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From the President's Desk

March started off peacefully enough for APLA. Regrettably, though, it did not include a beach or a frothy drink! But all in things were good. As the month progressed, your APLA executive continued its work as well as its preparations for the 2009 Conference. APLA has a terrific array of grants and awards this year and the corresponding Committees are hard at work at their deliberations.

This year, there is a new grant being launched - APLA is offering registration to our conference for a library support staff APLA member. Initiatives such as these allow APLA to extend its professional development opportunities to the membership as a whole. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how APLA could support you in your library work, let me or your provincial Vice President know. All emails and contact information is available from the APLA website.

March also saw your APLA executive sending letters on your behalf to voice concerns about certain events affecting libraries. The first was the CRTC's hearings on net neutrality. The second was the proposed cuts at NRC and CISTI and their impact on libraries across the country. These two very different events are signs of the challenging times in which libraries and librarians are working.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that the APLA archives is always looking for any APLA documents that you might have filed in old filing cabinets or stuck to the side of your refrigerator. So, if you happen to find a picture of yourself dancing at an APLA Banquet, you might consider sending it along to Jennifer Richard, APLA's archivist, to ensure that the image of you doing the "Hustle" is saved for posterity! More information about the APLA archives is available from the APLA website.

That is all from my desk for now. Happy Spring everyone!

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Partners in Libraries

By Jennifer Richard, Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S. and Sue Adams, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.

Nelson Mandela¹

There's no doubt that signs of economic strain are all around us. From coffee break conversations about shrinking pensions to libraries cancelling periodicals, everyone is aware of the recession's impact on both personal and professional levels. Nationally, CLA is struggling to preserve the much-needed Library Book Rate, while internationally the ICOLC (International Coalition of Library Consortia) has issued a statement on the global economic crisis and its impact on consortial licenses. Everyone is thinking of retrenchment and cutbacks, whether that means deferred retirement plans, potential job losses, or scaled-back library services.

Like most economic stressors, the current recession bears most harshly on those who can least afford it, both in Canada and on the global stage. Our daily decisions have ripple effects throughout the world, and in countries of the Global South their force is magnified. The economy of Ethiopia, for example, is expected to feel the direct impact of reduced foreign demand for coffee ([Abiya](#), 2009). Nepal, one of the poorest countries in Asia, will suffer major economic losses if Western travelers re-think their plans for a Himalayan trekking vacation. Our actions and our fates are intricately linked in a global economic web. As esteemed Canadian philosopher Red Green puts it, "We're all in this together."

The Canadian Contribution

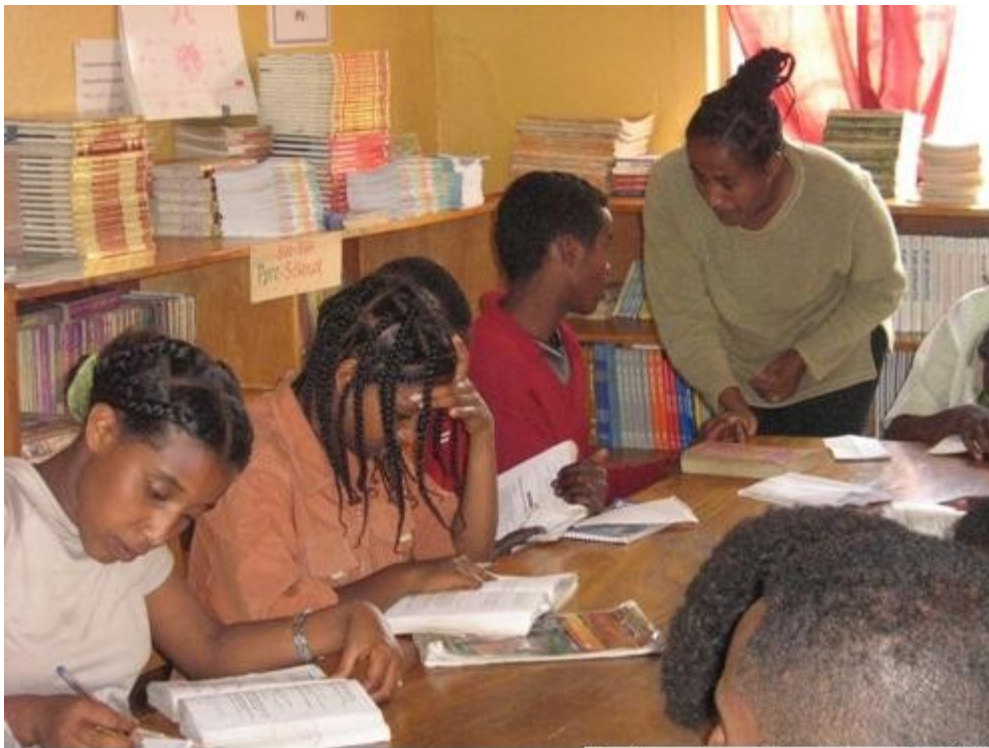


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This home truth was recognized forty years ago when an international commission headed by former Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson issued its landmark report "Partners in Development." In the commission's view, "the fullest, most efficient utilization of the Planet's resources will result from international cooperation, not conflict" ([Hulse](#), 2007, The Pearson Commission, p. 5). Commission members went further, recommending that "developed nations" allocate an amount equal to 0.7% of GNP to Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) annually. Sadly, though repeatedly committing to this modest 1969 goal, Canada has never reached it. Our current level of achievement is an embarrassing 0.30%, well below the average of contributing

countries ([Tomlinson](#), 2008, p. 1).

Is this because Canadians are mean-spirited or callous? Not at all – in fact, Canadians make significant donations to charitable organizations each year, but this individual generosity is not necessarily reflected in government budget priorities.

With markets shrinking, tourism declining and foreign assistance never reaching its goal, retrenchment in the Global South can be disastrous. If Canadian libraries are struggling with recession economics, how can those in the world's poorest countries manage? In Ethiopia, a country of over 76 million people (44% of whom are school age) there are only 249 public libraries ([Bothma](#), 2007, p. 158). How does one cut back on that?

Some Positive Signs

Interestingly, it is in some of the world's most economically precarious regions that hope and progress persist. The obvious, strong link between education and development has been recognized for decades, and recently enshrined in UNESCO's Education for All campaign and the Millennium Development Goals. In the last 15 years, the primary school completion rate in Ethiopia has risen from 26% to 46%. Nepal's figures have increased to 76% completion, and the ratio of Nepali girls to boys in school is now 93% – a remarkable improvement in gender equality in education. These impressive results have been accomplished in societies where the average annual incomes are \$780 and \$1040 respectively ([World Bank](#), 2008, pp. 352-355). We should stand in awe of such achievements.

Community libraries have a vital part to play in supporting this increased participation in formal education, as well as in adult learning programmes. Without ongoing access to reading material -- print or digital -- any gains realized in education are soon neutralized. Literacy classes verge on pointless if nothing is available in local languages to sustain the learning. Fortunately, organizations throughout the world are working hard to assist with the development of strong, sustainable libraries and resource centres that are grounded in the participation of local communities at every stage of their development.

Working in Partnership

Canadians have, over the years, learned a lot about how to work in partnership with libraries in developing countries. Historically, stories abound of containers of outdated, damaged, inappropriate books donated by well-meaning North Americans arriving at their destination to the disappointment of local librarians. Early efforts to build libraries overseas frequently overlooked input from the communities in which they were to be located, and this occasionally led to some very creative final uses for the buildings so constructed. Grain storage and animal shelters were sometimes much higher priorities for the



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communities “blessed” with such new libraries, to the dismay of donors.

Today, responsible development organizations such as CODE (Canadian Organization for Development through Education) and READ (Rural Education and Development) are careful to ensure that the initiative for a community library arises from the local level. CODE links library development with local publishing, teacher and librarian training in countries of Africa and the Caribbean. READ works with local library committees in Nepal to develop libraries that are centres of community development. A powerful feature of their approach is that each community must develop a sustaining project to support their library after the initial phase. Projects range from space rental to providing telephone service, running carpentry shops and operating fish ponds and ambulance services. In organizations like CODE and READ, and in thousands of others around the world, the link between libraries and development is made explicit every day.

As members of the Atlantic Provinces library community, we have a real opportunity to partner with our library colleagues overseas -- to work toward a more just world and Education for All. The first step is simply to become aware and informed about the issues. Then, despite our own strained circumstances, there is much we can accomplish if we choose to work in global solidarity. We really are “all in this together.”

Current Library Partnerships

For various reasons, 2005 seemed to be a pivotal year for the Canadian library community to begin partnering with libraries overseas, particularly in Africa. Inspiration may have come, partly, from the plenary addresses by Stephen Lewis and Craig Keilburger during the 2005 OLA SuperConference and then again by Stephen Lewis’ APLA 2006 Keynote.

The Ontario Library Association’s (OLA) initial response to Lewis and Keilburger’s pleas was the ambitious “Africa Project”. In an 18 month period this fundraising effort has provided Craig Kielburger's Free the Children Foundation with: \$13,800 to purchase health and education kits for approximately 700 children and \$44,500 towards the building of school/public library centres in two different communities in Kenya. Of the \$50,000 needed for the projects, over \$22,000 was raised in only 3 days at the 2006 SuperConference. Though the Africa Project has now concluded, the Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) has recently launched a new campaign entitled “Be the Change”. According to their website, this initiative focuses on raising awareness of children’s rights, creating a sense of understanding of world citizenship, empowering youth (K-12) to make a difference and take action. The website provides a blog, teacher resources, fundraising ideas and lesson plans to inspire teachers and students in Canadian schools. The Manitoba Library Association has supported the Osu Children's Library Fund making donations in lieu of speaker gifts at annual conferences as well as making donation in honour of out-going board members. The Manitoba School Library Association has also recently made a donation to this project on the occasion of a recent anniversary celebration.

In the same year (2005), “Libraries Across Borders”, an interest group of the British Columbia Library Association was set up in response to the kind donation of Dr. Yosef Wosk. The aim of this group was to provide grants to deserving library and information science projects in both developing countries and First Nations communities in British Columbia. “Libraries Across Borders” has provided almost \$10,000 for First Nations projects in BC and over 65,000 dollars for resources, training and library furniture in 15 countries overseas, including countries in Africa, Southeast Asia and South America. The BC Interest Group should not be confused with the University of Western Ontario’s School of Information Management organization “Librarians Without Borders” also founded in 2005, by a group of library school students inspired by an Angolan colleague. This group is raising funds for Biblioteca Tutangi, a nursing and medical Portuguese language library that will support the learning needs of university and college students in Huambo, Angola.

Though there has been a flurry of activity since 2005, some associations, like the Quebec Library Association/L'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec (ABQLA) and the Special Library Association Eastern Canadian Chapter have been fundraising since 1982. In 1986 the ABQLA and SLA-ECC supported the Kenyan School Library Project and Jamaican Book Project and then in 1994 they began their partnership with the Canadian Organization for Development through Education (CODE), a literacy based NGO, which continues today. In 1999, The Montreal Chapter of the Canadian Library Association was added to the mix. ABQLA/SLAECC/CLA (Montreal) have hosted fun social events like the Holiday Social and raffles to raise money to support CODE's literacy programmes, raising \$1600 in their 2008 event.



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In 2005/2006 the Atlantic Provinces Library Association and the Nova Scotia Library Association raised over \$2500 at their annual conferences. APLA partnered with CODE to provide books, furnishing and staff for the Sebeta Reading Room in Ethiopia, one of 62 libraries in CODE's Adopt a Library Initiative. Over the 3 day conference and in the subsequent week, APLA raised over \$2500 which was matched by the association, providing the African library with \$5000. APLA has now adopted the Mojo Library, also in Ethiopia: for more information or to make a donation click on the CODE link on the APLA website.

Despite the current global financial situation, we encourage you to continue to dig deep and make a difference by donating online before or online or in person during the 2009 APLA Conference in Halifax. Just like OLA did in 2006 we will be providing stickers for your delegate badge with a minimum \$5 donation.

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1. This rallying was issued in a speech by Nelson Mandela in Trafalgar Square, London, February 3, 2005. Retrieved March 17, 2009, from http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/4232603.stm
2. You can find inspiring videos of READ's activities on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vazyZiZNV3E> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAH11mW4bbc&NR=1>

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Conference Update



APLA 2009 is soon upon us and we're really looking forward to seeing you in Halifax, June 10th -13th, at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. If you have not yet registered, it is not too late! Please visit our website, www.apla2009.ca, for conference details and registration information.

Registration Desk

When you arrive at the conference venue please stop by the Registration Desk to pick up your badge, conference program, and social events tickets. Don't forget – APLA 2009 will be a “bagless” conference so you may want to bring your own. The Registration Desk will be located on the 2nd Floor of the conference venue in the foyer outside of the Exhibit Hall. Registration Desk hours are as follows:

Wednesday, June 10: 3pm – 9pm
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Thursday, June 11: 8am – 5:30 pm

Friday, June 12: 8am – 5:30pm

Social Events

APLA conferences are wonderful networking opportunities and a chance to get reacquainted with colleagues. To compliment the wide variety of conference programs, the Local Arrangements/Social Events Committee has put together a great selection of social events. Most events require registration. For complete details, including times, locations, and registration information please visit the Social Events section of the conference website, www.apla2009.ca. Here is a taste of APLA 2009 Social Events:

Past President's Reception - Come join fellow conference delegates at the Past President's reception on Wednesday evening, which honours all past presidents of the Association and is generously sponsored by ProQuest. This event is also an excellent chance to mingle and chat before the conference officially begins. No registration required.

Halifax Literary Walking Tour – Join Halifax Public Libraries' Local History and Genealogy Librarian, Joanne McCarthy, who will be leading APLA delegates on a literary walking tour around downtown Halifax early Wednesday evening. Explore famous authors, learn about local newspaper and publishing history stretching back to the eighteenth century, discover libraries and bookstores both past and present, and so much more. Registration required.

Mar Cocktail Cruise - Join us on Thursday evening for an adventure on the high seas! Come aboard the Mar, a 75 ft tall ship and enjoy the breathtaking views of the harbor during this evening cocktail cruise. Participants will purchase their tickets through Murphy's On the Water. Details are on the conference website.

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Tour and McKelvie's Restaurant –Start Thursday evening off with a group tour of the AGNS, hailed as the gateway to the arts for Atlantic Canada. After the tour the group will be heading to McKelvie's restaurant for drinks and some "Delishes Fishes". **Registration required.**

APLA Merit Award Banquet and Dance – On Friday evening, join your colleagues for a pre-dinner cocktail and then settle in for a sumptuous dining experience, complete with a spectacular harbourfront view. The banquet will honour an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the library community in the Atlantic Provinces. The dance will feature music by the renowned J.P. Ellis Trio. Tickets can be purchased in advance with your conference registration.

Saturday Morning Brunch - The Saturday morning brunch will be held at O'Carroll's Restaurant and Irish Pub in downtown Halifax. Relax in the rich pub atmosphere and enjoy a hearty Celtic Breakfast! Registration required.

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The Pre-Librarian Librarian, or the Value of the Library Student Co-op Placement

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I remember the first day of my MLIS at the University of Western Ontario, as I looked around the room and estimated about one hundred and fifty students besides myself. We would become friends, and when the time came, we'd become friendly competitors upon the completion of our degrees. We realize that it is very important for us to have a job-seeking plan in place when our degrees are completed.

Even before selecting a university, I had read much about what to do with an MLIS and how to make the most my MLIS training and education. In almost all the literature I consulted, one piece of advice from former graduates remained consistent: secure practical library work experience before graduation! I should not simply rely on my degree to ensure my future success. The right school for me, I concluded, would be one which supported practical or on-site experience within a library setting, or better yet, one which offered the opportunity to work terms or co-ops in a Library. This would be enjoyable as well as it would provide the opportunity not only to gain professional experience and personal confidence, but also to form professional contacts with librarians. Indeed, the literature convinced me of this fact.

