greatest participation per capita was Moncton; so, the *Moncton Public Library* had the pleasure of welcoming Yann Martel on Saturday, December 1 for a presentation. Martel discussed the illustrated version of "*Life of Pi*," a new novel he is working on, and his initiative "What is Stephen Harper reading?"

The [Riverview Public Library](#) raised funds during their Adopt-A-Book and Pie Social in late October. A silent auction and used book sale took place in parallel.

[Petitcodiac Public Library](#) borrowed titles on consignment from Tidewater Books and held a similar program during their 25th anniversary festivities.

The [Gérald-Leblanc \(Boucrouche\)](#), [Dieppe](#), [Shediac](#), and [Richibucto](#) public libraries are cooperating with local schools as part of a partnership with [Recyc'Livre International Inc.](#) This organization, created in Shippagan NB, in 2004, aims at promoting reading in some foreign countries. To reach this objective, used French books are collected in participating communities and are deposited in libraries. Afterwards, the local school sells them and all proceeds are distributed to partnering international groups or organizations for the acquisition of new books. Since its establishment, close to \$5,000 has been distributed to eight organizations worldwide, including groups in Nepal, Peru and Guatemala.

The [Memramcook Public Library](#) held a successful Adopt-A-Book program, offering titles to be adopted on loan by the *Librairie La Grande Ourse*.

The Memramcook Public Library is helping the local community school in their pilot project on boys in the classroom. One class is a boys-only class and the local public library has been asked to prepare book deposits of reading documents that may particularly interest boys. The school also held a parent-teacher conference on boys and reading and invited the library manager to attend. A deeper partnership is growing between the school and the public library.

[TD Children's Canadian Book Week](#) brought "*The Magic of Books*" to our region. Author John Wilson visited the *Moncton Public Library* and the *Petitcodiac Public Library* in mid-November.

La *Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse*, organisée par [Communication-Jeunesse](#) et parrainée par le Conseil des arts du Canada, nous a permis de recevoir deux auteurs dans la région du 4 au 10 novembre. L'illustrateur Daniel Sylvestre et l'auteure [Charlotte Gingras](#) ont visité les bibliothèques de Dieppe, Gérald-Leblanc (Boucrouche) et Saint-Antoine.

Hackmatack readers are voraciously making their way through the book selections. Most public libraries' clubs are meeting and discussing the books. At the [Saint-Antoine Public Library](#), however, the books are read out loud in front of participants resulting in a weekly literacy event.

Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region

The last few months have been busy for staff in the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region, hosting authors, the official opening of the [Kedgwick Public Library](#), attending "Open House" days in the community as well as participating in a career fair for high school students.

The [Dr. Walter Chestnut Public Library](#) in Hartland hosted author John Wilson on November 23 for *Canadian Children's Book Week*. The children and adults really enjoyed his presentation.

L'ouverture officielle des nouveaux locaux de la [Bibliothèque publique de Kedgwick](#) a eu lieu le 3 novembre. La bibliothèque a doublé sa superficie et la population et les employés bénéficient de magnifiques locaux.

L'illustrateur Daniel Sylvestre a fait des présentations dynamiques dans les bibliothèques à [Saint-François](#), Edmundston et Grand-Sault dans le cadre de la [Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse](#) du 3 au 10 novembre.

Les employés de la région ont participé au Salon de la famille à [Edmundston](#) et à [Grand-Sault](#) pendant le mois de septembre ainsi que la journée * *Ouvrons nos portes à la petite enfance* + à Edmundston le 14 novembre. Ces projets nous permettent de * vendre + nos services au public et aux autres organismes dans la communauté.

Nous avons un kiosque au *Salon sur les carrières* au mois de novembre à Edmundston pour promouvoir la profession de bibliothécaire aux élèves du secondaire.

Vincent Jacob-Ferland and Stéphane Ferland **won tickets from APLA to see J.K. Rowling** in October during her visit to Toronto at the *International Festival of Authors*. They really enjoyed the presentation and have been seen on television in several different interviews!

Fundy Library Region

Saint John Free Public Library

The children and adults attending the annual evening of Christmas Stories at the [Saint John Free Public Library](#) in Market Square were pleasantly surprised when the final storyteller of the evening turned out to be [Robert Munsch](#). How he got to the Library is almost as intriguing as the story of Santa Claus.

When Children's Librarian Heather McKend realized that he was booked for two shows in Saint John in October, she wrote to ask him if he would agree to do a special session in the library for the *Storytent* outreach program. This library and community-supported initiative offers a summer program in an area of the city where children do not have easy access to the public library. The kids use the tent for reading, writing and borrowing books. Ms. McKend and other library staff were thrilled when he phoned and agreed to do the special program. The Library Board arranged for buses to accommodate about 100 people from the area, and the families arrived at the Library on a Sunday morning. Children were getting more and more excited as they waited for the author's entrance.

As willing as the author was to make it to that program, the weather, unfortunately, was not. It delayed his arrival to Saint John enough to make the children wait in vain. He barely had enough time to make the two shows scheduled at the Imperial Theatre. Ms. McKend reported that "he felt so badly about disappointing the families that he promised to return." Return he did, financing this second trip to the City himself.

Not only did Munsch show up as the surprise guest at the Friday night Christmas program at the Library, but he also spent Saturday pulling the book wagon (an extension of the *Storytent* summer program) around its route with *Storytent* staff. He told stories to surprised kids who answered their doors, and at 4:30 entertained as storyteller at a special *Storytent* program held at the Somerset Community Centre. Families and staff of the Library and *Storytent* were impressed with his visit and his determination to return to the city. "How fitting," Ms. McKend said, "that one of Robert Munsch's books is called, *A Promise is a Promise*."

Bibliothèque le Cormoran

À la [Bibliothèque le Cormoran](#), le 5 novembre, les jeunes de deux classes de 7e année ont eu une présentation de l'auteur [Charlotte Gingras](#). Le professeur avait lu un des livres de l'auteur aux jeunes et ils avaient beaucoup de questions au sujet du livre et du métier d'écrivain. Les jeunes adolescents ont été impressionnés du nombre de fois qu'un livre doit être écrit avant d'obtenir le résultat final. Ils ont vraiment apprécié la rencontre et auraient bien aimé qu'elle se poursuive plus longtemps.



