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## From the President's Desk

*submitted by Donald Moses*

### APLA Executive Meeting

Your APLA Executive had their Spring meeting on April 1, 2010 via teleconference. Some of the agenda items included APLA's financial situation, membership issues, the Partnership, memberships in other associations, grants and awards, interest groups, and current and future conferences.



### NSCC CLA Student Chapter

I had an invite from Aran Silmeryn, president of the NSCC CLA Student Chapter, to talk to the CLA student chapter about APLA on March 26<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank Aran, the NSCC LIT students and faculty, APLA members, and guests that showed up and participated. I took the opportunity to share with them the story of APLA, its goals, objectives, and activities, and the benefits of membership. Audience members provided me with some excellent feedback about what the association was doing right and should continuing doing (The Bulletin, the annual

conference, and support of external activities) and what we could improve on (increase learning/networking activities, be more inclusive, and build awareness about APLA and its benefits). I had a draw for a student conference registration to APLA 2010 and Ashlee Hinchey was the winner. I talked a bit about service learning and APLA's current "Grow a Library" fundraising initiative supporting the Solomon Mahlangu School library located in the Morogoro Region of Tanzania. I concluded the talk by asking those in attendance to take a moment to contribute a design toward a group inspired print. I look forward to sharing their efforts with you at the APLA 2010 conference. You don't have to wait until the conference to contribute to the Solomon Mahlangu School Library – visit [the project's web site](#) to make a donation.



### APLA 2010 Conference

Jean Cunningham and Janet Fraser, APLA 2010 Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs, have been updating the APLA Executive on the upcoming conference in Saint John, NB. Registration is open and I would encourage you to book your accommodations at the Hilton, our conference venue. Take a moment to [review the program](#) and I know that new content is being added on a regular basis. You'll note that APLA's Ordinary General Meeting Part 1 is on Friday May 14 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm followed by the APLA Merit Award Banquet and Dance. Part 2 of the Ordinary General Meeting will take place on Saturday May 15 from 4:45pm to 5:30pm. Hope to see you there.



### Grants and Awards

One of the benefits that APLA returns to the membership is in the form of grants and awards including the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship, the Memorial Award, the Merit Award, the First Timer's Conference Grant, and the prizes for Dalhousie and NSCC students. As well, we have offered a Library Support Staff 2010 Conference Registration Grant again this year. March 31 is the deadline for many of these grants and awards, so come to APLA 2010 to congratulate the winners. Applications to APLA's General Activities Fund are usually considered during the Fall meeting, so you may want to put together an application over the summer months.

### Copyright

The copyright file continues to need monitoring. Simon Lloyd noted a bullet from the federal throne speech in March ... "To encourage new ideas and protect the rights of Canadians whose research,

development and artistic creativity contribute to Canada's prosperity, our Government will also strengthen laws governing intellectual property and copyright."

NDP MP Charlie Angus put forward a private member [Bill C-499](#) focused on copyright reforms and there has been a fair bit of [discussion around the proposed legislation](#). Of interest as well is the open letter to the Ministers of Industry and Heritage from CAUT titled [Fair Is Fair – Fix Fair Dealing](#).

### **The Partnership**

Past President Su Cleyle and I represented APLA at the winter Partnership on February 23 in Toronto. Discussion included the Education Institute, Job Board, and Sandy Campbell and Diane Clark provided a report on the progress of the joint Library Association of Alberta and Partnership project Continuing Education and Certification Pilot. Of particular importance to APLA and the region, Su Cleyle was nominated to be the chair of the Partnership meetings for the next three years. Thank you to OLA for hosting the meeting and bringing together the provincial, regional, and territorial library Associations in Canada. The Partnership provides great value to APLA and its members.

Hope to see you at APLA 2010.

Donald

APLA President

## **2010 APLA Conference Update**

*Submitted by Jody Osicki, APLA 2010 Local Arrangements Committee Member*

APLA 2010 will be here before we know it, and we can't wait to see everyone in Saint John, Thursday, May 13 to Saturday, May 15 at the Saint John Trade and Convention Centre!

### **Registration Desk**

When you arrive at the conference venue, the Saint John Trade and Convention Centre (across the street from the Hilton Saint John and walking distance from Market Square), please stop by our Registration Desk to pick up your badge, your conference program & tote bag, and social event tickets if you have registered for any. The Registration Desk is located in the Welcome Centre booth right inside the southwest entrance to Market Square and in front of the main entrance to the Trade and Convention Centre. Its operating hours will be:

Thursday, May 13: 7:30am to 8:00pm

Friday, May 14: 8:00am to 5:30pm

Saturday, May 15: 8:00am to 11:00am

### **Social Events**

APLA conferences provide an abundance of sessions to attend, plus many opportunities to network and get reacquainted with colleagues, but don't forget to take advantage of the variety of activities that the Entertainment and Social Events Committee has assembled. Most events require registration. For complete details, including times, locations, and how to register, please visit the [Social Events](#) and [Registration](#) pages of the [conference website](#).

The following is a sneak preview of some of the events lined up for APLA 2010:

- APLA Past President's Reception – Join your fellow conference delegates at the Past President's Reception on Thursday, May 13, from 8:00pm to 11:00pm, to honour the Association's past and present presidents, and to relax and socialize before the conference gets underway on Friday morning. No registration required.

- Saint John Walking Tour – Join local historian David Goss on Thursday, May 13, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, for a walking tour which focuses on ‘Herstory’. Learn about such female movers and shakers as: Margaret Baisley, who began the first library; the heroic Lady La Tour; Mable Peter and the first playground; Ms. Peter’s mother, the first woman trained as a teacher in New Brunswick; Mabel French, the first female lawyer (who was refused entry to the bar in New Brunswick and thus went to Vancouver, British Columbia instead); right up to Elsie Wayne, former mayor of Saint John. While participation in this event is free of charge, please e-mail [Robin Sexton-Mayes](mailto:Robin.Sexton-Mayes@aplalibrary.org) to pre-register before May 10.
- Do-It-Yourself Gallery Hop – If an informal stroll through Uptown Saint John’s finer art galleries is more your speed, sign up with like-minded delegates for this self-directed tour once you arrive, and we’ll point you in the right direction(s). Further details to be announced – keep checking the website!
- APLA Merit Award Banquet and Acadian Ceilidh – On Friday, May 14, from 7:00pm to 12:00am, join your colleagues for cocktails and superb French-themed cuisine. The banquet will honour an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the library community in the Atlantic Provinces. The ceilidh (pronounced ‘kay-lee’) will feature music by Acadian band Tradition, a group known for their tremendous joie de vivre. Tickets can be purchased in advance via the conference registration form and are priced at \$45.00 (for both the banquet and dance) and \$20.00 (for the dance only). A limited number of tickets will be available at the Registration Desk, so it is strongly encouraged that those looking to attend this event pre-register online.
- Breakfast with EBSCO – On Saturday, May 15, from 7:30am to 8:30am, conference delegates may partake in a free, delicious continental breakfast sponsored by database- and e-resource-provider EBSCO Publishing.
- Restaurant Groups and Pub Crawl – Did we mention all the terrific restaurants and pubs that Uptown Saint John has to offer? If you would care to join our evening excursions on Saturday, May 15 and find out for yourself, sign up when you arrive. Further details to be announced – keep checking the website!

