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From the President's Desk

Submitted by Sarah Gladwell

I always heard the expression “it’s lonely at the top,” but I have to say it’s far from the truth. I am surrounded by people who never hesitate to offer support, encouragement, and advice. I am privileged to be in such good company and to be part of such a great organization. Thank you to everyone who has made APLA what it is today and thank you for this opportunity to represent and give back to a community of such dedicated and enthusiastic people.

Jean and Janet, 2010 conference co-chairs, and the rest of the committee are tying up loose ends in preparation for a final meeting and “wrap party” in September. It’s been a busy summer since the conference, but the final report will be on the agenda of the fall executive meeting. In the meantime, I don’t think anyone would say I’m biased for congratulating the committee on a wonderful, educational, and fun conference.

I would also like to let the 2011 committee know that we are really looking forward to watching this conference develop. Personally, I can’t wait to visit Newfoundland again!

Time has been flying since May. The Partnership summer retreat is fast approaching in mid-August and VP/President-Elect Jocelyne Thompson and I will be attending. While it will be Jocelyne’s first meeting and my second, we know we’re in good hands as our own Su Cleyle will be chairing the next three meetings! Congrats Su and we look forward to seeing you in Toronto. I will report on the retreat during our fall executive meeting.

So much for a relaxing summer! We expected Copyright to make another appearance, but the elimination of the mandatory long form Census caught everyone by surprise. We are in danger of losing one of the greatest resources on Canada and Canadians. While it may not seem crucial now, imagine trying to trace your family history or gather information on Canada and its citizens by opening a book or visiting a website only to find a huge space devoid of anything. That’s what will happen when our great-great-grandchildren want to find out how we lived, where we lived, and what life was like in the “olden days.”

Below you will find APLA’s response to the decision in the form of a letter to the Minister responsible, Tony Clement. The letter will also be sent to Statistics Canada and we will prepare a template for the APLA body to use when writing to their Members of Parliament. We encourage you to share the template with colleagues, genealogists, and friends so they can express their concern as well.

If we do have to contend with a voluntary National Household Survey, then we should position ourselves to help ensure as many responses as possible are returned. It may be the only way to keep this valuable information available for future generations of researchers. Thank you to Lori McKay-Peet for drafting an excellent letter, and thank you to those who helped make it a strong statement of our concern.

In closing, I hope everyone takes time to relax and enjoy the weather and all the fun things happening in the Atlantic provinces during summer. And even though the executive will be doing the same, know that there is always someone on the job ready to listen and act on your behalf.



Letter on Copyright to the Attention of the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry

*Drafted by Jocelyne Thompson with input from members of the APLA Executive
Original signed Sarah J. Gladwell*

Dear Minister Clement,

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) views the Copyright Modernization Bill (C-32) as a significant step toward achieving fair and balanced copyright legislation that will serve the interests of all Canadians. APLA membership includes librarians and support staff serving a broad constituency within our region. Our members come from academic and school libraries, as well as public and special libraries. Many of their longstanding concerns regarding copyright have been addressed in the proposed legislation.

APLA applauds the explicit inclusion of education in the fair dealing provision. This measure alone removes much of the legal uncertainty that has plagued libraries in the delivery of services to their users. Amongst other things, libraries can now feel confident in their legal right to migrate content to new formats as old ones become obsolete; to provide digital copies in fulfillment of interlibrary loan requests; to make copies, for their patrons, of materials to be utilized for study or research purposes; and to provide alternate formats to persons with perceptual disabilities. APLA is also pleased with the limitations placed on liabilities, provisions which recognize the complex and often confusing nature of the knowledge landscape in a digital age, as well as the multiple and different uses made of copyright works.

APLA does want to register its concern with the position the government has chosen to put forward in regard to technological protection measures. The use of digital locks remains a major weakness in an otherwise laudable attempt at copyright reform. The prohibitions outlined in the bill will have a dampening effect on the creativity and innovation that copyright is intended to promote, and on Canadians' ability to participate fully in a digital world and a knowledge economy. More, the enforcement of anti-circumvention measures will require such extraordinary government intrusion into citizens' reasonable enjoyment of their legally-purchased goods as to be alarming. Libraries, too, will be negatively affected. We ask the government to reconsider the approach it has taken in regard to this critical issue.

The proposed legislation clearly seeks to recognize the rights of both creators and consumers of copyright works and in many respects, it achieves the mark. We commend the government which, through its extensive consultations, has clearly listened to the concerns of the library and education community. APLA will be monitoring developments closely and urges the government to make the modifications to Bill C-32 that are required to make our shared goal of fair and balanced copyright a reality.

Letter on the Long Form Census to the Attention of the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry

*Drafted by Lori McCay-Peet with input from members of the APLA Executive
Original signed by Sarah J. Gladwell*

Dear Minister Clement,

On June 26th, 2010, details of the 2011 Census of Population were published in the *Canada Gazette* (Vol. 144, No. 26) and news of the changes made to the Census has sparked a lively public debate. While the eight questions posed in the 2006 Census short form questionnaire will appear in the 2011 questionnaire, the mandatory long form questionnaire (sent to 1 in 5 Canadian households) has been eliminated without warning or consultation. This change in policy is of great concern to the membership of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association whose mission is to promote the interests of libraries in the Atlantic Provinces while fostering the development of librarians, library technicians and information professionals.

The Census of Population long form provides rich economic, social, and cultural data on all Canadians that makes these records invaluable in the short-term for planning and policy development and in the long-term for an understanding of our Canadian history and ancestors. Please take the time to consider the impact the elimination of the Census of Population long form will have on Canadians in this generation and generations to come.

While media reports suggest that the government's decision to scrap the long form is due to Canadians' concern for privacy, there was no discussion of the possibility of cancelling the long form during the public consultations leading up to the 2005 amendment of the Statistics Act which allows for the release of Census records after 92 years (with the provision of informed consent). The Statistics Canada website indicates that in place of the long form, similar questions will be posed to 4.5 million households through the voluntary National Household Survey. This recent decision to give Canadians the choice to answer more extensive personal questions may reduce the privacy concerns of Canadians, but it raises a number of other concerns, both short and long-term.

Though more Canadians will receive the National Household Survey than those who would have received the long form questionnaire, a key distinction is that the Census is *mandatory* and the National Household Survey is *voluntary*. In the short-term, a voluntary survey may lead to skewed information about our Canadian population. The aggregate results of a voluntary survey will undoubtedly be biased, representing those Canadians most ready and willing to answer the survey, thus failing to give a complete picture of Canadians across geographic, social, and economic strata that a mandatory long form questionnaire is more likely to provide. Government departments, agencies, and community groups depend on the aggregate information gained from the more in-depth long form for planning social policy, programs, and infrastructure. Changes to the Census will make it difficult for our leaders and communities to make informed decisions.

The full impact of the elimination of the long form from the Census of Population will not be felt in this generation. The personal information that would have been made publicly available in 92 years will now *never* be released, except in aggregate form. While privacy concerns relating to the census are valid and represent a modern understanding of the currency of information, a major casualty in the battle between access and privacy are the future generations of Canadians who will be unable to get a whole picture of today's Canada or their own ancestors through access to individual census records. While the addition of the 92 year question to the 2006 Population of Census was a blow to future historians and genealogists (only 56% of Canadians agreed to the release of their 2006 Census information in 92 years), this new development will further compromise future Canadians' ability to learn about their past.

APLA Merit Award Winner Announced / Récipiendaire du Prix de mérite

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) Merit Award is given annually to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces. We are pleased to announce this year's recipient is Mr. Peter Webster, Saint Mary's University. The award was presented at the annual conference, held this year in Saint John, NB, May 12-15, 2010.

Mr. Webster has served as APLA President in 1999/2000 and from 2001 to 2005 he was on the National Library of Canada Council on Access for Print Disabled Canadians. He has given generously of his time through leadership on both the APLA and Canadian Library Association's conference planning committees as well as his work on the Atlantic Scholarly Information Network and the Novanet Library Consortium. He is currently serving as the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL) representative to the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) Negotiations Resource Team (NRT).

A prolific author, Mr. Webster has published in such significant library journals as *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, *Online Magazine* and *Computers in Libraries*. He was Issue Editor of the Winter 2006 *Library Trends* with its theme of "Library Resource Sharing Networks." In 2008 he authored the book "Managing electronic resources: new and changing roles for libraries."

Peter Webster has made a significant contribution to the library profession locally, regionally and nationally. He is most deserving of the 2010 APLA Merit Award.

Le Merit Award (Prix de mérite) de l'Atlantic Provinces Library Association est remis tous les ans à quelqu'un qui a fait une contribution exceptionnelle aux services des bibliothèques dans les provinces de l'Atlantique. Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer que le récipiendaire cette année est Monsieur Peter Webster de Saint Mary's University. Le prix a été présenté lors du congrès annuel qui a eu lieu cette année à Saint John, N.-B., du 12 au 15 mai.

Monsieur Webster a été le président d'APLA en 1999/2000 et, de 2001 à 2005 il a siégé au Conseil sur l'accès à l'information pour les Canadiennes et les Canadiens incapables de lire les imprimés. Il a offert généreusement son temps en tant que leader sur les comités de planification pour les congrès d'APLA ainsi que pour l'Association canadienne des bibliothèques. Monsieur Webster a également travaillé avec le Réseau de l'information savante de l'Atlantic et le Consortium de bibliothèque Novanet. Il est présentement le représentant du Comité de négociation du Réseau canadien de documentation pour la recherche.

Monsieur Webster est un auteur prolifique et il a publié dans des journaux de bibliothéconomie importants, tels que « *Internet Reference Services Quarterly* », « *Online Magazine* » et « *Computers in Libraries* ». Il a été le rédacteur du numéro hiver 2006 du journal « *Library Trends* » sous le thème « *Library Resource Sharing Networks* ». En 2008 il a écrit le livre « *Managing electronic resources : new and changing roles for libraries* ».

