

THE FALL OF COPYRIGHT: COPYRIGHT REPORT FOR APLA EXECUTIVE MEETING OCTOBER 2008

Submitted by Jane Duffy

While the much discussed proposed Bill C-61 died on the order paper with the dissolution of Parliament on September 7, 2008, the re-elected minority Conservative government has assured us that the proposed Copyright Bill C-61 as it stands will be again brought forward, though how and through which channels have yet to be determined.

Below, please find a link to the brief "Unlocking the Public Interest", the end product of the Copyright Working Group's work over the past 4 months:

<http://www.cla.ca/copyright/Unlocking%20the%20public%20interest-Final.pdf>

As all librarians in the Atlantic Region will appreciate, the issues discussed throughout the "Summer of Copyright" remain unresolved. And the CLA, as it represents the interests of all Libraries continues to have serious concerns about the proposed bill as well as how the broader discussion of copyright reform is proceeding.

The topics specifically discussed in CLA's "Unlocking the Public Interest" are:

- 1) Fair Dealing;
- 2) Libraries, Archives and Museums: Exceptions for Research and Private Study;
- 3) Digital Locks [also known as DRM's, TPM's and TM's];
- 4) Exceptions for the Print Disabled;

- 5) Provisions on Contractual Limitations;
- 6) Statutory Damages;
- 7) Special Educational Exemptions;
- 8) Internet Service Provider Liability;
- 9) Preservation;
- 10) Copyright and Photography;
- 11) Crown Copyright.

I know that you will find this CLA Briefing Note report highly readable and useful. Your further insights on copyright reform as well as any feedback on the CWG's efforts, are all welcome!

The next steps for the Copyright Working Group are to continue to anticipate the direction that the government will take in reintroducing the Bill. We are urging them to ensure that the Bill is discussed by and feedback gathered from the widest possible range of Canadian stakeholders. See Michael Geist's blog for more informed details about this particular process:

<http://www.michaelgeist.ca/>

In the meantime, as your APLA representative on the CLA Copyright Working Group, I shall continue to update you on the CWG's progress, as new information on our work becomes available.

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From the President's Desk

Happy Autumn!

I am always amazed at how busy the life of a librarian can be, particularly in the Fall. This year is no exception and as we all race to implement new services, maintain old and look after our clientele, let's not forget about looking after your "professional health." It is important to take a little bit of time to review what is new in our profession, to think about the latest research and reflect on where your organization is going. APLA is certainly committed to helping all Atlantic Canadian librarians with this professional development. Lots of great things are happening with APLA and our relationship with the Partnership and I would like to bring you up to date on some of the news in these areas since my last report.

In the late summer, Donald Moses (APLA Vice President Elect) and myself headed off to Toronto for the OLA sponsored Partnership meetings <http://www.thepartnership.ca>. For those who may not know, the Partnership is our national network of provincial and territorial library associations. APLA is a proud member of the Partnership and has helped to initiate many professional development opportunities to Canadian librarians and library staff. The most well known, of course, is the Education Institute which successfully provides workshops through teleconference and webinars. Another initiative is *Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research* <http://journal.lib.uoquelfh.ca/index.php/perj/>, which is not only a tremendous resource for keeping current but it is also a Canadian peer reviewed journal dedicated to the library profession. At this last Partnership meeting, it was agreed that the Partnership would start a new initiative to create a certification program which will allow librarians and library staff to be

recognized for their ongoing professional development. Look for more news on this soon.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I had the good fortune to represent APLA at the National Summit on Library Human Resources held in Ottawa. Over a two day period, one hundred librarians from across the country and from various sectors discussed the Canadian library sector from education to retirement. Many suggestions came forward and it will be interesting to see how they will be implemented and how we as a profession can work to fill a projected shortfall in the number of librarians available to work in Canadian libraries. If you want to have the full information on this, check out the blog website for the Summit <http://nslhr.wordpress.com/> or the official website for the original 8Rs research <http://www.ls.ualberta.ca/8rs/home.html>.

And finally, your APLA Executive will be meeting in Halifax on October 27th. This event will be an opportunity for your provincial VPs and other members of the Executive to think about new member services and how to make existing services more relevant to your professional life. I am very much looking forward to this gathering and thinking about the future of APLA. I will fill you in on the details of this meeting with the next issue of the Bulletin. Take care everyone! Su

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From the New Editors

A changing of the seasons brings with it a changing of the guard at the APLA Bulletin. Outgoing editors Dianne Taylor-Harding and Stacey Penney have passed the torch to Jane Duffy of Dalhousie University and Ian Gibson of Memorial University; Kelly WooShue of the Halifax Public Libraries has taken the advertising banner from Ruth Cordes. The outgoing team has been extremely helpful in lessening the learning curve and we are grateful for all their assistance. We would also like to acknowledge Michelle Paon of Dalhousie University for her editorial assistance with French language material.

We are always on the look out for new and interesting content (and new contributors), so if you have something to share please get in touch with

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LIBRARIANS HAVE MUCH TO OFFER IN SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF READING

Lawrence J. (Lou) Duggan, Cape Breton University Library

The study of reading is a relatively new discipline emerging from the broader area of book history. Influential texts in the field such as Richard Altick's, *English Common Reader: A social history of the mass reading public, 1800-1900* (Altick, 1983) and Robert Darnton's, *The kiss of Lamourette: reflections in cultural history* (Darnton, 1990) have opened a huge and complicated field of study that now involves academics in history, communications, psychology, philosophy and literature among others. Librarians also have a key role to play in this study, as much of what is used as evidence for interpreting reading activities is either at their fingertips or begs for a librarian's skill set to decipher.

Many APLA members may be aware of such organizations as SHARP (the Society for the History of Authorship Reading and Publishing), which has been in existence since 1991 and holds an annual conference that is a primary venue for reading historians to expose their work to the world's academic community. Some may not be aware, however, of the Reading Experience Database (RED) created in 1996 by a British group of reading historians at the UK Open University. The RED group's mission is "to accumulate as much data as possible about the reading experiences of British subjects from 1450 to 1945," where a reading experience is defined as "a recorded engagement with a written or printed text, beyond the mere fact of possession."¹ It was this group, in partnership with the Institute of English Studies, University of London, which organized the first international conference devoted specifically to the history of reading. The conference, "Evidence of Reading, Reading the Evidence", was held on 21-23 July 2008 in London, and I am very grateful to APLA for helping to fund my participation in the conference through the General Activities Fund (Duggan & MacDonald, 2008).

The theme of the conference centered on methodologies for studying reading. Since the beginning, researchers have wondered how we can learn anything about such an enigmatic and solitary activity as reading merely by watching others. Postures and eye movements tell us only a limited amount about a person's interaction with a text. Studying our own reading is also difficult because we cannot gain enough critical distance to be objective and to see what this activity means – partly because the medium and the message are so intertwined (Price, 2004). Some of the various methodologies that have been popular to date include studies of anecdotal evidence, marginalia, personal library collections, book clubs, and the records of lending libraries. However, the best methods for understanding this cultural and highly personal phenomenon may be yet to be discovered or tried. The first of three keynote addresses at the London conference addressed what can really be learned (or not) about reading from looking at photographs and paintings (Flint, 2008). And the second keynote raised eyebrows when the highly respected researcher Jonathan Rose stated that "the only pattern to be found [in the study of marginalia] is that there is no pattern." (Rose, 2008). It is also important to note that reading historians are seemingly united in the opinion that the "mere fact of possession" of a book or scrap of paper that contains writing cannot be viewed as conclusive evidence that a person actually read it.