One of the first and most convincing pieces of evidence I read was an editorial by John Berry in the September 2005 edition of *Library Journal* which insisted that "library experience is as important in getting hired by a library as the MLS, maybe even more so. That has been and still is the report from recent graduates of library and information studies." Berry also adds, "The profession must consider making the availability of a formal practicum a requirement for the accreditation of any LIS program." Berry argues that the reason for this necessity is that "some kind of library practice gives a new graduate an immense edge in an extremely competitive arena and adds substantially to the educational value of the coursework" ([p.8](#)).

I noticed similar theories concerning the benefits of obtaining practical library experience before graduation in Tom Bahlinger's chapter "Library Work Experience: Get Some!" published in the larger work, *The Librarian's Career Guidebook*. Bahlinger is of the view that his "work experience during graduate school is the primary reason [he] landed an excellent tenure-track, faculty status position upon graduation from library school" ([2004, p. 141](#)). The reasons for this certainty are numerous. Work experience during graduate school, Bahlinger states, "will help you succeed in graduate school and when interviewing for and working in your first professional job" ([p. 140](#)). Library work experience may also help students decide the type of library in which they wish to work post-graduation, and allow students to "fill their resume with relevant work experience and create a list of librarians willing to write letters of recommendation" for future employment opportunities ([p. 140](#)). As I had presupposed, "just about every [fellow] graduate will have a high GPA. Experience will make your resume stand out" ([p. 140](#)). As one way to gain experience, Bahlinger recommends "independent study or internships (or practica)...[as] excellent and challenging methods for MLS students to gain practical experience" ([p. 43](#)). I was then on a mission to find a school which offered such experience.

Flipping through the same book which contained Bahlinger's article, I noticed another chapter by Kevin O'Kelly entitled "Choosing a Library Program." In this article, O'Kelly quotes Giovanna Gossage, former graduate of The University of Western Ontario, who claims, "one of the reasons I chose Western was they offered a co-op program. It made a lot of sense to me to be able to get work experience while I was in school" ([p. 106](#)). Immediately, I headed for my computer and read through the information offered on Western's MLIS website.

Western's co-op program is a potential benefit to both students and employers. Among the student benefits outlined on Western's MLIS website are the opportunities which co-op provides to students, "to work in different areas of the library and information science field." Co-op allows students to "establish...employer contacts for post-graduation," and provides them with a forum to display newly-learned skills in their preferred setting. Unlike the student who does not apply for co-op or practical work experience, the student who takes the opportunity will have more opportunities to form professional contacts. In a number of cases, co-op employers also become permanent employers after graduation. In fact, many employers also benefit from the co-op program as a "cost-effective means of evaluating potential employees." As Western's MLIS co-op site also reads, "co-op placements can be part of your institution's recruitment strategy" ([Employer benefits](#), 2009).

I applied to Western's MLIS program knowing that I would also apply to co-op. According to Western's 2007 Master of Library and Information Science Placement Survey, one third of responding students from the 2007 graduating class indicated that the "skill or knowledge most influential in securing employment" after graduation was their experience as co-op students ([p. 1](#)). In 2006, 48% of surveyed students responded similarly ([p. 1](#)). I began my studies at Western in the Fall of 2007, and in the Summer of 2008, I applied to co-op.

I have thus far completed three coursework terms at Western, and nearly two co-op terms at Memorial University of Newfoundland's Queen Elizabeth II library. Western's co-op program offered me the opportunity to return to my home province to gain valuable work experience in the setting of my choice (the academic library), and in the university which was my home from 1999-2006 while I completed my Bachelor of Arts Honours degree, and later my Master of Arts degree, both in English, Language and Literature. I have had the chance to meet many friends and contacts in my current setting, and I have been given the opportunity to translate much of what I learned during my MLIS education into practical experience.

My main responsibility within the Information Services Division at the QEII is reference service. I work at the main Information and Research Help Desk, and I respond to all incoming email and telephone reference inquiries. I also participate in chat reference. Among my other duties and on-going projects is the development and weeding of the current English literature portion of the library's reference collection. Because of my background, I have been helping a colleague to weed current holdings in the English subject area, and also to select new additions to the collection based on current course offerings and user needs. I have also been actively posting weekly E-Resources Spotlights on our library homepage to showcase our growing collection of electronic holdings. In addition, I have recently completed the most current Timing Survey at the library's Information Desk, the purpose of which is to assess current trends and staffing at the desk. I observed all reference transactions and timed the duration of each. I also noted how many patrons waited for service, and timed the extent of their wait. Some additional data includes which staff member (the first librarian scheduled on the desk, the second librarian, off-duty librarian, or library assistant) responded to each question. This data was compared with that of other years to assess changing trends at the reference desk.

Drawing from the results of this study, I was able to determine current staffing sufficiency, and identify any issues which should be addressed to better serve the needs of the library's user community. Lastly, I also participated in Library Instruction during my stay at the QEII. While I have past experience as a per-course instructor in English at Memorial, I am grateful to have received the opportunity to instruct library instruction sessions, mostly for first year English, Language and Literature classes.

As previously stated, Western's MLIS website lists the potential benefits of the co-op program from the "student perspective" ([2009](#)). Without a doubt, my time at the QEII has benefited me immensely. I now have formal reference experience, some collection development experience, and Library Instruction experience, as well. I can now say that I have worked in an

academic Library, the setting of my choice, and have connected with colleagues who are able to provide references for future job applications. The research skills I learned in library school have now been honed because of my many hours of desk reference experience, and I now have a better sense of what academic library users want and need from their university's library. My wonderful colleagues at the QEII have also encouraged me to look beyond my duties within the division and to take advantage of other professional opportunities during my co-op. I have joined the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA) and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA), and have also volunteered my time on the NLLA conference planning committee. The benefits of the co-op option offered by Western are numerous. I feel much more confident in entering librarianship after having nearly completed my co-op at the QEII than I would have had I not opted to give co-op a try.

Not only does the co-op benefit the student, but the temporary hiring of dedicated and upcoming capable librarians who are eager to please and to hone their newly learned skills, is also a definite benefit to the employer. Co-op students are available every term for employers to hire during times when many libraries may need extra help, and at a fraction of the cost ([Employer benefits](#), 2009). Many extra, yet important duties that often go unnoticed by busy librarians can now be filled and completed by these students. Hiring a co-op student also introduces employers to potential future employees.

During my co-op, I have contributed meaningfully to the tasks and workload of the Information Services Division at the QEII. As Barbara Quarton notes in her article Five Steps to an Effective Internship Program: Providing a Meaningful Experience for Interns and Librarians, "top-notch graduate students in library and information science (LIS) programs can become effective reference interns to lighten the workload at busy reference desks" ([2002](#), p. 109). I have filled many desk hours, I have successfully helped patrons with their research, with narrowing and focusing their searches, and I have incorporated the duty of answering all telephone and email reference questions into my daily projects. I have taught many library instruction classes which other librarians would have taught in my absence, and my Timing Survey will help to define current requirements and successes at the Information desk. I believe that the timing of my co-op placement worked well for the Library also.

The QEII generally hires a co-op student during the busy Fall and Winter semesters, as opposed to the Summer semester when transactions at the Information desk and core duties within the department are manageable. In so many ways, co-op programs and relevant work experience, in general, are beneficial to MLIS or MLS students. The degree itself is time-consuming and, as such, the notion of adding to the workload or extending the duration of the degree is bothersome to many students. I am glad; however, that I took the opportunity. My confidence in my abilities has grown with my experience, and the theories and skills learned in graduate school have come together in a more practical sense. I still have not completed my degree, but my co-op experience will undoubtedly be a definite advantage to future employers when I have.

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News From New Brunswick

submitted by Nadine Goguen

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region** will say farewell to its Regional Director of over 40 years, **Claude Potvin** on April 30th. A celebration has been organized in his honor by the staff of the region to underline his legacy. All staff and board members, past and present, wish him a successful retirement, great health and happiness.

On May 1st, **Tina Bourgeois** formally the Regional Director of the Chaleur Region will become Regional Director of the A-W-K Library Region, and **Nadine Goguen**, Public Services Librarian in A-W-K will become Acting Assistant Regional Director.

In the past months, the region has been in full transition mode, transferring years of knowledge to new brains and assigning **librarian interns** to the positions of Acting Public Services Librarian, Acting Technical Services Librarian, Acting Head of References Librarian and Reference Librarian at the Moncton Public Library. Respectively, we are pleased to welcome four librarians in these roles, **Robin Illsley** (DAL), **Catherine Vienneau** (DAL), **Nathalie Brun** (EBSI) and **Pierre Goguen** (McGill).

Plans are underway for the **Cap-Pelé Public Library** to be constructed in the Spring-Summer, with an opening planned for late Fall. The blueprints are unique as they evoke the shape of a boat.

The **Riverview Public Library's** construction project is also advancing on schedule, with an opening planned in October-November. The reading room enhanced by a semi-circle of windows will be its distinctive appeal.

As well, since the demise of the A-W-K Bookmobile, after clocking more than 300,000 kilometers on the road, the region received a new library project proposal from the municipality of Rogersville, one of the bookmobile's biggest stops. And in March, it became official: the **Rogersville Public Library** will open its doors in the Fall of 2009, after many years of lobbying for their very own public library.

In March, the **Sackville Public Library** celebrated its 25th anniversary in their existing building, with a few authors in attendance, notably Budge Wilson and K.V. Johansen. (Interesting fact: the first story time in a library setting ever to be offered in Sackville dates back to the 1920s.) Music librarian at Mount Allison University and Board Member, Peter Higham, did a wonderful job as M.C.

The **Moncton Public Library** will celebrate its 20 years at its present-day address on Main Street in Moncton in April. Earlier public Library buildings were in existence since 1913.

Regional planning continues for the provincial **Summer Reading Club 2009** launch which will be held at the Dieppe Public Library on June 4th. The theme this year is Visual Arts. The slogan “Be Art-Rageous! @ your library / Soyez ARTistiques! @ votre bibliothèque.” The A-W-K region headed the project this year.



Fundy Library Region

Leslye McVicar, director of the **Kennebecasis Public Library** reported that they have launched their slogan – Kennebecasis Public Library – Building the Next Chapter, and distributed “10 Reasons Why We Need a Larger Library” in the Kennebecasis Valley to both the local *Valley Viewer*, and the KVStyle à la David Letterman, as well as posting them on their website, and designing a bookmark with the 10 reasons. Staff and Board members continue to receive interesting comments from library users on the need for a larger facility. Members of their marketing and fundraising committee met with **Althea Arsenault** of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation, who offered great tips and suggestions. Leslye also mentioned that **Jenn Carson-Garnhum** recently hosted a successful “Introduction to Book Making” program, with 14 participants. The attendants have asked for an encore program, which is scheduled later in the spring.



The **Campobello Public Library** received a \$2,000.00 grant from Learning Unlimited in Charlotte County (L.U.C.C.) to purchase items/materials. Manager **Stephanie Milbury** reports that new table and chairs, a Big Book Display stand, a mobile cart for holding craft supplies for the Children’s room as well as Young Adult fiction and non-fiction books have been purchased with the grant. A large exterior steel Library sign and directional arrow have also been purchased from these funds.

The Children's Department in the **Saint John Free Public Library** in Market Square has begun to set up its new Big Cozy Book Furniture in the reading corner. The support of the Library Board in helping us to create an updated and inviting space is appreciated, as we work to meet operational goals, says Librarian **Heather McKend**.

Did you know that March is Child Life Month? In partnership with the Child Life Department at the Saint John Regional Hospital, the Children's Department at the Saint John Free Public Library in Market Square developed a Family Drop-in table to promote the work of Child Life professionals, who support families preparing for such health-care events as vaccinations or a stay in hospital. Library and hospital staff members share an understanding that playing and reading help children learn about new experiences.



YORK LIBRARY REGION

On March 18th Dr. Marguerite-Michaud Library, in conjunction with le Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne, hosted the official re-opening ceremony celebrating the recent renovations and expansion of the centre which included the library. In attendance was the Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson; the Honourable Hédard Albert, MLA for Caraquet, Minister of Wellness, Culture and Sport and Minister responsible for the Francophonie; the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of State (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency); the Deputy Mayor of Fredericton, Tony Whalen; the Chair of the District Education Council for School District 01, Ernest Thibodeau; and the Chair of the Board for le Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne, Pierre Cormier.

Another renovation project for the York Library Region was the installation of new flooring and an improved shelving layout at Médiathèque Père-Louis-Lamontagne. The library was temporarily closed during March to facilitate these improvements and staff report the end result was well worth the effort.

Libraries in York Region have been testing a new format in audio-books – Playaways. These pre-loaded digital audio players are about the size of a deck of cards. Each unit holds one audio-book title in a durable case. Because the actual medium is untouchable, the issues of damage or loss of individual CDs are non-existent, and patrons are raving about how easy these materials are to use. Their easy-to-use controls are especially well suited to seniors and the visually impaired. They have proven to be a great complement to our existing audio collections.

Throughout April, Fredericton Public Library will be hosting a series of speaker events to highlight the 2009 Fredericton Heritage Icons. Each year the public chooses images, locations or artifacts that reflect the rich past of the city and the Friends of the Library sponsor these informative evenings. This year's icons are Fort Nashwaak, Royals Field, Maggie Muggins and the Coleman frog.

New Brunswick Public Library Service

New Brunswick Public Library Service implemented an exciting new service in March; sending e-mail notices advising patrons of the approaching due dates of their loans. Courtesy notices are sent to remind patrons to return or renew their borrowed items by the due date if they wish to avoid overdue fines. We hope that this service, coupled with an extension of the grace period to three days, will make borrowing materials even more convenient for patrons.

We are also happy to announce that the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation received a grant of \$60,000 from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Atlantic. This grant allowed New Brunswick Public Library Service to purchase new material on breast cancer for each public library and bookmobile in NB.

These resources are available to all New Brunswickers who wish to learn about all aspects of breast cancer. For easy access to these resources, we have placed a pink ribbon link in the Health section of Find it Fast! in our online catalogue (<http://vision.gnb.ca/>).

Le Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick a instauré, en mars, un nouveau service : des avis de courtoisie envoyés par courriel aux usagers. Ces avis de courtoisie rappelleront à ceux-ci qu'il est temps de retourner leurs documents ou d'en renouveler l'emprunt d'ici la date de retour s'ils veulent éviter de payer des amendes. Nous espérons que ce service, jumelé à une extension de la période de grâce à trois jours, rendra l'emprunt de documents encore plus pratique pour nos usagers.

Nous sommes également heureux d'annoncer que les Amis de la Fondation des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick ont reçu une subvention de 60 000\$ provenant de la région de l'Atlantique de la Fondation canadienne du cancer du sein. Cette subvention a permis au Service des bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick d'acquérir de la documentation récente sur le cancer du sein pour chaque bibliothèque et bibliobus du Nouveau-Brunswick.

Ces ressources sont disponibles pour tous les Néo-Brunswickois et Néo-Brunswickoises qui souhaitent en connaître davantage sur tous les aspects du cancer du sein. Pour faciliter l'accès à ces ressources, nous avons ajouté un lien représenté par un ruban rose dans la section Santé de Recherche rapide! dans notre catalogue (<http://vision.gnb.ca/>).

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

University of New Brunswick Libraries

Congratulations to John Teskey, Director of UNB Libraries in Fredericton, who is a 2009 recipient of the UNB President's Medal. Medals are awarded for outstanding teaching, research and/or administrative service over the span of a career. During the presentation held on March 23, President McLaughlin thanked John for his contributions to UNB and for his leadership and vision in charting the future of our research libraries.