Monsieur Webster a fait une contribution considérable à la profession de bibliothéconomie au niveau local, régional et national et il est digne de recevoir le Merit Award d'APLA 2010.

Introductory Speech by Marie DeYoung at the Merit Award Banquet Dinner (Saint John, NB)

I have known Peter for many years, actually for decades – when we were both first starting out as librarians in Halifax and new to the field of law libraries. Even at that time Peter was the "go to" person for all things computer and also someone who willingly gave his time and energy to supporting library activities.

A prolific author, Peter has published in such significant library journals as *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, *Online Magazine* and *Computers in Libraries*. He was Issue Editor of the Winter 2006 *Library Trends* with its theme of "Library



Resource Sharing Networks.” In 2008 he authored the book *Managing electronic resources: new and changing roles for libraries*.

Peter has presented at numerous conferences; at APLA, the Atlantic Scholarly Information Network (ASIN) Planning Day, the Library Information Technology Association (LITA) Annual Conference, and the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS) Annual Conference, to name but a few. Most recently he presented at the Computers and Libraries conference in Washington and will be speaking at the Canadian Information Commons Conference in Kingston, Ontario. The focus of most of his presentations is in the area of technology and its application to library service. Peter is a strong advocate for the

power of information technology to improve access to library resources and improve the library user experience with technology.

APLA members will know Peter through his Presidency in 1999/2000 and for his regular volunteer work on conference planning. He has provided leadership in planning several Halifax APLA conferences and also done the same for CLA conferences when they are in Halifax.

Peter gives generously of his time to those entering the profession, as demonstrated by his frequent guest lectures at the Dalhousie School of Information Management.

Novanet and the Council of Atlantic University Libraries have benefited from Peter’s willingness to volunteer on committees, special projects and working groups. He is currently serving as the Council of Atlantic University Libraries (CAUL) representative to the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) Negotiations Resource Team (NRT). From 2001 to 2005 he was on the National Library of Canada Council on Access for Print Disabled Canadians and is a strong advocate for providing resources in alternate format to students with visual disabilities.

By the way, Peter does hold down a full time job as Information Systems Librarian at Saint Mary’s University Patrick Power Library. In his spare time he is active in Nova Scotia naturalist activities.

As you can tell, Peter is a strong supporter of the library community and a well deserving recipient of the 2010 APLA Award of Merit.

Peter Webster’s Remarks on Receiving the APLA Merit Award for 2010 (Saint John, NB)

I am very pleased, humbled and a little taken aback to receive this award. There are a great many hard working and dedicated library professionals in our region to choose from. This recognition is all the more important to me because it comes from such an accomplished group of peers, and I know the competition I was up against.

In my years as a librarian I have had the good fortune to get to work on a long list of terrific projects. In every case, I have been only one contributor, and often not the largest contributor, working with an outstanding team of individuals. I am proud to have been part of what has been accomplished over the years by the team at the Patrick Power Library and at Saint Marys University. I am pleased to participate in what has been accomplished, and is being accomplished by Novanet, by the Council of Atlantic University Libraries - Conseil des bibliothèques universitaires de l'Atlantique (CAUL/CBUA). I have very much enjoyed being part of the APLA and the CLA team from time to time, not to mention many other library organizations.

Working with groups like the Statistics Canada Data Liberation Initiative, Canadian Research Knowledge Network, or national and regional initiatives for students with print disabilities, has been rewarding for me personally. But most importantly these team efforts have provided benefits for our library patrons.

Like many Librarians, I have sometimes been known to complain about the rapid pace of change in the library world in recent years. But in fact I feel every lucky to be working during a time when there are so many opportunities to bring new and better information services to library users. It has been an exciting time so far. The opportunities to apply our knowledge and creativity in remarkable new ways seem likely to continue, and may be greater than ever.

Many of the latest opportunities for Atlantic libraries go beyond our local institutions, to create expansive user friendly global library services and web resources. The "global discovery services", "big index" and "big repository" projects that many of our libraries are involved in are examples of global resources which continue to transform the library experience. The many important "open source" software projects going on across the region are other examples.

I do see this award as one of the high points in my career. But it is only a way point, there is lots more exciting work to be involved in. In closing, I want to thank the members of APLA, the selection committee, and those who thought to nominate me. I am very much looking forward to working with all of you in the near future, on our next project.

APLA First Timer's Grant Conference Report

Submitted by Pamela Maher

Despite having been involved with libraries in Nova Scotia for the past 5 years, I had never attended an Atlantic Provincial Library Association conference. As an added incentive to attend this year I applied for the APLA First Timer's Conference grant and was fortunate to be the winner.

The APLA 2010 Conference was held in Saint John, NB, a location that is quintessentially Atlantic Canadian, with a beautiful bay, quaint seaside shops, friendly people, and great food.

After "touristing" a bit, I attended my first conference session – the keynote address, "Libraries, Is the Tide Coming In?" by John Teskey. Mr. Teskey's remarks set the stage by asking us all to examine ourselves and how we are affected, in our particular business, by choice and change.

After the keynote address, we broke into smaller groups and made our way to the sessions of our choosing. I was pleased with the balance of sessions, with some specifically public library oriented and some specifically academic library oriented. The speakers were engaging and encouraging. I was able to attend "Into the Future: A Virtual Vertical File for the Sexton Design & Technology Library" by Carolene Robertson, "RefWorks vs. Open Access Bibliographic Managers" by Nathalie Richard, "Online Catalogs: What Users and Librarians Want" by Daniel Boivin, "eBooks in the Google Age" by Mark Leggott, and "Is The Library Part of the Learning Community?" by Donna Bourne-Tyson and Lynne F. Murphy.

I was especially intrigued by "Transformation & Innovation: New Look of Publishing in Canada" by Cynthia Good, who spoke about trends in publishing in Canada. I believe the session's setting, the Saint John Free Public Library, also added to my enjoyment of this particular session. With the space decorated with a child's statue floating with a handful of balloons and beautifully printed book facades lining the windows, how could one not be inspired!

During the conference, I was also able to participate in APLA's OGM, a number of other meetings, and the banquet and dance. All were fine opportunities to learn about the association and to meet with old friends as well as to make new ones.

I learned that there are many ways to participate in APLA. It is a wonderful association to learn from and contribute to because it offers real opportunities (like first timer's conference grants and CODE fundraising for libraries around the world). It also creates an easily accessible network of friends and colleagues that meets where you are and discusses what you are experiencing.

I would like to extend my thanks to the APLA executive and membership for making the First Timer's Grant and many other grants and incentives available. APLA's focus on local support is encouraging and appreciated. I highly enjoyed my APLA conference experience, and I look forward to my next one.

Ordinary General Meeting - Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed at this year's Ordinary General Meeting:

1) Resolved that the name of the recipient of the APLA Merit Award be officially announced by the APLA Executive after a decision has been made.

Qu'il soit résolu que le nom du récipiendaire du prix de mérite d'APLA soit annoncé officiellement par l'exécutif après que la décision est prise.

2) Be it resolved that APLA extends its sincere appreciation to the members of the Saint John Conference organizing committee, the speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and all who have contributed to the success of this conference.

Qu'il soit résolu qu'APLA donne son appréciation sincère aux membres du comité organisateur du congrès de Saint John, aux conférenciers, aux exposants et à tous ceux qui ont contribué au succès de la conférence.

The Reading Experience Database is Coming to Canada

Submitted by Lou Duggan, St. Mary's University

'I still remember my feelings when I finished "The Murders in the Rue Morgue". I was afraid, but this fear made me discover something I've never forgotten since: fear, you see, is an emotion people like to feel when they know they are safe.'

– Alfred Hitchcock



I am sure lots of people have wondered where Hitchcock acquired his taste for horror and suspense, and maybe wouldn't be surprised to learn that he read the works of Edgar Allan Poe. As librarians we know that many lives are shaped by reading, since the printed word is one of the chief means of transporting ideas across space and time. In order to study print culture historically, catalogues of personal libraries are often created because if you know what books someone owned, you can begin to create

a picture for yourself of their personality, where their values lie, and what sources helped shape their thinking. Of course, owning a book does not mean that the person actually read it. That is where the Reading Experience Database comes in.

The Reading Experience Database (RED) was launched in 1996 at the UK Open University. Its mission is "...to accumulate as much data as possible about the reading experiences of British subjects from 1450 to 1945."

(<http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/RED/>) For the purposes of this database, a reading experience is defined as "a recorded engagement with a written or printed text—beyond the mere fact of possession." Many entries are taken from diaries, letters or interviews in which individuals actually discuss the act of reading – in most cases a particular text. The data may be deposited by anyone, from any discipline. For the first years of this project's life the entries were limited to a range of specific dates, and more importantly to reading experiences of British subjects, largely based in the UK. Not any longer.

With a substantial grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (a UK agency that 'supports world-class research that furthers our understanding of human culture and creativity'), the Open University invited partners from Australia, Canada, the Netherlands and New Zealand to host satellite instances of the Reading Experience Database, beginning a world network of data collection, standardization, and distribution for studying the history of reading. CAN-RED (the Canadian Reading Experience Database) will be hosted at Dalhousie University and initially managed by a team consisting of Fiona Black (Dalhousie University), Richard Cunningham (Acadia University), Lou Duggan (St. Mary's University), Bertrum MacDonald (Dalhousie University), William Maes (Dalhousie University), DeNel Rehberg Sedo (Mount Saint Vincent University) and Ronald Tetreault (Dalhousie University). This team will be expanded as the infrastructure for a national initiative is established.