So where will the truly informative evidence of reading come from? Like so many other things in life it will come from hard work and inventive

thinking, and also from those who are situated with their eyes open to see the evidence when it appears. Librarians are in a unique position to offer some key forms of evidence. Ethical considerations of personal privacy notwithstanding, librarians can easily and effectively tell the "who, what, when and where?" of reading, at least as it pertains to the users of libraries. They also are very well situated to help discover the "why and how?" of reading. Academic librarians are very knowledgeable about the process of publishing, why academics read certain publications, and how they use them for citation as driven by the peer review process. Public librarians display a keen sense of the wants of the reading public, as shown in their collection management schemes and promotional materials. Staff in special libraries often foster close relationships with individual users, and understand their reading habits in great detail.

Reading is nowhere as culturally ubiquitous as it is in libraries, and reading historians fully understand the potential value that librarians hold in this subject area. Never have I felt so well-respected among academics as I did at this conference, even as I was surrounded by many of the leaders in the field. All who attended seemed to hold a universal admiration for their colleagues in all disciplines, given that so much remains to be learned and from so many areas of expertise. The conference concluded with a call for more of everything: more case studies, citation analyses and investigations of subject areas that study more kinds of text, situations, and ways of reading. This reckoning occurs because the larger theories of reading do not yet stand up to scrutiny. They need to be developed further and fine-tuned with more evidence before they can be tested confidently against the broader reality. Here is an opportunity for the academic side of librarianship to shine and for librarians to help the world to understand a huge part of itself. Reading is far too important in our society to ignore as a cultural phenomenon, and librarians can provide both evidence and important insights that will contribute greatly to the understanding of its history.

¹ For further details or to view the RED database see <http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/RED/>.

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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Submitted by Nadine Goguen

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

On September 15th, the New Brunswick Public Library Service (NBPLS) launched its provincial Adult Literacy Collection. The acquisition of numerous materials for the collection was made possible thanks to a partnership between the Community Adult Learning Network, the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation, and NBPLS. The event was attended by members of the adult learning community who affirmed the importance of public libraries in enhancing their reading skills. The collection consists of over 15,000 literacy collection materials in circulation in public libraries and bookmobiles across the province.

NBPLS continues to avidly promote children's literacy. In September, we launched our annual campaign, Step Into Reading, inviting kindergarteners throughout the province to go to their public library or bookmobile and get their very own library card. Postcard sized invitations were sent to 224 elementary schools across the province in an attempt to reach over 10,000 future readers.

This Fall, Hackmatack Book Clubs are starting in 57 of our public libraries. Over the course of the program, students in grades 4 – 6 will read from a selection of 40 outstanding Canadian books, in fiction and non-fiction, English and French. Participants will then get the chance to vote for their favourite books and determine together the authors who will win the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award. Book talks, author visits, and activities based on book themes are just some of the things to enjoy in the Hackmatack Book Club. Some libraries partner with local schools and offer the program in the classroom.

On a final note, we are also pleased to announce that new interactive bookmobile pages are now available on our website. These pages allow the public to search our site for information on bookmobile stops and schedules.

Le 15 septembre dernier, le Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick (SBPNB) a procédé au lancement de sa Collection appuyant les apprenants adultes. L'acquisition de nombreux documents de cette collection a été rendue possible grâce à un partenariat entre le Réseau communautaire d'apprentissage des adultes, la Fondation des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick et le SBPNB. Lors de cet événement, des membres de la communauté des apprenants adultes ont témoigné de l'importance des bibliothèques publiques dans le développement de leurs habilités de lecture. L'ensemble de la collection compte quinze milles documents répartis dans les bibliothèques publiques et les bibliobus de la province.

Le SBPNB continue de promouvoir activement l'alphabétisation des enfants. En septembre, nous avons lancé notre campagne annuelle

Premier pas vers la lecture dans le cadre de laquelle on invite les élèves de la maternelle de la province à aller chercher leur carte de bibliothèque à leur bibliothèque publique ou à leur bibliobus. Des invitations de la dimension d'une carte postale ont été distribuées aux élèves de la maternelle de 224 écoles primaires de la province, ce qui a permis de rejoindre plus de 10 000 jeunes lecteurs et lectrices potentiel(le)s.

Cet automne, des Clubs de lecture Hackmatack seront mis sur pied dans 57 de nos bibliothèques publiques. Dans le cadre de ce programme, des étudiants de la 4^{ème} à la 6^{ème} année choisiront de lire des livres d'auteurs canadiens à partir d'une liste de 40 œuvres présélectionnées. Ces romans et livres documentaires sont en français et en anglais. Les participants pourront voter pour leurs livres préférés et ainsi déterminer ensemble quels auteurs recevront un Prix littéraire Hackmatack - Le choix des jeunes. Les discussions de groupe sur les livres, les visites d'auteurs et les activités basées sur les thèmes des livres sélectionnées ne sont que quelques-unes des activités auxquelles les jeunes peuvent participer en se joignant à un Club de lecture Hackmatack. Quelques bibliothèques travaillent même en partenariat avec des écoles de leur communauté pour offrir le programme en salle de classe.

Enfin, il nous fait plaisir d'annoncer que les nouvelles pages Web interactives des bibliobus sont présentement accessibles sur notre site Internet. Ces pages Web permettent au public de rechercher en ligne de l'information concernant les arrêts et les horaires des bibliobus.

AWK Library Region

The Moncton Public Library and its board members have launched their very impressive annual fundraiser, Magnum Opus. Kathy Reichs, author and forensic anthropologist, will speak on October 26th followed by an art auction celebrating Atlantic Canadian artists. All of the library community is cordially invited to this benefit evening gala in Downtown Moncton. Visit the website for more information, www.galamagnumopusgala.ca.

The Riverview Public Library is temporarily closed for an exciting move in a newly renovated and expanded municipal building.

Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region

Nous avons passé un bel été en faisant plusieurs activités bouillonnantes dans le cadre du Club de lecture d'été (Ça bouillonne @ votre bibliothèque®). La gestionnaire de la Bibliothèque La Moisson à Saint-Quentin, Hélène Durepos-Thériault, est revenue de son congé de maternité au mois d'août. Louise Lang-Levesque est entrée dans ses fonctions comme gestionnaire de la Bibliothèque publique de Kedgwick aussi au mois d'août. Bienvenue, mesdames !

We enjoyed a bubbly summer with our science-themed Summer Reading Club – See What's Bubbling @ your library®. Several staff members had the opportunity to visit our 12 libraries over the past few months. Everyone enjoyed "seeing how it's done" at other libraries, and having the chance to exchange ideas.

Staff participated in Family Days in Grand Falls and in Edmundston in September, sharing information about programs and services available for children aged 0 to 6 years old. Everyone is now getting ready for a busy fall full of programs, training and Canadian Libraries Month!

York Library Region

The York Library Region had a busy and successful summer of teen reading! Promoting the Young Adult collection and the online teen book club – TeensRC - paid off as libraries offering the TeensRC saw significant increases in their YA circulation. As well, York Library Region organized two cross Canada online author chats held on the TeensRC website with N.B. authors, Sheree Fitch and Robert Rayner. Teens enjoyed both events and staff were glad to gain experience with the technology necessary for this type of innovative programming.