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Central Division Libraries

All 33 branches in Central Division are on a mission to increase library usage: registration, circulation and programming. Branches are making a concerted effort to draw in new patrons, by partnering with local groups. These include prenatal groups, family resource centres, schools, senior's homes and anyone else out there who hasn't fully realized what the public library has to offer them. Pat Parsons, Regional Manager says "it's time to get creative now, and to go the extra mile to promote the library. We are looking forward to the help of a provincial promotional campaign, to be launched next spring. In the mean time, even the smallest branch is working hard to increase statistics. We have all sorts of neat events and activities happening throughout the Region: **Webkins Reading Hour** (attracted 103 children at one small branch), **Baby Days** bringing in new parents and tots, and **Silver Surfers**: computer training for seniors." Staff are planning some events to draw in teens as well. We are looking at online gaming, open mike ideas, etc. Staff are also focusing on hosting local authors and visiting seniors homes in the spirit of outreach. The goal is to have registration and circulation up by 10 % by the end of the fiscal year.

Contributed by Pat Parsons

Work Load Study

Survey phase completed, Results expected in March 2008

In 2003-04 the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board formed a Strategic Planning Committee to begin the process of addressing the lack of operational hours available to local libraries.

As part of that Committee's scope, work has begun to determine what should be the minimum number of hours (base hours) required by a local library to successfully serve the public. There are many views on the matter; however no data on the actual time needed by librarians to serve the public has ever been gathered.

To gather the necessary data the Strategic Planning Committee initiated a Work Load Study to record the amount of time spent by the local librarians on selected library activities. As part of the Work Load Study, a detailed Survey was developed with input from local librarians and tested at various sites across the province before being expanded to all Libraries.

The time period for the Survey was November 5 - December 5, 2007 and Librarians across the province are currently submitting their results to the Committee where the information will then be compiled. A report with recommendations on the results from the Work Load Study is expected in Spring, 2008.

Contributed by Tina Murphy

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Memorial University of Newfoundland

Live-in for Literacy

In January two Memorial students moved into the QE II Library as part of a 10-day event aimed at raising \$5,000 to help build libraries in Nepal. They're also promoting the group Students for Literacy@MUN on campus. Employees with the QE II Library raised \$305 during a coffee break for the fundraiser.

The campers' progress was documented on a blog: www.library.mun.ca/liveinforliteracy/liveinforliteracy.asp.

The Memorial University library system bids a fond farewell to former University Librarian Dick Ellis who officially retired in December 2007. The QEII Library also welcomes a new librarian to the Bibliographic Control Services Dept. Dean Seeman joined the group in January.

Gillian Byrne has taken up the temporary position as Head of Circulation at the QEII while Patrick Warner is on a years' sabbatical.

The QEII is also host to a new art show in its [First Space Gallery](#). This semester's display is entitled "Moving On", featuring works by Jennifer Barrett, Anne Downton, and Carolyn Reddy. The show runs from January 7 - April 14, 2008



NOVA SCOTIA

Submitted by Debbie Costelo

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

[Nova Scotia Community College Library Services](#)

This fall has provided the Library Service with an opportunity to introduce the suite of information literacy modules created over the past year. The modules on conducting research, evaluating web resources and citing sources have been very popular.

The no fee Novanet Express service has been extremely popular with students, faculty and staff at all campus libraries.

Marie DeYoung, Director of Library Services and Online Learning and Ann Roman, Metro Regional Librarian presented a session titled "i-Skills: Information literacy is not just for students" at the [League for Innovation Conference on Information Technology held](#) in Nashville, Tennessee.

In cooperation with Conserve Nova Scotia, energy meters are available on loan at all Nova Scotia Community College libraries. These meters plug into most household appliances and measure electricity use in watts and translate the information into the cost paid by the consumer. The loan program is designed to help consumers understand their energy use by showing how much electricity their appliances consume in real time rather than on a utility bill.

[Cape Breton University](#)

Cape Breton University is pleased to announce that, as of January 2008, Dr. Robert Campbell will be CBU's new Director of Library Services and Academic Support. Dr. Campbell is well known at Cape Breton University where in previous years he filled a variety of roles including Professor, Dean of Research, and Director of Library Services. Most recently, Dr. Campbell was actively involved in the reorganization of library, computing, and teaching & learning services at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus. CBU looks forward to Robert's return – "welcome back home."

[Dalhousie University Libraries](#)

Killam Library

"We Hear You!" - New Learning Commons Annex

It seems the [Dalhousie Learning Commons](#) is an ongoing success story. Since it opened in October 2001, the Learning Commons has expanded across the Dalhousie campus, with satellites at the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, the Sir James Dunn Law Library, and the Sexton Design & Technology Library. Now the "LC" is growing again, with a brand new annex being constructed on the second floor of the Killam Library.

During the summer of 2007, the Killam completely reorganized its book collection into a straight A to Z sequence, in the process weeding out materials for storage in order to free up much-needed student study space - a direct response to comments made by many students in our latest LibQUAL+ survey. The result is a new quiet study area on the second floor, which is currently being upgraded to house 50 new computer workstations, a printer and a scanner, as well as a desk for technical support.

Judging by how packed the library has been this fall and especially during the exam period, this upgrade is sure to be very much appreciated by our students!

A World of Ideas at Dalhousie University

Dal Space

Modeled on the open source platform [DSpace](#), DalSpace captures digital content in any format - text, image, video, audio, and datasets, makes it available on the Web, and indexes and preserves it. [DalSpace](#) thus provides a way to manage academic research materials and publications in a professionally maintained repository, while giving them greater visibility and accessibility over time.

Still "under construction," the prototype of DalSpace currently houses digital content provided by several units on campus, including the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, the Sir James Dunn Law Library, and the Faculty of Management, as well as the Dalhousie Libraries. Content currently accessible in DalSpace includes architectural images, Law Commission of Canada reports, past exams from the Dalhousie School of Law, and School of Information Management faculty research and publications. These collections of material can be either searched or browsed by "Communities and Collections," author, title, subject or date. DalSpace offers users the option to subscribe to email updates and to create their own customizable "My DSpace" profile.

The Dalhousie Libraries are committed to the preservation of materials in DalSpace, and to the ongoing support of the entire initiative. We are very excited about this project, and believe that the Dalhousie community will be too!

Dalhousie Libraries GIS Centre wins ESRI Award

Dalhousie University's GIS Centre, headed by Director and Curator James Boxall (pictures below), has received an Award of Excellence from ESRI Canada Ltd. This is an annual award for excellence in the industry and, in Dalhousie's case, for being "a model to the country for the implementation of GIS within an academic environment." The award was presented on November 1 at ESRI Canada's annual ESRI Regional User Conference in Dartmouth. In addition, ESRI Canada Ltd. has provided Dalhousie with a \$2,000 cash scholarship, which comes with another \$10,000 worth of software and online courses.



Figure 1 James Boxall [Photo credit: Daniel Abriel]

Dalhousie's GIS Centre, one of the Killam Learning Commons emerging public services, is now one of the largest and most successful in Canada. The Centre provides campus-wide support for Geographic Information Systems research and teaching. While acting as a repository and licensee for geospatial data, the GIS Centre also manages campus licenses for GIS software. To find out more about the GIS Centre, visit their website at www.library.dal.ca/MAGIC/GIS/.