As anyone who has combed through archival documents knows, finding evidence of reading can be enormously time consuming, and also expensive if it requires travel to visit several archives in the hopes of locating some crumbs of data. Having a world network of scholars recording this data as they encounter it will create a resource with substantial potential for the study of reading and of print culture more generally. With this tool researchers may choose to look at evidence about a particular person's reading such as Hitchcock, or they may choose to find reactions to specific works such as Murders in the Rue Morgue, or individual authors like Poe. Some may want to examine reading in a particular geographic region or at a specific time in history. All of these options will become possible in this impressive collaboratively built database.

The database implementation will take place over the next six months in the countries mentioned above. In October the UK team will visit Halifax to meet with the Canadian team and launch the Canadian portion of the project. The event will include a public lecture by Dr Shafquat Towheed, lecturer in English at the Open University and Project Supervisor for The Reading Experience Database. An invitation to the public lecture will be distributed in the fall.

Nova Scotia Libraries' "Day of Discovery": An Introduction to Searching and Finding Options

Submitted by Lise Brin, St. Francis Xavier University

These days, it seems that most libraries are adopting, considering, or at least looking into the "discovery layer" concept. After years of dissatisfaction with the limited functionality afforded by OPACs, and after a brief love affair with the concept of "next-gen OPACs," the discovery layer has become our newest holy grail, with its promise of relevance ranking, social features and cover art, not to mention the ability to tie in sources of data other than the ILS. As Marshall Breeding puts it, "It's all about helping users discover library content in all formats, regardless of whether it resides within the physical library or among its collections of electronic content, spanning both locally owned materials and those accessed remotely through subscriptions." (2010) However, navigating the various offerings can be quite a challenge.

On May 17th, approximately 45 representatives of Nova Scotia libraries gathered at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library offices for presentations of five different discovery layers (Ex Libris's [Primo](#), Serials Solutions' [AquaBrowser](#), OCLC's [WorldCat Local](#), Serials Solutions' [Summon](#), and the Open Source product [VuFind](#)). This "Day of Discovery" had been organized by Libraries Nova Scotia, the umbrella group responsible for the *Borrow Anywhere, Return Anywhere (BARA)* pilot project. This was the first in what organizers hope will be a series of training opportunities benefiting all library sectors, whether they be public, academic, or otherwise. As a first step in the *One Place to Look* feasibility study, the group has also put together a committee which will research and examine the possibility of a shared discovery layer for all institutions in Libraries Nova Scotia^[1]. This Day of Discovery also offered this committee a first opportunity to meet and begin their collaboration.

Although there were many consistent features across all products, each presentation nevertheless had a unique flavour, depending on whether the presenters were implementers or vendors, and on what aspects of the product they wanted to highlight.

Discovery Tools Presented at Nova Scotia Libraries' Day of Discovery

Product Name	Vendor	Pluses	Minuses
Primo	Ex Libris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Consortium-friendly · Meta-index of publisher article data (Primo Central) · Local indexing of multiple library catalogues · Various social features · Customization options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Significant price tag
Aqua Browser	SerialsSolutions (formerly MediaLab)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Various social features · Cloud tag browsing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Not consortium-friendly · Limited customization options
WorldCat Local	OCLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Allows for discovery in library collections worldwide · Various social features · Less expensive than other discovery layer packages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Limited control/customization options · Users must also use local OPAC for delivery of end user services
Summon	SerialsSolutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Meta-index of publisher article data (much of it with full-text indexing) · Short implementation time (approx. 6 weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Not consortium-friendly · Significant price tag
VuFind	N/A (Open Source)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Open Source, fully customizable · No software or subscription costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Requires considerable programming support

Primo

Presented by Greg Gosselin (Regional Account Manager – Northeast US & Canada at Ex Libris), [Primo](#) seems to have all the functionality expected in a discovery layer. It offers auto-stemming, "Did you mean?," faceted browsing, user tagging and

reviews, among other features. The newest version of Primo also allows OPAC functionality such as displaying holdings locations and allowing users to place holds within the same interface.

Unlike WorldCat Local and Summon, which we heard about later in the day, Primo promises to use only the library's own metadata when representing the institution's collection catalogued in their ILS (see discussion below under WorldCat Local). [Primo Central](#) was a popular feature, especially among representatives of academic libraries. It is a meta-index hosted by Ex Libris, which can be searched via Primo, allowing users to find articles across a number of different databases while simultaneously searching the ILS. This strategy seems a vast improvement over federated searching, since it searches one local database rather than compiling data obtained on the fly from a variety of other servers – thereby eliminating the familiar sluggishness of the federated search. A number of participants raised concerns that publishers may not provide complete metadata for this index. This is certainly an area that is difficult to assess without comparing various indexes. Hopefully, we will know more as these products mature and more research is done about these various products.

AquaBrowser

The presentation by Laurel Tarulli (Collection Access Librarian, Halifax Public Libraries), was refreshing in that she wasn't attempting to promote a product so much as show HPL's process of selecting, implementing, and launching their new discovery product. Based on the mandatory requirements they had established (faceted navigation, library-defined relevancy, a single search box, single sign-on, federated or integrated searching, close to real-time database synchronization, social/collaborative components), they chose [AquaBrowser](#), which could comfortably offer them all these features.

One interesting application HPL have made of their discovery tool is that they have set it up to search not only their catalogue, but also a directory of "Community Resources" that the Halifax Public Libraries have been compiling for many years. While these listings were previously getting little use, since the arrival of AquaBrowser they are now regularly discovered by patrons. For example, if a user types in *yoga*, they see not only listings for DVDs and books, but also Halifax-based yoga studios and classes. Discovery tools offer countless potential applications like this one for libraries to display along with their OPAC results additional data they already collect, or might seek to collect.

Tarulli made a strong case for AquaBrowser, and for a switch to using a discovery layer, citing positive user feedback and strong staff support.

Unfortunately, since this interface is still in its Beta stage at HPL we were not able to assess the quality or reliability of the federated search tool (WebFeat) that HPL is using in conjunction with AquaBrowser.

WorldCat Local

In use since 2009 at a number of the academic libraries within Novanet, [WorldCat Local](#) was well known to a number of attendees. Lou Duggan (Cataloguing and Metadata Librarian at Saint Mary's University) presented an overview of this option.

Depending on how you look at it, the idea of having one giant shared collection of bibliographic records for all member libraries (like [WorldCat](#)) can be a godsend or a cause for panic. At its best, this system could mean less duplication of labour across institutions and the ability to easily search for items whether or not your institution has them. Unfortunately, WorldCat Local is still suffering some growing pains. With its metadata coming from various sources, there is currently a problem with duplicate entries. The article content is also far from representative of an institution's complete subscription content. Some institutions are finding it difficult to get an accurate representation of their own collections, while the lack of customization options is a problem for others. However, since its price tag makes it by far the most affordable option, and since its relevancy ranking and faceted searching makes it an improvement over traditional OPACs, it continues to be used by a large number of institutions.

Summon

Several times during his presentation, Stephen Belcourt (Manager, Discovery Services Sales, Canada & Eastern US, Serials Solutions) stressed how [Summon](#) is vastly different from other discovery tools. Although there are certainly some differences, as described below, to the end user it probably would not seem far removed from Primo (or [Ebsco's Discovery Service](#), which was not presented at this session). For example, it offers a single search box, "Did you mean?" suggestions, and citation formatting.

One main feature of Summon is its single index and single source for metadata (like WorldCat's). However, unlike WorldCat Local, Summon only displays to users those items to which their own institution has access. Summon emphasizes that by forcefully aligning themselves with publishers (rather than database vendors), they have been able to index not only the metadata associated with articles, but the full text of most of these articles as well. Summon also offers developer open APIs so that subscribers can display Summon content in course management systems, within other discovery layers or OPACs, or elsewhere.

Summon is currently used by 75 academic libraries and 3 public libraries worldwide, which is not surprising when one looks at its features. It boasts a massive index of academic article entries, the ability to refine to full-text articles and to peer-reviewed articles, and to exclude book reviews. Unlike the other products presented, Summon does not have any social features to allow users to contribute content.

VuFind

If you happen to have three or four programmers on staff (or two programmers who are willing to do the work of four), and if you are patient and willing to put money into salaries rather than vendor fees, then this might just be the option for you.^[2] [VuFind](#) is one of several Open Source discovery tools that have been developed in the past few years by programmers within libraries (others include [BlackLight](#) and [SOPAC](#)).

This presentation was made by the programming pair currently applying a VuFind-based interface to the library website at St. Francis Xavier University: Brad Dewar, Systems Analyst/Programmer, and Lisa Schuyler, Web Developer.

The benefits of an Open Source model such as VuFind, not surprisingly, are above all the great control and full customization it allows you. Furthermore, and admittedly with significant programming effort, the search interface and results can be integrated directly into the library website (as the [StFX library](#) has done), thereby eliminating the redundancy and confusion of yet another interface. With additional development, VuFind can harvest data from your digital collections, other data sources within your institution, as well as publicly available sources harvestable via Z39.50 or open API.

Certainly, VuFind knows limitations and hurdles of its own. First, your institution needs to have devoted programmers on staff, or on contract – which in itself is a difficult proposition to many smaller libraries. Secondly, there is currently no easy way to make article content discoverable within VuFind that would compare to Primo Central or Summon's meta-indexes. There are federated search tools that can be set up to work with VuFind, but then we're back to the age-old limitations of federated searching. However, this is an area Brad and Lisa are determined to tackle, so there may be news on this front at *Day of Discovery Redux*, should such an event be organized.

Although those in attendance were obviously interested and motivated to learn more about these discovery tools, there also seemed to be a general concern about the affordability of these products – (this despite the fact that none of the presenters was able to offer a ballpark figure for their product). The following should not be seen as an argument to pay whatever amount vendors care to receive for these products (especially since many of these products are still in their infancy). However, as our

libraries' online traffic continues to grow and our electronic presence becomes our most accessed point of service, shouldn't we ask ourselves whether there is any better place to spend our budgets than on interfaces that make our collections more discoverable, more usable for our patrons?