The fall hasn't slowed down but staff across the region had a chance to reconnect and recharge at the recent Staff Development Day. Trudy Amirault, Regional Library Director, Western Counties Regional Library in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, was the keynote speaker and provided staff with valuable insight into community partnership possibilities for public libraries.

The York Library Region would like to welcome the following new staff members and congratulate them on their appointments:

- Candace Hare, Acting Director of the Nashwaaksis Public-School Library in Fredericton
- Jennifer Wilcox, Acting Director of the Chatham Public Library
- Kathy Keays, Acting Library Assistant in the Children's Department of the Fredericton Public Library

The York Library Region would particularly like to thank Nadine Goguen for her efforts as Acting Director of Chatham Public Library over the last several months. In addition to fulfilling her regular duties as Public Services Librarian for the AWK Library Region she did a wonderful job managing the library during a transitional period.

We also said goodbye to Denise Corey-Fancy. Her organizational skills and the energy she brought to managing Nashwaaksis Public-School

Library will be greatly missed. The York Library Region would like to wish her well in her new position as the Deputy Chief Librarian with the Cumberland Regional Library in Amherst, Nova Scotia.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Université de Moncton

Je suis heureuse de vous annoncer que Madame Michèle LeBlanc a accepté le poste de bibliothécaire à la Bibliothèque de droit Michel-Bastarache depuis juillet 2008. Michèle a été embauchée en remplacement de Carmel Allain-Bourque qui est partie à la retraite en février dernier.

Madame LeBlanc détient une maîtrise en bibliothéconomie de l'Université de Montréal depuis 2000. Elle nous arrive de la Bibliothèque Champlain comme Chef de Service des acquisitions. Avant cette nomination, elle a travaillé comme bibliothécaire de référence et bibliothécaire principale à la Bibliothèque du Parlement, Division du droit pendant quatre ans. Michèle a également occupé les postes de directrice de la Bibliothèque publique de Dieppe (2001-2002) et de bibliothécaire au Collège communautaire de Campbellton (de 2000-2001).

Il me fait aussi plaisir de vous apprendre que Carmel Allain-Bourque est revenue travailler à la Bibliothèque de droit Michel-Bastarache pour l'année académique 2008-2009. Carmel reprend ses fonctions d'avant la retraite pendant que Michèle sera en congé de maternité.

I am pleased to announce that Michèle LeBlanc has accepted the position of librarian at the Bibliothèque de droit Michel-Bastarache since July 2008. She is replacing Carmel Allain-Bourque who retired last February.

Michèle LeBlanc graduated from the Université de Montréal in 2000. She has been at Bibliothèque Champlain, Université de Moncton for the past year as Head of Acquisitions. Prior to this nomination, she worked four years at the Law Division of the Library of Parliament in Ottawa. She also directed the Dieppe Public Library and the New Brunswick Community College Library in Campbellton.

It is also my pleasure to announce that Carmel Allain-Bourque has accepted to come back to work for the academic year 2008-2009. She is taking on her previous position left vacant during Michèle's maternity leave.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Submitted by Louise McGillis

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

<http://www.nlpl.ca/>

The Corner Brook Public Library has a new city librarian. Her name is Melissa Feaver, she is a recent graduate of Dalhousie's School of Information Management. She takes up her new duties on November 17.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Woodland Primary School in Grand Falls-Windsor was awarded one of ten grants from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation. The grants, which provide up to \$160,000 worth of books, are awarded to schools which can demonstrate obvious need.

Woodland was announced as one of the grant recipients in May and received their first shipment of books this month. The books will replace a collection of old and worn material. Congratulations to teacher librarian Tara Humber and the rest of the staff who helped make this possible.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Memorial University

<http://www.library.mun.ca>

The Queen Elizabeth II Library

The First Space Gallery is currently hosting "[Burlesque](#)" a mixed media exhibit by Janis Coombs, Alumni Printmaker-in-Residence, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. Thanks go out to Ms. Coombs, the Library Administration, the First Space Gallery Committee and all those involved in putting the show together. The exhibit runs from September 5 – December 17 and can be viewed any time during building hours.

The Queen Elizabeth II Library recently hosted "Wayzgoose 2008: A Celebration of Books and Printing" a half day event co-sponsored by the Book Arts Association of Newfoundland and Labrador and by the Faculty of Arts, Memorial University. The event featured two sessions: the first a talk by poet and printer Crispin Elsted on the private press movement of the 19th and 20th centuries; the second marked the launch of a new

[online exhibit](#) featuring works produced by the Gauntlet Press of Richard Outram and Barbara Howard. The second session featured talks by poet and scholar Amanda Jernigan on the history of the Gauntlet Press, as well as Humanities Librarian Martin Howley on special collections at Memorial and the significance of the Gauntlet Press Emblems.

CONFERENCES

Your Library – Make Your Move

Contributed by Christine Doody

This year marked the first conference for library staff in Newfoundland and Labrador. On October 14, paraprofessionals from all over the province congregated at the McMann Centre of Memorial University to attend "Your Library – Make Your Move. This event was focused specifically on Library staff and organized by library staff. The group was diverse, with both the public and academic sectors well represented. Presentations included: Travels of a Book, Developing Your Professional Portfolio, Gizmos and Gadgets, and Challenges of Change.



Your Library – Make Your Move organizing committee (from left to right): Donna Inkpen, Christine Doody (Chair), Theresa Antle (Treasurer), Karen Darby, Cynthia Priddle, Liza-Ann Squires, Jill Charlebois

There was a panel discussion featuring Librarians from various Libraries answering questions from staff on topics such as: changes in staff, professional development, communication, and promotion issues.

Consensus was that such a conference was long overdue and welcomed.

There were over 80 attendants and based on the comments received, the participants were really pleased with the event

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NOVA SCOTIA

Submitted by Darlene Beck

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

<http://www.valleylibrary.ca/>

Internet Connectivity

There are only two locations left to have their upgraded Internet lines installed. The staff and public in locations that have already been upgraded are enjoying these higher speed connections provided by the Department of Education.

Equipment

Six packages consisting of a laptop, projector and screen have been purchased through CAP funding. These will be used in branches to do presentations and public training. The equipment was used by the summer CAP youth and was very well utilized.

External memory card readers for use by the public have been purchased with CAP funding. These readers can be checked out by users during their computer session. With this reader, users will be able to transfer files from the memory cards in their portable storage devices (digital cameras, PDAs, phones, etc.) to library computers then uploading to the Internet. It is expected that the heaviest use will be for photos.

Community Access Program (CAP)

CAP funding for the 2008-09 fiscal year should be on its way to regional working groups by the end of September. It was hoped that this funding would be available in May, but the contracts have been delayed. There is a lot of uncertainty around federal funding for the 2009-10 fiscal year. A meeting of the Chairs of the regional working groups in Nova Scotia met in July to discuss this issue and the future of CAP. It was decided that there was a desire from the sites to continue beyond 2008-09. The use of sites and the enthusiasm of those involved seem to be ongoing.

Six summer youth were hired through the CAP Summer Youth Program. These youth provided technology related programming in 9 of our branches from mid-June until the end of August. It was a very successful summer.

Automated Library System

A new version of the automated library system shared by the regional libraries in Nova Scotia (except Halifax), is now operational in all locations. Staff are enjoying the new look provided by the software as well as its many enhancements. In the 2009-10 fiscal year, it is hoped that larger monitors can be purchased for staff. There are currently some display issues with the current size of the monitors.