[Mount St. Vincent University Library](#)

Friday October 19 was Canadian Library Support Staff Day. The purpose of this day is to recognize the work of Library Technicians, Library Assistants and Library Clerks in our Canadian public, private, school, government and institutional libraries.

MSVU Library took the opportunity to recognize and thank our smart, friendly, innovative and caring Library Technicians, Library Assistants, and other library support staff for the vital services they provide. MSVU Library support staff is working for our patrons each and every day.

Thanks also to Erica Smith of NSALT for her efforts to create a day for Support Staff . . . well done!



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

[Annapolis Valley Regional Library](#)

Automated Library System

As a requirement through the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, we will be asking for the birth year of our users. We started asking for this information for all new registrations and for those renewing their cards beginning November 15, 2007. With this information in the automated system, regions will be able to generate reports to assist them in targeting services to specific demographic groups.

The automated system will be upgraded this fall/winter [the date for this process has not yet been set.]

Website

Through the Provincial Library's statistical software, we were able to add location maps to each of the AVRL branch pages.

Work has started on an internal website for staff use (not visible to the public). This site will be used to post forms such as time sheets, employee forms, the personnel policy, etc. It will also be configured such that all staff can load their own documents - staff schedules and posters of events, to share with their own staff and those of other branches.

Another addition to the internal site will be a wiki, a type of web site that allows all users to easily add, remove or edit content. We will be using a wiki that is maintained by the Provincial Library. This communication tool will be used when implementing procedures and projects and will allow staff to follow a continuous thread of discussion on a specific topic. The logistics of what topics will be covered here will be decided after discussion with those that will use it.

Contest - J.K. Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter books

Through the Nova Scotia Library Association, Nova Scotia Public Libraries and with the support of the Delta Chelsea in Toronto a wonderful contest was available to young library users across the Province. James Charles of Kentville was one of two prize winners; the other was awarded to a New Glasgow library user.

James received two tickets to the only Canadian stop of the J.K. Rowling tour in Toronto, airfare for two, two nights stay at the Delta Chelsea and \$300.00 spending money. J.K. Rowling read from her newest book and answered questions from her young fans. James and his mom had an exciting trip!

There were 405 entries in total. Of these entries almost 18% were from our region.

Community Access Program (CAP)

As part of the new stricter guidelines for CAP, we will be required to install CAP tracker on all of our public access computers. CAP tracker keeps statistics on computer usage. This must be done by the end of December. There are still some issues with the software that are being worked on.

Our region will be hiring 10 Fall CAP Youth, for an eight-week period. They will be working in Annapolis, Bridgetown, Lawrencetown, Middleton, Kingston, Berwick, Kentville, Port Williams, Wolfville and Windsor. Wolfville and Windsor youth will be working for 20 hours a week, while the others will be at 10 hours per week. They will be conducting one-on-one computer tutorials, teen homework help nights, specialty computer-related workshops as well as various other workshops.

"Sustainability funding" has been received. This funding is being used to replace public access equipment in the branches.

Some CAP sites have closed over the past few months - Cornwallis, Career Resource Centre in Kentville and Gibson Woods. Other sites have been discussing the possibility as well. These sites have been successful in educating their communities to a point where there is no longer a need for this service.

Provincial One Card Committee

Charlotte Janes has been asked to be part of a working group that will investigate the possibilities of users having only one library card for all Nova Scotia libraries. These discussions will include university libraries as well. Our first meeting will take place in November or early December.

Tools for Life Conference

AVRL participated in the [Tools for Life Conference](#) on October 26 at Horton School, an event organized by the Valley Disability Partnership Society. AVRL staff acted as co-hosts for a workshop on on-line health resources and another on the subject of library services for seniors at which we will promote our new Books by Mail initiative.

The Friends of the [Kentville Public Library](#) held a "[New Library Rally & Book Sale](#)" on October 18. The day included story times, an art table, and silent auction. Friends' members were on hand to provide information to the public on the project plans thus far.

The [Murdoch C. Smith Library Board](#) in Port Williams has designated \$5,000 for various events in 2008 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Port Williams library. A committee has been established to co-ordinate these special monthly events in the coming year. The board has always been extremely supportive with their various contributions toward library improvements and enhancements.

We continue to enjoy and appreciate the sponsorship of library programs by community groups, individuals, and organizations. Kingston's popular preschool program continued this fall thanks to two groups B the Xi Kappa Chapter (Greenwood) of Beta Sigma Phi, and the Canadian Federation of University Women/Wolfville. CFUW has been generous in their sponsorship of many library programs and events over several years, including the much-valued Babies & Books sessions.

Staff members from several branches received approval to attend the Nova Scotia Library Association conference in September. Employees have expressed appreciation for the benefits received from the varied workshops. Branch managers from each of our valley locations met on November 7 as a forum to discuss common issues and concerns.

[Eastern Counties Regional Library](#)*Provincial Task Force*

The announcement of a Provincial Task Force to lay the groundwork for a multi-year funding recommendation was well-received by Chief Librarian Petra Mauerhoff. She hopes government will recognize, and with such strong support shown by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities that "public libraries will continue to play a vital role within our communities, and we will hopefully be able to strengthen our role in the life-long learning of our increasingly knowledge-based society."

As in the past, ECRL continues to lobby for community support through an annual fundraising campaign. The Share a Book-Build a Community campaign has been sponsored by EnCana Corporation, who made a base donation of \$3,000 then matched dollar-for-dollar other donations up to a maximum of \$5,000. At press time, the campaign had raised over \$13,000 which will be used to purchase books and materials to supplement the book budget. Radio support throughout the campaign is provided by 101.5 "The Hawk."

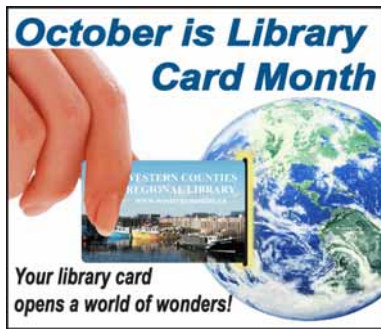
A women's writing group has recently been formed in the Canso area and has been meeting weekly at the Canso Library for an evening sharing ideas and inspiration. The Canso Women's Writing Group invites women who wish to explore and nurture creative development to meet for an evening of writing and camaraderie. Initiated by Canso residents and supported by library staff, the writing group is growing in numbers and has recently issued a challenge to libraries in the hopes that other libraries will be inspired to begin similar groups with a vision towards hosting an annual conference of Library Women's Writing Groups. For further information, call the Canso Library at 366-2955.