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[2] This is where I come clean and admit that I am employed by St. Francis Xavier, and therefore may be guilty of some bias.

News from New Brunswick / Nouvelles du Nouveau-Brunswick

Submitted by Sarah Kilfoil

We have had a busy spring in the **York Library Region**. Our young adult spring reading campaign ran from April to June. In total, 49 presentations were made to over 1200 students in middle and high schools around the region. We were able to showcase our new YA materials through book talks, demonstrate the library catalogue, Vision, and talk about summer programs and events happening at the local public library.

The Doaktown Community-School Library held a farewell event for middle and high school students who will be attending the new Central New Brunswick Academy next fall. There were special presentations, including an appearance by New Brunswick young adult author Valerie Sherrard. The library will be welcoming students from kindergarten to Grade 5 in September.

Fredericton Public Library and Nashwaaksis Public-School Library kicked off their annual Adopt-A-Book campaign with a mixer at Westminster Books on April 19th. Nearly 100 books were adopted at the event for addition to the libraries' collections. By the time the campaign ended on June 19th, a record breaking 360 books had been adopted for the libraries.

Fredericton Public Library and Chatham Public Library are taking part in a pilot project to increase accessibility for individuals with print disabilities. As part of the project they have added to their alternative format collections, including Playaways, books on CD, print/Braille books, and large print materials. They have also installed special work stations equipped with hardware that is easier to maneuver than standard desktop computers and software that can read text aloud, and enlarge and highlight text.

The **AWK Library Region** recently welcomed new colleagues to its team. In February, Beatrice Houston began working as a Reference Librarian at the Moncton Public Library, and in May we welcomed Librarian Intern Nora Kennedy to the region who will work out of the Regional Office.

Big news in our region is the extreme makeover of the small Port Elgin Public Library. New paint, new carpet, new (to them) metal shelves, a new layout, and a new desk for the library manager, Kate Grigg, makes a big impact on the look of the library. After patrons recovered from the shock of the changes, they shared many positive remarks. At the re-opening celebration, a patron looked down at the new carpet and exclaimed: "I don't get dizzy anymore!"





The makeover was just in time for Port Elgin Public Library's 50th anniversary celebration, which took place on May 27th. Two other libraries also celebrated their 50th anniversaries in our region, Shediac Public Library on May 26th, and Dorchester Public Library on June 17th. It was a pleasure to help the libraries celebrate their milestones and to witness the community spirit present at each celebration.

The Petitcodiac Public Library continues to run a variety of fun programs. During March Break, children were invited to drop off their stuffed animals at the library for a Stuffed Animal Sleepover. When they returned to pick up their furry friends, pictures of the animals' nighttime library antics were also waiting for the children! Check out the library's Facebook page for

more pictures.

A LEGO® Club has also been very popular at the Petitcodiac Public Library, and led to a spot in the local newspaper during the 2nd Annual LEGO® Fair at Crystal Palace in Dieppe. At the Moncton Public Library, a new Teen Coffee House / Soirée mots et musique pour les ados program is attracting local teens. The program operates like an open mic night—teens are invited to sing a song, strum a guitar, share a poem, tell a joke or just hang out with their friends while enjoying a cup of java. A songwriting workshop is planned for the next session. Moncton Public Library's Mother/Daughter Book Club and Club de lecture des marmitons (kids help cook up a recipe that relates to their book) also continue to be very popular.

Over the past few months the **Chaleur Library Region** has had the pleasure of welcoming some new faces in new roles. In May, Sarah Kilfoil became the new Regional Director for the Chaleur Region after having worked as the Assistant Regional Director since May 2009. Sylvie Doucet joined the Technical Services Unit as Library Assistant and prior to taking on this position Sylvie worked as the Circulation Supervisor at the Campbellton Centennial library.

The Tracadie-Sheila Public Library added a new member to its staff as Amanda Halfpenny began her position as the Acting Director on June 14th. We would also like to welcome Andrea Koteles as our new Acting Public Services Librarian since the beginning of June.

Nous aimerons souhaiter la bienvenue à Louis-Philippe Rousseau qui a commencé à travailler à la Bibliothèque du centenaire de Campbellton dans le poste de Bibliothécaire de référence par intérim au mois de mai.

La région de bibliothèques Chaleur a dit au revoir à Thérèse Chédore qui a pris sa retraite après 30 ans de service dans la région dans les bibliothèques de Dalhousie, Petit-Rocher et Beresford.



Notre journée de formation professionnelle a eu lieu au mois d'avril et nos conférences cette année incluaient des formations au sujet de l'estime de soi, les outils de Web 2.0 et un programme de bibliothèque de langage des signes pour les bébés. Nous avons aussi pris le temps pour souligner les employés de la région ayant 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 et 30 ans de service dans les bibliothèques publiques.

This year the planning for the summer reading club fell to the Chaleur region and the official launch was held at the Dalhousie Centennial Library on May 28th. The rhythmic percussion group Perculoca got everyone clapping and stomping their feet to their amazing beats! The theme this year is cultures of the world and the slogan is "See the



world @ your library". Each library in the region has an exciting assortment of cultural activities planned for kids throughout the summer!

Tous les employés de la **région de bibliothèques du Haut-Saint-Jean** ont participé à une journée de formation régionale le 7 mai à Edmundston. Les sessions auxquelles les gens ont participé incluaient ; l'humour au travail, exercices pratiques sur le Web 2.0, l'estime de soi, Bébé bouquine : le langage des signes pour bébés à la bibliothèque et une présentation d'une collection de marionnettes.

La région a profité de cette journée pour remettre des certificats de reconnaissance aux employés ayant atteint 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 et 30 ans de service au sein de notre région.

Après 35 ans de services, Robert Daigle, Directeur de la Bibliothèque publique Mgr-W.-J.-Conway d'Edmundston, a décidé de prendre sa retraite le 31 mai. Robert a joué un rôle important dans la transformation de la bibliothèque en centre de ressources pour la région du Haut-Saint-Jean. Grâce à sa vision et à sa détermination, la bibliothèque remplit bien son rôle régional auprès des bibliothèques de la région. Tout au long de ses années de service, Robert a maintenu sa passion pour les bibliothèques publiques et grâce à ses nombreux efforts, la bibliothèque a emménagé dans un magnifique édifice il y a quelques années.



News from Newfoundland and Labrador

Submitted by Cynthia Squires

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Memorial University Libraries

Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the trust has presented a joint award for 2010 to Courtney Lundrigan in the amount of \$1,000.00 and to Kelly McCarthy in the amount of \$500.00.

Courtney Lundrigan is a native of NL and holds a Master of Arts degree (History) from Memorial University (2009), and Bachelor of Arts (Honours; History/French) from Memorial University (2007). Ms. Lundrigan has recently completed her Librarian internship at the Health Sciences Library, Memorial University, and is currently attending the University of Western Ontario, London, ON, where she is a candidate for the Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program.



Also a native of NL, Kelly McCarthy is a Teacher-Librarian at the Holy Trinity High School in Torbay, NL. Kelly will attend the Edge Conference this fall where the theme of the conference is e-learning and "the use of technologies in K-12 and post-secondary education". As a Teacher-Librarian, Ms. McCarthy promotes the integration of technologies in the curriculum. Emerging technologies are essential components of modern library research and utilization in today's learning environment.



News from Nova Scotia

Submitted by Sharon Haley-Mancini

Nova Scotia Provincial Library

Digital Media Downloads for Nova Scotia Rural Public Libraries

Eight Nova Scotia regional public libraries (Annapolis Valley Regional Library, Cape Breton Regional Library, Colchester-East Hants Public Library, Cumberland Regional Library, Eastern Counties Regional Library, Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, South Shore Public Libraries, and Western Counties Regional Library) in collaboration with Nova Scotia Provincial Library will be launching a collection of downloadable audiobooks and eBooks. The collection will become available to the public on July 7, 2010. On the opening day it will consist of 546 audiobook titles (among them 100 titles with unlimited access) and 378 eBook titles. These materials will be available to any resident of Nova Scotia who holds a library card from one of the participating regional libraries.

Public Libraries

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

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

Automated Library System

The automated library system shared with other regional public libraries (all except Halifax) will be upgraded this year between November and February. It will be quickly followed by a second upgrade around June or July of 2011. These upgrades will bring us to the point where the newest Windows operating system can be used on staff workstations. As well, there are always new and improved features with these upgrades.

Web Catalogue

There has been a fair bit of discussion around web catalogues recently. The consortium of regional libraries that currently share a system are considering a new web catalogue. As well, Libraries Nova Scotia is exploring the possibilities of having a single search location for all Nova Scotia libraries.

To assist in this process the Nova Scotia Provincial Library arranged a demonstration day where vendors as well as libraries using these products could demonstrate their strengths of the products to a large group. There is sure to be more news from this in the months to come.

The addition of downloadable audio and ebooks to our collection will present some interesting scenarios for the web catalogue.

Equipment

The reference express computer stations in all the branches will be replaced by mid-June in order to accommodate the downloading of audiobooks in the branches.

Staff computers are next on the list as many need to be replaced in preparation for the next automated library system upgrade in the fall.

Downloadable Audio Books and E-books

This project is progressing well. It is on schedule to be available to the public this summer. Eight regional libraries (all except Halifax) are working together with the Provincial Library to provide this service. Our staff will be trained in June. This training will be hands on and will include the experience of using different devices such as an eReader, an iPod and MP3 players. Staff will then have a couple of weeks to use the site before it is available to the public.

Promotional bookmarks and posters are being developed by the group.