### Professional Association Meetings

Check the [Conference program](#) for listings and times of the various meetings to be held by APLA, APLNB (Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick), and Dalhousie University Associated Alumni.

### Parking Options

Below are some of the parking options available to delegates bringing their own vehicle to the Conference:

- Water St. Coast Guard Lot (on Water St. across from AVIS Car Rentals): \$1.50/hr, \$12/day, must give \$10 deposit in advance; open 7am-6pm, free on evenings after 6pm and on weekends.
- Red Rose Lot (12 Smythe St., near the corner of Union St. & St. Patrick St.): metered parking in designated spots marked with yellow lines; \$1.50/hr, 10hr daily maximum; open weekdays 8am-6pm, free after 6pm and on weekends & holidays.
- Market Square (entrance on Smythe St.): \$2.20/hr, then \$1.10/half-hour up to a \$15 daily maximum (up to 24hrs); open 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.
- Brunswick Square (entrance on Union St.): \$1.75/hr, \$13.00/day; open weekdays 7:30am-11pm, free on weekends & holidays.
- Hilton Saint John: Guests of the hotel can purchase daily parking passes – \$18 for come-and-go privileges, \$15 without. For non-guests, \$2.20/hr, 48hr maximum; open 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.
- Metered parking on city streets (including Water St. & King St.): \$1.50/hr, \$10.00/day; time limits indicated on each meter and range from 30min, 1hr, 2hrs, 5hrs & 10hrs; free on weekends & holidays.

For more information on these and more goings-on at APLA 2010 in Saint John, [please visit our web site](#).

## 2010 APLA Conference Update : Poster Session

Submitted by Donna Bourne-Tyson, Poster Session Coordinator

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Main Hall

### 1. Connections: Acadia's First Year Option. Mike Beazley, Academic Librarian, Acadia University.

*Connections* is a new trans-disciplinary option for first year students at Acadia University. *Connections* focuses on linking ideas across disciplines. In support of this focus, each course is taught by two instructors. Both instructors are present for each class, ensuring that students are exposed to, and can take part in, a lively discussion every class. As an instructor in the first *Connections* course, *Popular Culture and You*, I was able to easily and frequently integrate elements of information literacy instruction into each lecture. I was also able to cultivate a much closer relationship with students in my class, which has led to many reference requests throughout the year.

My Poster will contain general information about *Connections*, as well as some of the rewards and challenges of being involved in this sort of initiative.

### 2. Digitization Projects at the UNB Law Library. Catherine Cotter, Reference Instruction Librarian, Gerard V. La Forest Law Library, University of New Brunswick.

A number of years ago, the University of New Brunswick Law Library initiated a series of digitization projects in order to preserve and facilitate access to documents concerning the Law School as well as the Province of New Brunswick. After a great deal of work, we now have eight different digital collections. One ongoing project is the digitization of the First Reading Bills of New Brunswick – we have digitized First Reading Bills back to 1984, and we will continue to add to this collection. Another collection of much interest is the Allan Legere Digital Archive, which provides access to documents generated from the 1991 trial of Allan Legere, New Brunswick's infamous Monster of the Miramichi. I would like to present our work to the wider Atlantic Provinces library community in order to increase awareness and facilitate engagement with our collection.

### 3. Government Information: Challenges in Bridging the Print/electronic Divide. David Burke, Government Information Librarian, Maps, Data & Government Information Centre, Stauffer Library, Queen's University; Carol Perry, Research Enterprise & Scholarly Communication Librarian, McLaughlin Library, University of Guelph.

Born digital government information is the new reality. Librarians are now faced with the challenge of building an access bridge between the historical print collection and the new electronic environment. During this evolutionary period, the lack of stable URLs and shifting government website policies, structures and content make it increasingly difficult for library staff to provide patrons with seamless access to a divided collection. In early 2010 we conducted the Canadian Academic Libraries Government Publications Survey in order to better understand how Canadian academic libraries are adapting to the changing nature of dissemination of government information. This poster will present our preliminary findings.

### 4. Grey Matters: Studies of Publications of Marine Governmental Groups. Danielle M. Cossarini, School of Information Management, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University; and Suzuette S. Soomai, School of Information Management/Marine Affairs Program, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University.

Our research addresses fundamental questions about the use and influence of scientific information produced by marine environmental governmental and intergovernmental groups. Our studies have focused on the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment (GOMC), the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and the Caribbean Regional



Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM). The research on GOMC has to date assembled an extensive, cross-referenced bibliography of its publications and the literature has been analyzed bibliometrically. This GOMC study is proceeding with further in-depth analyses of interviews of members of the primary Working Group regarding the production and dissemination of information. Representation in the Working Group includes members from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia government departments as well as three American states. Our study on the FAO/CRFM information focused on the management of the shrimp and groundfish fishery in Trinidad and Tobago on the Brazil-Guianas Continental Shelf, South America. A survey was used to determine the barriers and opportunities for using information produced by the FAO/CRFM in collaboration with other key stakeholders.

Our research on these cases emphasizes the vital importance of linking information production with its access and use to resolve environmental issues in the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy and the Brazil-Guianas regions. The research also suggests more efficient communication strategies that relate scientific information with policy may increase its use and influence. The role that libraries can play in communication strategies is identified.

**5. Panopticon or Participatory Surveillance: An Investigation into Teens Online.** Shelley Archibald, Student at the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto.

There is a great divide between the perceptions of what happens when teens and young adults participate in Social Networking Sites (SNSs). Parents and educators fear the potential dangers of online stalkers and the possible future ramifications of lives lived in mediated publics. Consequently, there are ongoing attempts to limit these dangers by limiting young people's access to the technology. In this poster presentation, I argue that not only are these attempts made in vain, they are made with a complete misunderstanding of what happens when youth utilize private information for the sake of gaining social capital. While the actions of young SNS users are misperceived by guardians and legislators as being oblivious to the potential pitfalls, these same guardians and legislators fail to understand the use of personal information as currency within the social sphere of SNS users. This presentation outlines the concerns of parents and educators, the role of SNS companies, and finally, addresses the youth point of view through the lens of Pierre Bourdieu's notion of social capital.

**6. Reflections of doctors in Atlantic Canada: The role of the Maritime Medical News (1888-1910) in the changing medical profession during the late Victorian period.** Robin M. N. Parker, MLIS candidate 2010, School of Information Management, Dalhousie University.