Stephen Sloan, a long-time librarian at UNB, played a key role in bringing about the publication by Goose Lane Editions much-anticipated *Passamaquoddy-Maliseet Dictionary / Peskotomuhkati Wolastoqewi Latuwewakon*, edited by David A. Francis Sr., a Passamaquoddy elder, and Robert M. Leavitt, the retired Director of the Faculty of Education's Mi'kmaq-Maliseet Institute at UNB. Further information and the online version of the dictionary can be found at <http://www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/Maliseet/dictionary/>

UNB is playing host to the 29th annual STLHE (Society for Teaching & Learning in Higher Education) conference in Fredericton from June 17-20, 2009. The theme for this year's conference is "Between the Tides" with further details available on the conference website: <http://www.unb.ca/stlhe/index.php>

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

Submitted by Louise McGillis

Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

The Queen Elizabeth II Library Information Commons celebrated its 5th Anniversary on February 16 with cake and prizes. This unique computing facility provides access to a wide variety of software programs as well as research, writing, computing, one-on-one tutoring, digital media and D2L support services.

The Ferriss Hodgett Library celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Charles Darwin with a number of displays and a special birthday cake. On February 12, students and faculty gathered to sing "Happy Birthday" to Darwin as the head of the Division of Science ceremonially cut the cake. Every year "Darwin Day" is a worldwide celebration of science. This year is particularly momentous. Not only is it Darwin's 200th birthday, it is also the 150th anniversary of the publication of "On the Origin of Species", a book that revolutionized science and remains controversial.



Web 2.0 Activities

The Health Sciences Library is now on Facebook! To check out their presence or to join their group search "MUN Health Sciences Library" in Facebook.

Check out the Ferriss Hodgett Library's Twitter profile: <http://twitter.com/swgclibrary> - to get tweets about library services and resources. Wondering what twitter is? It is a service to communicate quick messages. These short (no more than 140 characters) updates known as "tweets" are posted to your profile, sent to your followers, and are searchable on Twitter search.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

St. John's Area

A CAP Innovation Grant enabled the St. John's Public Libraries to run a pilot project that introduced new technology such as Wii Fit, digital photography, ipods/MP3 players and GPS to Seniors. The classes were so popular that additional classes, for a wider audience, have been added.



Since the last bulletin the St. John's Public Libraries 'Book Clubs to Go' collection of kits has grown from 30 to 68 titles. Each kit contains ten copies of the book and discussion questions. The kits are available for use island wide through interlibrary loan. Search the library catalogue (doing a series keyword search) for a complete list of titles in the kit collection. The library catalogue is available from the main web page at <http://www.nlpl.ca/>

Western Area

There have been major infrastructure upgrades at a number of libraries in the western region including Stephenville, Deer Lake, Daniel's Harbour, Bay St.

George South and Stephenville Crossing. Special children's-area funding has helped the system improve children's areas in 13 locations. Cary Fagan will be the visiting author in mid-May. He will be travelling throughout the area telling stories and reading from his works. He is best known for his "Kaspar Snit" works and "Gogol's Coat".

Recent Conferences

The NLHLA Annual Conference and AGM took place April 23 at the Basilica Museum in St. John's. Twenty-one members attended the sessions held in the historic and beautiful Episcopal Library, which contains some of the oldest and rarest books in the Province. The morning session "Introduction to Project Management" by Randy Murphy, provided an overview of the fundamentals of project management from initiation to closure. He began by defining key concepts and explaining how projects succeed and how they fail. Further topics were: the five processes of project management; the twelve basic rules of project management; and the fifteen steps to construct a project. The first afternoon session, "EBL: the View from Down Under" was presented by Sue Fahey. It provided an Australian perspective on EBL, or Evidence Based Librarianship, based on interviews of local librarians while she was visiting that country. Sue included breathtaking pictures of the landscape and audio files of the interviews which were both uniquely Australian. In the final session, "What Happened to the Library?", Alison Farrell and Pamela Morgan walked us through the transformation of Memorial University's Health Sciences Library as it added a state of the art teaching lab. They detailed the many challenges faced and how they overcame obstacles. This presentation complemented the morning session on Project Management. The Annual General Meeting included updates from attendees on their perspective libraries, as well as election of the new Executive: Jordan Pike, President; Karen Hutchens, Vice-President/President Elect; and Linda Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer.

The NLLA (Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association) held its annual conference Friday May 1, 2009 in the Education Building, Memorial University, St. John's with fifty-two members in attendance. Sessions included: Parliamentary Indexing (Trine Schioldan), What's Happening in the Map Room (David Mercer and Joanne Costello), Issues in Delivering Equitable Library Services for People Living with Vision Loss (Len Baker), The Pre-Librarian Librarian, or the Value of the student Co-op Placement (Amanda Tiller), Hospital Librarianship (Lisa Marshall), Public Library Services for Teens (Melissa Feaver), A Day in the Life of a School Librarian (Alison Edwards) and the Keynote was delivered by Dr. Orland Hoerber of Memorial University. The closing dinner was held in scenic Bowring Park, with entertainment by the talented "Paul Simon-esque" musician Sherman Downey. The updated web site with new logo, designed by Paul Quigley, was also launched at the conference. Check it out at : <http://www.nlla.ca/>

News from Nova Scotia

Submitted by Darlene Beck

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

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

Equipment

An inventory of all equipment is being done over the next couple of months. Each machine will be labeled and numbered with corresponding documentation detailing the machine and its software.

Equipment is being refurbished and replaced where needed on a branch by branch basis.

The Middleton Friends of the Library has purchased a new computer to replace the aging reference terminal in that branch. This will be a welcome addition to the technology available in that library.

Community Access Program (CAP)

Additional staff have been hired through CAP Sustainability funding to do one-on-one computer tutorials. Middleton, Kingston, Berwick, Kentville and Wolfville will be offering tutorials until the end of March. Some of these branches had lists of 15 - 20 people waiting for the service. Most of those hired had worked in this field for the region in the summer or other CAP related terms.

The future of the CAP program remains uncertain. There continues to be a strong involvement across the province in the program. The various sites still operational are committed to the principles of the program and strive to keep their sites open.

Automated Library System

Through the Provincial Library's work with custom programming in our web catalogue there has been an increased use of subscription databases. These databases are listed to the right of the screen when a search is done in the catalogue, if these links are used the same search is done in that source. The report show that the use of these information sources has more than doubled.

The checkout slips and payment receipts generated by the automated system now includes a footer. Currently the message is about renewing items on-line, this message can be changed each month as needed.

The Provincial Library has been providing us with lots of reports that will assist us in the maintenance of our data and maintenance of records. Many departments have been involved in the processing of these reports, some of which will become monthly regulars.

Branch Services Report

The mid-winter blues can always be alleviated by a trip to the library! Whether it's finding great reading material or dvds, or attending one of a variety of library programs, we'll help see you through until those sunny spring days.

- Since January, Kentville Library has offered "Knit One, Purl Two", a suppertime knitting group for all levels of knitters.

- Regular scrabble events for all ages are ongoing at both the Middleton and Wolfville Libraries.
- The StoryTubes contest invited kids and teens to create on-line book reports via YouTube.
- The World Record Reading attempt in late January created enthusiasm at all libraries.
- Library Lounges (for teens) are being offered at several libraries and include Wii, movies, and games.
- The annual Library Sleepover in Wolfville to celebrate Family Literacy Day was fully booked again this year.

AVRL is pleased to be hosting a Writing Workshop series at the Wolfville Library on Saturday mornings, thanks to the Writers Federation of NS. This seven-week series is called Writing for Publication: Writing for Pay; a workshop on the art of freelancing, with author and freelancer Jodi Delong.

A partnership with Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) enabled the program "Junior Naturalists' Club" to take place at the Library in Middleton during February for kids in Grades 2-4. Employees of CARP helped participants become engaged in the natural world while inspiring scientific observation and fostering a love of books and reading. The same program will be held at the Annapolis Royal Library starting in late March.

Berwick Library invited the public to attend a book presentation and nature walk with authors Merritt Gibson and Soren Bondrup-Nielsen on February 28th. Their book Winter Nature was featured, with the illustrator and artist Twila Robar-DeCoste on hand as well. Thanks to Gaspereau Press for this event.

The continued support and generosity of the Friends of the Rosa M. Harvey Library in Middleton has resulted in several enhancements to the library. Two new armchairs for the teen area, an additional book bin and magazine rack, repainting of the program room, and the purchase of a new reference computer for the public are all wonderful additions!

Annapolis Royal Library staff is enjoying improvements to the desk area, thanks to Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library

It was necessary to close the Bridgetown Library for about a week and a half due to construction in the Town Hall building which affected the library area.



Cape Breton Regional Library

www.cbri.ca

New Point of Reference™ Service

Point of Reference™ is a new, free information service for community economic development (CED) organizations in areas served by the Cape Breton Regional Library. It is the result of collaboration between Cape Breton University and CBRL to provide quality reference and referral services to rural non-profit organizations. It encourages CED workers to look to their local library for information to support their efforts. Branch library staff can provide local CED groups with access to information, databases and web resources available through the local library. If they can't handle a query, they pass it on to Headquarters, and then if necessary the query is referred to the CBU Library's business librarian. Point of Reference requests are filled and sent back to the branch library within 2 business days.

Laura Syms, Business and Data Services Librarian at CBU who spearheaded this initiative, says “the primary objective...is to educate CED workers about the advantages of using quality external information sources and the need to take an evidence-informed approach. The second goal is to inform community libraries about the work of CED groups in their area, and create a culture that encourages public libraries to become engaged in the development of their local community, with library staff recognized as important social capital. We are very optimistic about Point of Reference and believe it can make rural libraries change agents in their communities.”

Staff Changes at CBRL

The Cape Breton Regional Library is pleased to welcome five new staff members. Jeanne Matthews, Joy Pearo and Kathleen Ley will share time at our Sydney Mines branch, replacing Judy DiPersio who has retired, and Barb MacLean who has joined our Headquarters staff on the Interlibrary Loans desk. Librarians Nicholas Warren and Erin Phillips have joined the McConnell Library in Sydney. Erin will take over the reins as Branch Supervisor for our Victoria County branches, and Nicholas will work out of McConnell.

Stories to Share

CBRL is in the preparation stages of a new initiative to provide young families with an easy way to choose books for their preschoolers. Modeled after the “Read, Talk, Sing” program of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, the “Stories to Share” program will provide a list of 100 terrific books recommended by library staff to give children a head start before school. The books themselves can be borrowed five at a time in bright orange book bags, so the families can work their way through the checklist. They will be available through any library branch or bookmobile. We hope to have the bags ready soon!



Stories to Share Bag

“Erased Out”- Another Play Fundraiser at McConnell Library

We had so much fun last year with the “Stamped Out” play that McConnell Library will be putting on another great murder mystery as a fundraiser this April. “Erased Out” is another original script by Greg and Kristen Woodford and directed by Brian Gallivan from Cape Breton University. Five of our library staff will make up a portion of the cast of characters from classic novels and fairy tales. The play will run Saturday and Sunday nights over three weekends starting the Saturday after Easter. Tickets are now available.

Cumberland Regional Library

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

Submitted by Denise Corey

Programming News

In early December, our popular early literacy CART program (Children and Adults Reading Together) was concluded. The program enhances the home literacy environment of preschool children and their caregiver and is designed as a continuous program, assessed at the beginning and end, to gauge how well the children are doing. The program was held in five of our

branches and during the course of the 8 weeks 30 children and their parents attended and they checked out over 1,000 books. The program was funded by a grant from the Family Literacy Endowment Fund.

In January, all of our branches took part in Family Literacy Day to beat the world record. We had 109 people to the world record attempt total with 63 people taking part in our Springhill branch.

March Break @ your Library featured programming that was offered at all 7 of our branches with 294 children taking part across the county. The various libraries offered everything from movie and games days, to traditional story times, to sledding, and origami.

We offered a second round of "Read Your Fines Away" at all of our branches during the Freedom to Read Week. Targeted at those in grades 7-12, "Read Your Fines Away" encourages teens to read for a ½ hour to have the fines on their account forgiven. For many, this is an opportunity to regain borrowing privileges with the library.

Staffing News

Sally Krueger began at the Amherst branch as a Library Clerk in February. She comes to us with years of experience from both public and college libraries in Alberta.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

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

Retirees Honored

On March 13th, a celebration was held at ECRL headquarters to honor and thank four individuals who recently retired from the ECRL Board. Those who were acknowledged included former Chair of the Library Board, Mr. Joe Walsh from Canso, former Treasurer Mr. Art Carter from Mulgrave, former Vice-Chair Mr. Ned MacDonald from Inverness and Mr. Clair Rankin from St. Peter's. Each was presented with a token of appreciation by current Board Chair Ms Shirley McNamara who acknowledged the dedication of time and energy that they have brought to the cause of public libraries in general, and the workings of the Eastern Counties Regional Library Board in particular. Also on hand for the ceremony were Marney Simmons, Mayor of Mulgrave; Petra Mauerhoff, CEO/Chief Librarian; Susan Mallette, Board member representing Inverness County, and members of ECRL headquarters staff.



(Left to right) Chair Shirley McNamara, Ned MacDonald, Clair Rankin, Joe Walsh, Art Carter, and CEO Petra Mauerhoff.

Library Card Month

The library reintroduced Library Card Month in March of this year. After a 1-year hiatus, the library decided to revisit the campaign by investing in local partnerships and creating heightened awareness in the communities. Chief Librarian Petra Mauerhoff thought the timing was right for the campaign. "With daily financial struggles facing our communities, one bright spot in many of our communities continues to be the local public library." Mauerhoff adds, "The past has shown us that during times of economic uncertainty, people turn to their libraries so the campaign allowed us the time to focus on the benefits of being a member". Library staff obtained donations of newspaper subscriptions from The Guysborough Journal, The Inverness Oran, The Strait Area Reporter, and the Cape Breton Post which will be offered as draw prizes along with gift certificates donated by local grocery and retail stores. A grand prize valued at \$190 was donated by Dundee Resort and Golf Club of a 1-night accommodation.

Partnership with YMCA

Another partnership that has grown at the library is with the YMCA Port Hawkesbury. During the month of February, library card users could walk the indoor track for free, while during the month of March, all library card users qualified to win a 1-month membership to the Y. Stacey Clements, Director of Membership Services at the YMCA of Cape Breton Port Hawkesbury, is pleased to partner with the library in these unique initiatives, saying, "The YMCA believes in building spirit, mind and body and this partnership builds on this premise. The library can offer members the resource materials related to health and wellness." Further plans involve strengthening the partnership through involvement with the YMCA's after school program.

Halifax Public Libraries

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

Halifax Public Libraries Gets Outdoor Seating Thanks to Democracy 250 Grants

As a result of a \$10,000 grant from the Democracy 250 Legacy Fund, users of the Keshen Goodman Library in Clayton Park now have an outdoor space where they can enjoy the library. Until recently, the library had only one small bench outside. Thanks to the grant, five benches, two tables with seats, planters and trash receptacles have been purchased.

The Keshen Goodman library is a vital part of the community where people gather. Before the grant, the library didn't have an outdoor area that the community could use in the same way. The new seating area has extended the reach of the library. This spring and summer, library users will be able to enjoy outdoor programming more comfortably. The Wi-Fi signal reaches outdoors, so people can bring their laptops and get their work done in the sunshine. Staff have already heard many positive comments from library users about the benches and the tables.

Diana Whalen, MLA for Halifax Clayton Park, applied for the grant for the library.

And... More Books on Library Shelves Thanks to a Democracy 250 Grant!