ECRL hosted several award-winning authors in October. Children's poet, [Sheree Fitch](#), funded by the Canada Council of the Arts, and further supported by several local businesses and community organizations, visited the region for a 4-part tour, which included a Pajama Party at the Mulgrave Library drawing a crowd of almost 100 pajama-clad children for Sheree's interpretations of her best-known poems.

The library also partnered with Cape Breton University Press to host author David Doucette for a reading at the Drs. Coady & Tompkins Library in Margaree Forks. Doucette was on a tour to promote his recently launched *North of Smokey*, the story of an isolated coastal community in depression-era Cape Breton.

[Western Counties Regional Library](#)

Western Counties Regional Library concludes one of its best Library Card Months ever



Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL) concluded one of its best-ever Library Card Month campaigns in October 2007. The regional library maximized its publicity with blanket distribution of an eight-page news insert in the *Trading Post*, a Transcontinental Media weekend publication going out to every home in Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties. It received weekly editorial and advertising coverage in newspapers and on the radio, had a strong Web presence with a special banner ad on NovaNewsNow.com with a link to Web pages promoting Library Card Month and ran a series of special events. The library registered 765 new members in October, 52 per cent above the goal of 500 new members. As of November 2, the library's membership stood at 21,600 or 36 per cent of residents of Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties.

Transcontinental Media provided the big-ticket draw prizes of a laptop computer and three six-month subscriptions to regional newspapers for people registering for library cards in October. The total sponsorship package was valued at \$8,500. The library expanded the scope of the campaign beyond elementary schools, reaching into the community during a one-day blitz using volunteers from the Nova Scotia Community College. The volunteers took the registration campaign to Yarmouth Regional Hospital, Register.com, Yarmouth YMCA, Wilson's Shopping Centre in Barrington Passage and the Yarmouth Mall on October 17. These volunteers signed up 111 new cardholders.

The library teamed up with the Yarmouth Mariners Junior A hockey team, when the entire coaching staff and team arrived at the library to sign up for library cards on October 22 giving the campaign a final boost. The month resulted in future partnerships between the two organizations throughout the hockey season, especially with the Adopt-A-Library program in the Yarmouth area.

Public response was positive in large part due to the provision of a grand prize of a laptop computer by NovaNewsNow.com and a trip to see J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series in Toronto (provided by the Nova Scotia Library Association). The regional library enriched the registration of every child thanks to the support of Boston Pizza. The restaurant provided 500 coupons for children's meals at its restaurant valued at \$2,875. [Scholastic Library Publishing](#) provided WCRL with two large boxes of books, one French and one English, as prizes for the two schools that had the highest percentage of library card holders among students and staff by the end of the month. These books become part of the winning school's library.

This year, the library continued to link its Library Card Month to the IWK's province-wide "Read to Me Jamboree" celebrations, which were launched at [Burrige Campus, NSCC](#), in Yarmouth. All 10 library branches hosted "Read to Me Jamboree" celebrations. These provided opportunities to reach parents

of very young children. The Read to Me program encourages all new parents to read to their children from birth. The library works with the regional hospitals to ensure that all babies receive the Read to Me package, which contains baby books, a lullaby CD and an invitation to join the library.



New Clark's Harbour Branch Library opening Dec. 11

[Cape Breton Regional Library](#)

Summer Reading Program 2007 wrapped up in September

All branches of the Cape Breton Regional Library participated in the Summer Reading Program for 2007. Over 600 children read at least 8 books, and together they read just over 8000 books. Each child who completed the program received a prize at one of the many closing parties around the region. We were pleased to be joined for one of the Sydney parties by MLA Manning MacDonald, who was surprised to see how many constituents use the library! Our pirate mascot, a huge green stuffed crocodile, was won by a boy from Baddeck who named him "Jolly Roger." A bike that was donated by the Cape Breton Post was won by a girl from Sydney.

Events planned around the 'Lost Worlds' theme had us doing ancient Egyptian crafts days in July, and Pirate games days in August at all branches. Our Sydney Fun Day 'Lost Worlds' mural, painted by the children, has found a home in the English Department of Cape Breton University. The Time Machine we used to travel to Lost Worlds will soon be heading to the Harbourview Montessori School. The old pirate truck, asking patrons to "Share your Treasures," collected lots of food for the local food bank.

Celtic Colours Conversation Series

Our 10th Annual *Celtic Colours Conversation Series* 2007 was a great success! The Series is sponsored by the [Celtic Colours Festival](#) organizers and hosted by the Cape Breton Regional Library. It was held from October 9th to 12th at the McConnell Library. Our audience included entertainers and visitors from far and wide who were here for the popular Celtic Colours International Festival, as well as our regular patrons who enjoyed the added pleasure of music during their visit to the Library. For most of the week's performances, we needed to accommodate the crowd by opening the sliding door of the Program Room allowing the audience to spill out into the Children's Area!

- On Oct. 9, we welcomed a group of four singers called *The Sangsters* from Fife in Scotland. They sang 'a capella' or with guitar accompaniment, performing beautiful harmonies of traditional Lowland Scottish songs.



- On Oct 10, Welsh musicians, Gwenan Gibbard (harp and vocals) and Huw Williams (guitar and clogging), played, sang, and danced to give us a taste of Welsh musical traditions. Since the program room is carpeted, we had to use the back of a flannel board for the clogging!



- On Oct 11, our biggest crowd (over 100) came to hear Michael Black, a member of the well-known Black family of Ireland. Michael sang and spoke about music in his family and music from Ireland.
- Finally, on Friday we met a lively young group from Quebec – *Genticorum*. They sang and played tunes on flute, fiddle and guitar. All songs were in French, and their energy and talents were captivating, even if you did not understand the words.

All the performers we met during this week did a great job of explaining their musical traditions, translating their songs, and engaging the audiences. We were very fortunate to experience such great talent from around the world. Hosting the *Celtic Colours Conversation Series* certainly adds some noise and bustle to our Branch – and we love it!

Robert Munsch in Glace Bay

The highlight of the fall at the Glace Bay Library was a surprise visit by Robert Munsch to a Saturday Storytime! He was scheduled to appear at the Savoy Theatre in October and librarian Charlene Budden emailed to ask if he could come by and see the Munch Wall in the program room where local artist Kim MacDonald had painted characters from his books. The answer came back that, unfortunately, his schedule was full and he was unable to stop in. Then, ten minutes into Saturday morning Storytime on October 13, who should appear but Robert Munsch himself claiming to be lost and looking for directions at the library. He joined the Storytime, reading *Stephanie's Pony Tail* and *Mortimer* and making up original stories about the children in attendance. Both the kids and the adults were delighted. He proceeded to give tickets to his show to all the children who did not already have them. And he even signed the Munch Wall! This will go down as one of the most memorable Storytimes for the Glace Bay Library!