During the closing decades of the Victorian period, conventional physicians strived to differentiate themselves from their unorthodox brethren. This was a period for growing professionalism characterized by the formation of societies, journals, and medical schools designed to advance the scientific basis of medicine and establish an accepted code of conduct and regulation. In the late 1880s, physicians from the Maritime Provinces collaborated to publish a journal, the Maritime Medical News, to further the goals of the burgeoning medical profession. By investigating samples of the journal's contents and some of the individuals involved in its production, this poster addresses the role of the journal in connecting and informing Maritime physicians while also helping to shape the image of doctors as professionals.

*Sponsored by the Dalhousie University School of Information Management Associated Alumni*

## **2010 APLA Conference Update : The Back Channel Takes Centre Stage at APLA Conference Session**

This is an invitation to all tweeters at APLA to attend the 3:15 pm Saturday afternoon session on academic libraries and learning, "Is the Library Part of the Learning Community?" with Lynne F. Murphy and Donna Bourne-Tyson. On the big screen, we will be projecting all of your tweets real time using Twitter hash tag **#apla2010learn** and integrating your comments into

the session discussion. A forthcoming paper on learning libraries will include your comments and your name unless you prefer anonymity. Please join us!

## Les bibliothécaires à l'heure des nouvelles technologies de l'information et des communications

*Soumis par Alain Roberge, Bibliothécaire en chef (Université de Moncton)*

La bibliothèque universitaire se transforme, c'est indéniable. D'un endroit jadis feutré, calme et silencieux, presque à l'image d'un monastère, elle a évolué vers un local qui s'apparente à un café, à un carrefour de rencontres où les usagers socialisent et apprennent en même temps ; un lieu où l'imprimé est de moins en moins consulté, au profit du format électronique, lequel croît à un rythme plus rapide que le support papier.

Si les chaînes de détaillants de café à la Starbucks ont fait leur entrée dans la bibliothèque, est-il possible que ces mêmes chaînes décident, un jour, d'engager une ou une bibliothécaire pour offrir conseils et formation à leur clientèle ?

J'ai souvenir d'avoir vu, au Musée du Louvres, une sculpture égyptienne vieille de plusieurs milliers d'années, représentant un scribe penché sur sa tablette d'argile offrant ses services aux gens, à une époque où la connaissance de l'écriture était réservée à une infime minorité de personnes. Demain, le bibliothécaire sera-t-il le nouveau scribe des temps moderne, celui qui sait naviguer à travers cette mer d'information qui caractérise déjà notre civilisation ?



Est-il alors envisageable de voir les spécialistes de l'information se déplacer là où sont les besoins : par exemple, au Centre étudiant, dans les cafétérias situées dans les nombreux pavillons de l'Université. Imaginons un instant le scénario suivant :



À une période donnée de la semaine, le ou la spécialiste de l'information se rend disponible aux étudiants et étudiantes à la cafétéria du Pavillon des Arts, pour engager une conversation, expliquer le contenu d'une base de données, orienter une recherche.

Cette manière de voir aurait été impossible il y a dix ans à peine. Aujourd'hui le nouvel environnement technologique qui façonne notre société et modifie le comportement des gens permet au spécialiste de l'information de se déplacer avec le contenu de la bibliothèque sous le bras.

C'est ce qui se dessine à l'horizon. Plusieurs articles parus récemment dans diverses revues spécialisées dans le domaine de la bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information traitent d'un nouveau genre de bibliothécaire ou de spécialiste de l'Information appelé « Embedded Librarian » que je traduirais maladroitement par « Bibliothécaire intégré à son milieu ».

Que cache cette nouvelle appellation ? David Shumaker (2009) dans son article « Who let the Librarians out? » le place "right in the midst of where the user is to teach research skills whenever and wherever instruction is needed." Ici les étudiants et étudiantes sont dans les classes, dans les cafeterias, au Centre étudiant et à la bibliothèque pour certains ou sur le WEB pour le plus grand nombre.

À la Bibliothèque Champlain cette notion de « Bibliothécaire intégré » dans son milieu commence à prendre forme, par l'apparition du bibliothécaire-conseiller en documentation ; par sa participation au cours Introduction aux études universitaires ; par sa présence prolongée à la bibliothèque le soir.

À titre d'exemple prenons le cas de la bibliothécaire assignée à la Formation médicale du Nouveau-Brunswick, qui est engagée dans le développement de la collection de médecine, dans la recherche, dans la formation documentaire en médecine, et à la référence.

Il alors vrai de dire que cet engagement est à la fois horizontale, par l'offre de service traditionnel de la référence et de l'aide à l'utilisateur, mais aussi à la vertical, par l'implication plus engageante dans l'apprentissage et le choix documentaire. Allons plus loin dans l'acte d'intégration à notre milieu en rejoignant nos usagers là où ils sont. Engageons des conversations pour mieux cerner la réalité de l'étudiant et surtout ses besoins en matière d'information, pour établir un partenariat véritable basé sur l'intérêt que nous avons envers sa réussite académique.

La démarche emprunté par le « bibliothécaire intégré » vise donc à créer des liens avec les usagers, prenons comme exemple le professeur qui structure un cours pourrait faire appel au bibliothécaire pour la dimension « Documentation » ; pour l'étudiant ce serait l'aspect « Méthodologie » ; et pour le chercheur, c'est la revue de la littérature, la recherche bibliographique.

De fournisseurs de service localisés à la bibliothèque, devenons des membres à part entière de la communauté des usagers de la bibliothèque, impliqué dans la formation des étudiants et étudiantes, dans l'enseignement et dans la recherche.

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## News from New Brunswick / Nouvelles du Nouveau-Brunswick

*Submitted by Sarah Kilfoil*

The annual giant **Fundy Regional Book Sale** will be held outside the Saint John Free Public Library (in Market Square) on May 7 and 8. It offers bargains for everyone, with all proceeds going towards regional collection development. The book sale has everyone involved working diligently for months beforehand, with the rewards for their efforts being the smiling faces of those who are thrilled with the bargains and the extra money for new materials.

The **Saint John Free Public Library** received another boost in appearance with new vibrant paint and furniture. The Reading Room now looks like an enticing bistro café (and yes, coffee will eventually be sold) and patrons are enjoying the newly renovated space. Anyone attending the APLA 2010 Conference is encouraged to visit and enjoy a quiet moment or two. When you do, you'll note that the 5<sup>th</sup> Saint John **Canterbury Tales Literary Festival** is also underway. The Library is once again co-sponsoring this event from May 13 to 15. This year's feature author is crime and medical thriller writer Tess Gerritsen. The festival also offers fifteen other authors and workshop presenters and three creative writing contests. APLA delegates are welcome to attend any festival event.



## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

*Submitted by Louis McGillis*

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### *New Programs at the Corner Brook Public Library*

**Tot Time** is a program that will provide information and ideas to new parents. The first session will be held April 28 and will focus on baby massage. Future sessions will give parents helpful ideas about sleep techniques, dealing with stress, action rhymes, colours and health.