Community Access Program (CAP)

Summer CAP youth are being hired through funding from CAP. There will be seven youth in our branches through CAP and one through the Middleton Friends. This will ensure a busy summer of programming and activities in all locations.

Branch Services Report

The 2010-11 budget news for libraries was positive for AVRL. We were able to increase staffing hours in Bridgetown and Kentville libraries, with plans to implement Saturday open hours in Hantsport starting in October, and increase open hours at the Bridgetown branch when the library moves to its new location.

A \$ 10,000 memorial donation has been made to the Wolfville Memorial Library from the estate of Curtis Chipman. This gentleman donated \$10,000 when the train station was renovated for a library and patrons have been enjoying the Curtis Chipman Reading Lounge since 1993. It is anticipated that a portion of the gift will be utilized to re-upholster or replace the reading lounge furniture.

A library Friends group has been officially formed in the Hantsport area and they will work with the Town and AVRL to positively promote and improve the library's profile in the community.

Work is now moving forward on the building that will become the new home of the Bridgetown Library. The lending space itself will not be substantially increased, but access will be on the ground floor, there will be a much-improved layout, and a small program room is included.

Recent public programs across our region have included:

- 2 presentations by Department of Natural Resources staff on the subject of the Eastern Coyote at libraries in Middleton and Kentville
- Personal Disaster Preparedness Workshop sponsored by the Red Cross at the Wolfville Memorial Library
- Paramedics and the Role they Play; and Tips for Entertaining at Home, both at the Rosa M. Harvey Library in Middleton sponsored by a New Horizons Seniors grant
- Family Magic Show in Wolfville
- Classic Movie Nights in Kentville
- Wii Fitness and Geocaching for Seniors at the Kingston Library, thanks to the Village of Kingston's Positive Aging grant

Staff are gearing up for the annual Inservice on May 31. This is a day of professional development workshops attended by all staff. In addition, there are training workshops in June for public service staff on our newest library offering of a downloadable e-audio and e-book collection (coming this summer!).



Cape Breton Regional Library

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

Teen Songwriters' Contest

CBRL held its first Teen Songwriters' Contest in June for CBRL patrons between the ages of 13 and 19. Each teen submitted a CD and lyrics for an original song, and 6 finalists were asked to sing them at a Songwriters' Circle on June 16th at the McConnell Library. Three of the five judges also shared the stage with them and gave them encouragement to keep writing (Mike LeLievre of Slowcoaster, Adam Burns of Easy Bleeders and local songwriter Steve Fiefield – Emily Dingwall of Rosa and John Hatcher of Carleton Stone Drives the Big Wheel could not come to the Circle but sent in their votes).

Finalists were Danielle Bueno of North Sydney for "Princess", Taylor Burton of Sydney for "Let's Talk About Now", Kieran James Dunger of Big Harbour, Baddeck for "This World", Kayla Evans of Sydney Mines for "Silent Surrender", Dennis Nicholson of Sydney for "Hated", and Vanna White of Sydney for "Topsey Turvey". The talent they demonstrated was amazing! - it was a difficult decision for the judges! The family, friends and patrons who attended thoroughly enjoyed the performances. Listen to the finalists on our website www.cbri.ca.



The winner was 16 year-old Taylor Burton for "Let's Talk About Now", a song he wrote for his girlfriend Marianna, an exchange student. Taylor will have the opportunity to spend a day at Soundpark Studios recording his song under the guidance of musician/owner Jamie Foulds. His song will then be aired on the Sydney radio station 101.9 The Giant, and our website. Congratulations Taylor!



Read-a-Thon in the Park

June 19th saw the Bookmobile, librarians, and readers of all ages enjoying the fine weather at the Bandshell at Wentworth Park in Sydney for our annual Read-a-thon in the Park fundraiser. The Friends of the McConnell Library and the Friends of Wentworth Park put on the event to encourage families to read together and to enjoy the refurbished Park just down the street from the Library.

Guest readers included CBRL Board Chair Claire Dethridge, Police Chief Myles Burke, Sylvie Gerbasi who read a French story, and Heather Sparling from Cape Breton University who read a Gaelic story. Our trusty puppeteers were out as well with a special puppet show celebrating CBRL's 60th Anniversary!

Participants young and old tracked their reading hours for the 2 weeks before the event and got pledges to support Library programs and services. People read for 115 ¼ hours and more than \$900 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed to make the event a success.

Victoria County gets a New Bookmobile

When patrons in Victoria County look out for their Bookmobile, they'll have a hard time missing it – the new Bookmobile that started service recently is painted the bright colours of our new library card: bright green with a graphic depicting the colourful open pages of a book.

Kate Oland and Larry MacDonald of the Baddeck branch who drive the bookmobile will be expanding their visibility in the community in other ways too this year, by organizing drop in programs, hosting a puppet show in St Margaret's Bay, and visiting the area schools to sign children up for the Summer Reading Program.



Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

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

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) recently held its annual staff day at the Mulgrave Professional Centre. Over 35 people attended the event which included a welcome from Board Chair Shirley McNamara, updates from the Managers, and sessions on a variety of topics including the TD Summer Reading program, a demonstration of fire safety, providing service with those who have print disabilities and ensuring our libraries are a welcoming place providing inclusivity. In addition, staff were given training on the how to download audiobooks, a service of offering downloadable books that will be introduced early this summer at ECRL and throughout the province.

Long-term service award certificates and gifts were presented to four staff members as a show of appreciation from the Board. Those receiving acknowledgements included Laura Warner of Mulgrave, 5 years; Jannette Gillis of South West Margaree, 5 years; Rosie Grace of Cheticamp, 10 years; and Anne LeBlanc of East Margaree, 20 years.

ECRL is excited to announce a new project that will both support and provide literacy programming to rural communities in Guysborough, Inverness and Richmond Counties. Libraries Outbound is a 20-month project that focuses on developing and providing literacy-enhancing programs for children and their families/caregivers. Through Libraries Outbound, ECRL plans to provide children's literacy programs to selected areas of Guysborough, Inverness and Richmond counties that are not currently recipients of regular library programs. A children's literacy template will be developed that can be used by library staff, community organizations and schools to plan literacy activities in their communities.

While the project seeks to increase literacy programming in rural communities, it also aims to create a space for programming in the region's traditional languages. In working with community groups and interested partners, ECRL hopes to expand upon current children's programming in the French, Gaelic and Mi'kmaq communities. April Sampson has been hired as the coordinator. Libraries Outbound is funded by the Government of Canada's Social Development Partnerships Program.

In addition to the regular TD Summer Reading Club activities that will take place at library branches over the summer, the summer reading club programs will be delivered as drop-in sessions at the library's community link sites in L'Ardoise, St. Peter's, Whycocomagh, Judique, Port Hood, Mabou, Inverness, St. Joseph Du Moine, and Cheticamp.

Picture caption: ECRL recently received a donation of educational resource materials from Ducks Unlimited Canada, through the support of EnCana, that will be distributed throughout the library's branches and community link sites. The collection was

launched at the Canso Library on May 25 and included an interactive presentation by Erin Heeneey from Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Halifax Public Libraries

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

Shaping Halifax's New Central Library

Halifax's new Central Library is going to be one of the most significant public buildings constructed in the city in a generation. To help guide the design of the library, the community is being consulted through a series of public meetings.

"This library is going to be the living room for the city," says George Cotaras, lead architect on the project. "We're looking for everybody's input, nothing about the design is predetermined. We want to learn what the library means to them and how they expect to use this building. We're looking for their ideas so that we can start the design process," says Cotaras.

More than 250 people attended the first public consultation meeting for the design of the new library on June 10. Before the meeting began, violinists from Symphony Nova Scotia played while the crowd looked at public art and display materials provided by the architects. Spoken word artist Andrew Abraham opened the event with a poem.

Then, Halifax Public Libraries CEO Judith Hare welcomed the crowd and introduced the architects. Presentations by architects George Cotaras, Morten Schmidt and Susan Fitzgerald were next, followed by conversations and big-picture thinking with the attendees. People shared their thoughts at the meeting, on Facebook or Twitter, in a chat room set up for the event or on a graffiti wall in one of the library branches. All of this input is shared with the architects and will inform the design of the new library.

Ideas were collected from participants in a World Café format, which is a conversational process designed to capture the collective intelligence in the room. Participants engaged in discussions at tables of six; then, got up and moved to a new table to discuss a new topic. Staff visited tables to collect ideas for the idea wall. Many of the ideas collected were similar to those that came out of the first round of public consultation meetings held in 2008. Some of these themes were: green, awe-inspiring, innovative architecture, flexible space, multicultural and inclusive.

Some general comments from the public about the evening were:

"The thrill of ideas coalescing."

"Hearing from architects. Finally being able to see the visions of what they have done in the past."

"The synergy – focusing on building our future together (for a change)."

"The enthusiasm of the teams at my table as they opened up with their ideas."

"An interesting evening that attracted a wide cross section of the city."

"I appreciated the childcare and the entry music."

Future meetings will be held on July 8, Aug. 25, Sept. 30 and Nov. 4.

Public Knit-In & Yarn Wrapping

As part of the campaign to capture people's attention and interest in the public consultation meetings for the new Central Library, Halifax Public Libraries hosted a Knit-In event. The intent of the event was to engage people in a hands-on way and use the completed knitted pieces to creatively invite people to the first public consultation meeting.

A group of enthusiastic knitters showed up at a local pub to help knit pieces for the invitation. Word about the Knit-In spread through Facebook and Twitter. Completed knitted pieces were sewn together and wrapped around a large tree on the future site of the new library, with invitations to the public consultation meeting clothes-pinned to the fabric.