Senior's Cafés Fall Session

The Seniors' Café series on Tuesday afternoons at the McConnell Library in Sydney was presented in partnership with Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia's SAGE Program. The fall series included sessions on Genealogy (Tracing your Family Tree), advice on Money Management from PriceWaterhouseCoopers for those on a fixed income, and *Nutrition for Seniors*. A session on Tai Chi and Qi Gong, offered by one of our Board members, Michael Milburn, attracted so much interest that we had to schedule a second session in December. With a growing waiting list, we will likely be scheduling a third session in the New Year. We finished the series off with a Christmas Wreath Making demonstration by local artisan Katherine Scott, and one lucky participant went home with the day's creation. Our Volunteer Seniors' Committee was a great help planning the sessions and arranging for the refreshments. We hope to continue our Seniors' Cafés in the New Year with a series focusing on Health and Wellness topics.

We are pleased that we are able to offer seniors' computer classes again in collaboration with the NS CAP Association, so many people on our huge waiting list are finally getting their chance to improve their computer literacy.



Adult Programs

This fall, we ran a full schedule of Adult Programs including such topics as gardening, Montessori education, breast health and cervical cancer, Qi Gong exercises, marine history, National Parks, and how to write media releases. Our prolific Cape Breton authors kept us busy. Brian MacDonald launched "Michael's Myth" (self-published through iUniverse.com) Author readings were given by David Doucette with "North of Smokey" (CBU Press) and Jim St Clare / Yvonne LeVert's with "Nancy's Wedding Feast" (CBU Press/CBC Radio). We also had a visit from Dale Jarvis, alias Reverend Thomas Wyckham Jarvis, Esquire who leads the St. John's Haunted Hikes. Dale entertained us with tales of the Faerie Folk.

Geocaching

We broke ground for our region when we decided to put on a session on Geocaching in collaboration with Velo Cape Breton in early November. Geocaching is a high tech treasure hunt where you use GPS technology to find caches at different locations by hiking or biking – a great excuse for an outing. Since our presenter, Jim Cyr (President of the Atlantic Geocaching Association) was unable to come during the week, we enlisted the help of 'Elluminate Live'; an online meeting and classroom program sponsored by the NS CAP Association, the NS Office of Economic Development, Industry Canada, and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

We booked a meeting, loaded Jim's PowerPoint presentation, and met online at the prescribed time, with Jim at home (we could see him on the webcam), and the audience at the McConnell Library in Sydney (he couldn't see us). We were able to ask Jim questions over the microphone and get immediate answers. We also had local geocacher Bob Pierrynowski (or "MineRP" as he is known in the geocaching world) and Jacques Coté and his wife "Lobelia" of Velo Cape Breton on hand to continue discussion. Jacques talked about his experiences geocaching by bike and the excursion planned for the following weekend. Bob shared his extensive experience and showed us some different sized caches he had made up. Bob is now working on a cache to place in the McConnell Library - something Jim has done for a few of the libraries in the Halifax area. An interesting evening all round!

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Submitted by Donald Moses

...from the PEI Library Community.

PEI's governing Liberals have re-established the Legislature's Parliamentary Library and have staffed it with three new employees including Laura Morrell, research librarian, Ryan Conway, research officer, and Melissa Keefe, committee clerk. The Parliamentary Library will be located in the Whelan Room on the first floor of the Coles Building in Charlottetown.

[from the Charlottetown Guardian Oct 31, 2007.]

Librarian Marion MacArthur has move from the Frank J. MacDonald Library at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to a new position with CISTI (marion.macarthur@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca). Marion's replacement at the Frank J. MacDonald Library is librarian Julie Cole (jacole@this.org).

PUBLIC LIBRARIES**Provincial Library Service**

Trina O'Brien Leggott has been appointed Chief Librarian of Confederation Centre Public Library. A graduate of Dalhousie University School of Library Science, Ms. O'Brien Leggott has extensive experience in public library service; most recently, she held the position of Head, St. James - Assiniboia branch of the Winnipeg Public Library. Ms. O'Brien Leggott began work in her new position on December 10th.

The PEI Human Rights Commission and the PEI Public Service Commission held a ceremony on December 10 to mark the 59th Anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At the ceremony, Premier Robert Ghiz presented the Sixth Annual Premier's Award for Diversity Leadership

to the Provincial Library Service. This award recognizes the work of provincial government employees who have demonstrated leadership in diversity by creating a diverse, welcoming, and inclusive workplace.



[Premier Robert Ghiz, left, presents Kathleen Eaton, Provincial Librarian, representing the Provincial Library Service, of the Department of Communities, Cultural Affairs, and Labour with the Premier's Diversity Leadership Award 2007. At right is Thilak Tennekone, Diversity Consultant with the PEI Public Service.]

Contributed by Nichola Cleaveland, Government Services Librarian, PEIPLS

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

University of Prince Edward Island *Robertson Library*

The Library is seeking to fill a newly created Emerging Technologies and Metadata Librarian position starting in July 2008. (This position combines pre-existing Systems and Cataloguing/Metadata librarian positions.) Interested souls can access details of this posting at www.upei.ca/humanres/etmlib <mailto:mleggott@upei.ca>.

The winner of the Library's Art Competition is Gerald Beaulieu from Montague. The Library invited Island artists to submit design proposals which would invoke images of library and learning and stimulate creativity. The artist described his proposed sculpture as displaying the "liberating notion of ideas and content spilling from the pages of the quintessential library object, the book..." The actual installation of the sculpture in the Library's entranceway will take place during summer 2008, with an official unveiling in September.

In January/February 2008, we will be asking campus community to complete our first ever LibQUAL survey – to identify "minimum, perceived, desired levels of library service" so that we can develop a better understanding of our users' needs. Results of the survey will be posted to our website later in the semester.

We will be hosting our quasi-annual Book Sale in the spring of 2008. Student members of Rotaract will help Norine Hanus, the Collections Librarian, with organizing this event.

Leo Cheverie, a Library Technician here at UPEI, was recently awarded the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award from the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) in recognition of his work with the organization. WUSC described Leo as "an energetic and selfless volunteer who represents all that is best in global citizenship."

Mark Leggott was one of the librarians featured in an article of the December issue of *University Affairs*. The New Librarians focused on individuals pushing forward the leading edge of technology at their universities across Canada. Check it out ... and some responses to that article in the January issue of *UA*.

In December, Library staff were saddened to hear of the death of former AVC librarian, Jennifer Taylor. Jennifer worked in the Robertson Library from 1986 until her retirement in 1997 when she returned home to Great Britain.