**Teen Time** is a program for 13 to 15 year olds and begins with a teen book club on May 5. The program will be held the first Wednesday of every month and future sessions will include jam sessions, as well as gaming and movie nights.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

#### **Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries**

##### *MUN Librarians Bound for Europe!*

Gillian Byrne (Head, Electronic Resources and Serials/Acquisitions) and Lisa Goddard (Acting Associate University Library, Information Technology) will be presenting their paper "The Strongest link: libraries and the web of linked data" at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Emerging Technologies in Academic Libraries Conference in Trondheim, Norway (April 26 to 28, 2010).

Louise McGillis (Associate University Librarian, Grenfell) will be presenting her paper "What time do you close? Determining library services with an evidence-based approach" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries Conference in Chania, Crete (May 25 to 28, 2010).

#### **Queen Elizabeth II Library**

##### *Special Collections*

The Library recently acquired a collection of works by and about Irving Layton. While the collection is not yet catalogued a bibliography of items contained in the collection is available from the collection's [web site](#).

##### *Walking Bird Press Exhibit*

Twenty works from Tara Bryan's walking bird press are now on exhibit in the main lobby of the Queen Elizabeth II Library. Tara Bryan's walking bird press combines the best of fine letter press printing with the tradition of artists' books. Since moving to Newfoundland in 1992 with her Vandercook press and six cabinets of type, Tara Bryan has produced more than one hundred letter-press publications, limited edition artists' books, and unique "one-of-a-kind" works.

In creating the unique output of walking bird press, Tara Bryan has collaborated with many artists, designers, printers, and writers from Newfoundland and from other parts of the world. Viewed chronologically, one notes the evolution of the forms she has chosen to use since she began making books in the 1980s. Viewed as a whole, the work dazzles with its range and complexity. The exhibit will run until June 30, 2010.

## Ferriss Hodgett Library (Corner Brook)

### *Yoga in the Library*

Together with the Department of Student Services (who provided mats, water and prizes) and the local grocery store Coleman's (who provided healthy snacks), the library hosted an introductory yoga class, to help students relax at this very stressful time of year. The class was held on Saturday April 10 from 10am to noon and attended by thirteen students.

### *You Cannot put the Same Shoe on Every Foot*

The library is exhibiting a mixed-media shoe project by the visual arts program's creative practices/3D foundation class. The project involved making a pair of shoes that reflects some type of relationship between each shoe. The class is instructed by visual arts professor, Barbara Hunt. The students were invited to exhibit their shoes in the library, after Public Services Librarian, Crystal

Rose (previously a Bata Shoe Museum tour guide) gave the class a special presentation on the history of shoes. The students were also inspired by the many books about shoes recently acquired by the library. Two particular pairs of shoes were especially appropriate for display in the library. One pair, by Cynthia Dunphy, was made entirely out of recycled paper from a French children's book and from newspapers. Another, by student, Candace Cuning, were inspired by the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The shoes referenced the adage that in order to understand another person, you have to walk in their shoes. She invited people in the library to write on the shoes what difficulties, challenges, or pain they had encountered.



## GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES

### Alternate Format Materials Library

The Alternate Format Materials Library (Department of Education, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador) serves students with disabilities related to manipulating, seeing or reading text. A perceptual disability is defined as a disability that prevents or inhibits a person from reading... a literary, musical, dramatic or artistic work in its original format. Once an application has been processed the student is given a unique username and password and the resources that they need are attached to their account. The student can then download the resources to their computers, Ipods, or MP3 players.

At present the collection consists of 221 resources – 147 textbooks and 74 novels/plays in the following formats - 75 Digital Audio; 118 pdf files; 35 Word documents; 12 Kurweil files; 33 cassettes; and 3 CDs. (note some textbooks/novels/plays are available in more than one format). The service is very popular with 563 registered students and a total circulation of 4,139 resources.

For more information check the [web site](#) or contact Jewel Cousens [via email](#) or at 729-6953. The AFM library is located in the Dept of Education, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor West Block, Confederation Bldg.

## News from Nova Scotia

*Submitted by Darlene Beck*

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### Nova Scotia Provincial Library

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

##### *Nova Scotia Equitable Library Access*

Nova Scotia Public Libraries, like public libraries across Canada, have always had a mandate to provide library service to citizens with print disabilities and have been fulfilling this mandate to varying degrees for many years. Over the past couple of years changes in technology and strategic partnerships with groups such as CNIB, have brought the vision of universal access closer to reality. This spring, they are taking the first steps to following up on recommendations made at last year's Nova Scotia Summit on Equitable Library Access.

A two-day *Train the Trainer* workshop is in the process of being organized and the Provincial Library has committed funds to train one person from each region (two from Halifax) so that they will have the skills to train front line staff in their own region. During 2010-2011, it is expected all staff will receive some awareness training.

This training is designed to strengthen staff skills and confidence when serving those with print disabilities, making each region better equipped to serve this segment of the population.

The workshop is slated to begin the evening of Wednesday, May 5 and wrap up on Friday, May 7. It will be held in Lunenburg at the Lunenburg Arms and will include sensitivity training, technology training, as well as a sharing session.

#### Annapolis Valley Regional Library

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

##### *Automated Library System*

An update to the current automated system will take place in the fall/winter of 2011-2012. These updates see improvements for both staff and the public. Staff computers will need to be upgraded in order to handle this update. A replacement/upgrade plan for equipment is in place. Staff enjoy the challenges that come with these changes and are certainly looking forward to the equipment upgrades.

Work continues on improvements to the web catalogue. Many lists have been created for new books. Titles are automatically added to these lists when they are processed. You may now access lists of new books based on some genres such as, mystery, western, science fiction, romance and large print. There are RSS feeds attached to each of these lists. This will allow you to receive and access updates to these lists without checking the catalogue each day.

##### *Downloadable Audio Books*

Downloadable audio books will soon be available from our catalogue. Meetings are being scheduled to discuss the details and implementation of this service. A training schedule for staff will be developed as well as promotional material.



### *Community Access Program (CAP)*

CAP programming will continue until the end of March for Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Lawrencetown, Middleton, Berwick, Port Williams and Windsor. Some of the hours were reduced in some locations, but one-on-one computer training is still available. Some programs will include involvement in the StoryTubes program, offering taping sessions where possible.

The Association of Western Valley CAP Sites and the Kings-West Hants CAP Association will be receiving \$40,000 in funding from the Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia initiative. These two groups will work together to assist residents of Annapolis, Digby, Kings and West Hants to take full advantage of the connectivity that will be available.

### *Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere*

The Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere initiative of Libraries Nova Scotia that began in late September has been very popular with residents of the Annapolis Valley. We are second only to Halifax in the number of books being return to us and owned by other libraries. In the first quarter report (September 28 to December 9, 2009) this totaled 509 items.

### *Branch Services*

The public is enjoying increased hours at the Middleton and Wolfville libraries in 2010. The Rosa M. Harvey Library in Middleton is now open on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am (formerly not open until 2:00 on Wednesdays), and the Wolfville Memorial Library is now open at 10:00 am Tuesday through Saturday (formerly open at 11:00am). In addition, we were able to increase staffing in the Kentville, Kingston, Middleton and Wolfville libraries. Also important was our ability to add a fourth weekly delivery day that sees the drop-off and pick-up of materials at all AVRL library locations.