The finished product was a multi-coloured 8 ft. x 8 ft. piece knitted by many hands. It garnered some media attention and comments from passersby. The following are comments that appeared on *The Coast's* website, a weekly Halifax paper:

"To the individual, or group of individuals that knitted the beautiful tree cozy on the corner of Queen St. and Spring Garden, You made my day. Everything from the colors, to the patterns, to the sheer extensiveness of the article was wonderful. People have been smiling all day as they walk past. Keep on rocking the urban love you naughty knitters!"

"I saw it too, was so cool!"

"Wow I feel so honoured to have knitted a little smidge of it :) I love it too!"

Grand Opening of the New Woodlawn Library

The Woodlawn Public Library opened in its new location on Saturday, April 24. Hundreds of people came out for the celebration, including: The Honourable Marilyn More, MLA, Minister of Education; Mike Savage, MP; Andrew Younger, MLA; His Worship Mayor Peter Kelly; Councillor Bill Karsten and representing the Halifax Regional Library Board, Councillor Jennifer Watts.

After the mayor cut the ribbon, the community got to see their new branch for the first time. Children and adults marvelled at the size of the library—which, at over 16,000 sq. ft., is more than four times the size of the old branch.

The jazz combo Food Trio entertained the crowds in the first part of the morning, while the Sudanese-Canadian group KOJO kept things festive later in the day. For children, there were crafts and face painting in the program room and a performance by Razzmatazz in the 100-seat auditorium. African dancer Mufaro encouraged everyone to get up and dance in the afternoon.

The new branch offers more technology, newer materials and more programming. There are three distinct areas for children, teens and adults. A former Cineplex, the new branch also features floor-to-ceiling windows, three self-check machines and assistive technology for those with learning and print disabilities. The branch also has a number of bookable study rooms which are already proving to be popular with the public.

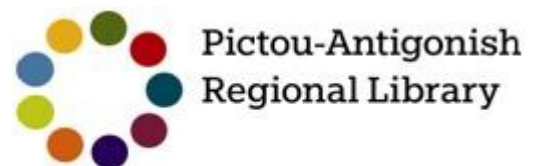
The library's Collection Development, Corporate Research and Development and Delivery Services departments are also headquartered in the building. They were previously headquartered out of another location, in a building separate from any branch.

The first open weekend of the new-and-improved branch saw 4,365 visitors over two days; an impressive new beginning for the Woodlawn Library.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

<http://www.parl.ns.ca>

Summer activities are in full swing; with the wrap-up of our regular library programs, we launched our special summer programs, including Music on the Patio



at the Library and our Summer Reading Club for 2010, Destination Jungle Expeditions. These programs are for PARLkids at all our library branches and participating C@P sites. In addition, this summer we are extending our Summer Reading Club program to the students at the Adult Learning Centre, Summer Street Industries, and the 2010 World Champions of the WOW! Reading Challenge in the Special Needs Division.

A hearty congratulations to all our 2010 Adopt-a-Library WOW! Reading Challenge winners in the province and abroad: the 2010 WOW! World Champion bookworms at Walter Duggan Elementary in Westville and the silver & bronze Super Readers at Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary and Central Schools. The new Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program website is currently under development at PARL and will appear soon – with our new, very cool Reading Heroes! ... stay tuned for further EXCITING adventures!

On Saturday June 26, PARL held its Turning the Page! launch to celebrate the beginning of the construction of the new Antigonish Town & County Library, The People's Place. Numerous Antigonish Town and County Council members participated in the event, along with the Antigonish Friends of the Library, President of LBANS, and our many community and government partners who have assisted with the fundraising and funding of the new library construction. In addition, a time capsule was presented that will be placed in the structure of the new library. Items of significance were added to the capsule, including a piece of Vimy Ridge brought by the Minister of Defense and Central Nova Member of Parliament, the Honorable Peter MacKay. An important upcoming date to pencil in your calendars is January 2011, when we look forward to inviting you to participate in the official opening of The People's Place!



A street-level view from the corner of Dalhousie and Archimedes Streets, of the New Glasgow Library addition (Reading Room & windowed Internet Bistro Café seating, and entrance to the new Community Program Room). (photo credits: Steve MacLean)

In the final days of June 2010, PARL began the business of occupying our wonderful, new spaces at the New Glasgow Library, including our new Reading Lounge and Internet Café bistro. Later in the summer, in partnership with the Pictou County Roots Society, PARL will celebrate the opening of our new Archives & Genealogy Research Centre at the New Glasgow Public Library. With the assistance of Service Canada and the support of the C@P program, PARL was fortunate to hire 20 students to serve as C@P site summer interns and our Summer Reading Club Coordinators for Pictou and Antigonish Counties to support library service and outreach in our rural communities.

Special summer programming at the library continues; soon the CyberCamps for Kids and adult workshops will be added to our online PARL events calendar and also the PARLevents Twitter account. Currently featured on our PARL YouTube channel is the recording of the fantastic teen playwrights, The Blackwood Players' original 1-act play entitled "While it Lasts..." Starting on Friday, July 9 and every Friday until August 27, we welcome you to an outdoor free concert on the patio, at the New Glasgow Library from Noon until 1:00 PM. From jazz to blues, folk, and Celtic rock, bring a picnic blanket and drop by to enjoy some local talent! All are welcome.



(left to right) Margie Farrell (Pictou County, Summer Reading Club Co Coordinator, PARL), Meagan MacEachern (Antigonish County, Summer Reading Club Coordinator, PARL), Sarah Bowman (Antigonish County, Summer Reading Club Assistant, PARL), Robyn Foote (Pictou County, Summer Reading Club Co Coordinator, PARL). (photo credits: Steve MacLean)

Starting on Wednesday July 14 the Stellarton Library will offer a new “drop-in as you wish” Summer Storytime program for babies and preschoolers. On Thursday July 29, Dewey, our new Library Bear, invites you to a Family PJ Party at the library from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

On Wednesday, July 21, we welcome Sheree Fitch, honorary spokesperson for the Read to Me! Program to the New Glasgow Library for an author reading and afternoon tea! Parents, babies, and children, please join us for a story, lemonade, tea, and sweets from 3:00 until 4:00 PM.

Saturday, July 25 marks the return of the popular Read by the Sea Literary Festival in River John. Author readings and writing workshops abound for all ages! For more information, please visit the literary festival’s website. PARL is proud to sponsor this annual community literary festival.

On Friday, August 13, we welcome ‘Down by the Docks’ for a Safari Concert on their cross Canada tour! Two shows are planned: 1:30 PM at the New Glasgow Library and 6:30 PM at the Monastery C@P Site/Antigonish Education Centre/Academy’s School Library. All are welcome to drop

by and have fun.

The overwhelming popular (and at times, absolutely side-splittingly hilarious) Pictou County Writers Group Open Mic Night returns at 6:30 PM on Wednesday August 18 at the Trenton Artworks. Everyone welcome to participate, present, and attend - song writers to playwrights, poets, novelists, journalists and aficionados of the Spoken Word!

Western Counties Regional Library

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

Treasured Community Newspapers being Saved Through Joint Project

They provide a glimpse of a community’s history, a record of life ranging from the politics of the time to the price of butter. They are community newspapers and many of Nova Scotia’s historic gems are being saved through the Historic Newspaper Project.

Shelburne newspapers The Port-Roseway Gazetteer and The Shelburne Advertiser, The Nova-Scotia Packet: and General Advertiser and The Royal American Gazette from 1785-1787 and Freeport’s The Tiny Tattler are part of the project and launches took place at the McKay Memorial Library in Shelburne and the Islands Museum in Tiverton on April 23.

“The project is important to the average person because newspapers, especially community newspapers, are the record of the lives of everyday Nova Scotians,” says Western Counties Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault. The regional library is part of the project team which includes Libraries Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management, Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University, C@P Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Provincial Library and the Legislative Library.

“Newspapers are important for people searching for genealogical information and also for historians wanting to research life in Nova Scotian communities,” Amirault adds.

A big part of the project is the preservation of the newspapers, transforming them from a deteriorating paper format to a digital version.

“Newspapers deteriorate physically over time and there was a growing concern that this important aspect of our heritage would be lost forever if we did not begin to work on their preservation,” says Amirault.

The project grew out of a March 2009 provincial forum on heritage newspapers. Representatives of institutions with an interest in newspapers met to determine what could be done cooperatively to preserve and improve access to historic newspapers in the Nova Scotia.

“One of the suggestions coming out of that consultation was that we use the technological capacity already in place in a few institutions in Nova Scotia such as the public archives, Beaton Institute and several universities, and that we find funding to hire workers to use the technology to digitize newspapers,” says Amirault. The Community Access Program in Nova Scotia had funding to hire youth to work on technology-related projects so the project could begin.

The project makes these pieces of Canadiana available to anyone with a computer and Internet connection, she says. The website is www.nsnewspapers.ca.

Partnership Between Schools and Library Could be Used by Other Schools

A Yarmouth, Nova Scotia teacher has come up with a creative way to provide his students with weekly access to technology and training they don't have at school, to exercise and to his town's public library.

Every Wednesday, South Centennial School teacher Rollie Hannem walks with his Grade 5/6 science and language arts class to use the computers at the Gates Computer Lab at Yarmouth's Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library.

It is a partnership matching up the elementary school, the public library and the Community Access Program, and it could easily be used as a blueprint for similar partnerships in the future.

“I knew about the Gates Computer Lab, and it is a great place for kids to come in, and an environment built to learn in,” says Hannem.

“If they learn something outside the classroom, they retain it more,” he adds.

In November 2009, Hannem and his class began walking to the library almost every Wednesday to use the lab between 9 and 11 a.m.

“The access to technology is key to us,” says Hannem. “I can't put every student on a computer at my school.”

It also makes the students aware of the resources available at the library, he says, including the computers, computer programs and high-speed Internet – things they may not have at home.

Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault believes the partnership fits well with the mandate of the lab and the library.