Thanks to another \$10,000 grant from the Democracy 250 Legacy Fund, Halifax Public Libraries was able to purchase over 400 new materials.

The library purchased materials that help people understand government and contribute to an informed voting public. Subjects covered include: politics and government in Nova Scotia and Canada, citizenship, democratic theory, political systems, local government and human rights. The materials are at various reading levels so library users of all ages can benefit from the boost to the collection. The materials have gone to branches throughout Halifax Public Libraries and contain a special bookplate to commemorate the grant.

Howard Epstein, MLA for Halifax Chebucto, applied for the grant for the library.

Word Up! Teen Poetry and Spoken Word Contest



Halifax Public Libraries invited teen wordsmiths to submit their work to the Word Up! Poetry and Spoken Word contest. Open to youth in grades 7-12, submissions could be in the form of poetry or spoken word. An electronic entry form on the library's website allows for entries in different media, such as spoken word pieces recorded on MP3 or short videos. The entries will be judged in two categories: junior high (grades 7-9) and senior high (grades 10-12). The contest was held in tandem with a series of poetry and spoken word workshops offered throughout March and April for teens. Poets Sue Goyette and Jenni Blackmore and spoken word artists Shauntay Grant and Reed 'iZrEAL' Jones helped teens hone their craft.

Spoken Word
Artist, Reed
iZrEAL Jones

All contest submissions will be posted at halifaxpubliclibraries.ca in May. The winners will be announced at the Teen Poetry and Spoken Word Awards Night on Friday, May 22, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Keshen Goodman Public Library. Prizes include a flip video camcorder, an iPod nano and mall gift cards.

Homework Help: Support for Students

The Sackville Public Library is proud to be the first branch in Halifax Public Libraries to pilot a Homework Help program. The program is funded by a grant from the Crime Prevention Action Fund and is co-ordinated by Beth Wood.

Last fall, Beth met with community groups, youth and parents in the community asking what services they would like from the Sackville Library. Through this outreach, a list of 20 recommendations was compiled. One suggestion she heard over and over again was, "We'd like a program to help our children with their homework."

In November, the Homework Help program started. Ten children from junior high and elementary schools come regularly on Tuesday nights to receive help with homework. The local schools refer children who are in need of help. Children are paired with an adult or teen volunteer from the community.

"It is very rewarding to see youth who haven't experienced school success working hard with their tutors and growing in confidence and competence," says Beth.

Asian Heritage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month. This year, Halifax Public Libraries has partnered with the Halifax Regional Municipality to offer over 20 programs in celebration of Asian heritage. There are programs for library users of all ages. The very young can enjoy stories and puppets shows with an Asian theme while older kids can learn how to do origami or play



the ancient Chinese game Weiqi. For teens, demonstrations on mehndi (henna body art) and sushi rolling will be offered. Persian dance, acupuncture and Japanese flower arranging are just a few of the programs offered for adults. For a complete list of programs offered during Asian Heritage Month, visit halifaxpubliclibraries.ca in May.

South Shore Public Libraries

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

South Shore Public Libraries Finds Success with Discussion Series

Small Communities - Big Ideas, a monthly public discussion series offers participants an opportunity to discuss the small community relevance of some big ideas, with each discussion focusing on a small aspect of a larger issue. Several times a year, participants meet at the Lunenburg Library to take the opportunity to discuss the small community relevance of some big ideas, with each discussion focusing on a small aspect of a larger issue.

This winter, discussion will focus on the topic of media and ethics. February's session, the first in a three part series, featured Vernon Oickle, editor of the Bridgewater Bulletin and Progress Enterprise discussing *Media and Ethics: Responsibilities and Roles in Your Local Community*. In March, Journalism Professor Bruce Wark illustrated how the routines of "balance" and "fairness" actually produce a historical, unfair reporting in *Media and Ethics: The Pitfalls of Everyday Journalism*. Cheryl Stenström, Chief Librarian of South Shore Public Libraries, is delighted Mr. Wark was available to lead a thought-provoking discussion on the issues of fairness and balance in the media.

The discussion series focuses on two roles the library plays in the community: to provide people with the means for free intellectual development and to offer a place where community members can come together in this pursuit, says Stenström.

South Shore Public Libraries began organizing the "*Small Communities - Big Ideas*" public discussion series last winter. Topics have included democracy, ecology, philosophy, technology and citizen engagement.

Library Board Development

New and existing members of the South Shore Regional Library Board met February 7, 2009, to discuss several key issues that will lay the groundwork for a host of short- and long-term decisions that will shape the evolving direction of public library services on the South Shore.

Over the past two years, the Board has undertaken several planning and consultation exercises with various community stakeholder groups. The recent day-long meeting gave members the opportunity to explore its priorities in the context of long-term goals, as well as address short-term issues and priorities. On the table were topics such as services and funding, including an update on the work of the Provincial Library Funding Review Task Force.

"As publicly funded bodies, library boards must constantly ensure they act as good stewards of public funds while at the same time, meet current and future service demands," says Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström. "Last year, staff, Board, Friends and volunteers participated in refreshing the organization's mission statement and choosing a name that better reflects what it does. The recent board development and planning session is a continuation of the kind of reflection needed to create a strong organization and the best library service for the residents of the South Shore."

The 16-member Library Board is led by Chair Marie Hogan Loker, and is comprised of six municipal representatives, two provincial appointees and eight community members. New representatives this year include provincial appointees David Brattston and Shelley Zwicker, Councillor Patrick Hirtle (Town of Bridgewater), Councillor Eric Hustvedt (Municipality of the District of Lunenburg), Councillor John McGee (Town of Lunenburg) and Councillor Randi Dickie (Region of Queens). South Shore Public Libraries provides services through three town libraries, one mobile library, Books by Mail and other special services.

South Shore Public Libraries celebrates reading, discovering, learning and sharing.

Librarian Selected to Mentor Peers

South Shore Public Libraries Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström was selected as a mentor at the tenth Canadian Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute (NELI) in Emerald Lake, British Columbia, from February 26 - March 3, 2009.

Modeled on the intensive experiential training sessions developed in the business sector, the Institute's mission is to assist professional librarians to develop, strengthen, and exercise their leadership skills so that they may be better equipped to formulate, articulate, and achieve the future changes required by libraries into the 21st century. It includes group and individual exercises, as well as the opportunity to learn in conversation with mentors, who have been chosen for their own leadership skills, and who participate as volunteers. Approximately eight mentors from across the country are called upon to assist in facilitating, guiding and coaching the participants.

Library Board Chair Marie Hogan Loker feels the Institute's organizers made a wise choice in identifying Stenström as a mentor for the development workshop. "Cheryl is a qualified leader. Since receiving her Master's of Library and Information Studies from the University of British Columbia in 1997, she's been involved in the library community in a wide variety of ways. She's currently an elected member of the Canadian Library Association's Executive Council and on the Board of InformCanada."

In addition to being Chief Executive Officer of South Shore Public Libraries, Stenström also teaches in the Community Library Training Program, an online distance education program designed for staff, volunteers and boards of rural public libraries; and in the Executive Master's of Library Science program at San José State University in California.

"The Library is fortunate to have Cheryl's professional leadership on a continuing basis. The Board and Staff are proud of Cheryl's accomplishments and pleased that she is participating in this mentorship program," says Hogan Loker.

The Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute is made possible by the generous sponsorship of several corporations serving the library community, including EBSCO, SIRSIDynix, YBP, and Blackwells.

Western Counties Regional Library

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

Library a Bright Spot During Tough Times

Public libraries can provide some much needed sunshine during the economic gloom and doom encircling the globe. A wide range of services from children's programs to access to high-speed Internet, movies, books, magazines, music and newspapers make the library an attractive place to spend some time and save some money.

“History has shown that the deeper the recession, the more public libraries get used,” says Western Counties Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault.

Regional library chair Gary Archibald concurs: “It has been observed many times that in period of economic downturn people increasingly make use of their public library.”

“Whether it be to borrow ... a book, read newspapers or magazines, check out a DVD, use a computer for job hunting, complete an online application, make use of free wireless connections, or just escape the economic situation in a warm inviting location, public library branches are there for to all of us to use,” he says.



Western Counties Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault stands in front of the busiest area of the Yarmouth library, the public access computers. She notes that historically during tough times, more people use public libraries.

The statistics back this up. Program attendance is up 43 per cent for children and up 78 per cent for adults in 2008-2009 over the previous year. User sessions for computers at the Yarmouth branch alone for January 08 was 6,016 versus 12,145 for January 2009 – up more than 50 per cent. Regionally DVD circulation was 26,510 in 2007-08 from April through January versus 32,947 for the same 10 months in 2008-09. Overall circulation (all library materials) is up three per cent in January 2009 versus January 2008.

Many of the library clerks at the regional library's 10 branches believe there has been a rise in library use, especially among people accessing the public computers and Internet. “I see more people come in to use the computer service and wireless

connection,” says June Swift, library clerk for the Westport Branch Library on Brier Island. “I also have a student taking Sylvan (Learning) online through our wireless connection. This saves on Internet bills for the student.” She says more patrons are borrowing DVDs and requesting newly released books.

Pubnico Branch Library clerk Beatrice Adams puts it more simply: “Basically everything at the library is free.” Adams says her patrons are beginning to promote library services among their peers to a greater extent, increasing public awareness of the many services available at the library.

Branches in Pubnico and Meteghan also offer extensive French collections.

“We have a great French collection for kids and the adult collection for French fiction is ongoing,” says Adams. “We have the newspapers the Chronicle Herald, the Vanguard and le Courrier (de la Nouvelle Écosse) that they can come in and sit at the tables and read.”

Programs are a big part of library services. At many of the branches, there are parent and baby reading and activity programs, craft programs for all ages, book clubs, game nights and specialty programs covering everything from tax returns to travel. Gone are the days when people are being asked to be quiet at the library.

“There is no longer the stigma of being shushed and silent in the library,” says Adams.

Library clerks know the province and have ready access to information on tourism, law, government agencies, schools and churches, she adds. Libraries are a community meeting place, says Suzanne Gear, the senior library clerk at the McKay Memorial Library in Shelburne. “We have meeting rooms for non profit groups.”

Both Shelley Smith with the Clark’s Harbour Branch Library and Heather Suttle of the Lillian Benham Library in Lockeport says there has been an increase in library usage, especially patrons using computers and borrowing DVDs. “Perhaps it’s the weather, or the economy, but folks seem delighted to find us,” says library clerk Sara Weiser of the Digby library. “I think they are primarily drawn to the DVDs, but once we get them in the door we can show them a number of things that we can offer for free.”

Weiser’s co-worker Thelma Pulsifer believes her personal library use for materials such as books, movies and magazines saves her approximately \$40 a week.

“We certainly encourage people to use the library as that is the reason we exist, namely, to provide the resources, to assist and to serve. In these times, people are rediscovering the value of their public library,” concludes Archibald.

Library Part of Family Literacy World Record Attempt

Multiple branches of Western Counties Regional Library were part of the Guinness World Record Attempt for “Most Children Reading with an Adult, Multiple Locations.” The Family Literacy Day World Record Attempt was held across Canada at various locations on Jan. 23 and 24. The goal was to break the record of 78,791, set in the United States in 2006, by reading to a child for 30 minutes. Final results are not yet available, but an unofficial number of 104,000 were listed on the ABC Canada Web site.

“It was a great opportunity for families to read together,” says Joanne Head, coordinator of Children’s Services for Western Counties Regional Library. “And you can’t get any better than Robert



Weymouth Library Clerk Marguerite Thibault engages participants during Weymouth Branch Library's participation in the Guinness World Record Attempt for “Most Children Reading with an Adult, Multiple Locations” on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Munsch. This program was for all ages and library staff and volunteers read Robert Munsch's *Munschworks 2* or read the stories from the collection.

Participating library branches included:

Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library, Yarmouth

Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library, Digby

McKay Memorial Library, Shelburne

Clark's Harbour Branch Library, Clark's Harbour

Pubnico Branch Library, Pubnico Head

Weymouth Branch Library, Weymouth

The world record attempt was tied to Family Literacy Day (FLD), an annual event promoted by ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation that occurs on Jan. 27. It was also being coupled with Nova Scotia's annual Read to Me! jamborees. Read to Me! is a provincial, hospital-based program developed to help families enrich their child's early years with books and reading.



Patrick Jarvis works with Sarah and Laura Fuller on their drumming technique during Come Drum with Us at the Weymouth Branch Library on Thursday, Feb. 5.

Drumming

Patrick Jarvis brought in a variety of drums to the library and talked about each type and how some of them were made. He used the talking drum to introduce the storyteller who told an Anansi story (an African story) about how stories came to be told on Earth. Participants learned some basic drum beats and had fun drumming.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Cape Breton University Library

<http://www.capebretonu.ca/library/index.asp>

New Staff

Cape Breton University Library is pleased to welcome new staff member, Ron Rooth. Ron , who graduated from Simon Fraser University, is replacing a librarian who is currently on leave.

**Dalhousie University
Killam Library**

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

Killam Launches LC @ a Glance

If you've been using any of the three Learning Commons at the Killam Library recently you may have noticed large screens placed at the entrances. What's on them? A color-coded map showing which workstations are available or in use at the South, North and Upper Commons. The display, called "LC @ a Glance," updates every time someone logs on or off a computer, so all it takes is a quick scan of the screen to see what's available and where. Printer status is also displayed and updated as necessary. Even better, *LC @ a Glance* is posted online so you can check to see how many computers are free before you even leave home. Works on your Blackberry too!



David Miffen, Dalhousie Libraries Systems Administrator, creator of "LC @ a Glance"

The creative genius behind this great new service is David Miffen, Dalhousie Libraries Systems Administrator and technology entrepreneur. David created the software for *LC @ a Glance* and generously donated it to the Libraries.

The software, called PC Idle, is completely customizable and could be adapted for such things as usage statistics, reserving computers for special occasions, taking computers out of service, alerting managers to problems with individual computers, etc.

Students have been all over *LC @ a Glance* ever since the large screens were installed. Come to the Killam Learning Commons and check out it out for yourself, or view it from home on our website at: pcidle.library.dal.ca/ (South LC), pcidle.library.dal.ca/pcidle/nlc.html (North LC), and pcidle.library.dal.ca/pcidle/ulc.html (Upper LC).

We think it's pretty cool and we hope you will too!

Dalhousie Libraries Appoint Communications Officer

The Dalhousie Libraries have appointed Tina Usmiani to the newly-created position of Communications Officer, effective January 5, 2009. Tina has worked in various capacities at the Killam Library for many years, including as the Russian subject specialist and on the reference desk in Special Collections. Her new duties include planning and implementing an annual PR campaign, managing the Libraries' suite of News & Events webpages and blog, writing articles for the Dal News, editing and publishing *Context*, the Libraries' biannual newsletter online and in print, and organizing and emceeding the [CLCP Public Reading Series](#).



Tina Usmiani, recently appointed to the position of Dalhousie Libraries Communications Officer

Tina has established a PR Team with representatives from all four of the Dalhousie Libraries (Killam Memorial Library, Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Sexton Design & Technology Library, and Sir James Dunn Law Library), and is working with them on some exciting new initiatives. Stay tuned for updates!

Mount Saint Vincent University<http://www.msvu.ca/library/>**New Face in Mount Archives**

University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson is pleased to announce that there is a new Archivist in the Mount Archives. Roger Gillis comes to the Mount with a Masters of Arts in history from UNB, and a wealth of experience gained while working as the Web Administrator at the UNB Electronic Text Centre in the Harriet Irving Library, as Archival Registrar at the MacNaught History Centre and Archives in Summerside, and as a records manager with the College of Registered Nurses of NS. The Mount Archives open hours will be 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. each week day and Roger invites everyone to drop by to explore our archival collections. “The archival resources which are unique to an institution are becoming more important to students and faculty for a variety of study and research purposes. It is our intention to create digital archival collections to provide convenient and permanent access to these vital sources of information”, notes Collections and Archives Librarian Terry Paris. “Roger’s expertise in the creation of electronic texts and digital archives will help us to achieve our goals using national best practices”. Roger will also be assisting with the Mount’s digital records management initiative currently under way.