As reported earlier, there has been some discussion on the availability of the Collection Exchange module. This upgrade shows a marked improvement in the module and its integration with the functionality of the other modules.

Branch News

We had an enthusiastic audience for author Donna Morrissey when she visited the Wolfville Memorial Library on the evening of June 19th. A packed house thoroughly enjoyed her presentation and was treated to excerpts from her new book *What They Wanted*.

The Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library Board continued to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Port Williams branch over the summer. In June, Mermaid Theatre provided a free performance of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* both at the school and in the community centre facility where over 100 people enjoyed the program. In addition, the talented Mermaid Theatre staff hosted puppet-making workshops for two age groups at the library in July.

The Rosa M. Harvey Library Society was successful in its application for a summer employee. Aside from the usual summer library programming, student Katlin Barclay offered some unique programs such as an *Anne of Green Gables* Spelling Bee (to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the book) and a dance workshop.

Anne of Green Gables celebrations continued with a very popular Ice Cream Social at Jubilee Park in Bridgetown (about 100 people attended!), and a weekend at the Windsor Library devoted to "Anne". It included a puppet show, a quilted wall-hanging competition, and a Sunday afternoon social with Anne-inspired refreshments and activities.

Lawrencetown and Wolfville libraries hosted Al Bernard's Magic Show in July. Tickets for both performances were sold out.

Much-loved author Sheree Fitch visited the Wolfville Library for a children's presentation during her tour to promote her new adult book. The room was jam-packed with children and families!

AVRL received a generous donation of \$1,000 from the Arthritis Society of Nova Scotia's Jones Fund for the purchase of new arthritis-related material. The books and DVDs were selected from the recommended listings of the Arthritis Society of Canada.

The Annapolis Royal Library underwent window replacements over the summer, resulting in enhancements to the front of the facility. Staff and patrons are enjoying both the renovations and the improved air flow.

October is Canadian Library Month and, thanks to Canada Council for the Arts, we are delighted to be offering a weekend of public author readings in conjunction with the joint Nova Scotia Library/Library Boards Association conference at Old Orchard Inn during the weekend of

October 3-5. As conference hosts, we look forward to our duties, as well as the exciting workshops that will be available to us!

Cape Breton Regional Library

www.cbri.ca

McConnell Library in Sydney Witnesses a Changing of the Guard

The McConnell Library will not be the same without Donnie Ward who has retired after 34 years of dedicated service. A public open house held on April 25th drew a large crowd of patrons, colleagues, former staff and friends wishing Donnie well, and a staff dinner was held in his honour on May 12, 2008. Over the years, he has made many contributions to the library, especially in the area of local history. As Reference Librarian, Donnie showed and communicated a great interest in the history of Sydney and the Library, as well as both the Fortress of Louisbourg and Petersfield Park, through their connection to Catherine MacLennan, an important early benefactor of the Library. He will be missed.



CBRL Donnie Ward Retirement: Donnie Ward (centre) retired in April after 34 years at the McConnell Library in Sydney. Pictured with Donnie are Ian MacIntosh and Faye MacDougall.

In July, the McConnell Library welcomed back former staff member Lisa Mulak-MacPhee as our new Branch Librarian, who will take over Donnie's area of Reference Services among other responsibilities. Although she has big shoes to fill, she is definitely up to the task and is full of great ideas to move the library forward. Welcome Lisa!

Murder in the Library!



CBRL Murder Mystery: An unusual and very successful fundraiser at the McConnell Library, Sydney.

reluctantly pulling an all-nighter. Police are on strike and there are rumours of trouble. Then there is a scream... Will this night shift be murder for the staff? Is anyone safe?

"Stamped Out" took on a whole new meaning at the McConnell Library this spring. Our newest fundraiser was a murder mystery play, directed by Brian Gallivan, written by Greg and Kristen Woodford, and starring many staff members, family and friends of the library.

Imagine the scene... It's late on a Friday night and the staff is

The public was invited to come and find out "who-done it" at five performances over a week at the end of April. They got to explore the bowels of the Library during different scenes and were wowed by the acting skills of the players. It was interesting to see how different staff members and library roles could be caricatured! It was great fun and a huge success, and preparations are underway for another play next spring!

Read-a-thon in the Park

In early June, the Friends of McConnell Library hosted a Read-a-thon in Wentworth Park in Sydney to encourage families to read together and to enjoy the refurbished park just down the street from the Library. Participants tracked their reading time for 2 weeks and asked people to pledge donations on their behalf to the Library. All money raised will be going towards purchasing new furniture and wall hangings for the children's area of the McConnell Library. It was cool and damp but many families braved the weather and had a fun day.

Summer Reading Programs

This summer, CBRL again participated in the TD Summer Reading Program across the region at our 13 branches and 2 bookmobiles. This year's theme was "Laugh Out Loud", so we encouraged a bit of comedy with silly backwards Olympic games, a Kids Comedy

Club fun day, funny puppets, and making our own joke books. Staff from across the region worked with our local police services to promote the Summer Reading Program, visiting grade 4 classes in schools, and holding draws for rides to school in a police cruiser, tours of the police station, and a special pass to the QMJHL Hockey Draft to meet former NHLer and Halifax Moosehead's owner Bobbie Smith.



Zac Targett kept the Wilfred Oran Centennial Library in North Sydney hopping this summer with many fun programs for kids.

Several of our branches also offered expanded programming this summer with the help of student interns. Especially buzzing was our North Sydney branch, the Wilfred Oran Centennial Library. Energetic summer student Zac Targett organized special events for Grading Day and Canada Day, as well as regular fun days with movies and popcorn, Wii bowling, a



CBRL SRP Contest Winner: Grade 4 student Zachary Politte from Glace Bay won the SRP contest and got to meet Deputy Police Chief Miles Burke (left) and former NHLer Bobby Smith (right) at the QMJHL Draft in Sydney in June.

science day, an art day, a clown and magic show, a Library Picnic and a Pizza Party... Exciting ways to draw kids into the library over the summer! Great work Zac!

Subject Guides on CBRL Website

Librarian Rebecca Boulter has begun developing subject guides to assist patrons in locating information on a specific topic at CBRL. The guides are found on our website and in the monthly newsletter and include resources found in various parts of the library including: Adult Non-Fiction, Children's Collection, Reference, Vertical Files, Government Documents, and Websites. So far the topics covered include: African Heritage in Canada, Canadian Law and Genealogy, with more in the works. These promise to become a great resource for patrons and librarians alike, providing an easy way to start looking for information on popular topics.

Cumberland Regional Library

<http://crl.library.ns.ca/>

Denise Corey is looking forward to joining the staff at the Cumberland Regional Library as Deputy Chief Librarian starting in August. Denise has been with the New Brunswick Public Library Service since May 2006, initially as a Reference Librarian with the Fredericton Public Library and then as Library Director of the Nashwaaksis Public-School Library. She is a graduate of the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University and the Library and Information Technology program at the Nova Scotia Community College.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

<http://ecrl.library.ns.ca/>

The Library launched the *EnCana Energy Collection for Families* at the Cyril Ward Memorial Library in Guysborough on September 18. A sample of the collection of books and materials for children from pre-school to high school aimed at fostering an interest in science and technology was available for browsing and borrowing. The materials will travel to all Branches and selected Library Link sites served by ECRL within the next year. Greetings were brought by Lori MacLean, Community Relations Advisor on behalf of EnCana Corporation that funded the project to the tune of \$4,000. Ms. MacLean indicated how pleased they were to support "learning and families in our communities as the collection allows children and their families to share and learn together".