“I think it is a wonderful use of the Gates Lab,” she says. “The money which came from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to set the lab up originally was given on the understanding that the lab was to be used to train members of the community who had limited or no access.”

Hannem had to fight his way through the paper work to allow his students to walk to the library and carry out the program, but it has been well worth it, he says.

“Learning doesn’t just happen in the school, it happens everywhere,’ he says.

For students Josie Dulong and Nolan Cottreau, it is an experience they look forward to every week.

“I like it, it’s fun,” says Dulong. “I like the walks here and we get to go on the computers and we have more freedom to do research.”

Cottreau enjoys the walk to the library as well and the training provided by library staff.

“When we made our PowerPoint, I liked that,” he says. The lab also gives him the ability to use faster computers to access information on everything from the planet Mars to how airplanes fly.

Amirault say this type of partnership makes sense.

“Schools have computers but the use by students is restricted, because of the numbers of students involved,” says Amirault. “Having them come to the library means that individual students have more chance to develop their computer skills. We would be very willing to talk about more partnerships with the schools.”

Academic Libraries

Dalhousie University - Killam Library

Rethinking Libraries: Innovative Learning in the Killam

Dalhousie University and the Dal Libraries are working together to develop an innovative teaching and learning room on the second floor of the Killam Library. Intended to facilitate group interaction, small group work, collaboration and discussion, the room is called the Learning Incubator and Networking Centre (LINC). It is due to open in the 2010 fall term.

The LINC will accommodate classes of up to 110 students and its design will be markedly different from our traditional classrooms. It will function as a 20-pod interactive learning studio. The space will have 19 pods of students, grouped at large flat-screen displays, with 6 students per pod. Seating and tables will be varied in each cluster to allow for different working styles. The 20th pod will be the "mobile professor." The professor or instructor will be able to move throughout the LINC with the aid of a wireless mobile teaching station and wireless lapel mic.

The end goal is to create an interactive learning space that facilitates collaboration and problem-based learning. In addition, the LINC will be available as a dedicated student space during the evening, a place where students may gather in groups or as individuals to do their academic work.

The LINC opens up exciting new possibilities for teaching and learning. We’re looking forward to discovering its creative potential and to seeing how it inspires both faculty and students at Dalhousie.

Pope Foundation Gives Donation to Kellogg Library

The Robert Pope Foundation has given the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library a substantial donation for the acquisition of books in the medical humanities.

The Robert Pope Foundation was founded in 1992 to support programs that connect the arts and medicine. The foundation supports many projects, including the very active Medical Humanities Program in the Dalhousie Medical School and scholarships at NSCAD.

The donation will allow the Kellogg to build its collection in the areas of medicine in art and literature and history of medicine, helping to support the Medical Humanities Program. We would like to thank the Pope family and the Board of the Pope Foundation for their generosity.

[Click here](#) to read more about Robert Pope (whose painting *The Hug* hangs in the Kellogg Library) and the Foundation.

Cape Breton University Library

Library Enhancements

It was a celebration of literature and libraries and the role they play in education, as Cape Breton University announced plans for enhancements to its library that will exceed \$1 million. Award winning Cape Breton author Linden MacIntyre helped unveil the plans, along with CBU President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. John Harker, Chair and founder of the CBU Friends of the Library Committee, Eunice Harker and CBU Students' Union Vice-President Finance & Operations, Sarah Pyke.



The enhancement plans include a revitalized, user friendly environment, designed to meet changing student, staff and technological needs. The primary focus is movement through an arrival area central to improved access to services, reconfigured computer and student/staff work space, as well as, a new and comfortable seating area conducive to student group discussions and assignments. The seating area addition involves the removal of a large wall that will open up the library to more natural light. All will be visible destinations for a student, faculty or community visitor and have been designed in response to needs expressed by students and recognized by staff.

The CBU Library will also become more easily accessible with the addition of a second elevator, which can be accessed off the central arrival area. The elevator will actually become a focal point and will replicate the look of a town clock. More private, quiet study areas will be added on the second floor. Flooring and lighting will be replaced throughout. Plans also include the addition of more wood treatments with a sound absorption quality that will improve the acoustics in the space.

Aside from the announcement, the evening, emceed by CBC's Wendy Bergfeldt, included Linden MacIntyre reading excerpts from his award winning novel, *The Bishop's Man*, as well as musical selections from Lucy and Stewart MacNeil of the Barra MacNeils. Over 200 CBU donors, friends, faculty and staff attended the event celebrating literary success.



"The role libraries play in education is expanding. Books are joined with e-files; both are made available to a broad community of learners. For the sake of this community, on our campus and beyond it, we must provide the right environment and the enhancements will take us there," says Dr. H. John Harker, President and Vice-Chancellor of Cape Breton University. "Thanks to the Friends of the Library, our Board of Governors and the university community, the enhancements, long hoped for, are now possible."

"The library is the heart of a vibrant university. The Friends of the Library were pleased to be able to raise funds to enhance the Library's holdings and we are delighted that the planned enhancements of the physical space will improve the vital learning environment for students and faculty," says Eunice Harker, Chair and founder of the CBU Friends of the Library Committee.

The CBU Library has over 300,000 volumes, 2,000 electronic books and 25,000 journals. Last year alone, there were over 400,000 visits made to the library. The library provides many services, including acquisitions, reference services, document delivery and interlibrary loans and instruction services. The library also houses many collections, which include a newspaper

collection, The Pocius Collection, The Khattar Collection, Jacobite Collection and the Pearson Peacekeeping Collection just to name a few.

Linden MacIntyre, born in Port Hastings, NS, is a Canadian journalist, broadcaster and novelist. He has won eight Gemini Awards, an International Emmy and numerous other awards for writing and journalistic excellence. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Francis Xavier University in 1964. He also studied at St. Mary's University and the University of King's College in Halifax. Mr. MacIntyre has held positions with *The Halifax Herald* and *The Financial Times of Canada*. He joined the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in 1976, where he still works today and has worked on such projects as *The MacIntyre File*, *The Journal*, *The Fifth Estate* and *The Current*. As an author, he has written *The Long Stretch*, 1999, *The Bishop's Man*, 2009 - Winner of the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize, *Who Killed Ty Conn* (with Theresa Burke), 2001 and *Causeway: A Passage from Innocence*, 2006.



"As the post-secondary education sector becomes more competitive, we have to ensure CBU competes effectively with other universities. By making enhancements such as those announced for the library tonight and improving services to our students, we are doing just that," says Dr. Harker.

Staff News

Cape Breton University is pleased to share that Ron Rooth has been hired as Information Services Librarian managing portfolios in Education, Arts, and Social Sciences. Ron has worked closely with the Education faculty to add a Curriculum Collection to the library in support of Cape Breton University's new B.Ed program. In addition to these responsibilities, Ron participates in Novanet's Live Help virtual reference service and will serve as the library's representative on Senate (2010-2012). Ron received his MLIS from the University of British Columbia in 2007 and most recently worked at Simon Fraser University before coming to CBU in 2009.

NSCAD University

New Supervisor of Circulation

The Library is pleased to announce that Janice Fralic-Brown has accepted the position of Supervisor, Circulation beginning Monday, August 16, 2010. Janice will be responsible for many responsibilities including overseeing the operation of Library circulation, reserves and the training and supervision of student assistants. Janice has worked at NSCAD University since August 1991 and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Kings College and a Library Technician Diploma from the Nova Scotia Community College. She is an avid researcher and an active member in many associations. We congratulate Janice on her achievements and look forward to the experience, dedication and enthusiasm she will bring to the position.

Summer Students

The Library welcomes new and returning summer student assistants. Morgan Drew, a 3rd year student enrolled in NSCAD's Printmaking and Fine Art programs, has been hired as our Collection Assistant with funding assistance from the Young Canada Works program. Morgan will be working on several collection and digitization projects over the summer months. The Library also welcomes shelver Ivy Jones and her ruby red slippers, circulation assistants Hana Seo (Design) and Kate Stinson (Printmaking), and visual resource assistants Leah Resnick (Photography/Art History) and Alison



Comrie (Printmaking). We welcome back our technical services student assistant extraordinaire Catt Blanchet (Interdisciplinary/Art History) and the reliability of circulation and shelving assistant Owen Brush (Textiles).

'Books and Words' Now on Display

Books and Words is a hand bound publication made by students every Monday and Thursday as part of NSCAD's Summer Workshop taught by instructor Susan Mills. The workshop introduces students to bookbinding techniques and they have the opportunity to work on projects exploring a variety of alternative approaches to text. In addition to being available at the NSCAD Library, you can find Books and Words at the Robert Street Zine Library, the Bedford Library, the Main office the Ash Lee Jefferson School in Fall River and the 'Free Coffee' stand in the NSCAD cafeteria and student lounge.

David Burke Collection Adds New Titles

The David Burke Collection has grown with the addition of over one hundred new titles this Spring. The Burke Collection was originally donated to the Library by Mr. David Burke in 2008 and contains beautifully bound and rare books on a variety of artist and art movements through the ages. This treasured collection of Mr. Burke's is available for reference and located on the 3rd floor of the Library for all to enjoy.

Archives

Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management

A Newspaper Digitization Committee, supported by Libraries Nova Scotia, was formed in the summer of 2009 to oversee a pilot project for the digitization of newspaper collections of provincial historical significance. Funding for the project was received from the Nova Scotia Community Access Program. Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management and The Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University, began digitizing newspapers in Fall, 2009.

The committee oversaw the digitization of 18 newspapers from across the province. 19,000+ pages of newspapers were scanned and made available on the Libraries Nova Scotia, NSARM and Memorial University websites under the banner NOVA SCOTIA HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS (www.nsnewspapers.ca). The websites were launched on April 23rd with celebrations occurring around the province.