Contributed by Suzanne Jones, Outreach & Communications Librarian
Robertson Library - UPEI

Holland College

Andrea Stewart and Donald Moses, Charlottetown Centre campus librarians, were successful in their internal grant application to the College's "Innovation Fund". Their project, *Greening the Institutional Memory*, will see the digitization of material that will help preserve and communicate the College's unique story and celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Fiends of the Library

Jean Lykow, Resource Centre Manager for Holland College's Industrial Technology and Trades Department, hosted her 8th annual "Fiends of the Library" event on Wednesday October 31. In addition to costumes and food; student groups submitted pumpkins they had carved and were judged on originality and correlation to their program



From the President's Desk



Submitted by Donna Bourne-Tyson

The APLA executive met for the day in Halifax on Friday, October 26th, and here are some of the highlights of the meeting.

The APLA Executive is launching the "Vice-Presidents' Series" in January 2008. Each provincial V-P will have a budget to host an Education Institute continuing education session, with refreshments and local speakers providing additional context and information. The sessions will be held outside the largest city in each province; exact locations will be announced shortly.



Nadine Goguen, Pat Parsons, Donald Moses, Debbie Costelo, Stacey Penney, Penny Logan, Ruthmary MacPherson



Ruthmary MacPherson, Ivan Douthwright, Pat Parsons, Nadine Goguen

There was a discussion regarding whether the Delta hotels could offer the type of facility we require in every venue, and whether costs associated with use of the Delta would preclude attendance by students and new professionals. University campus conference facilities and accommodations are usually more economically feasible. We decided not to enter into a long-term contract with the Delta at this time.

At *The Partnership* meeting in Toronto in August, we learned that all provincial associations were being asked to route all position postings to The Partnership Job Board which you can get to via the APLA website, or at <http://www.libraryjobs.ca/>. In order to encourage use of the site, associations were asked to discontinue posting free job ads on their listservs. The Job Board administrators proposed that the fee be paid to post the advertisement on the Job

Board, and then the ad may be posted on our own lists for free. As incentive to participate, each association is given a percentage of the posting fee, quarterly, as a share of the revenue. The APLA executive discussed whether we should encourage our members to comply, what the potential increase for our budget would be if we did, and how to handle this for institutional memberships. We decided that it would be too much of a hardship for small libraries to have to pay to post all positions, particularly the part-time ones, at this time. For this year, we will allow our members to continue to post to our list at no charge; we will encourage them to post to the Job Board when it makes sense to do so, and we will work on a long term plan to reach 100% participation. Based on a recommendation from Treasurer Penny Logan we also decided to move to an electronic ledger for financial records, and to deposit the old paper ones in the APLA Archives.

Past-President Ivan Douthwright has been busy working on conference manual revisions and is planning to work with the Interest groups to increase activity levels before the Charlottetown conference. He is chairing the Nominations Committee for members of the executive. We need a VP (President Elect), a VP for NL & L, and a VP for NS. We also need new *Bulletin* editors because Stacey Penney's and Dianne Taylor-Harding's term is concluding. Ivan Douthwright will be chairing the Merit Award committee as well.

Communications Committee Chair, Gillian Byrne, attended the meeting and steered the executive through the plans for a membership drive: the free student memberships have already been implemented as has the Facebook group and both have been very well received. There is a brochure in the works thanks to Vice-President, NS Debbie Costelo, and a shared membership fee structure is being explored with other provincial associations.



Stacey Penney, Ruth Cordes, Ruthmary MacPherson, Gillian Byrne

Vice-President NB Nadine Goguen, Past-President Ivan Douthwright and Vice-President Membership Ruthmary MacPherson represented APLA at the *Legs for Literacy Marathon* in Moncton on a cold, rainy day in November, providing water and encouragement to all participants.

Vice-President PEI Donald Moses reported on behalf of the conference planning committee, and everything seems well in hand for a great conference in Charlottetown, May 8 to 10, 2008. We hope to see everyone there, for what is shaping up to be an excellent event both in terms of program content and fun social activities. The 2009 conference will be held in Halifax and we are looking for a conference planning committee chair and a conference venue. . . suggestions welcome!

Those are the highlights, and please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions about what your executive is doing on your behalf.

I hope that you had a very relaxing, fun-filled, restorative holiday season, and I wish you all the best for 2008!



Coming soon...World Book Encyclopédie Découverte

In early 2008, World Book will launch an online French-language reference site. To schedule a preview, contact Rick Rumney at 888-271-6498 or rrumney@on.aibn.com

CACUL STANDARDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE -- Update

CACUL wishes to inform academic library colleagues about an ongoing project which may be of interest. There is a task force working on Canadian library standards in higher education, sponsored by CACUL. The task force is now in its second year of a multi-year work plan.

CACUL initiated a review in 2005 to determine whether the Association could approve and support the ACRL Standards document (*Standards for Libraries in Higher Education*) as framed or whether it would need to be modified. This initial review conducted by Jennifer Soutter of the University of Windsor indicated that the ACRL Standards could not easily be adopted for the Canadian context. It was recommended that further work be done to evaluate these standards.

The CACUL Standards Task Force has investigated the ACRL *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education* and its relevance to Canadian Academic Libraries with the long term goal of the development of a set of standards both meaningful and relevant for Canadian academic libraries. Phase 1 consisted of data collection, evaluation and recommendations. This included:

- investigating the pre-existing ACRL standard to determine its purpose and whether that purpose remains relevant in and appropriate for Canada;
- evaluating both the construction of the document and the content for gaps, relevancy and adequacy for the Canadian context;
- defining the "Canadian" context;
- discovering and evaluating other standards for potential modeling.

Phase 1 findings were presented to the CACUL executive and approved at the annual meeting in June 2007. The findings will be posted on a wiki on the CLA website in the near future.

The Task Force is currently compiling best practices, benchmarks and standards as part of Phase 2. Given the difference among Canadian academic libraries, any final standards will need to be scalable and allow for customization so that a library might measure itself against appropriate benchmarks. In developing Canadian standards, consideration will also be given to CLA (and other Canadian) statements on themes touching on academic library activities such as copyright or distance learning. The Canadian standards will also include staffing competencies and professional development. Extensive consultation with the Canadian academic library community will take place once draft standards are available. There will be subsequent updates as the work of the task force progresses.

For further information please contact Jennifer Soutter (CACUL Standards Task Force Chair) at jsoutter@uwindsor.ca or Donna Bourne-Tyson (CACUL Director, Personal) at donna.bourne-tyson@msuv.ca.

Donna Bourne-Tyson

APLA 2008 CONFERENCE

TOP TEN TOOLS: AN APLA 2008 POLL AND CONFERENCE SESSION

Are you a fan of Zotero? Google Docs? Exalead? MSN? Bloglines?