Roger Gillis, recently appointed Archivist at the Mount Archives

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**Saint Mary's University****Patrick Power Library**<http://www.smu.ca/administration/library/index.html>**LibQUAL**

We have just finished our second LibQUAL survey. Once again we were pleased with the response from the Saint Mary's community, with about 1,200 students, faculty and staff filling out the questionnaire and providing us with comments which will go a long way toward shaping our future services, resources and space.

The Atrium Project

Work continues on this new 3-storey global commons/academic/administrative complex adjacent to the library. As mentioned in earlier postings, this will also dictate a reorientation of the current library. Our entrance and lobby will no longer (as of this September) be our entrance and lobby. Naturally, we are busy planning how to best accommodate these changes to public and staff space.

University Involvement

In what has become an annual tradition, we joined with the other Novanet libraries in the *Food For Fines* campaign. The local food bank was happy to receive these contributions to their valuable work. We also participated in the *Saint Mary's University Sustainability Week*. A sizeable, impressive display was created to highlight the many different “green” initiatives which the Library has undertaken over the years.

People

Information Literacy librarian **Heather Sanderson** wrote an article entitled *The Library: Partnering with Faculty for Students' Academic Literacy* for the Saint Mary's publication, *Teaching and Learning*. **Hansel Cook**, University Archivist, will present the workshop *Libraries During Wartime*, which will look at various case studies to determine why and how libraries are targeted during times of conflict, at the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association. Information Systems librarian **Peter Webster** is busy as program chair of the upcoming APLA annual conference. **Ron Houlihan**, Promotional Services Librarian, is nearing completion of his 2-year position as president of the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union.

News from Prince Edward Island

Submitted by Dawn Hooper

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

Contributed by Nichola Cleaveland and Trina O'Brien Leggott

Public Library Service Newsletter

The Public Library Service has introduced a quarterly library e-newsletter, Public Library Service Newsletter (English title) / Service des bibliothèques publiques Bulletin d'information (French title). The inaugural issue of the e-newsletter, published in March 2009, is available via our website <http://www.library.pe.ca>.

Rebecca Boulter, Literacy and Public Services Librarian, is the editor/compiler of the e-newsletter. The first issue contains articles detailing Family Literacy Day activities, audiobooks, titles (English and French) on knitting, our Book Club in a Bag service, and the role of the library in tough economic times. Four regular columns were introduced: Readers Advisory; New Titles; a profile of one of our 26 branches; and, a Library FAQ to answer questions patrons may have about us, our services, policies, etc.

Renovations to Confederation Centre Public Library

Confederation Centre Public Library (CCPL) is located in the Confederation Centre of the Arts complex. Work is now underway on the Confederation Centre of the Arts' five-year plan to upgrade and improve the facility. The repairs include new windows and doors, repairs to the skylights in Memorial Hall and general upgrades throughout the building. The goals are to restore and upgrade the structure to achieve conservation and energy efficiencies and to improve the centre's accessibility and visibility.

As a result, a really large crane, men in hard hats and the sound of tools and machinery at work are the order of the day at CCPL these days. CCPL expects to have new front doors installed at the end of March, and replacement of windows will be an approximately 8-week project in May/June. Staff are holding off on scheduling programs at this time as we do not yet know the full impact of the construction on the library.

Passing of Edith Campbell

We are all saddened at the death of long-time and valued staff member Edith Campbell. Edith worked at PLS Headquarters for 20 years and will be greatly missed.

Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island

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Contributed by Pam Wheatley

With a recent transfer of baptismal records to the Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island, genealogists and historians who visit the Archives will find indexes for baptisms up to 1923 in the Reading Room. These indexes can lead the researcher to the microfilmed church records, with the exception of post-1900 Catholic records, which remain closed by request of the diocese. The Archives is in the process of compiling the newly-acquired baptismal records for addition to the existing online database, but this process is long and labourious (just ask our number one data entry volunteer, Jean MacLean): <http://www.gov.pe.ca/cc/baptismal/>

Also newly available on microfilm in the Reading Room of the Public Archives: death records from 1906 to 1921 and marriage records from 1920 to 1933.

Provincial Archivist Jill MacMicken-Wilson is on educational leave until the end of the summer, as she works on her Ph.D.



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Holland College Library Services

Contributed by Andrea Stewart

We are very honoured and excited to have received a generous donation of art books from the estate of Erica Rutherford. Among her many accomplishments, Erica Rutherford was a very successful painter and printmaker. She made lasting contributions to the Prince Edward Island arts scene, including being instrumental in the formation of the Great George Street Gallery and the P.E.I. Printmakers Council. Her work has been exhibited in hundreds of group and solo shows, and is in the collections of the Canada Council Art Bank, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the Arts Council of Great Britain. Her legacy continues with this wonderful donation of books which will be a great asset to our students and faculty in a variety of programs including Fundamental Arts, Graphic Design, and Video Game Art and Design. Once all of the items have been catalogued and processed, we will celebrate with a news release and gathering in the Charlottetown Centre Library. We extend our sincerest thank you to Erica's family.

Holland College Library Services has recently partnered with Better World Books to help raise funds for the literacy project 'Books for Africa'. Better World Books collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide. For the 'Books for Africa' initiative, the organization has collected more than 16 million books through book drives at over 1,800 colleges and universities and has partnered with over 1,400 libraries to collect books. We send them discarded, used, and unwanted books at no charge and they will resell them on 18 different marketplace websites, including <http://www.betterworldbooks.com> with funds raised going to a non-profit literacy program of your choice. We are happy to participate in a program that not only raises money for a good cause, but is also environmentally friendly through their commitment to the redistribution, reuse, and recycling of previously loved books.

UPEI Robertson Library

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

Contributed by Suzanne Jones, Outreach & Communications Librarian

Library ASK US – Virtual Reference (<http://library.upei.ca/>)

Since February, we have been using LibraryH3lp software to provide the interface for our virtual reference. We also added the application's Chat Box on every library webpage, making it easier for any of our users to ask questions virtually. These changes have been very well received. With this new software application and its display of the more familiar chat box, our virtual reference statistics have changed dramatically. Compared to the same period last year, chat queries have increased tenfold.

Previously, our virtual chat service used Crafty Syntax. While our LIVE CHAT icon was in plain sight on our web page, its meaning was somewhat obscure. It was also a click or two removed from allowing an instant query.

Freedom To Read Week 2009 – Public Reading Events

The Robertson Library hosted two entertaining open reading sessions (Tuesday, Feb. 24) and Friday, Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) where members of the UPEI faculty and staff read and discussed excerpts from various books which have been "challenged" in the past for their content

and/or point of view. Books included some old familiar favourites, as well as a few more contemporary titles. Thanks to: Laurie Brinklow, David Buck, Roger Cook, Nola Etkin, Cathy Gillan, Suna Houghton, Simon Lloyd, Brent MacLaine, Margaret McPike, and Shannon Murray for their reading participation!



Samuel's Coffee Kiosk Opened on March 16th in the Library

This addition to the Library has been a spectacular success with library users. The kiosk's hours of operation currently are: Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Students are asking for weekend hours, as well. In fact, the constant high demand on the coffee shop has taken almost everyone by surprise. And even library staff line up for the occasional quick treat because of its convenience. Bagel, anyone?



SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Frank J. MacDonald Library

Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Contributed by Julie Cole

Though a small province, there are many special libraries scattered throughout Prince Edward Island. One such library can be found in the province's largest acute care hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), in Charlottetown, PEI. The QEH is a 274-bed hospital facility dedicated to improving the health of Islanders by providing leadership in acute care and specialized services. Since the hospital's opening in the early eighties, the Frank J. MacDonald Library (named in honour of the founding chairman of the QEH Board of Directors) has played an important role in contributing to the continuing information and education needs of physicians, nurses, allied health professionals and overall staff of the medical community of Prince Edward Island. Through its consortial relationships with the other hospital libraries through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as the staff of the Robertson Library of the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) and Dalhousie University's W.K Kellogg Health Sciences Library, the library is able to offer the highest quality of medical information for staff accessing the library's services.



Julie Cole and Heather Cairns

Surrounded by windows, the library is a bright and open space where staff can be found working on any number of projects at the library's computers or sitting in a quiet spot relaxing and reading the paper to escape from the hustle and bustle of working in a busy hospital. The library is located on the third level of the hospital and though not a large library, there are over 85 print/electronic journals as well as many books dedicated to various medical specialties available for staff. The library also subscribes to various medical resources including CINAHL, Cochrane Library and UpToDate for use by its staff.

Hospital Librarian, Julie Cole, is responsible for the overall management of library services for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Hillsborough Hospital. Julie came to the QEH in October 2007, replacing retiring librarian Marion MacArthur, who is presently an information specialist with NRC-CISTI on the campus UPEI. Heather Cairns, the library's clerk, works in the library two days a week working on maintaining the library's collection and assisting in various library-related tasks. When visiting the library, one will often find Julie busy conducting literature searches for medical staff and medical students throughout the province on topics covering administration, policies and legislation, pharmaceuticals, and a varied host of medical-related topics. Along

with the everyday challenges of working in the library, Julie has also been kept busy on various special projects for the department including her roles as the Web Administrator of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Hillsborough Hospital's web pages on the PEI Department of Health's website and the Telehealth and Videoconferencing Coordinator for the QEH.

Working in a hospital library is a very rewarding experience, especially in a community as close as those working within the health field on PEI. Please feel free to visit the library's website at www.gehlibrarypei.ca or stop by the Frank J. MacDonald Library the next time you are in the Charlottetown area.

Library Education

Dalhousie School of Information Management

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

Student Conference

The 2009 Information without Borders (IWB) Conference was a magnificent success. The keynote speakers, Dr B. Boadway & Mark Leggott, were riveting, the panels were highly engaging, the poster session and the technology petting zoo were extremely informative.

MLIS students Sarah Ziolkowska and Kimberly Johnson won the poster session competition with their entry titled "Green Technology and Academic Libraries".

The webcasts of the IWB conference are now available at <http://iwbconference.informationmanagement.dal.ca/iwbconference/index.html>. We hope that these videos will encourage you to attend future student-led IWB conferences.

Information Management Public Lecture Series

In March two Information Management public lectures were held in the School of Information Management:

Countdown to the Big Day: Wedding Planners as Documentary Tools for Time and Information Management was presented by SIM Researcher-in-Residence, Elisabeth Davies, and Pamela McKenzie, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean, Research at the Faculty of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario. Their presentation focused on commercially-available wedding planning guides, how these planners teach brides-to-be to "see" time and the means provided for managing information throughout the planning process. This research is a component of a larger project about the relationship between time and information management.

In *MLIS Independent Study Courses: From Contract Work to Original Research*, five MLIS students presented the results of their research:

- *Open Access Publishing*. Creighton Barrett; Advisor: Haidar Moukdad
- *Processes for Community Archiving*. Braden Cannon; Advisor: Kathryn Harvey
- *Cataloguing and Classification of Arabic Materials*. Sean Swanick; Advisor: Haidar Moukdad
- *Trends in Technology and Design: Teen Spaces in Small Public Libraries*. Tasya Tymczyszyn; Advisors: Fiona Black and Eric Stackhouse.
- *Connecting with Comics*. Sarah Ziolkowska; Advisor: Vivian Howard

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Draft Ordinary General Meeting Agenda

Atlantic Provinces Library Association

70th Ordinary General Meeting

Halifax, NS

Thursday, June 11 2009 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Part 1)

Saturday, June 13, 2009 - 9:30 - 11:00 am (Part 2)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order; Introduction of Head Table
2. Establish Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. APLA Meeting Rules
5. Minutes of the 69th Ordinary General Meeting, Charlottetown, May 9th/11th 2008
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. President's Report – S. Cleyle
8. Past President's Report – D. Bourne -Tyson
9. Vice-Presidents' Reports
 - a. New Brunswick – N. Goguen
 - b. Newfoundland & Labrador – L. McGillis
 - c. Nova Scotia – D. Beck
 - d. Prince Edward Island – D. Hooper
 - e. Membership - R. MacPherson
10. Financial Examiner
 - a. Report 2008/2009 - P. Glenister
 - b. Appointment of Financial Examiner, 2009/2010 – P. Logan
11. Treasurer
 - a. Report 2008/2009– P. Logan
 - b. Budget 2009/2010 – P. Logan
12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin Management Board – I. I.Gibson/J.Duffy
13. Report of the APLA website administrator – L. Tweed
14. Aims & Objectives Committee – D. Moses
 - a. Timed Discussion: Standing Order 9.01 (15 minutes)
9.01 The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall be an institutional member of the Canadian Library Association and I'ASTED.
 - b. Timed Discussion: Joint Memberships (15 minutes)
15. Committee on Committees and Interest Groups – D. Moses
16. Finance – S. Cleyle
17. APLA Memorial Award – E. Alcock
18. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship – D. Moses
19. Communications and Public Relations - S.Cleyle
20. Continuing Education Committee – E. Alcock
21. Nominations and Elections – D. Bourne-Tyson
22. Interest Group Reports
 - 22.1 Access to Government Information – vacant
 - 22.2 Collections Development – L. White
 - 22.3 Computers and Connectivity – H. Cook

- 22.4 Conservation of Library Materials - S. Lloyd
- 22.5 Continuing Education – Denyse Rodrigues
- 22.6 Francophone – Jean-François Savaria
- 22.7 Information Literacy – Janet Goosney
- 22.8 Library Technicians – K. Darby
- 22.9 New Librarians and Information Professionals – Leigh Anne Gagnier
- 22.10 Newspaper – vacant
- 22.11 Youth Services - N. Cohen
- 23. Grow a Library Report – D. Bourne-Tyson
- 24. APLA Archives Report– J. Richard
- 25. Report of CLA Copyright representative – J. Duffy
- 26. Report of the IFLA representative – L. Mackey
- 27. Annual Conferences -- Reports
 - a. Charlottetown, PEI 2008
 - b. Halifax, NS 2009
 - c. Saint John, NB 2010
 - d. St. John's, NL 2011
- 28. Standing Order Revisions – D. Bourne-Tyson
 - a. 2.02 The fees shall be:
 - a) Library support staff: \$25.00
 - b) Students: \$12.00 Free
 - b. 5.05 Nominations and Elections Committee
The committee shall normally conduct a postal ballot, in a format determined by the Executive within two weeks of the close of nominations. The results of the election shall be reported in writing to the Secretary for announcement at the ordinary general meeting
 - c. 7.02 A list of current interest groups will be published on the APLA Membership Directory website
 - d. 8.02 The format of the APLA Bulletin shall be an 8.5" x 11" newsletter determined by the Bulletin Management Board; the frequency shall be 5 times a year; the contents shall include news, short articles, items of regional interest, job advertisement display, brief notes of publications received, and material of similar nature to this format; and for the benefit of serials librarians everywhere the APLA Bulletin shall not change its title.
- 29. Unfinished Business
- 30. Resolutions
- 31. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management Update
- 32. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program Update
- 33. Inauguration of Incoming President
- 34. Adjournment

Minutes from 2008 Ordinary General Meeting (Draft)

This document is also available as a .pdf at

http://www.apla.ca/system/files/apla_OGM_minutes_DRAFT_2008_Charlottetown.pdf

Atlantic Provinces Library Association
69th Ordinary General Meeting
Minutes
Charlottetown, PEI
Friday, May 9, 2008 - 5:15 - 7:00 pm (Part 1)
Sunday, May 11, 2008 - 9:30 - 11:00 am (Part 2)

1. Call to Order

President D. Bourne-Tyson called the meeting to order at 5:25 and introduced President Elect S. Cleyle, Secretary C. Saunders and Parliamentarian N. Horrocks.