In Halifax, Shelburne, Sydney, Tiverton, and Pictou, event-goers learned about Nova Scotia's historic newspapers, with different regional focuses. Events were widely covered in newspapers, radio, and television features across Nova Scotia.

News from Prince Edward Island

Submitted by Trina O'Brien Leggott

Public Libraries

Public Library Service

Provincial Excellence in Service Award

Each year during Public Service Week, the Institute of Public Administration (IPAC) recognizes the efforts of civil servants by presenting Excellence in Service Awards. The awards are given to individuals and/or groups from various levels of government, including the Government of Prince Edward Island. The criteria for the respective awards include quality of leadership, innovation, community/client focus, people focus and commitment to continuous learning. The 2010 recipient of the Provincial Public Service Award is the Management Team of the Public Library Service. The award was presented during Public Service Week 2010.



IPAC representative Janice Pettit presents the award to Provincial Librarian Kathleen Eaton. In the background are (front row, left to right) Trina O'Brien Leggott, Norma Collier and Rebecca Boulter and (back row, left to right) Liam O'Hare, Gary Ramsay and Jean-François Savaria. Missing from the photo are Management team members Barb Kissick and Nichola Cleaveland.

Staff News

Kim MacDonald has been appointed branch technician at the St. Peter's Public Library. Kim has long served as a branch back up and also as interim branch technician in Morell and Mt. Stewart branches when there were vacancies during the past several years, and most recently was assisting at Public Library Service headquarters during a staff vacancy.

Minerva Gamble-Hardy has been appointed to the LA12 position at Confederation Centre Public Library. Minerva began her career with PLS as a casual back-up at Summerside Rotary Library and was appointed to a permanent position at SUM in 2005. Since that time, she has also served two lengthy secondments at the Cornwall Public Library. Minerva has experience planning, presenting and promoting programs for all ages, and has a particular interest in programming for youth.

Gillian Mahen has been appointed as an LA9 at the Summerside Rotary Library. Gill has worked as a backup at the Summerside Rotary Library for the last year and has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Kings College. Gill succeeds Minerva Gamble-Hardy who recently moved to the Confederation Centre Public Library.

Helen Power-Lewis has been appointed Circulation Manager at Confederation Centre Public Library. Helen has worked at CHA for the past 5 years as an LA12, with additional responsibilities for Talking Books, CNIB liaison, and outreach programming for seniors and other adults. Helen has extensive experience working in libraries as, prior to returning to PEI, she worked at the St. Albert Public Library in Alberta and at the library of Grant MacEwan College.

As part of the Public Service Week 2010 celebrations, long-term service awards were presented to provincial government employees. Two members of our staff were recognized for their twenty years of service : Barb Kissick, Youth Services Librarian and Luann Molyneaux, Branch Technician at Crapaud Public Library.

Elizabeth Doiron Retires

Elizabeth Doiron, one of our longest serving and most dedicated staff members retired from the Public Library Service after 37 years of service. Elizabeth worked at Confederation Centre Public Library for her entire career and her contributions are many. Elizabeth has worn many hats during her career including reference, circulation, developing website online bookmarks, vertical files, training manuals, selecting music CDs and, in recent years, the additional responsibility of Circulation Supervisor. Elizabeth's attention to detail and dedication to excellence is commendable, and our patrons have been well served by her diligence and dedication. We wish Elizabeth all the best in her well-deserved retirement!



The Friends of Confederation Centre Public Library hosted a retirement tea in honour of Elizabeth Doiron. Here, from left to right, are Sibil Cutcliffe, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Legislative and Public Library; Trina O'Brien Leggott, Chief Librarian at Confederation Centre Public Library; and Elizabeth Doiron.

News from the School of Information Management, Dalhousie University

Submitted by Sharon Haley-Mancini

Convocation

On June 1st fifty-one new alumni joined their esteemed colleagues as graduates of Dalhousie's MLIS program. Many of our new alumni are members of the [SIM LinkedIn](#) group; please visit the group page to review their professional profiles.

The 2010 Convocation award winners are:

- Atlantic Provinces Library Association Award: Charmaine Fraser
- Director's Award: Robin Parker
- Leadership Award: Geoffrey Allen
- Louis Vagianos Medal: Robin Parker
- Information Technology Prize: Kirsta Stapelfeldt
- J. Clement Harrison International Award: Mohammed Amin and Adam Amman
- Nova Scotia Library Association Prize: Nora Kennedy
- SIM Research Award: Kirsta Stapelfeldt
- SIMSA Outstanding Service Award: Danielle Cossarini
- SLA Eastern Chapter Ann Galler Award: Lara Killian
- Beta Phi Mu Candidates: Geoffrey Allen, Mary Arnold, Nancy Edgar, Andrea Edwards, Amanda Foote, Angela Friesen, Nora Kennedy, Lara Killian, Leanne Owen, Robin Parker, Kirsta Stapelfeldt, Michael Steeleworthy, Judie Woodward



Faculty of Management Awards

Dr. Anatoliy Gruzd received the Award for Exceptional Interdisciplinary Endeavour in Scholarly Research. Dr. Gruzd has created a tool to facilitate the Faculty's goal of seeking opportunities for shared research across Schools and subject domains by allowing individual faculty members to see who else has related interests.

Dr. Fiona Black was granted the Award for Exceptional Service to the Faculty of Management. Dr. Black is most deserving of the award due in part to her seven years of leadership in the School of Information Management, and her role as Associate Dean external programs. Dr. Black exemplifies the Faculty's mission by always leading with integrity and getting things

done. Dr. Black's reputation as a very capable administrator extends well beyond the Faculty of Management to the wider university and to national and international circles.

*Research and Grants and Projects*

Dr. Anatoliy Gruzd, Assistant Professor in the School of Information Management, and Dr. Barry Wellman, Department of Sociology of the University of Toronto, have been awarded \$161,000 for "How Online Social Media and Online Social Networks are Changing the Ways Scholars Disseminate Knowledge and Information". As online social networks (OSNs) such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn become mainstream, numerous studies have been conducted on how the general public is using OSN-based technologies. However, little work has been undertaken to understand how scholars are using and adapting to these new social media in their own work. This study seeks to fill this gap in our understanding of knowledge and information dissemination in the age of Social Media.

Dr. Vivian Howard, Assistant Professor in the School of Information Management and Director of the Bachelor of Management program, has been awarded \$48,580 to build on her ongoing investigation into the use of regional authors and illustrators in elementary and high school classrooms in the Atlantic Provinces. She will work in collaboration with the Eileen Wallace Children's Literature Collection at the University of New Brunswick and the Canadian Children's Book Centre, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the production of Canadian books for young readers. The goals of this project are to analyze regional issues in Atlantic Canadian children's literature, create a web-based information portal to serve the needs of scholars, practitioners and young people and undertake a usability study of the information portal.

Vivian Howard Receives IBBY Canada's Russell Grant for Research on Canadian Children's Literature and the Eileen Wallace Fellowship

Vivian Howard was awarded the 2009 Frances Russell Grant, a \$1,000 grant for her proposal, "The regional geography of creativity: an investigation of regional themes in Atlantic Canadian literature for children and young adults." Dr. Howard is conducting a detailed analysis of regional themes in contemporary and historic Atlantic Canadian children's literature and aims to create print and digital resources to enable greater use of regional Atlantic literature among readers, scholars, teachers and librarians.

Dr. Howard was awarded also the 2010/11 Eileen Wallace Fellowship from the University of New Brunswick for her scholarly knowledge in the field of children's literature.



New Interdisciplinary Research Links Dalhousie Scholars in Information Management, Marine Affairs, and Resource and Environmental Studies

The research initiative, entitled "Environmental Information: Use and Influence," has secured a contract of \$20,000 with the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The project team, led by Dr. Bertrum MacDonald and Dr. Peter Wells, will examine the use and influence of the recently released report and related publications on the "State of the Coast." This research will inform the Nova Scotia government on how these publications are being used in Nova Scotia and beyond. The research team will work with senior personnel in the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

SIM Students Conduct National Survey on Early Literacy Programs

The School of Information Management is pleased to be partnering with Nova Scotia's early literacy program, Read to Me! The purpose of this partnership is to build a Canada-wide coalition for early literacy. Two of SIM's students, Naomi Balla-Boudreau and Deidre O'Reilly (MLIS 2011), are involved in this project. Naomi and Deidre will be conducting an online survey to identify book-gift programs for newborns as well as provide information on early literacy best practices and program materials. The survey is the first of its kind in Canada.

Travel Awards

Danielle Cossarini (MLIS candidate 2010) has won the 2010 New England Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (NEASIS&T) Student Travel Award for her paper, "Communicating Scientific Information for Environmental Solutions: A Knowledge Management Perspective."

The jury chair stated that Danielle "wrote a truly excellent paper that deserves this recognition." The award will support Danielle's travel to the ASIS&T conference in Pittsburgh in October.



Congratulations to SIM's Student Travel Award Winners

Three first year MLIS students were awarded financial assistance to allow them to attend this year's Canadian Library Association and Special Library Association conferences:

- Deirdre O'Reilly (Student-to-CLA travel award)
- Leah Brisco (Alberta Letts travel award)
- Samantha Dutka (SLA travel award)

Conferences

The SIM faculty will participate in Dalhousie University's Teaching and Learning Conference. Sessions to be presented by members of the School include:

- Fiona Black and Scott Comber (MBA): Experiential Learning in Professional, Accredited Graduate Programs: Assessing Dalhousie's MLIS and CRMBA programs as potential models for others.
- Keith Lawson: Students' Use of Social Networking Sites for Academic Purposes
- Sandra Toze and Marina Pluzhenskaya: Job Shadow Assignment, or "There and Back Again".
- Louise Spiteri, Vivian Howard, and Jenny Baechler (MBA): Integrated Learning Opportunities at the Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University: An Analysis of Two Approaches to Client-Based Learning

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