The Wolfville Memorial Library hosted author Carol McDougall in early December. She is the author of *Nova Scotia's Guide to Frugal Living* and, given the season, she added tips for a frugal holiday as well.

The Hantsport Library was closed over the school break to undergo cleaning and re-painting. The opportunity was taken to also make changes in arrangement of furniture and shelving. The library reopened to both the public and school on January 12 with a much improved facility!

AVRL is currently offering the *Food for Fines* initiative, done in co-operation with local food banks and FEED NOVA SCOTIA. During the month of February, the donation of one food bank item via the library may be used to forgive up to \$3.00 in library fines, and there is no limit on how many fines can be forgiven. We formerly offered the program in 2008 when it was very well received by the public and staff.

The Friends of the Rosa M. Harvey Library in Middleton were successful in their application for a New Horizons for Seniors grant to support library services at that branch. The group received \$12,850 which will be used for furniture, shelving and books targeted to the senior population. An official opening was held February 17.

Other Friends of the Library groups continue to offer support to several of our libraries. Kentville Friends have accepted an offer from the Town to pursue the site on River Street for a new library, after the area on Justice Way proved unavailable. In Annapolis Royal, the Friends continue to fundraise via book sales, and recently purchased a new storage cabinet for the library. Windsor Friends also hosted a book sale in late 2009, and there has been interest shown in developing such a group in the Hantsport area. Bridgetown Friends await the final environmental reports on the new location in the Revere building, and are planning their annual fund-raising Tea.

The annual meeting of Branch Managers was held at our Bridgetown location in November. The day was filled with workshops and discussions regarding public library services, including the exciting introduction of e-audio books in the early part of 2010.

**Cape Breton Regional Library**

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

*Library "FUN"draisers*

As this is our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we're having fun getting the word out to the public about the Library, having fun with our patrons, and raising money too.

We started in February with our third annual "KnitFit Community Knit-a-thon" held in our Sydney (McConnell) and Baddeck branches. We had almost 60 knitters and crocheters at the two branches; and many patrons donated yarn and finished items before the Knit-a-thon date. In the end, over 400 hats, mittens, scarves, socks, sweaters, blankets, etc. were donated to local family charities on behalf of the participants. Over \$1400 was collected in donations and pledges that sponsored the crafters. Local restaurants and grocers provided free lunch. Many Maritime yarn stores and individuals provided door prizes. This was a very successful community effort and fun for all.



*Rosalie Gillis learning to knit at the Registration Desk*



*More than 400 balls of yarn were donated!*



*Janet Gillis is dressed as the Jester and Bev McGee is the clown! They had fun hamming it up and doing face painting for the kids.*

Next was the **April Fools Books2Eat** event! Books2Eat was a fun,

unique way for food artists, food lovers and book lovers to celebrate books, reading, food and fun on April Fools Day, and help support the Adopt-a-Book program at the Library. Both professional chefs and amateur bakers and cooks made edible books or other creations inspired by books. Most were auctioned off. Everyone enjoyed seeing the creations, the face painting, the improv and humorous readings that entertained the crowd.



*Fire truck by Samuel MacDougall, based on the book Fire Truck, by Peter Sis (1998)*



*Cake donated by Sobeys to celebrate the day—we all got to eat this one!*



### *Mystery Series*

We are also looking forward to our third play fundraiser later in April and early May at the McConnell Library in Sydney. "Found Out," our third and final "Murder in the Library" mystery series is an original play by James F.W. Thompson and is directed by Brian Gallivan. Stars of the show are library staff and friends of the Library. Rehearsals are well under way, and this popular fundraiser is sure to satisfy the mystery lovers in the community. Not only do they get to try to figure out *who-dun-it--* they also get to see the areas of the library most patrons don't see, as the scenes take place all over the library building.

### *Book Clubs*

CBRL has started two different types of book club programs this year. One is a drop-in discussion on a specific book once a month that is open to anyone in the public who has read the book, whether from the library or not. The second is a Seniors' Book Club in development with the help of a New Horizons grant. Ten copies of thirty different titles are being put together with discussion questions in a book club bag that groups of senior patrons can take out for book club discussions at the library once a month. We had input from seniors on the titles to include, and there is a good range of fiction, non-fiction, local, Canadian, and international titles. Seniors book clubs are expected to start later this spring at McConnell Library and this fall at branches around the region.

### *New CBRL Staff*

CBRL has welcomed several new staff members recently. Darlene Leahy has taken over the Louisbourg branch, replacing Juanita Fudge who has gone on to an exciting career with the police. Kathleen Ley will be starting at the Dominion Branch and Elizabeth Ross will work at the Sydney Mines branch. We have been enjoying the efficient services of Keith MacDonald for some time now. Keith makes sure our branch deliveries are made in a timely fashion so all those holds are filled as soon as possible. We are also happy to have as an energetic term worker, Jonathan Penny, who is helping with promotion of the library in schools, with fundraising and with programs as well as teaching computer classes to seniors.

### *New Additions*

Not only is McConnell Library in Sydney undergoing renovations to replace the carpets in the Children's Library and the Program Room with natural linoleum in fun shapes and colours, the old Victoria County Bookmobile is being replaced with a brand new bus, painted with our new library card design. This will be a welcome addition for our rural patrons in Victoria County who can now count on reliable Bookmobile service (but we still can't control the weather!)

The Wilfred Oram Centennial Library in North Sydney has also announced that they will have a new home next door to their present location on Commercial St, in the new North Sydney Heritage and Culture Centre. The Centre will also house the North Sydney Historical Museum, a Seniors' Centre and office space. The sod turning took place on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

### **Cumberland Regional Library**

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

### *Upcoming Events*

Spring has sprung and now we're looking forward to the annual Summer Reading Club. This year we'll be putting a new twist on an old favourite by providing summer reading fun for all ages. Our first ever Adult Summer Reading Club will launch on the same date as our reading clubs for teens and children. Now the whole family will be able to get in on the fun.

The library's annual Staff In-service day will take place on June 7. This is always an enlightening day as staff from all branches have the opportunity to get together and share ideas.

### *New Collections and Services*

The public libraries in the province are looking forward to the implementation of downloadable audio and e-books (with the exception of Halifax Public Libraries who already enjoys this service). We can't wait to start showing our patrons how they can get the latest thriller from John Grisham from the comfort of their home. Hopefully everything will be in place for the summer.

The Cumberland Regional Library has started to collection television series on DVD. This has been a welcome addition to our collections. In fact, the items are so popular most of them have not even made it to the shelves.

The library is pleased to offer e-mail notification to let patrons know about overdue items. It is good for the environment because it reduces paper and mail delivery and it is good for patrons because they get their notices more quickly. Patrons have a choice as to which notification they prefer.

### *Our Communities*

The library recently took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Seniors Expo. Seniors from all over Cumberland County came to Springhill to learn about the services, organizations and businesses that cater to their needs. Approximately 60 seniors were in attendance.