2. Establish Quorum

D. Bourne-Tyson declared the meeting quorate (45 members in attendance).

3. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with the following revisions: Item 4 "Adoption of APLA Meeting Rules" was changed to "APLA Meeting Rules". After Item 26 "Report of the IFLA representative" the following items were added: "Grow a Library" and "Archives" reports.

(E. MacLean / I. Douthwright). Carried.

4. APLA Meeting Rules

D. Bourne-Tyson reiterated that these rules were compiled as a guide and are not new to the association.

5. Minutes of the 68th Ordinary General Meeting, St. John's, May 25th/27th 2007

Minutes were approved after the following corrections:

Item 8 "Planning has is underway" deletion of "has"; Item 9, add "University" to "Mount Saint Vincent"; Item 11 Add: "Amendment/Addition was DEFEATED"; Item 12 Add: "Amendment was not debated since time had run out (and it was not brought before the meeting at Part II of the OGM)."; Item 6 Insert amount: \$1688.44.

(J. Teskey / P. Parsons) Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. President's Report – D. Bourne-Tyson

President D. Bourne-Tyson presented highlights of her written report, including efforts to reduce expenditure, the transition to an open access online bulletin, the creation of a very successful Provincial VP series, and the initial exploration of joint memberships with other associations. She noted the positive commentary on our association's accomplishments that she has received, and thanked and acknowledged the commitment and hard work of the Executive and membership.

8. Past President's Report – I. Douthwright

I. Douthwright presented his report, noting two key areas of work during the past year as chairing the committee to select the Merit Award winner and the completion of the editing of the conference manual.

9. Vice-President's Reports

a. New Brunswick – N. Goguen

Report was published in the Bulletin: N. Goguen mentioned the success of the VP series event held in New Brunswick.

b. Newfoundland & Labrador – P. Parsons

Report was published in the Bulletin: P. Parsons also stressed the success of the VP series. This event was held in conjunction with a conference and provided the opportunity to promote APLA to over 50 attendees. She thanked the members for their support during her term.

c. Nova Scotia – D. Costelo

Report was published in the Bulletin: D. Costelo mentioned events she attended which helped to generate student memberships. She acknowledged award winners from Nova Scotia and noted the success of the VP series, partly due to partnership with other sponsors.

d. Prince Edward Island – D. Moses

Report was published in the Bulletin: D. Moses added that he has been busy working on the conference and thanked all volunteers for their hard work.

e. Membership - R. MacPherson

Report was published in the Bulletin: R. MacPherson commented that membership numbers increased due to free student memberships. She stated that the membership database will be moved from the old laptop very soon.

10. Financial Examiner's Report - P. Glenister

P Glenister stated that he had nothing to add to the written report circulated.

Motion to approve the Financial Examiner's report. (P. Logan /J. Richard) Carried

11. Treasurer's Report – P. Logan

Report was published in the Bulletin. P. Logan provided a detailed review of the finances and highlighted the following: the move from paper accounting to Quicken software, the positive financial effect of moving to an online bulletin and the fiscal responsibility shown by the Executive. She congratulated the winners of this year's awards and grants, and issued special thanks to Bulletin Advertising Coordinator Ruth Cordes for her diligence and success in obtaining advertising revenue. She thanked P. Glenister and the Executive for their assistance.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (P. Glenister / L. Melanson) Carried

P. Logan reported on next year's Budget. Items of note included: \$350 for Continuing Education, \$400 for Interest Groups (to fund projects to stimulate activity in the groups), the addition of \$200 for Archives Support to assist with APLA archives and digitization of bulletins, \$500 for the Memorial Award (a one-time amount to allow an award for this year) and \$6000 (to repay a fund that was cashed in error).

In discussion of the Budget, J. Richard requested a change in terminology from "Archives Supplies" to "Archives Support." P. Logan will make this change.

P. Glenister confirmed that there should not be a General Revenue line for award trust funds that generate tax receipts; therefore Grow a Library Fund should not have such a line. P. Logan will remove the line.

J. Teskey requested clarification from P. Glenister regarding fees attached to the Somers Trust (they relate to a Capital Gain). There was a discussion about student assistants who sort APLA mail at the School of Information Management. The issue related to whether there was payment attached to this task.

Motion: that we add a \$300 line for a student to sort the mail. (P. Glenister / E. MacLean) Carried.

Motion: to approve the budget as amended (P. Glenister / J. Richard) Carried

12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin Management Board – S. Penney / D. Taylor-Harding

The Bulletin Editors noted that two final print editions were produced before moving to an online version. Server problems, software incompatibility and bad weather provided difficulties during the year. They will work with the new editors initially to effect a smooth transition. Thanks were extended to D. Moses and S. Orlov, the contributors, Ruth Cordes for her work with advertising and the Executive and membership.

D. Bourne-Tyson congratulated the editors on an excellent job.

13. Report of the APLA website administrator – S. Orlov

No report at this time.

14. Executive and Standing Committee Reports

15. Aims & Objectives – S. Cleyle

S. Cleyle reported that for the coming year she hopes to focus on new initiatives on membership and to attract new professionals. She invited suggestions for new initiatives in the coming year. She acknowledged the hard work of this year's Executive and commented on the remarkable work done on the budget by the past presidents. She thanked them and the bulletin editors for working to improve the Association's financial picture.

16. Committee on Committees and Interest Groups – S. Cleyle

S. Cleyle reported that she is hoping to invigorate the interest groups. There will be changes in convenors and future initiatives.

17. Finance – D. Bourne-Tyson

D. Bourne-Tyson reported that these items were covered under the Treasurer's report.

D. Bourne-Tyson announced that the winner of this year's First Timers award was Tasya Tymczyszyn.

18. APLA Memorial Award – T. Harrison

T. Harrison recapped the report printed in the Bulletin, explained the focus of the award and encouraged donations.

D. Bourne-Tyson thanked her for her service as she is stepping down from the committee.

19. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship – S. Cleyle

S. Cleyle, Committee Chair, reported that there were a record number of applicants. The scholarship was awarded to Allan Chase of UNB. She thanked the committee and congratulated the recipient.

20. Communications and Public Relations - G. Byrne

D. Bourne-Tyson thanked G. Byrne who has completed her term.

21. Continuing Education Committee – S. Adams

Report was printed in the bulletin. S. Adams stated that E. Alcock will be the new convenor.

D. Bourne-Tyson thanked S. Adams for her work on the committee.

22. Nominations and Elections – I. Douthwright

I Douthwright reported the full slate of the new Executive. There was an election this year for the VP Nova Scotia position; the successful candidate was Darlene Beck.

I. Douthwright thanked the executive and the association for their support in the past years.

23. Interest Group Reports

a. Access to Government Information - J. Neilson

Report was printed in the bulletin.

D. Bourne-Tyson thanked outgoing convenor J. Neilson for his service.

b. Collections Development – L. White

Report was circulated.

c. Computers and Connectivity – H. Cook

No report

d. Conservation of Library Materials - S. Lloyd

No report

e. Continuing Education – H. Berringer

Report was printed in the bulletin

f. Francophone - C. Bellemare

Report was printed in the bulletin

g. Information Literacy - G. MacNairn

Report was printed in the bulletin. G. MacNairn reported that she is stepping down and the new convenor will be J. Goosney. D. Bourne-Tyson thanked outgoing convenor G. MacNairn for her service.

h. Library Technicians – K. Darby

No report

i. New Librarians and Information Professionals – D. Corey-Fancy

D. Corey-Fancy reported that she sent emails asking groups to contribute to conferences going on in the area; she also started a Facebook Group.

D. Bourne-Tyson thanked D. Corey-Fancy for her work.

j. Newspaper - E. Brown

Vacant position.

k. Youth Services - N. Cohen

No report

24. Report of the ASTED representative - C. Bellemare

No report

25. Report of CLA Copyright representative – J. Duffy

No report

26. Report of the IFLA representative – L. Mackey

Report was published in the Bulletin: Additional comments from L. Mackey included the fact that the search for volunteers was extended to May 13, 2008, and that the National Committee is searching for interesting photos of Atlantic Provinces Libraries to include in a visual presentation at the Opening Ceremonies.

Additions to the agenda

Grow a Library

Report was submitted. J. Richard reported the following additional information: The project may focus on a small library in the province holding the conference each year. Because the conference moves to Halifax more often, every second Halifax conference could focus on an international library. Fundraising would take place during the conference.

Archives Committee

Report was submitted. J. Richard added that there is an electronic pathfinder ready to go. In response to an enquiry from P. Glenister, she confirmed that the digitization includes the Maritime Library Association Bulletin.

D. Bourne-Tyson stated that the pre-resolution session is tomorrow between 5 and 6. Resolutions may also be given to a member of the Executive before then. She reminded members of the Dalhousie Associated Alumni reception tomorrow. The OGM Part I was adjourned at 6:45p.m.

Atlantic Provinces Library Association Meeting Rules

1. All Personal, Honorary Life, Life, and Institutional Members may participate in discussions at General Meetings. Nonmembers may speak by general consent of the Members or by majority vote of the Members present and voting.
2. Persons seeking recognition from the Presiding Officer shall identify themselves for the record, giving their names, library or other affiliation, and whether Members or nonmembers.
3. All categories of Members as given above may vote whether present in person or by proxy in accordance with the Articles of Association.
4. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker; no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
5. Resolutions at ordinary general meetings shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee in either of the official languages. Resolutions shall be presented to the ordinary general meeting in English; if asked for, a free translation of resolutions into French will be given orally from the floor by a French-speaking member of the committee; and Resolutions shall be printed in their final form in the APLA Bulletin in both English and French. Resolutions shall be framed only in connection with contentious matters or questions of policy. The presiding officer shall protect the meeting from obviously frivolous or dilatory motions by refusing to recognize them.
6. All motions and amendments from the floor shall be written by the makers and submitted to the Secretary. Discussion will not begin until they have been read or displayed to the Membership.
7. At the beginning of each session of the meeting the Presiding Officer will announce the agenda and rule on proposed additions. After the agenda has been adopted by the members present, it can be departed from only by general consent or by a two-thirds vote.
8. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall render service as required at general meetings. During a meeting the work of the Parliamentarian should be limited to giving advice to the Presiding Officer and when requested, to any other member.

April 2008

President's Report

Atlantic Provinces Library Association

President
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Annual Report – *Rapport annuel*
May 11, 2009

It has been a very interesting year serving APLA as your President. My focus has been primarily in three areas: advocacy, member initiatives and collaboration building. The resulting accomplishments could not have been achieved without the tireless dedication of your APLA executive. These volunteers have a true passion for the profession and for “giving back.” I would also like to acknowledge Memorial University and its unwavering supporting of my volunteer work with APLA. They have been very supportive over the past year.

Advocacy

Libraries and Librarianship have never stopped changing. Issues like copyright, digital rights management and even the governance of THE Canadian library have impacted our profession over the past year. On behalf of its members, APLA has submitted letters to government on the issue of Bill C-61 (copyright), the CRTC (net neutrality and the internet) and finally the NRC (cuts to CISTI.) Issues such as these will continue to arise and members are encouraged to bring them to the attention of the executive. As the voice of the region for library professionals, it is critical that APLA work with its members and other associations, like CLA, ASTED and CARL to form a united voice.

APLA has also advocated fundraising for libraries in less developed countries. Today, Our Grow a Library Committee is supporting the work of CODE and has adopted a library in Ethiopia. The committee, convened by Donna Bourne-Tyson will be very actively fundraising throughout the APLA Conference and all APLA members are encouraged to participate in this great initiative. For more information, check out the Grow a Library link on the APLA website. <http://apla.ca/grow>.

Member initiatives

Bulletin

We have had a very successful first “electronic” year with the Bulletin. This move is good for the environment, supportive of open source publishing and fiscally beneficial to APLA’s bottom line. I would like to thank Donna Bourne-Tyson (2007/2008 APLA President) for her vision and leadership that saw us transition from paper to electronic. It literally saved our bacon. And we now have gone from paper to a fabulous online, open source publication. I would also like to thank Stacey Penney and Dianne Taylor Harding, our previous Bulletin editors, who shouldered the transition and made it all work. Our new editors Ian Gibson and Jane Duffy are doing a great job getting the Bulletin secured in its electronic form. Finally, I would also like to thank Ruth Cordes for her tireless work as Advertising Editor. Ruth secured all advertisers over to the electronic format and handed the reins over to Kelli Wooshue.

New initiatives: Conference grant for support staff and funding for Interest Groups

At last year’s OGM, I indicated my desire to create new professional opportunities for APLA members. This year, saw the creation of a 2009 conference registration grant for library support staff. This grant was very well received by the membership and hopefully will become an annual award.

The APLA Executive allocated \$400 to support the Interest Group convenors with professional development opportunities. This allocation has been very well received and hopefully will spark more interest with the IGs.

Promotional Materials

APLA supported the acquisition of water bottles to help promote the association at functions hosted or supported by APLA. These lovely water bottles have the logo, the name and the website address for APLA predominantly displayed. Not only do they get the message out and promote APLA, they are also environmentally friendly.

Home of the APLA Website

This year marked a significant change for the APLA website. Hardware age began to create issues for our server housed at Mount Saint Vincent University and it was time to move our website to a new home. The University of Prince Edward Island graciously agreed to serve as host. I would like to thank both institutions for their support. Stan Orlov also stepped down as our website administrator and on behalf of APLA I would like to acknowledge and thank Stan for all his work over the years. Larry Tweed joins us as our new administrator and he is doing a tremendous job. The new content management system for the website is Drupal and it has given us a much needed facelift. Our website is now modern, hip and most certainly happening!

APLA Conference

The APLA Conference marks a time for members to come together, renew old friendships, and discuss library issues. I would like to thank this year's conference Committee, chaired by Debbie Costello. The program looks fabulous and I know the conference venue will be great. I would also like to thank the 2010 Conference Committee for their work. Terry Nikkel and his team are working hard already to make sure the conference in St. John is well planned. And believe it or not, plans for the 2011 conference in St. John's have already started. Erin Alcock will be APLA's conference convenor for that conference.

Organizing a conference for over 200 delegates (not counting vendors) is a huge undertaking! Many thanks to everyone for helping with this critical member benefit!

Awards

One of the nicest things about being involved with the APLA Executive is the recognition of individuals within our association who make a difference. Many awards are announced at the APLA Conference and since my report first appears in the Pre-Conference Bulletin, I won't give the winners' names away. Come to the OGM and the Merit Award Banquet at the Conference to hear this year's winners.

I would like to thank all the Committees for helping APLA recognize worthy events and individuals.

Collaboration

As a regional association, APLA has a responsibility to work with other provincial associations within the Atlantic Provinces on matters of interest. The NSLA approached APLA some time ago about a joint membership. This has since expanded to the NSLTA and discussions with NLLA. Each association takes a small reduction in the membership fee and the member gets the benefits of both associations. This collaboration is good for the entire region. Further discussion regarding these joint memberships will occur at the OGM.

The Partnership

The Partnership is the informal association of provincial and territorial library associations. As APLA President, I attended two Partnership meetings. When this group of association Presidents, Vice Presidents and Executive Directors get together, things happen - things that have enabled every library within the country to have access to critical professional development tools. This has included the now famous Education Institute. This simple idea of pushing teleconference training sessions to the desk of the learner has been very popular since its inception. The APLA Continuing Education Committee, chaired by Erin Alcock, contributes sessions to this program. I encourage all APLA members to think about what professional development topics they would like covered by the EI. I would also like to encourage APLA members to consider presenting a session with the EI. There are many great ideas coming out of the Atlantic region.