On hand for the launch of the EnCana Energy for Families Collection at the Cyril Ward Memorial Library in Guysborough were (left to right) Dee Hopkins, Student intern with EnCana; Myles MacPherson, Deputy Warden of the Municipality of the County of Guysborough; and Lori MacLean, Community Relations Advisor for EnCana.

Remarks were also given by Myles MacPherson, Deputy Warden for Guysborough County and member of the ECRL Board of Directors, and Petra Mauerhoff, ECRL Chief Librarian. The materials have a special designation on the Library's website and can be accessed by searching the collection



Chief Librarian Petra Mauerhoff welcomes visitors to the launch of the EnCana Energy Collection for Families.

online at ecrl.library.ns.ca.

EnCana is also the major sponsor for the Library's annual Share a Book-Build a Community fundraiser which will be launched on October 18 at the Cyril Ward Memorial Library in Margaree Forks. EnCana has signed a 3 year commitment of a base donation of \$5,000 plus matches dollar for dollar all donations received to a maximum overall total amount of \$10,000. The local radio station, 101.5 The Hawk provides free advertising for the 6 week campaign which runs this year from October 15- November 30, 2008.

The Canso Library Women Writers Group presented a Memoir Writing Workshop for Women at the Library on September 27. The event was facilitated by Marjorie Kildare on September 27. Ms. Kildare has recently joined the library staff of the Cyril Ward Memorial Library in Guysborough.

Western Counties Regional Library

<http://www.westerncounties.ca/>

Contributed by Ian White

Western Counties Regional Library preparing to launch French Web site, improved French services

Western Counties Regional Library will be including a completely French section within its Web site in the coming months, part of a plan to improve French services at the library.

"They are going to see a whole French side to the Web site," says Erin Comeau, Coordinator of French Services for the regional library. When library patrons click on www.westerncounties.ca, they will have the option of service in English or French. The new French Web site will mirror the English version, offering such services as French booklists and recommended reading.

Although all the general services will be translated into French, only the Events and Calendar pages for the Pubnico and Clare branches will be in French.

Another improvement to the library's French service is an overhaul of the French collection to increase French Canadian content.

The Clare and Pubnico branches will also have separate sections added to their libraries for Acadian material ranging from cookbooks to history and songs to stories. These changes are expected to be in place by this fall.

"This will make it easier for people to find this content at the library," explains Comeau.

Library looking at adding simple touches to make big changes

It can be as simple as adding hanging flower baskets from the front of a building or placing a park bench and flower box near an entrance. It is called "place-making" and it is something the regional director of Western Counties Regional Library is working toward making happen at her branch libraries.

"It's one of the few spaces where literally everyone is welcome," Trudy Amirault says of the public library. But she says that while the interior is warm and welcoming, the exterior can lack the same appeal.



The Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library in Digby at present.

Amirault attended a training session on place-making, where one learns how to make a location more attractive and interesting to people.

She has taken that experience and shared it with other community groups and organizations. In early July, Amirault took representatives of the Yarmouth Public Library and Museum around the grounds of the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library and Western Counties Regional Library headquarters. The tour looked at small improvements that could be made to make the library a more inviting place.



What the Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library in Digby could look like with some simple changes

"They appreciated seeing it with fresh eyes," Amirault says.

The changes need not be dramatic and costly, she says. They are often simple, subtle additions such as flower boxes or baskets, tables and chairs or a bench.

She is also working with provincial and municipal officials in Digby to have simple cosmetic changes to the exterior such as additions of flower baskets and boxes, benches and a bike stand.

"There is certainly interest," says Amirault.

Although nothing concrete has been planned, both the Digby and Yarmouth groups are interested in the project.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Dalhousie University

<http://www.library.dal.ca/>

Libcasts and Podcasts on the Dalhousie Libraries Website

We're making the Dalhousie Libraries website more interactive every day. Did you know that you can now watch a series of "Libcasts" to learn how to use key library resources? Or that we have a self-guided podcast tour of the Killam Library?

Libcasts: What You Want to Learn, When and Where You Want It

www.library.dal.ca/How/Libcasts/

Libcasts are brief instructional videos that you can access from a browser or download to your ipod or portable player. The Libcasts were conceived and created by Dalhousie's Information Literacy Coordinator Fran Nowakowski, who is based in the Killam Library. They cover many different topics relating to research and are generally less than 2 minutes long. Topics include searching Novanet, finding articles, using the Document Delivery services, and a handy "Faculty Guide to Using Turnitin with Blackboard." The introductory "Overview of Library Resources" is now available in Arabic, French, Mandarin, Spanish and Urdu as well as English!

Killam Library Podcast Tour

www.library.dal.ca/Killam/TourPodCast/

No time to take one of our fall orientation library tours? Download these MP3 files and let us walk you through the Killam Library floor by floor at your convenience! Or, listen at your desk and explore later. You can take the entire tour of the Killam, or take the "DeTours"—detailed descriptions of highlighted areas such as the Learning Commons, Archives & Special Collections, and the Map Collection. There is about 10 minutes of audio, and walking the whole tour should take you about 20 minutes. The tours were created this past summer by student intern Bea Houston, working with Fran Nowakowski and Dalhousie Libraries Communications Officer Tina Usmiani.

Mount Saint Vincent University

<http://www.msvu.ca/library/>

We welcome two new Librarians to our team: Hilary Skov-Neilsen, Public Service Librarian, who will be replacing Meg Raven while she is on sabbatical this year, and David Ryan, who will be providing reference service during the evenings and Saturday afternoons.

One of the changes in the Library this term is the distribution of Metro Transit U-Passes, and the processing of ID cards for students, faculty, and staff which has been relocated to the Library from the Registrar's Office. We hope this is a welcome change for everyone and makes the updating of records more convenient for all.

Another major change this term is the creation of a "common counter" for our Library services. The common counter is intended to be a one-stop station which will provide our patrons access to all of our services from the main counter. We will be processing loans and returns, reserve materials, as well as providing reference service from the main counter. This change enables us to streamline our services and provide patrons a more efficient way to get the help they need without having to be directed to another location. We welcome feedback on this new setup and will be assessing successes and areas needing attention at the end of term.

Not that we expect students' days to be all work and no play: we have purchased a Wii which will be set-up in our Red Zone for those who require a little workout and a break from studying. In the Red Zone (also known as Red Square) we added an area to hone presentation skills, with the installation of an overhead projector and data port.

St. Francis Xavier University

<http://library.stfx.ca/>

This has been a busy year in terms of staff goings and comings at the Angus L. Macdonald Library, ST. F.X. In May, Barb Phillips, formerly Head of Reference and Research Services, retired after 41 years of service. In August, Sue Adams, Acting Collection Librarian, left on a two-year leave of absence while Lise Brin, one of two new Librarians joined us later that month. In September, we were joined by Pamela Maher, the second of our new Librarians. Lise is our Emerging Services Librarian and Pamela is a Liaison Librarian. The Library also welcomed Dawnita Butler and Simon Bonnell who recently completed their Library Technician training. They both join the Access Services team. The Angus L. extends a warm welcome to these new staff members.