### *Popular Programs*

March Break programs were as popular as ever this year but none more than Grossology. Kids got the opportunity to make fake snot, blood, and scabs while Youth Services Librarian, Chantelle Taylor, sneaked in a few educational science facts and a story about a farting dog. The kids and staff had a great time.

Thanks to a grant the Amherst branch has been able to purchase a Wii videogame system. Although it has been difficult to get all of the Wii components the programs held so far have been well received. We're hoping that the addition of this well-liked gaming system will help get a few more teens in the door.

The CART (Children and Adults Reading Together) has just completed another successful run. With funding from the Family Learning Initiative Endowment Fund the CART program was able to target pre-school children and their parents/caregivers in all 7 branch libraries.

### **Eastern Counties Regional Library**

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

#### *Conversation Sparks Book Donation Campaign with Earth Day Connection.*

The library has recently launched its first ever *ReGive a Book* campaign, a 6-week campaign ending on April 22, Earth Day. What began as a conversation between Mulgrave Library staff member Joyce Oliver-Snair and loyal patron, Joanne Schmidt of Galloping Cows Fine Foods in Port Hood, ended with the start of a new campaign to collect almost new, top quality books and DVDs.

Libraries have always encouraged donations, but often received materials complete with dust balls left outside the library doors. This campaign promotes the concept of giving an item to the library while still new, rather than five years down the road. Joanne took the lead on the campaign with her community contacts and partnered with several community organizations. As a result, 4 H members distributed information; and posters donated by Galloping Cows were placed throughout the three counties served by ECRL. Drop-off locations were established at Galloping Cows in Port Hood, all branches of the East Coast Credit Union (within the counties of Inverness and Richmond), and the Acadian Credit Union in Chéticamp. Library branches and link sites also collect the donations.

The end date of April 22 was chosen for a reason. “By ending the campaign on Earth Day”, says Schmidt, “the campaign has a potential of creating even more awareness of the need for books to be recycled into new reader’s hands.” For this particular campaign, members of the public are encouraged to donate books published no later than 2007.

### Halifax Public Libraries

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

#### *Halifax Central Library Approved*

Halifax Regional Council’s approval of the Central Library Funding Plan and the Award of Architectural Consulting Services on March 30 was the final and most important step in making the dream of a Central Library a reality. “This is a vote of confidence in our downtown,” said Mayor Peter Kelly. “It will boost revitalization efforts, increase the commercial tax base and ultimately stimulate growth of the local and regional economy.”



Fowler Bauld & Mitchell (FBM) will be the primary point of contact for the project’s design phase. They are a well-established local architectural firm in practice in Atlantic Canada since 1917. Some of their recent public buildings include Citadel High School, Dalhousie University’s new academic building and the Cobequid Community Health Centre. The FBM team includes Schmidt Hammer Lassen, a highly regarded European firm. Schmidt Hammer Lassen has designed libraries and public spaces of similar scope in Denmark, the UK, Norway and Sweden.

“With the contribution of other levels of government we have an unprecedented opportunity to build a library that meets the needs of its users and contributes to the vibrancy of the downtown,” said Leo McKenna, chair of the Halifax Regional Libraries Board. “With Fowler Bauld & Mitchell’s emphasis on public and stakeholder consultation combined with a comprehensive design period, we are confident that we will build a central library to take HRM well into the future.”

The next step for the Central Library project will be an in-depth public consultation about the design of the new library.

#### *The Author Stage -- Author Readings and Talks on Video*

Halifax Public Libraries hosts some of Canada’s best authors. But what if you don’t live in the Halifax area? Now you can visit **The Author Stage** and catch up on the author readings you may have missed.

Filmed by library staff, the videos feature readings by critically-acclaimed authors Donna Morrissey, Alistair MacLeod and Wayson Choy. The most recent addition to the site is a reading with CBC radio’s Terry O’Reilly, host of the popular program *The Age of Persuasion*.

To find the videos, go to our [web site](#) and click on the ‘Readers’ tab. The library will continue to add videos, so check back periodically for more authors.



### *Book Donation from the U.S. Consulate*

Anton K. Smith, the U.S. Consul General in Halifax, presented Halifax Public Libraries with a collection of 16 non-fiction books for children on the opening night of African Heritage Month. The books, all focusing on Dr. Martin Luther King or the civil rights movement, are an appreciated addition to the Library's collection. The books have been distributed among five branches, but are available to anyone with a Halifax Public Libraries card.

### *Graphic Novel Camp*

Halifax Public Libraries hosted its first Graphic Novel Camp in March. The camp was an all-day event to celebrate graphic novels and promote the library's collection of over 14,000 titles.

"Graphics novels are both artistic and literary. Because they contain mostly pictures, they tap into our ability as readers to gather information from images. Being able to 'read' images and get meaning from them is known as visual literacy. Graphic novels are a breakthrough for people who are already visual readers and for those who want to further develop their visual literacy skills," said Sarah Wenning, Regional Manager of Readers' Services for Halifax Public Libraries.

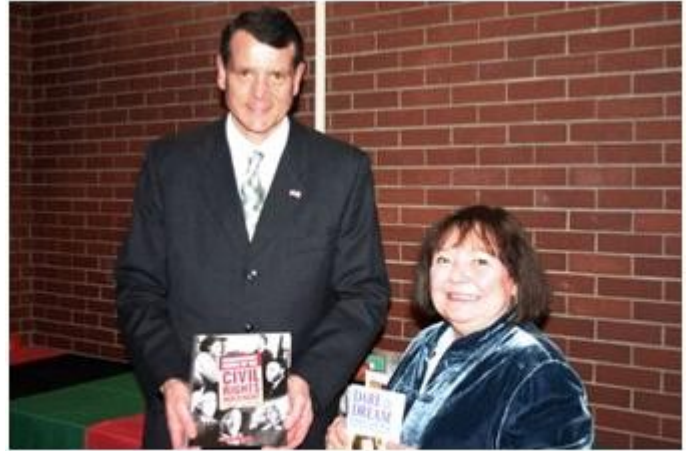
The library hosted a fantastic lineup of international and Canadian graphic novel artists. The speakers were **Mike Holmes, Kate Beaton, Rebecca Kraatz, Faith Erin Hicks** and **Kyle Baker**.

Mike Holmes is an author and illustrator working in Halifax who just published the non-fiction graphic novel *This American Drive*. He started the day with a presentation that included a brief history of comics, as well as a discussion about his own work.

In the afternoon, Kate Beaton, Rebecca Kraatz and Faith Erin Hicks participated in a panel. Each artist presented their work individually, and then they sat for questions from the audience. Kate Beaton won the 2009 Doug Wright Award for Best Emerging Talent in Canadian comics and graphic novels. Faith Erin Hicks is the author of *Zombies Calling* and *The War at Ellsmere*. Rebecca Kraatz's comic book *House of Sugar* won the 2007 Doug Wright Award for Best Emerging Talent.