The Partnership has also provided an open source, peer reviewed journal entitled the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research. APLA's very own Jennifer Richard has been instrumental in the creation of this journal and serves as the Journal's Chief Editor. <http://journal.lib.uoguelph.ca/index.php/perj/>

A new initiative underway with the Partnership is a certification pilot. I sat on the Committee formed to review the feasibility of such a program and the Partnership enthusiastically endorsed moving forward. It is now a pilot within the Library Association of Alberta. Based on the model used in Australia, this is a portfolio based program which will hopefully be available to the country within the year.

Outgoing/Incoming Executive

Spring marks the change in the APLA Executive. I would like to extend a hearty APLA welcome to Sarah Kilfoil, incoming VP New Brunswick, Ann Smith, incoming VP Membership and Sarah Gladwell, incoming VP/President Elect. On behalf of APLA, I would like to thank outgoing executive members including Ruthmary McPherson, outgoing VP Membership, Nadine Goguen, outgoing VP New Brunswick, Secretary Lynn Somers and Past President Donna Bourne-Tyson.

Farewell

This was a transition year for APLA. We have accomplished many things but there is much more to do especially in the areas of recruitment and professional development initiatives. President Moses will take the Association forward. I know his energy and enthusiasm will produce great things. Along with the rest of the 2009/2010 APLA Executive, it should be a great year!

Many thanks for allowing me the opportunity to give back to the profession as your President!
Mille mercis de m'avoir accordé l'occasion de redonner à notre profession en tant que présidente !

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cleyle
APLA President 2008/2009

Vice-President / President Elect's Report

Submitted by Donald Moses, APLA VP/President Elect

May 10, 2009

There is always a learning curve when taking on a new role in an organization. I would like to thank APLA President Su Cleyle, Past President Donna Bourne-Tyson and the APLA Executive for sharing their Association experiences and knowledge with me.

The Partnership

I attended the summer meeting of the Partnership with President Cleyle on behalf of APLA. It was an excellent opportunity to network with our provincial association counterparts, get a sense of the challenges and opportunities other associations were facing, and review the programs of the Partnership including the Partnership Journal, Job Board, Career Centre and the Education Institute. APLA's relationship with the Partnership has been of great benefit to the membership and I hope to see it grow as new programs and services, like EI-To-Go for example, are developed.

APLA Website

During the fall of 2008 and winter of 2009 I worked with Stan Orlov to migrate the APLA website to its new home on a server at the University of Prince Edward Island and to a new content management system, Drupal. I'd like to thank Stan for his assistance and patience during this transition and UPEI for providing the infrastructure. Drupal is a great platform that the Association can utilize to improve communication, engage the membership, and help it fulfill its objectives. As a practical example, Erin Alcock uses Drupal's event module to post all of the professional development opportunities we have access to through our association with the Partnership's Education Institute and members can subscribe to that list as an RSS feed. Larry Tweed has recently taken on the role of APLA website administrator.

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Committee

Working with the provincial Vice Presidents, I chaired the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Committee. The Scholarship was promoted via the APLA Listserv, the APLA Website, and messages announcing and outlining the Scholarship were sent to all post-secondary institutions that offer a Master of Library and Information Science (or equivalent). The Committee received and reviewed 7 applications and the scholarship will be awarded at the APLA Ordinary General Meeting Part 1.

Finally I'd like to thank APLA for the opportunity to serve as the VP/President Elect and I look forward to working with the Executive and the APLA membership in the coming year.

Past President's Report

The Past-President performs a few specified roles as outlined below, and provides a corporate memory of events, past practice, procedures and so forth for the current President and Executive. It was a pleasure to serve as Past-President this year, working with a very strong Executive led by President Su Cleyle and Vice-President / President-Elect Donald Moses. I want to congratulate Su for her excellent work as President, and I wish Donald all the best as he begins his presidential year.

Nominations Committee

I chaired the Nominations Committee consisting of Su Cleyle, Nadine Goguen and Donald Moses. A call for nominations for the positions of Vice President/President Elect, Vice President New Brunswick and Vice President Membership was made through the Bulletin and the listserv. We received nominations for all three positions and the new Executive members will be announced at the OGM in June.

Merit Award

A call for nominations for the Merit Award was advertised on the listserv and in the Bulletin. The Merit Award Committee met in the Spring to review the nominations and filed a report at the Spring APLA Executive meeting. The winner will be announced at the Merit Award Banquet during the APLA conference in June.

APLA Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were reviewed and suggested revisions will be presented to the membership at the OGM for ratification. There are four SOs which should be changed based on decisions made or actions taken by the APLA Executive: 2.02 (student memberships); 5.05 (ballots); 7.02 (Membership Directory); and 8.02 (Bulletin format).

APLA Procedures Manual

The APLA Procedures Manual was substantially reformatted and revised in 2007 by Past-President Jennifer Richard. I will do slight revisions after the OGM, to reflect changes to the Standing Orders which are mentioned in the Procedures Manual, and to add the names of award and grant winners.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bourne-Tyson

Treasurer's Report

The 2008 Conference in Charlottetown was an outstanding success generating \$8,799.58 for the Association. The total revenue for 2008-2009, however, was considerably less than expected particularly in the areas of Advertising and Membership.

The Board has been very frugal, again holding one meeting as a teleconference to keep costs down. As a result, overall Expenditures are slightly less than anticipated. Expenditures total less than Revenue, leaving a small surplus of \$388.49

Somer's Scholarship Trust

The Somer's Scholarship Trust will be renewed in June, 2009. At that time, we will recover \$1688.44 that was used to pay the tax on the transfer from TD Waterhouse to APLA in June 2004.

Memorial Fund

In 2007, a mutual fund from the Memorial Awards Trust Fund (MATF) was cashed in error. One of the General Investments should have been cashed instead. The MATF has been re-paid and is shown as "Return to Memorial Award" at the bottom of the Expenses page.

Because there was revenue from the 2008 conference, the Memorial Award fund will have enough resources to make an award in 2009/2010.

Grow A Library Charitable Trust Fund

The Board, in consultation with those who instituted the Grow A Library Trust, have decided to wrap up the Trust and donate those funds to CODE.

APLA Awards and Grants for 2008-2009

The following prizes were awarded by APLA:

- The \$500 APLA Prize to a graduate of the Nova Scotia Community College, Library and Information Technology program was awarded to Ian Fraser

- The \$500 APLA Prize to a graduate from the School of Information Management program at Dalhousie University was awarded to Kimberley MacInnis
- The First Timer's grant of \$686.50 was awarded to Tasya Tymczyszyn
- The Memorial Award of \$500 was awarded to Diane Buhay
- The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship award of \$2998.14 was awarded to Allan Chase
- a one-time award of \$368 to attend the IFLA conference was awarded to Creighton Barrett

One General Activity Fund (GAF) grant was awarded to the Hackmatack Award. One GAF grant for \$500 was awarded to the Information Without Borders conference.

Conclusion

I would like to thank Peter Glenister, Financial Examiner, and the Executive for their help and guidance.

Penny Logan, APLA Treasurer, June 2009

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Membership Report

Membership Report May 2009

Institutional Members

	May 2009	Oct 2008
NB	3	5
NL	1	2
NS	10	11
PE	2	2
Other	3	0
Total	19	20

Personal Members

	May 2009	Oct 2008
NB	60	57
NL	31	27
NS	166	159

PE	11	8
Other	18	15
Total	286	276

Life/Honourary Life Members

May 2009	Oct 2008
30	30

Total Members

May 2009	Oct 2008
335	326

Student Members: 143

Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Vice-President New Brunswick

*Vice-Présidente Nouveau-Brunswick***2009 Annual Report – Rapport annuel 2009****May Conference / Congrès en mai**

The APLA Conference in Charlottetown was a great way to kick off another year. While offering a French workshop on teamwork in libraries, I also had a chance to mingle with new members and attend many interesting sessions. At the OGM, I was very impressed to see organized Su, Donna and Penny, our treasurer, deliver concise information to the membership. Their clear direction, as with Donald Moses', is inspiring for anyone wishing to play a role in professional associations. Thanks to you and the entire executive for lively and fun conversations during my last year as VP!

Le congrès annuel à Charlottetown était une belle façon de commencer l'année. En offrant un atelier en français sur le travail d'équipe en bibliothèque, j'ai su aussi rencontrer des nouveaux membres et participer à plusieurs sessions intéressantes. À l'AGA, j'ai été impressionnée de voir les très organisées (Su, Donna et Penny, notre trésorière) qui a pu livrer l'information avec précision aux membres. Cette direction claire, ainsi que celle de Donald Moses, est inspirante pour quiconque s'intéresse à jouer un rôle dans le monde associatif professionnel. Merci à vous et à tout l'exécutif pour nos discussions animées lors de ma dernière année en tant que V.-P. !

Executive Meetings / Réunions de l'exécutif

Our two meetings were a source of innovative ideas. I would like to particularly highlight the efficiency of our president, Su. She is astonishing. Furthermore, the presence of the Halifax 2009 Conference president, Debbie, was wonderful. With great clarity and natural calmness, she kept us up to speed about the details of organizing such an event. I wish continued success to all newer provincial vice-presidents, as well as to my replacement, Sarah Kilfoil, I wish her an experience as rich as the one that I have just lived.

Nos deux réunions ont été une source d'idées innovatrices. Je soulignerai particulièrement l'efficacité de notre présidente Su. Elle est hors-pair. Aussi, la présence de la présidente du Congrès de Halifax 2009, Debbie, était agréable. Avec grande clarté et un calme naturel, elle nous a gardé informer des nombreux détails de l'organisation de l'événement. Je souhaite succès continu aux plus nouvelles vice-présidentes provinciales, ainsi qu'à ma remplaçante, Sarah Kilfoil, une expérience aussi enrichissante que celle que je viens de vivre.

APLA Bulletin / Bulletin de nouvelles

As V.P, I got strong support from library staff in the province in compiling informational reports. Thank you!

En tant que V.-P., j'ai eu un appui solide de la part du personnel en bibliothèque dans la province afin de recevoir des nouvelles. Merci!

Ex-Libris / Ex-Libris

Sending reports to Norman Horrocks a few times a year was always a treat. Cheers Norman!

Quel plaisir d'envoyer à Norman Horrocks quelques fois par année des nouvelles de notre province. Salut Norman!

Association of Professional Librarians in New Brunswick (APLNB) / A.B.P.N.B.

I attended two functions of our provincial association this past year. The last one was a day of envisioning for the future of the association. I wish it long life. And great news, outgoing APLNB President, Sarah Gladwell will become VP-President-Elect for APLA. I wish her great success and true fun !

J'ai assisté à deux réunions de l'association professionnelle provinciale cette année. La dernière touchait l'avenir de l'association. Je lui souhaite longue vie. Et bonne nouvelles, la présidente sortante de l'ABPNB, Sarah Gladwell devient la nouvelle vice-présidente-présidente élue d'APLA. Bonne chance Sarah et je te souhaite du plaisir dans tes nouvelles fonctions!

Nadine Goguen

Newfoundland and Labrador VP Report

Submitted by Louise McGillis

What is "Games @ the Library"?

During the week of October 18-24, 2009, APLA will be sponsoring "Games @ the Library" week. Anytime that week, we are encouraging all libraries in Atlantic Canada to host a "game themed" event of their choice (board games, chess, trivia, scavenger hunts, video games, etc.). Events can be geared towards specific age groups or the whole community. Larger libraries may consider having separate events for kids, tweens & teens, or seniors. You are limited only by your imagination and energy levels! Our goal is to show that libraries are places where people meet, learn, and have fun.

Hasbro Canada Donation

To make Games @ the Library week extra special, Hasbro Canada has agreed to provide each public library in Atlantic Canada with a copy of SCRABBLE Classic and PICTUREKA (one of their newest games!). Both games will be delivered to your library in early fall 2009.

Grand Prize: Nintendo Wii

One lucky winner in Atlantic Canada will be taking home a Nintendo Wii gaming system!

Need to know more?

Check out the Games @ the Library web site (www.apla.ca/games). Here you will find gaming ideas for your library, publicity material (e.g. posters and bookmarks) you can download, information (including official ballot) to register participants for the grand prize, as well as a place to post information about events happening at your library.

Want even more information?

Contact your official APLA "Games @ the Library" representative - Louise McGillis (mcgillis@swgc.mun.ca) for Newfoundland, Sarah Kilfoil (sarah.kilfoil@gnb.ca) for New Brunswick, Darlene Beck (beckd@halifax.ca) for Nova Scotia and Dawn Hooper (dhooper@upei.ca) for Prince Edward Island.

Attend the APLA Conference session on gaming called "Get Your Game On: Gaming in Public and Academic Libraries" Friday at 1:30pm in the Altantic Suite!

**Atlantic Provinces Library Association
Vice-President, Nova Scotia**

Annual Report: 2008/9

VP Series: Education Institute Audio-conference

As part of the *Vice-Presidents' Series*, I hosted a session: ***Ten Trends & Technologies for 2009*** on January 13th. It was a very popular topic, attracting 35+ attendees. Due to room capacity, a second site was opened up at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Participants were from school, government, special, public and academic libraries.

Highlights from Nova Scotia

Ilga Leja, retired Director of Library Service, NSCAD University, was the recipient of the Dalhousie School of Information Management 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award.

Carmelita Cousins was selected as the winner of the 2008 CLA/ACB Library Technician Interest Group Award of Merit. Carmelita is the Facilitator of Library Support for the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board in Sydney, N.S.

The Cape Breton Regional Library and Cape Breton University Library were the recipients of the 2009 CLA/OCLC Award for Resource Sharing Achievement. These libraries were recognized for their successful, innovative and extensive resource sharing initiatives.

Congratulations to our APLA Treasurer, Penny Logan on being awarded the Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership at the Fall NSLA conference.

Events Attended

Darlene presented the APLA Prizes at Dalhousie=s School of Information Management and Nova Scotia Community College (LIT Program) award ceremonies. The prizes are awarded to the students, who in the opinion of faculty, show the most professional promise. The prizes in 2008 were awarded to Ian Fraser (NSCC) and Kimberley MacInnis. (Dalhousie SIM).

I attended the Dalhousie School of Information Management Student Association orientation and library association display on September 5th with other representatives from library associations. It was a great opportunity to speak with students about the value of participating in associations. At least fifteen new student memberships were generated during this event.

Representing APLA, I gave a presentation at the Nova Scotia Community College on the benefits and value of participating in library associations. In attendance were Library and Information Technology students, and representatives from eight other library-related associations.

Games @ The Library

Together with my provincial VP counterparts, I am on the planning team for the APLA sponsored "Games @ The Library" event to be held October 18-24. I am keeping the Nova Scotia regional libraries informed of developments through periodic e-mails sent via the NS Provincial Library.

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee

Together with my fellow provincial Vice-Presidents and VP/President Elect, reviewed applications and selected a candidate. With so many worthy applicants, it was a tough decision.

APLA Bulletin

On behalf of APLA, I submitted several Nova Scotia library news items to appear in the Fall and Winter editions of this newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Beck
Vice-President, Nova Scotia

Prince Edward Island VP Report

Submitted by Dawn Hooper

News items from various PEI libraries were collected and submitted to the APLA Bulletin as well as to the Ex Libris Association Newsletter. I would like to thank the libraries for their ongoing support and contribution.

As APLA Conference 2008 Treasurer, I finalized the conference statements and was pleased to report to the APLA Executive that the Conference realized a profit of just over \$9100.