ARCHIVES

Dalhousie University Archives

http://www.library.dal.ca/DUASC/index.php?option=com_content&Itemid=181&id=231&task=view

Feature Length Acquisition: imX Communications at the Dalhousie Archives

Roll out the red carpet! This fall Dalhousie University Archives & Special Collections acquired more than 500 boxes of materials from imX Communications, one of the leading feature film producers in the Canadian entertainment industry. The Halifax-based company has been instrumental in transforming Atlantic Canada into a hotbed of film and television activity. The donation of the imX Communications film history and films was enabled by the recent acquisition of imX Communications shares by DHX Media Ltd.



Poster from *The River King*

Founded in 1985 by Chris Zimmer, imX Communications has become one of Canada's most respected, innovative and prolific film production companies, and an industry leader in forging national and international co-production relationships. Best known for its

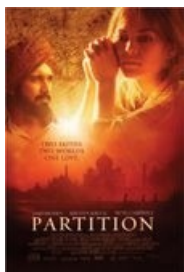
impressive and growing slate of feature films, imX has also produced made-for-TV movies, animated series and documentaries. The company's first project was Rita MacNeil in Japan, made for the CBC. In 1986 it co-produced its first feature, *Mindshadows*, with DNU of the Netherlands. The company's reputation soared in 1994 with the release of *Margaret's Museum*, a Cape Breton drama starring Helena Bonham Carter, and the successes continued to pile up with such films as *Love and Death on Long Island* (1997), *The Divine Ryans* (1999), *New Waterford Girl* (1999), and *The River King* (2004). imX productions have achieved international acclaim and won numerous awards.

The collection donated by imX Communications to the Dalhousie Archives in September 2008 is a rich and fascinating one. It includes scripts, cast lists, press kits and releases, posters, stills and master tapes from their various productions, as well as



Poster from *Margaret's Museum*

financial and legal documentation and a wealth of other company records. Chris Zimmer says he always intended Dalhousie University to be the "home" for his company's records. "This collection is a snapshot of the development and growth of the Nova Scotia film industry over the past 25 years, and will hopefully be of value to scholars, students, and interested researchers in the future," he says. "Film is one of the seminal art forms of the 20th century and this donation will document a unique contribution that Nova Scotian filmmakers have made to Canadian and international cinema. Film is a collaborative form of theatre encompassing many individual contributions to each project. The artistic and business aspects of each film are contained in the documents and copies of the collection."

Poster from *Partition*

The imX collection represents a huge asset to the Archives, Dalhousie and the community at large. Michael Moosberger, University Archivist, says "It's a welcome addition to our other cultural holdings, which include Symphony Nova Scotia, Neptune Theatre and the papers of many Nova Scotia based writers and cultural groups." Consulting Archivist Ernest Dick, who appraised the collection for imX Communications and also teaches "Moving Images of Atlantic Canada" for the Atlantic Canada Studies Program and "Film and History" at Saint Mary's University, believes that the collection will become

"the most significant available archival collection documenting feature film making in Nova Scotia." "The records for their development projects and pre-development files enhance the study, research and further use values of the imX archival collection," he says. "This comprehensiveness will allow students of film-making, researchers into all aspects of Canadian culture, scholars, and the general public to better understand Canada."

The massive imX donation is currently being appraised and processed, with the intention of making it accessible for educational and research purposes. Film buffs stay tuned for further announcements!

For additional information please contact Michael Moosberger at 494-5176, email Michael.Moosberger@dal.ca

Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/>

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showing what's quintessential, quaint and sometimes even quirky in our province's built heritage.

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/builtheritage/>

GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES

SALIS (Substance Abuse Librarians & Information Specialists) are meeting in Halifax in May 2009. **SALIS** is an international association of individuals and organizations with special interests in the exchange and dissemination of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) information.

"**Setting Sail: Best Practices for the Next Decade**" is the theme of the 31st Annual SALIS Conference, to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on May 5-8, 2009. The meeting will be hosted by Ruth Hart, Knowledge Manager in the Nova Scotia Department of Health and the NS Department of Health Promotion and Protection. For more information: <http://www.salis.org/>

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

NSALT (Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians)

Libraries and Learning: The Missing Link

The Executive is pleased to announce that the first annual NSALT conference will take place in Baddeck, Cape Breton. This year we are partnering with the Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board to bring you a great slate of workshops. These workshops will appeal to all types of library workers.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Submitted by Dawn Hooper

Provincial Library Service

Contributed by Nichola Cleaveland

Floating Collections

The Provincial Library Service has recently implemented floating collections, which permits items to float freely among locations. Items stay at the location where they are checked in and movement of materials is determined by patron holds. Benefits of floating collections

include refreshed collections, reduced delivery costs, reduction in time spent in transit, better use of staff time, fewer repetitive strain injuries, and increased circulation.

TD Canadian Children's Book Week

TD Canadian Children's Book Week will take place the week of November 15th to 22nd. In honour of the 100th anniversary of L. M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables*, the theme for this year's

celebrations is "Classic Canadian Reading/ Lire les classiques canadiens". Our visiting author this year is Cora Taylor from Edmonton, Alberta. Cora has written 17 children's titles. While on the Island, Cora will hold four public library readings in Charlottetown, Summerside, Georgetown and Morell. Cora will also be visiting schools on the island.

Forum atlantique sur l'alphabétisation francophone

The first Forum atlantique sur l'alphabétisation francophone was held in Moncton on September 19th and 20th. The Société Nationale de l'Acadie (SNA) invited 50 people from different organizations in the Atlantic provinces to come together to discuss the subject of adult literacy in the region. PLS French Services Librarian Jean-François Savaria was one of the participants in the Forum.

Readers' Advisory in a Day

Public service staff will attend a readers' advisory course in October. The day-long course "Readers' Advisory in a Day" will provide new and seasoned staff with skills and techniques to help patrons discover their next great read. Filled with lots of practical information and a toolbox of tips, this course will help staff learn new ways to serve readers and enhance skills essential in connecting readers and books. Peggy Malcom from the Southern Ontario Library Service will deliver the course.

Tutor Training Program

The Confederation Centre Public Library offers an ESL Tutor Training Program to volunteers who speak English and enjoy meeting people from different cultures. To date, 75 volunteers have taken the 14-hour training program. Many of these volunteers are now working with learners, either as one-on-one tutors or as leaders of conversation circles. The next training session will be held in November. This program is a partnership between the Provincial Library Services and the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada.

PEI Book Award Winners Announced

The PEI Books Awards ceremony was held on September 10th. The prize for Fiction was awarded to *Shape of things to come* by Richard Lemm, for Non-fiction, *La mi-carême en Acadie* by Georges Arsenault, and for Poetry, *Beautiful veins* by Joseph Sherman.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

UPEI Robertson Library

Contributed by Suzanne Jones

On September 26th, the Library debuted its new relief sculpture in its main entrance. Gerald Beaulieu, the artist, was also present to meet attendees and respond to questions. The art piece is entitled *Stacks* and displays tumbling books -- liberating the ideas found in books, in general.

Mark Leggott and the liaison librarians began scheduled update meetings with the faculty departments in September. Specifically, the goal was to present the new CRKN databases but the meetings also encourage questions and discussions about all the services the Library provides. A great opportunity to promote and explain what the Library can do!