Industry-icon Kyle Baker capped off the day. "Kyle is a huge name in the field of graphic novels and we're so pleased that he came to Halifax for this. He has received both the Harvey and the Eisner Awards, two of the comic book industry's highest honors," said Sarah.

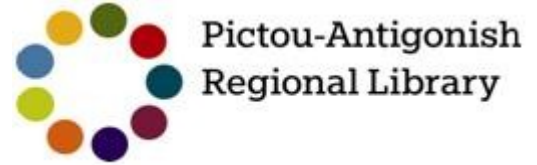
The Graphic Novel Camp was well-received by the audience. Many of the attendees asked for more comic-themed events at the library in the future.



*U.S. Consul General in Halifax Anton K. Smith and Halifax Public Libraries CEO Judith Hare with a selection of donated books.*



*Kyle Baker signs autographs at the Halifax North Library after his presentation at the Graphic Novel Camp*

**Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library**<http://www.parl.ns.ca>**Pictou-Antigonish  
Regional Library**

Looking forward to April showers bringing those May flowers! April programs at the Library are well under way, beginning with an Autism Awareness evening seminar on April 1, a few author readings, plus Steven Kimber, a nominee for a 2010 Atlantic Book Award, a Song Writers' workshop with Dave Gunning, a trip to the Canadian Arctic for Earth Day with a marine geoscientist from the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, a Vancouver 2010 Olympic Adventure: behind the scenes look with two volunteers sharing their stories of the Canadian Olympic experience, and ending the month on a theatrical note (a mini Musical!) with a play by the teen playwrights from the Pictou Library on April 29.



By request, PARL will host one of the launches of the *Historical Nova Scotia Newspapers* digitization project, on Friday April 23 (1:30 pm, at the Municipality of Pictou County, Council Chambers). The preservation project is a joint initiative of Libraries Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management, the Beaton Institute of Cape Breton University, with funding provided by C@P. In addition to the digitization of the *Pictou Bee* newspaper (1835-1838) by the Project, PARL will feature one of our own digital projects, the *Pictou County Historical Minutes* (from 1880-1893), [currently viewable online](#). All are welcome to join us!

May programming is well underway from *Free Comic Book Day* on May 1 and a workshop with comic artist Mark Oakley, followed by an author reading with travelling funny guy, Matt Jackson, a visit by a Hackmatack Children's book award nominee, Philip Roy, an introduction to the *Maritime Butterfly Atlas* with zoologist John Klymko, a Preventing Falls walking tour, Alzheimer's Awareness & Family Care information sessions, Seniors' legal advice seminars and finally, our Art Gala on Saturday May 29 – to name a few. And check out the latest PARL FCBD video on our *YouTube PARL Channel* by Adam Noble (our New Glasgow Branch Librarian).



On evening of Wednesday May 19, PARL will host the official launch of our newest animated English and Gaelic children's e-storybook "*Sheena's Garden – An Gharadh aig Sine*" at the Antigonish County Council Chambers. The story follows the adventures of Sheena, and the 13 worms who live in her garden. Many thanks to the Nova Scotia Office of Gaelic Affairs for their support of this project! For more details and to view the e-storybook, please visit our website, [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca).

And congratulations to Maureen Hull & Brenda Jones, for the publication of their children's storybook, *Lobster Fishing on the Sea* by Nimbus Publishing this spring – which originated as our first animate children's storybook at PARL, *Lobster fishing on the Susan B*.



In June we start our *Music on the Patio* summer series and *TD Summer Reading Clubs* too,...an adventure in "Destination Jungle!"

**PARLkids!**

Sadly, our PARL "I love my Library!" bookmark & our *Name the Library Bear* contest at the Stellarton Library drew to a close on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We've welcomed Dewey, our newest Library staff member to the fold, and we have some great bookmark designs, including:

*"Why are libraries the tallest building in town?*

*...because they have the most stories!!! "*

*~ Stefanie, from the Antigonish Library*

Plus our PARLKids book bags have arrived many thanks to a kind donation by the New Glasgow *Walmart* store employees' group and the *Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program* for their continuing support of community literacy.



### *Leaping Librarians!*



We need a Hero! ... The *Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program* is looking for incredibly cool comic art contributions and a mascot for its new *WOW! Reading Challenge* webpage – so they've decided to have an art contest for the month of April (with totally awesome prizes!). Further details are [available online](#).

On May 3, at the Regional Library HQ in New Glasgow, we will host the *Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program & Walmart's Awards* ceremony to recognize our local *Heroes for Literacy!*

### *Out with the Old – In with the New ... Spring Cleaning!*

Renovations are almost finished in New Glasgow with the new building addition expected to open to the public in April! There is a new windowed area on the main street, next to a spacious new program room with a main street view, and new home for our archives and historical reference collections. If you're downtown New Glasgow, please drop on by. While the Antigonish, the construction of the new Antigonish Town & County Library- the People's Place, is breaking ground in June, with contract tenders and expressions of interest for Artistic works issued in mid-April and is expected to be completed November 2010!

Our [new PARL website](#) was launched in the month of March, and it has been busy! In addition to our new online look, we've added a few new library services – *TumbleLibrary*, *A to Z maps* and two social media gadgets – *Twitter* account for *PARLevents* tweets, and a *PARL Channel* on *Youtube* for videos of library happenings & library services.

Other new front page contents include *Featured Books* – from cover to cover, and our many digital projects – from the *Wooden Boats of River John* to the *North Nova Highlanders*, and more.

In the writing realm ...

Unfortunately, the residency of our 2009-2010 Writer-in-Residence, Gary Blackwood has drawn to a close at the end of March. Blackwood was great, and everyone very much appreciated his workshops, mentoring opportunities and reading club visits (from sword fights at the YRC's to critical critiques at the workshops!). But he's not going too far away, and he may be back over the summer for some more writing workshops.

In addition, at 7pm on April 29 in the New Glasgow Library, *the Blackwood Players*, our teen playwrights' group from the Pictou Library will give a presentation of their original work, *While it Lasts ...* a mini-musical, featuring an opera singer!

Author readings abound, from Anna Quon's *Migration Songs* in March, to Carol Frugall MacDougall's *Nova Scotia Guide to Frugal Living* and Stephen Kimber as part of the Atlantic Book Awards in April, and Matt Jackson's *Canada Chronicles* in May... it's been busy.

Our *Open Mic Night* at the Trenton Artworks with the *Pictou County Writers' Group* was a smashing success, and excerpts of the exciting live performances are viewable online at our *PARL Channel* on *YouTube*.

### Western Counties Regional Library

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

#### *Library's Writer-in-Residence Program Surpasses Expectations*

Western Counties Regional Library Writer-in-Residence program began with a full house during its open house in September and has never slowed down.

"I think it has been a very successful program," says Deborah Duke, coordinator of the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library in Yarmouth. The Yarmouth library is the base for writer-in-residence Sandra Phinney. The Yarmouth County freelance writer has written two books and her articles have appeared in over 60 Canadian and American publications.