If you have a favourite tool or a new technology that is indispensable to your work, and you would like to share it with others, we invite you to participate in an APLA 2008 poll and conference session.

"Top Ten Tools," one of our upcoming May sessions, will share the results of that poll and will allow you to introduce your colleagues to your favourite technology. Ten of you lucky participants will be invited to present a very brief (5 minute) "thunder talk" (sort of like an elevator sales pitch, but illustrated) on your tool of choice

when we present the poll results on Saturday, May 10th.

For inspiration, have a look at [Top 100 Tools for Learning](http://www.c4lpt.co.uk/recommended/top1002007.html) at <http://www.c4lpt.co.uk/recommended/top1002007.html>.

Some guidelines for submission:

- Your tool should be simple enough to present in 5 minutes.
- Your tool should not require installation of proprietary software (online vendor demos may be acceptable, however).

Once submissions have all been received, we will tally the results and contact some of you to ensure that you are willing to present.

Deadline for submissions is February 28, 2008.

You can nominate your Top Tool simply by:

1. responding to this email with your name, the name of the tool, and a brief description, or
2. completing the [online form](http://www.apla.ca/joomla/index.php?option=com_facileforms&Itemid=48) at the APLA conference website: http://www.apla.ca/joomla/index.php?option=com_facileforms&Itemid=48

Thanks in advance, and see you in Charlottetown in May!

The APLA 2008 Program Committee
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PRESCRIPTION FOR PROBLEM PATRONS: AN APLA 2008 PARTICIPATORY SESSION

Just "chatted" with an irate patron with \$500 of overdue materials? Know a Mom who thinks the Children's Section is a babysitting service for her pre-school twins? Chased any vandals from the men's washroom lately? If you have a "problem patron" situation you would like to discuss with your colleagues, you can submit it to the "Libraries Exposed" APLA 2008 conference by:

1. responding to this email, with a description of your problem patron, or
2. completing the [form](#) at http://www.apla.ca/joomla/index.php?option=com_facileforms&Itemid=47

Deadline for case submissions is February 28, 2008.

Four to five of the cases submitted will be chosen as the basis for "Prescription for Problem Patrons", a moderated session during the May 2008 conference, wherein you and your APLA colleagues will brainstorm solutions to your sticky situations. You will be assisted in your work by a professional facilitator. If we receive multiple nominations, we will create a "hybrid" example with shared characteristics.

Thanks in advance, and see you in Charlottetown!

The APLA 2008 Program Committee

Submitted by [Brenda Brady](#) [brenda.brady@gmail.com]

from st. jer me's den

When the APLA Bulletin started its 59th volume in 1995, it had not only moved to a new province, acquired a new editorial team, and changed format, it had also gained a new column - From St. Jerome's Den. Actually, the column was a space filler intended to appear "from time to time." In truth, the column has appeared in most issues. The columns have dealt with a variety of topic, including: ghosts, gardens, random acts of literacy, sex, and wine libraries (please note the carefully placed comma), to say nothing of quite a few quotations and a number of quizzes. The only constant has been that each column was about libraries or the people who work in them.

The masthead for the first column was simply the title, unillustrated. With v. 59, no. 2, a stately lion appeared and stayed with the column until v. 60, no. 2 (September/October 1996). After an unsuccessful campaign, aimed at getting readers to suggest a new lion for the masthead, the writer chose to replace the staid, full-manned lion with a rather whimsical distant cousin who still appears hunkered-down in what should be the letter O of our patron saint's name.

Not an ordinary feline this creature. Rather, like Leo the MGM lion, ours too has a fine lineage. Named ELIOT, in honour of T. S. Eliot, this mouser was born to grace Memorial University of Newfoundland's first

online catalogue. You know - T. S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats and other Poems which was the inspiration for the musical Cats. OK, not terribly original, but too much for some MUN staff who insisted that ELIOT be an acronym for something. Thanks to some nimble and cunningly cat-like minds ELIOT became an acronym for the Electronic Library Information Online Terminal - thus proving that acronyms should, and often do, have a life of their own.

For some reason cats and librarians are frequently envisioned in a shared companionship of perfect harmony. In fact, that affinity would be a great topic for an article in the Bulletin. However, that article will have to be written by someone else as you are now reading your last paragraph from St. Jerome. Thanks for your support, suggestions, and readership over the past 12 years. If you feel the occasional need to refresh your vision of St. Jerome and his ELIOT, check out <http://students.ou.edu/W/Brianne.L.Webb-1/story2.html>, <http://www.fisheaters.com/animals3.html>, or any of the numerous versions, electronic and print, of the legendary saint. Amen

What good is speed if the brain has oozed out on the way?
St. Jerome



LIBRARY EDUCATION

News from the School of Information Management, Dalhousie University

The fall semester at the School of Information Management has been exciting and full of energy. We have been busy celebrating the achievements of our colleagues and engaging in many interesting school events, which include:

Second CILIP honorary fellow for Dalhousie

Dr Fiona Black, Director of the School of Information Management, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). Recognized for her renowned contribution to librarianship research and education, Dr. Black is the fourth Canadian to have received this award since it was established in 1896. In addition to Dr Black, Dalhousie Professor Emeritus Dr Norman Horrocks OC, was elected to CILIP in 1998. Dr. Black is an excellent role model for School of Information Management students and everyone at the School congratulates her.

IM Public Lectures

"Mining rich seams: managing electronic government information", co-sponsored by CASLIS and SIM was held on October 25th. John Stegenga, Library and Archives Canada, and David McDonald, NS Legislative Library discussed current efforts to preserve Canadian digital government documents and websites. It was well attended by students, faculty, and other members of the university community.



David McDonald



John Stegenga

Dr. Alvin Schrader, President of the Canadian Library Association delivered a lecture entitled "Hitchhiking Across Cultures from Graduate School to Work". Co-sponsored by SIM and the Dalhousie CLA Student Chapter, Dr. Schrader's talk was delivered to a packed house..



Alvin Schrader

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Well known blogger, activist, and generally cool Librarian Jessamyn West held an engaging session with SIM Students for the first Brown Bag Lunch of the year. She spoke on her activities in the Open Source Software movement, providing technical help for rural library systems, as well as her views and activities fighting the U.S. Patriot Act and combining activism and librarianship.

Allan MacDonald, University Librarian Emeritus, University of Calgary, spoke about "Surviving and Succeeding: Lessons learned in 40 years on the information roller coaster". Drawing on his vast experience as the head of the Dalhousie Law and Medical Libraries and Director of Libraries at the University of Calgary, Alan's BBL gave SIM students much food for thought.