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Renovations will soon be taking place in the Library's lobby. The Information and Circulation Desk services will be offered from the current Circulation Desk. A small coffee shop and a few comfy chairs will be placed where the Information Desk had been previously. This is an experimental arrangement: issues such as increased noise and



The new sculpture "Stacks" with sculptor Gerald Beaulieu

workflows will be monitored to see what our next steps will be.

Speaking of noise, one of our sunrooms is going electronic-devices free! Some patrons noted that the continual clicking of laptops and PCs were interfering with their ability to concentrate. Acting on this, the Library will be designating a device-free quiet zone on our main floor. And we are curious to see how many students will head for this designated space.

The Library held a book sale on September 26 and 27. Total intake was almost \$900.00 which was shared with the Business Society students who helped organize the sale. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time!

The Library is already contributing code to a number of open source projects after our recent spate of implementations. We have recently posted changes we made to the Evergreen system to provide more accessible linked subject headings and excerpts from the Google Books project. With Fedora, we have released the first version of our Drupal-Fedora module, which is available at <http://vre.upei.ca/dev/islandora>.

Chris Bulman (Digitization technician) and Simon Lloyd (Spec. Collections librarian) travelled to Fredericton to attend the Fall Institute in Digital Libraries and Humanities (Fidlh) Convention (September 25-27). This convention examined XML markup language, digital imaging, data conversions, and the Open Journal System (OJS).

After a little more than three years, and on the heels of a goodbye staff barbeque, Louise Mould, our Cataloguing & Metadata librarian finished working here at the end of September. Thanks, Louise, for all your hard work! It's been a pleasure.

Four Library staff members (Grant Johnston, Paul Pound, Melissa Belvadi, and Chris MacLauchlan) attended the mind-whirling,

library/technology Access 2008 conference in Hamilton from Oct. 1st to 4th. (Note: Access 2009 will be here on P.E.I. next year!)

Starting October 6, there will be IT students sharing their expertise at the Information Desk, working side-by-side with Library personnel. This will hopefully address some of the increasing demand for technology support as the campus continues it advances in technology integration.

Holland College

Contributed by Donald Moses

Enrollments are at an all time high at Holland College and Library Services greeted these students by hosting Video-Game-A-Palooza, a video game and pizza night at the main campus library. The event was well attended and everyone had fun playing Rock Band and mixing it up in the virtual boxing ring on the Wii. The beginning of the semester has been busy with orientations, instruction, updating and revising content, and preparing for the launch of the library's new website. Stay tuned!

Library Services launched their digital archives pilot project, funded with an internal "President's Innovation Grant" in September to coincide with the launch of a book that tells the story of the College's founding and early history - *A Record of Achievement - Holland College the First 25 Years*. The digital archives project focused on capturing some of the milestone documents in the College's history including yearbooks, tabloids, letters, memos, sound and video clips, etc. The collection can be viewed at <http://archives.hollandcollege.com/> and currently contains 213 objects [over 5000 images and 6 media clips]. Library staff will continue to add to the archive throughout the fall and winter months.

Holland College Library Services wishes Melissa Josey the best of luck as she takes up her new duties as the Information Officer with Holland College's Admissions Office. If you came to APLA 2008 in Charlottetown you may have met Melissa - she was the registrar for the 2008 conference. We are pleased to welcome Leslie Holt-Dalziel, our new Library Technician at the Charlottetown Centre campus.

GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES

Prince Edward Island Legislative Library and Research Service

Contributed by Laura Morrell

It's been an exciting year at the Legislative Assembly since the re-establishment of a legislative library service was approved in September 2007. The library's two staff members - Laura Morrell, Research Librarian, and Ryan Conway, Research Officer - have hit the ground running, building a responsive, quality library and research service for members.

The Legislative Library officially opened on May 22, 2008, with a reception for members and House staff after four months of renovations and office construction. The number of research requests to the library

has been growing steadily over the past few months until we hit our first 'at capacity' week the end of September. Reports to standing committees on current issues have also kept the service busy. The Legislative Library provides timely, confidential, non-partisan research to its core service group, the members of the Legislative



Pictured at the library opening are, from left to right, Laura Morrell, Research Librarian; Hon. Kathleen Casey, Speaker; Hon. Robert Ghiz, Premier; Hon. Olive Crane, Leader of the Opposition; Ryan Conway, Research Officer.

Assembly, and supports the staff of the Legislative Assembly in outreach and administrative projects. To that end, the Library has gathered a core collection of documents that includes annual reports from departments, commissions, agencies, and boards; budgets



and fiscal estimates; statistical reports; electoral information; and a small collection of public policy, agricultural, and reference works. Currently, the Library also has research partners in the PEI Collection at the University of Prince Edward Island, which has an extensive historical collection of Prince Edward Island publications, and in the Government Services Library, which has a historical and current collection of Prince Edward Island government documents, a collection of public policy and

public administration books, and a selective collection of federal government publications.

We're looking forward to seeing what we can offer during the next session of the House - and celebrating our first anniversary in the spring!

NRC Information Centre - Charlottetown

Contributed by Kim MacInnis

Kim MacInnis has accepted a term position with the NRC Information Centre at the Institute for Nutrisciences and Health in Charlottetown. She will be acting as Head of the Information Centre until the end of December while Shirley MacLeod continues in her role as Acting Coordinator - NRC Information Services - Atlantic Region

LIBRARY EDUCATION

News from the School of Information Management, Dalhousie University

School of Information Management's newest cohort

The School of Information Management welcomed 58 MLIS students in September. 64% hail from Atlantic Canada, 30% of the population is from the rest of Canada and 5% are international.

Progressive Librarians Guild (PLG) Student Chapter at SIM

In addition to CLA, SLA and ACA student chapters, an official student branch of the Progressive Librarians Guild (PLG) has been established at SIM. This branch is the first in Canada and we look forward to supporting the student leaders as they organize events for fellow students, and add diversity of discourse to a wide array of discussions.

More information about the PLG can be found here:

<http://libr.org/plg/index.php>

2008 Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient, Ilga Leja

SIM is delighted that the Associated Alumni have elected Ilga Leja as the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award. Retired Director of Library Service at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (now NSCAD University), Ilga drew upon more than 30 years' experience as librarian in both special and academic libraries when she addressed attendees at the reception held 25 September. Ilga explored the enduring role and character of the library and the impact of technology on the delivery of services and operational functions. According to Ilga, libraries, although evolving, maintain crucial responsibilities within the social, cultural, and political spheres.

Launch of the Master of Information Management (MIM)

SIM launched the first Master of Information Management (MIM) in North America in September. The MIM, a part-time program offered primarily by distance, is a limited enrolment program for professionals from any pertinent field with at least 5 years' experience in the private, public or NGO sectors. For further information, please visit

<http://mim.management.dal.ca/>.

New undergraduate major in Knowledge Management

SIM is developing a major in Knowledge Management for the Faculty of Management interdisciplinary Bachelor of Management program. This new major, to be launched in September 2010, will include classes in Knowledge Management and those examining the role of information in the 21st century ("Information in a Networked World"), an analysis of information sources and how to find and evaluate them ("Beyond Google"). Offered as well are elective classes drawn from both Information Management and Dalhousie's Bachelor of Informatics program in the Faculty of Computer Science.