As part of the APLA Provincial VP Series, I hosted two of the Education Institute sessions at the University of Prince Edward Island. The library community was invited to attend two audio-conferences from the Aspects of Negotiation Series: Part 1 Negotiation, An Introduction and Part 2 The Language of Negotiation. Attendees represented a variety of libraries including academic, public, and special.

APLA Bulletin Editor's Report

Prepared by Ian Gibson

This year has seen a few important changes with the publication of the Bulletin. As outlined in Volume 72 (3) we have moved to a new home and got a new look. This should have a positive impact on our ability to attract more advertisers and will hopefully, get us back into major Canadian indexes like CPI.Q or CBCA.

Recently, we have made some minor adjustments in our advertising rates. We have eliminated the option of advertising on the Table of Contents page. In the recent past this has caused considerable problems with the layout of the journal and left advertisements clumped together at the front of the issue. The new rate card should eliminate this difficulty.

Finally, we have placed the Bulletin under a Creative Commons Attribution - Noncommercial - No Derivative Works 2.5 License. The terms of this license can be found at <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/2.5/ca/>

Web Administrator Report

Prepared by Larry Tweed, May 11, 2009

I spent some time getting familiar with Drupal in order to help APLA members become involved and active with the APLA website. I met with Donald Moses who gave me an introduction to Drupal and what it is capable of doing.

The first major task was to transfer the APLA membership database from Microsoft Access to mysql and to split up the one table into four to take advantage of the relational database structure. The second part of this project has been to transfer the database onto a web server and to make it accessible for updates ,new additions and reports. The PHP scripts have been created and will eventually (hopefully) be included in Drupal.

I helped members create a Games section on the APLA website. They have been quite active with it and out of this, I enabled the Drupal module that allows you to optionally specify an alternative URL by which an APLA website node can be accessed. This should help to make the website a little more user-friendly.

I have been in contact with a number of other conveners and executive members to make some updates on the website as well as to add users and change passwords. I have also included instructions about adding content to the website.

Committee on Aims & Objectives Report

Submitted by Donald Moses, APLA VP / President-Elect / Chair of the Committee on Aims & Objectives

May 10, 2009

The Committee on Aims & Objectives reviewed APLA's objectives as outlined in the Memorandum of Association and identified these goals: develop and support APLA's new web infrastructure to improve both internal and external communication, continue to enhance the support and promotion of Interest Groups, and encourage collaboration between the membership, the Executive and its committees, and other associations.

Through the year a number of issues arose related to the Aims and Objectives of the Association including membership in other associations and the development of joint memberships with other associations.

A) Standing Order 9.01

During the Fall meeting (October 27, 2008) of the Executive the Treasurer noted that the Association had not paid dues for institutional memberships in either the CLA or ASTED for a number of years and as a result was in contravention of Standing Order 9.01.

"9.01 The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall be an institutional member of the Canadian Library Association and I'ASTED."

This may have been as a result of financial constraints or some other reason. The Executive felt that paying for institutional memberships in other Associations was irregular [we do not have memberships in any other library associations, nor do other library associations have memberships in APLA] and so we bring this matter to the attention of the APLA membership for discussion and direction. Based on direction from the membership APLA will either pay for institutional memberships in the Associations identified in Standing Order 9.01 or the Executive will bring forth an amendment to the Standing Orders at the 2010 APLA Ordinary General Meeting in St. John.

B) Joint Memberships

One of the three objectives of APLA is "to cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual concern" and to that end the Executive has been investigating and/or piloting joint memberships with library associations in the region.

Joint or affiliate memberships have been discussed within the Association for a number of years. In the May 2006 Bulletin Jennifer Richard stated that "one of APLA's latest initiatives is the idea of joint memberships with all four of the provincial library associations in our region". Discussions begun in 2007/8 with the Nova Scotia Library Association about a potential joint membership that would benefit members of both Associations resulted in a pilot project in January 2008. Donna Bourne-Tyson (APLA President at that time) and Lynn Somers (NSLA President at that time) announced a Discounted Joint Association Membership on the APLA Listserv and further discussions of joint memberships were raised at the 69th Ordinary General Meeting of the Association. Started as a pilot project, both Associations have found this initiative to be of benefit and would like it to continue.

The Executive recognizes that this means a change in the fee structure and it will require a change to Standing Order 2.02. A similar pilot project with the Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians (NSALT) was announced on April 29, 2009 on the APLA Listserv, and discussions with the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA) are underway.

The Executive seeks the consent of the APLA membership to continue with these joint membership fees for the coming year; and the Executive will bring a revised Standing Order, for the membership's consideration to the APLA 2010 Ordinary General Meeting in St. John, NB.

Committee on Committees and Interest Groups Report

Submitted by Donald Moses, APLA VP/President Elect

May 10, 2009

Committee on Committees and Interest Groups

One of the goals of the Executive during this reporting period was to work with Interest Groups to improve support and raise the profile of Interest Groups. Unlike many other library associations, APLA does not charge additional fees for membership in its Interest Groups.

As chair of the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups I surveyed Interest Group Conveners to obtain their feedback and I reported those results to the Executive. The Executive voted to allocate \$400.00 to support Interest Group initiatives and since that time Interest Group Conveners have come forward with a number of new projects.

Leigh Anne Gagnier has taken on the role of convener for the New Librarians and Information Professionals Interest Group and Denyse Rodrigues is the new convener of the Continuing Education Interest Group. I would like to thank Denise Corey-Fancy and Heather Berringer for their work with these interest groups in the past.

Interest Group	Convener
Access to Government Information	vacant – recommend that it be dissolved
Collection Development	Louise White
Computers & Connectivity	Hansel Cook
Conservation of Library Materials	Simon Lloyd
Continuing Education	Denyse Rodrigues
Groupe d'Intérêt Francophone	Jean-François Savaria
Information Literacy	Janet Goosney
Library Technicians	Karen Darby
New Librarians and Information Specialists	Leigh Anne Gagnier
Newspapers	vacant– recommend that it be dissolved
Youth Services	Nancy Cohen

I have been unable to recruit conveners for the Newspaper Interest Group or the Access to Government Information Interest Group and no members have come forward to take on the task of convener for these groups. I would recommend to the Executive and the APLA membership that these interest groups, Newspapers and Access to Government Information be dissolved. This does not preclude the membership from reconstituting these or other groups in the future should there be sufficient interest. I would like to thank the Interest Group Conveners for their contributions to the Association.

APLA Continuing Education Committee Report

Submitted by Erin Alcock, Memorial University (Convener)

Committee Members: Erin Alcock (convener), Heather Berringer, Su Cleyle, Michael Colborne, Jane Duffy, Mary Landry, Trish Leblanc, Donald Moses

The Continuing Education committee exists to develop and promote professional development sessions from the Atlantic region to be offered nationally via the Partnership's Education Institute. The convener of this committee also sits on the Partnership's National Continuing Education Committee providing a link both too and from the region.

For the 08/09 year our committee helped to foster and promote five sessions on a wide range of topics including website usability, roving reference, digital collections, genealogy and peer review. We'd like to thank our speakers for taking the time to put together such useful and relevant sessions.

There were many changes affecting our committee this past year including the demise of the print Education Institute catalogue and the development of a new APLA website, both influencing the ways in which we advertise and promote sessions. We look forward, in the coming year, to an increased suite of options for taking part in EI sessions, including EI-To-GO, in addition to the work of the certification committee of the Partnership and the results of their pilot project in Alberta. The committee would be glad to hear from all APLA members on topics of interest for future Education Institute sessions.

A big thanks, as well, to the Queen Elizabeth II Library at Memorial University for covering the cost of five teleconference sessions.

APLA Memorial Awards Committee Report

Submitted by Erin Alcock, Memorial University (Convenor)

Committee Members: Erin Alcock (Convener – Memorial University), Lesley Carruthers (Eastern Counties Regional Library), Judy Dunn (University of Toronto) and Heather McKend (Fundy Region Public Library)

The APLA Memorial Award provides financial assistance for study or research in the field of librarianship.

The work of this committee was rather light this past year, as the fund from the trust was unavailable, though donations to the award were encouraged through advertisements in the APLA Bulletin. Additionally, a report from a past winner, Hansel Cook, was published in the APLA Bulletin in the summer 2008 issue.

Thanks to committee members for serving on this committee. I am sure we all look forward to awarding the trust in 09/10.

Grow a Library Report 2009

APLA Grow a Library Report 2009

Our campaign for the Mojo Reading Room in Mojo, Ethiopia, is being conducted in conjunction with the Canadian Organization for Development through Education (CODE).

The campaign has started with lots of momentum, and there is a great committee behind it. Activities have included a general call to the membership for support, targeted fundraisers at the conference, and individual library challenges to colleagues to raise funds through casual days, raffles and bake sales. The challenges started with one from the Dal SIM student chapter of CLA and a subsequent donation which was much appreciated.

Committee members include: Jessica Babineau (Dal SIM), Sue Adams (STFX), Mary Landry (Eastern Counties Regional Library), Jennifer Richard (Acadia), Su Cleyle (MUN), Lorraine Jackson (MUN), Donna Bourne-Tyson (Mount Saint Vincent University),

Sarah Gladwell (Saint John Free Public Library), and Tanja Harrison (Acadia). Thanks go to Donald Moses for outstanding technical and artistic support.

So far over \$1300 has been raised, and we are confident we will meet our target of \$2500 in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bourne-Tyson
Chair, Grow a Library Committee

Show Everyone Your Mojo is Working at the APLA Conference!

At the APLA Conference in Halifax in June, you will be greeted by Grow a Library Committee members shortly after you leave the Registration Desk. We will be selling Grow a Library stickers for \$5.00 and you won't want to leave the lobby without one!

You'll see delegates throughout the conference halls proudly sporting the Grow a Library sticker on their badges and you might feel naked without one! Please bring your \$5.00 in cash and don't forget to pick up your badge sticker when you arrive.

There will be additional opportunities during the conference to make a donation and enter a draw to win a big basket of fair trade and APLA goodies. You can also go online to make a donation directly to CODE at: <http://www.codecan.org/en/get-involved/adopt-a-library/find-a-library/mojo>

Thank you in advance for your support for this very worthwhile initiative! To learn more about the Mojo Reading Room and the Grow a Library campaign, please go to: <http://www.apla.ca/apla/node/78>.

APLA Information Literacy Interest Group (ILIG) Report

Prepared by Janet Goosney, Convener

Membership

Janet Goosney replaced Gwendolyn MacNairn as ILIG Convener in May 2006. During 2008/2009, the interest group had a healthy 83 individual members, plus three institutional members. Membership increased slightly in 2009 as a result of the ILIG's Engage - Entertain - Enlighten contest, due to the fact that several APLA members joined the ILIG in order to participate.

Activities

The key initiative for the ILIG was the Engage - Entertain - Enlighten contest, which was developed with three goals in mind: to raise awareness of and attract new members to the group; to engage existing ILIG members; and to share ideas and showcase information literacy innovation in Atlantic Canada.

Contestants were invited to participate by submitting a short essay (plus relevant attachments) describing a teaching & learning strategy or tool they have developed to promote information literacy.

Few restrictions were placed on the type of submission, which could take any form (e.g. an in-class activity or exercise, applied teaching method, or a learning object) and target any group of learners (e.g. post-secondary, K-12, public or special library users). The main criterion was that it engaged students in some way as active or reflective learners. Submissions were received from librarians in academic and public libraries, and were designed for both children and adult learners.

Contest winners were chosen by a panel of four judges, selected for their range of experience and expertise:

§ Maureen Dunne. Coordinator, Instructional Development Office, Memorial University; also with extensive background in K-12. § Holly Gunn. Award-winning teacher-librarian, now retired and living in Nova Scotia.

§ Janet Goosney. Information Literacy Coordinator at the QEII Library, Memorial University, and current convener of ILIG. § Ron Knowling. Manager of Nunavut Public Libraries; formerly a librarian in Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries.

§ Shelly Gullikson. Former Information Literacy Coordinator at Mount Allison University, now working in special libraries in Ottawa. § Gwendolyn McNairn. Computer Science Librarian at Dalhousie University; past convener of the ILIG.

Of the submissions received, three winners were selected: one first place winner, plus two runners up.

First place:

§ **Shannon Gordon**, Public Services Librarian, QEII Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, selected for her Post-Research Reflective Exercise. Shannon received a \$100.00 Chapters Gift card; details of her submission will be published in the APLA Bulletin as well as on the ILIG webpage.

Runners up:

§ **Barry Cull**, Information Services Librarian, Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick, selected for his Pre-Evaluation Exercise. Barry received a water bottle bearing the APLA logo.

§ **Erin Alcock**, Science Liaison Librarian, QEII Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, selected for her Wikipedia vs. Scholarly Article Exercise. Erin also received a water bottle bearing the APLA logo.

All prizes were generously provided by the association. A poster, briefly describing the winning submissions, will be on display at the Interest Group table in the lobby throughout the conference.

Annual Gathering

Each year, the APLA conference presents a rare opportunity for ILIG members from all four provinces to meet, socialize, and chat about information literacy with colleagues in person. This year members will meet over dinner for an informal annual meeting, to take place on Thursday June 11th following part one of the APLA OGM.

New Librarians and Information Specialists Report

I became APLA's New Librarians and Information Specialists Interest Group convener in March of this year. Since I took on this role, I have contacted previously interested individuals to introduce myself and offer some ideas for group initiatives. A new blog for the Interest Group has been created and promoted (<http://nlis.wordpress.com/>). My hope is that the blog will be a forum for discussion and sharing among professionals, students, and new graduates. The blog also has more static pages with links to job hunting and professional development resources. There is also a Facebook group which serves as another mode of communicating with members.

In an attempt to enlist the support of students, I have contacted the MLIS Program Coordinator at the School of Information Management, Dalhousie University. An email introducing the Interest Group and inviting new members has been sent out to students.

An informal social event is being planned for the Thursday evening of the APLA Conference. With the help of some enthusiastic members, we will hopefully have a good turnout of students and new and seasoned professionals to mingle and discuss some of the challenges and rewards of working in the field. This event will be a great networking opportunity for people. Once the venue for this event is solidified, it will be advertised via the membership list, blog, and Facebook group.

In my new role, I will also make connections with CLA's New Librarians and Information Professionals Interest Group to learn what has been successful for them in the past.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Gagnier
Convener

Rapport du Groupe d'intérêt francophone

Au cours de la dernière année, le groupe d'intérêt francophone a changé de président. Chantale Bellemare a laissé le gouvernail à Jean-François Savaria. Ce dernier tentera de rassembler plus de membres intéressés à la cause francophone pour que ceux-ci puissent trouver les moyens d'offrir un choix plus large au niveau des présentations en français pour les futures congrès annuels de l'APLA.

Le dernier congrès de l'APLA de 2008 fut bien apprécié par la communauté francophone de l'Atlantique. Le site web a offert aux membres la possibilité de s'informer en français. Un atelier nous a également été offert par Nadine Goguen et Mélanie Raymond: Pleins feux sur le travail d'équipe en bibliothèque.

Le congrès de 2009 à Halifax sera une excellente occasion de se rencontrer et d'échanger autour des sujets touchant de près comme de loin la francophonie en Atlantique.

Au plaisir de vous y voir!

Jean-François Savaria

Youth Services Interest Group Report

submitted by Nancy Cohen

Although I feel it is important for APLA to have a Youth Services Interest Group, for several years we have had difficulty getting members of the group together for meetings at the conference. This has meant that the group has not been very active for the last year or so. Our role has mainly been to make suggestions for conference sessions that are of interest to those working with children and young adults, and to introduce speakers at these sessions.

I think we should investigate how we can use the APLA website to encourage communication amongst interest group members. I have been the convener of this group since its inception, and I think it is time for someone else to take over. If anyone is interested please let me know.