Second Annual Student-led Conference: IM Sustaining Communities

SIM is pleased to announce its second annual Information Without Borders conference being held at the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building March 14-15, 2007. Topics for this conference include: multi-use buildings, advocacy, interdisciplinary management between library types and with government and business, creative libraries, community space, marketing and promotion, usability issues and sustainable design. This student-led conference will be held at the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building located on the Dalhousie campus, and will include panel discussions, lectures and poster sessions.

We are pleased to announce that that Stephen Abram, current SLA President, will provide the keynote address. Mr. Abram has also previously served as president of both the Canadian Library Association and the Ontario Library Association. He is also currently serving as Vice President Innovation for SirsiDynix and Chief Strategist for the SirsiDynix Institute. His interests also includes how libraries help sustain communities through technology.

In addition to Steve Abram's address, **Information Without Borders** will be hosting additional sessions including panel discussions on sustainable building practices for community spaces, libraries' roles within the community, as well as student presentations.

CLA CONFERENCE 2008 MAY 21 – 24, VANCOUVER, BC

[Libraries and Publishing 3.0: Connecting Authors to Readers in the Digital Age](#)

"A conference to explore almost everything you want to know about publishing and libraries in today's world of changing cultures, technologies, economics, and literacies."

The [Conference website](#) has been updated with exciting new information for you to peruse and help you customize your conference experience:

- [PRELIMINARY PROGRAM](#) is part of this issue of *Felicitator* and can be viewed here on the website.
- [REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!](#) Register online or download the forms
- [KEYNOTE SPEAKERS](#) are Alberto Manguel and Rowland Lorimer, and Wendy Morton will be on-site with her "Random Acts of Poetry."
- [HOTELS](#) are filling up fast so book now!
- The [TRADESHOW](#) is SOLD OUT - See who will be exhibiting this year

- Become a [VOLUNTEER!](#)
- Announcing the members of your [Local Arrangements Committee](#)
- Enjoy all that Vancouver offers - book a tour today!

Gain valuable insights into the broader cultural, national and corporate contexts of which we are a part, and come away with new professional perspectives on the ecology of reading and the inexorable flux of the cultural record ... Alvin Schrader, CLA President



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - 2008-09 EXECUTIVE VACANCIES

As past-president, I am responsible for collecting names of nominations for positions on the APLA executive which will be vacant in 2008-2009.

As things currently stand I will need nominations for the following positions:

- V.P. / President-Elect
- V.P. Nova Scotia
- V.P. Newfoundland/Labrador
- APLA Bulletin Editors (2)

Nominations (including their name and contact information) should be submitted by March 31, 2007 to:

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NSLA / APLA INTRODUCE DISCOUNTED JOINT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

On behalf of the two executives, Lynn Somers, president of the [Nova Scotia Library Association](#) (NSLA), and Donna Bourne-Tyson, president of the [Atlantic Provinces Library Association](#) (APLA), are pleased to announce a new discounted joint membership for prospective NSLA and APLA members.

New or renewing members can join both associations and save money in the process! Members will save \$15 or approximately 20% when memberships are taken out in both associations. A joint membership will cost \$65. "NSLA and APLA recognize that there are several library associations to which our members belong and this is one way that we can acknowledge and mitigate the financial impact of multi-association membership and also to encourage new members to join. We value the support of all our members and want more library workers to benefit from association membership" commented APLA president Donna Bourne-Tyson.

As APLA is a larger association, it is willing to assume a greater financial risk to facilitate this project. After some discussion, the NSLA and APLA Boards agreed that this trial should be handled like the current membership trial agreement that NSLA has put in place with the Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians (NSALT). It was agreed that a joint membership rate would only apply to individual members, not to students or to institutions. All NSLA and APLA renewal and expiry notices will be adjusted to note this change, effective February 1, 2008.

APLA will be exploring options for similar joint membership discounts with the other library associations in Atlantic Canada.

NSLA president Lynn Somers notes "We are very excited about this new member benefit. Hopefully it will attract new members in addition to providing our current members with a bit of a financial break".

For more information, please see the [NSLA website](#) at <http://www.nsla.ns.ca> and the [APLA website](#) at <http://www.apla.ca>.

Submitted by [Lynn Somers](#) and [Donna Bourne-Tyson](#).





Canadian Librarians: We've been challenged, and national pride is at stake!

For the 2007 World Library and Information Congress in Durban, South Africa, Australian librarians conducted a grass-roots fundraising campaign "Libs for Africa" to support the participation of African librarians at the Congress. Through local drives, they raised AU\$10,900 (approximately CDN\$9,500) and supported 16 African delegates.

For the 2008 WLIC in Quebec City, they've challenged Canadian librarians to do the same, in support of librarians from South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

How did the Aussies do it? Fun events: an African dinner, morning teas, bake sales, raffles. Low-key, modest efforts that will pay huge dividends in countries that really need the help.

How about it? Are Canadian librarians up to the challenge? Some ideas:

- Raffle off home-made baking.
- Rent your favourite Canadian/Quebec film and have movie evening/night.
- Do a Quebecois Feast for the department. Tourtiere, anyone?

The contribution deadline is coming up, so now is the perfect time to have some fun and raise funds for a great cause!

This campaign is organized by *Bibliomondialis*: Canadian Partnership for Libraries Bridge-Building / Partenaires canadiens pour des échanges en milieu documentaire, an incorporated Canadian charity created by *l'association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation* (ASTED) and the Canadian Library Association / Association canadienne des bibliothèques (CLA).

Donations should be sent to:

Bibliomondialis

c/o Canadian Library Association

328 Frank St. Ottawa, ON K2P 0X8

Contributions will be accepted until April 15, 2008. Charitable donations (not raffle or meal tickets) from individuals or corporations in excess of \$25 are eligible for a receipt for income-tax purposes.

The bursaries will be awarded through *Bibliomondialis* and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions,

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/grant2008.htm>

More information:

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New Members

Submitted by Ruthmary Macpherson, VP Membership

APLA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

FirstName	Last Name	Province/State
Jessica	Larocque	NB
Sandra	Lowman	NB
Stephane	Niles	NB
Alison	Ambi	NS
Carly	Brake	NS
Kristina	Holman	NS

Furthermore, we are delighted to welcome these sixty-five new student members:

FirstName	Last Name	Province/State	OtherWRK
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Mary Kathryn	Arnold	NS	Student SIM
Janet	Ayles	NS	Student SIM
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Candace	DeCoste	NS	Student NSCC
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Laura	Young	NS	Student SIM

We look forward to meeting you at the APLA 2008 Conference, or other APLA sponsored events. And we welcome your contributions for the Bulletin, at the conference or on the APLA listserv. Good luck in your LIS endeavours.



looking to get involved in your professional association?

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