Vivian Howard appointed Director of the Bachelor of Management Program

Vivian Howard, newly appointed to a tenure-stream position in the School of Information Management, has also accepted a three year administrative appointment in the Faculty of Management as Director of the Bachelor of Management program. Professor Howard held an interim appointment as Director of this unique undergraduate program during the past academic year. She has been noted for her highly successful leadership of the redevelopment of the four-year program to include a series of majors.

Fiona Black appointed Associate Dean (External Programs)

Fiona Black, Director of the School of Information Management since 2003, has been appointed Associate Dean of Management (External Programs). This position complements Dr. Black's role as Director particularly as it relates to the development and launch of the School's new Master of Information Management (MIM) program. Dr. Black will be working closely with colleagues responsible for the Faculty of Management's existing and planned mid-career programs: the MBA (Financial Services) and MPA (Management) which are both well-established, as well as the MBA (Health Leadership) and MBA (Natural Resources) both of which are under development.

News from the Interest Groups

GRUPE D'INTÉRÊT FRANCOPHONE / FRANCOPHONE INTEREST GROUP

Submitted by Jean-François Savaria

Bonjour à toutes et à tous.

En tant que nouveau représentant du groupe d'intérêt francophone de l'Association des bibliothèques des provinces de l'Atlantique (APLA), je tiens à favoriser le dialogue entre les divers intervenants en ce qui concerne de nombreux sujets importants, entre autres l'alphabetisation

que mettent au premier plan cette année les bibliothèques des provinces atlantiques. Nous devons travailler de concert avec les communautés pour élaborer les outils et les services nécessaires afin de venir en aide aux 300 000 personnes se situant sous la barre du niveau 3 en littératie. Que pouvons-nous faire pour prêter main-forte aux collectivités afin de réduire l'analphabétisme? La discussion est ouverte. La parole est à vous!

New Librarians and Information Specialists Interest Group

Submitted by Denise Corey

New Librarians and Information Specialists special Interest Group had an informal meeting during the 2008 conference in Charlottetown, which gave us the opportunity to get together with other new (and a few seasoned) professionals, exchange ideas and create networks. Non interest group members were also invited to join us for dinner to get an idea of what the group is all about.

Members can now post to and get updates on activities that would be of interest to them in the New Librarians and Information Specialists Facebook group (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10635851305>).

This year's focus has been to encourage members to take an active role in associations, conferences and other professional development activities, a focus that continues in the year to come.

I look forward to seeing more New Librarians & Information Specialists Special Interest Group members taking part in the next APLA Conference in Halifax.



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Off the Shelf

Beyond Window-Dressing?: Canadian Children's Fantasy at the Millennium by K.V. Johansen. Sackville, NB: Sybertooth, 2007. 147 p.

Reviewed by Heather Sanderson. Information Literacy Librarian, Saint Mary's University.

In light of the current popularity of fantasy for children and the growth in fantasy titles published in Canada, Johansen examines current developments in Canadian children's fantasy to ask whether there has been a parallel enrichment in quality in the genre: "Has Canadian children's fantasy moved beyond the need to demonstrate obvious didactic value by imparting heavily underscored moral or historical lessons? Has fantasy . . . become more than mere window-dressing?" (29). Her answer is a qualified yes.

Surveying books published between 2000 and 2005, Johansen argues that fantasy should not be an "excuse for poor writing" (27). Each chapter focusses on a sub-genre, such as dual-world fantasy. Books are summarized and their relative merits analysed in one to two pages each. She is firm in her comments, setting high standards and drawing comparisons to international examples. Where she sees strengths and success, she gives praise.

Johansen has wide knowledge of her subject matter. She speaks with authority and clearly states her criteria for good fantasy. The format of plot-summaries and analysis make her book a useful reference guide to

recent children's fantasy writing in Canada. Johansen also helpfully indicates the level of readership for each title with a J or YA. Based on the evidence she provides, her criticisms of weaker books appear fair. As well as arguing for high quality, Johansen believes that writing for children should not be pitched too low. Not only will simplistic fantasy alienate young readers, but such books can also contribute to declining literacy levels.

Johansen's argument does have several weak points. It would have been useful to be told earlier than page 104 that she is herself a published author in this field. The brief analysis and summary judgements can sound dismissive. Her phrasing can be repetitious, for example, the use of "window-dressing" to describe the poorly integrated fantasy elements in several books (pp. 36, 38, 50, 119). Similarly her use of well-known international examples to make terse and unflattering comparisons to individual books and entire sub-genres in Canadian children's fantasy weighs heavily after awhile. Deeper analysis of individual titles could have added to the book. Finally, limiting her survey to five years also limits her analysis and the conclusions she is able to draw about current trends in the field.

Overall, this would be a good addition to a collection of materials about children's and young adult literature, particularly one specializing in Canadian literature. As a survey of the field, it is very useful as a reference for selecting recent titles, clearly identifying the stronger examples in new Canadian children's fantasy.

APLA Conference 2009

Submitted by Sara Gillis

Mark the Date! Join us for APLA 2009 Conference, June 10 – 13, 2009, taking place on Halifax's busy waterfront at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. The conference theme for 2009 is *Sharing – The Library Experience | Partager - L'expérience en bibliothèque*. We will be in touch once more details are finalized and the conference website is up and running. In the meantime you can get in touch with us by emailing info@apla2009.ca or contacting members of the Conference Planning Committee.

Meet the Conference Planning Committee: Planning is well underway and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce the APLA 2009 Conference Planning Committee:

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Interested in volunteering for the 2009 conference? It's never too early to let us know! APLA conferences run smoothly thanks to the assistance of dedicated volunteers who carry out an array of tasks including staffing the registration desk, convening sessions, setting up IT and A/V equipment, just to name a few. If you are interested in helping out next June send your name and contact information to Debbie Costelo (debbie.costelo@nsc.ca) and we will contact you prior to the conference.

Upcoming Conferences -

WILU 2009 - Concordia University, Montreal

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

This is a second call for papers for the 2009 WILU (Workshop on Instruction in Library Use) conference, which will be held May 25-27, 2009 at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec. You are welcome to attend! The deadline for our call for papers is December 8, 2008.

If you have any questions about the WILU conference, you are welcome to contact anyone at the e-mail addresses or links provided below. You are also welcome to contact me personally.

I look forward to seeing you in Montreal for WILU 2009!

Sincerely,
Cameron Hoffman
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Further information regarding author guidelines and the online submission process can be found on the Submission section of the EBLIP web site:

<http://ejournals.library.ualberta.ca/index.php/EBLIP/index>.

Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science

I recently have taken on the Editorship of the Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science / La Revue canadienne des sciences de l'information et de bibliothéconomie. The Journal is published by the Canadian Association for Information Science through the University of Toronto Press, and contributes to the advancement of information and library science by serving as a forum for discussion of theory and research. The journal is concerned with research findings, understanding of issues in the field, information practices of individuals and groups, and understanding of the history, economics, and technology of information or library systems and services.

Although the Journal has not been published regularly for the past two years, I am delighted to announce that volume 29, issue 4 is expected to be in print very soon. Volumes 30 and 31 will be out by year's end, as well. We're catching up, and moving forward.

With the Journal rapidly getting back on track, I am inviting submissions in either English or French, from academics, students, and practitioners in the field. Instructions for contributors are outlined in the Submission Guidelines (<http://www.cais-acsi.ca/journal/guidelines.htm>).

If you have any questions, or would like your manuscript considered for publication in the Journal, please get in touch!

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