Duke commends Phinney for her planning and organization of the program and her ability to match the programming with the needs of her participants.

Following an open house that attracted close to 60 people to the program, Phinney had 53 mentoring sessions in September alone – by far her busiest month. By the end of February, 218 people had taken part in the monthly seminars covering everything from getting a book published to editing. There were 16 participants at a full-day workshop, and there had been 155 one-on-one mentoring sessions. The program is due to wind down at the end of June.

"The program has encouraged a lot of people to try out their writing skills," says Duke. There have been many successes among the participants including some who have had their works published.

The undertakings of the participants have impressed Phinney. She has logged an extensive list of their accomplishments, ranging from entering competitions to having articles and stories published.

This project was funded through CommonWealth of Writers: Our Writers/Our Libraries, administered through the Writers Federation of Nova Scotia, and Western Counties Regional Library.

#### *Western Counties Launches Biennial Fundraiser*

Western Counties Regional Library launched its biggest fundraiser, the 2010 Adopt-A-Book campaign. The campaign kicked off April 1 with the *April Fool's Trivia Challenge* at the Yarmouth library. The challenge not only brings attention to the campaign, but it also raised \$2,431.35 to purchase books for the library shelves. During seven rounds of trivia, teams battled to get their names on the Vanguard Cup but in the end the local newspaper, The Yarmouth Vanguard, was victorious. The Vanguard won its round and had the highest overall score-- thanks to some late bribing at the end to squeeze past the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives. Although teams can win by answering the questions correctly, they can also add valuable points by bribing the judges. Such questionable tactics helped numerous teams win their rounds.

"It may sound a little larcenous, but it is all done for fun and fundraising," says Ian White, the regional library's public relations manager.

"The campaign goal is to put at least 1,000 new books on the shelves of the 10 library branches serving Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties." says Gary Archibald,



*The action was fast and furious during the 2010 Adopt-A-Book April Fool's Trivia Challenge at the Yarmouth library. The event kicked off the three-month fundraiser netting over \$2,400 in two hours of fun and larceny. (Ryan McKenzie photo)*

chairman of the regional library board. "Libraries have to raise three per cent of their annual budget and this is one way we do it."

More importantly, he says, from April through June, the public has a chance to revitalize the library's collection, a key factor in making the library an enjoyable, interesting place to visit.

"Like anything, our collection ages and Adopt-A-Book puts new books on our shelves that people want to borrow and read," explains Archibald.

People and organizations can choose from a wide selection of new books and then adopt them for the branch of their choice. Every book adopted will have a name plate acknowledging the adoption placed inside the front cover of the book. The person adopting the book can also be the first one to borrow it, he adds.

"The cost of purchasing books continues to rise, but our funding doesn't keep pace," says Regional Library Director Trudy Amirault. "To reach our goal of having 1,000 books adopted, we have to raise approximately \$30,000."

Community and corporate support for past campaigns has always been strong, says Archibald, adding the Radio CJLS has been the official campaign sponsor since its inception in 1996. That sponsorship, and the support from all the library's media partners, has helped ensure Adopt-A-Book's success. "We wouldn't get the message out without the support of the media," Archibald says.

## ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

### Dalhousie University Libraries

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

#### *Dalhousie Libraries Green Team Wins Sustainability Award*

The Dalhousie Libraries are tickled green to announce that our Green Team--Linda Bedwell, Sandy Dwyer, Michelle Paon and Leigh Smith--have won the Office of Sustainability's inaugural ReThink! Program Green Team Award. Michelle Paon accepted the award on behalf of the team at an official ceremony on April 7 in the Rowe Building.

The Libraries' was the first sustainability team on campus to register in the ReThink! program. Their initiatives to date include a sustainability audit of the Killam Library, a Lunch 'n Learn for staff, placement of sorting bins in staff areas and a successful pilot project to remove garbage cans from the 2nd floor Killam atrium and replace them with sorting bins.

The award comes in the shape of a sculpture designed and created by Shyronn Smardon, a Masters student in the School of Architecture. This unique piece is made entirely of materials salvaged from around campus.

The Libraries are very proud of our Green Team and look forward to seeing what new projects they have up their green sleeves!



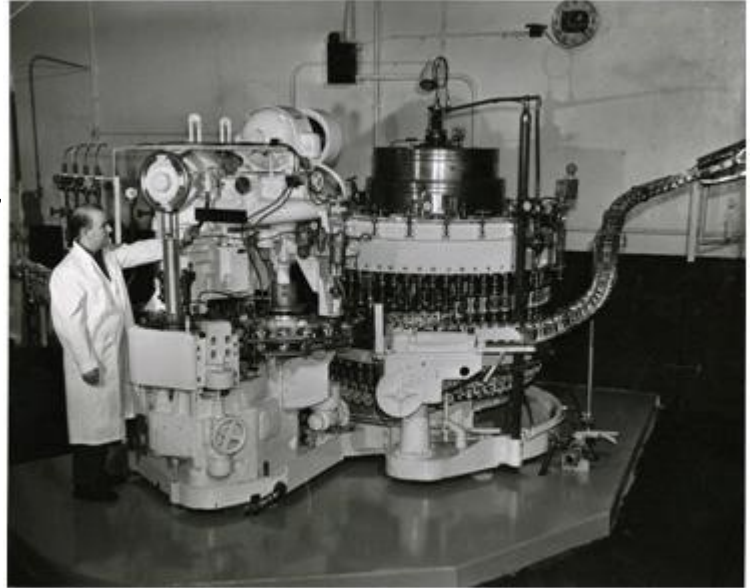
*Green Team winners: Linda Bedwell, Sandy Dwyer, Leigh Smith and, Michelle Paon*



### *Oland Collection at University Archives*

The Dalhousie University Archives recently wrapped up an eight month project to process the papers of Oland and Son Limited, the Halifax-based brewing company. Oland and Son Limited was founded in 1867 and operated until 1971 when it was sold to John Labatt Limited. It was Nova Scotia's largest brewing company for many years, selling beer throughout the Maritimes, Quebec, and in locations in the United States and the Caribbean. The company owned subsidiaries in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec, including A. Keith and Son, one of the oldest breweries in Canada.

The Oland records were donated to the University Archives by Bruce Oland over many years. They now form one of the largest brewing company archives in Canada. The personal papers of various members of the Oland Family were also donated. In total, over 140 meters (460 linear feet) of materials were donated, including 17 volumes of scrapbooks from the Oland and Keith families, cash books and ledgers, and company correspondence, as well as photographs, slides, blueprints and maps.



*Oland Brewery Plant*



*Sydney Oland*

Arranging the business papers was a complex task. Some of the more interesting archival materials include brewing recipe books for Oland and Son and A. Keith and Son, photographs, advertising proofs, beer labels, and materials relating to the Bluenose II, a replica of the famous "Bluenose" schooner commissioned by Oland and Son.

The collection was appraised, arranged, and described by Archives Assistant Creighton Barrett and Student Intern Nora Kennedy, with funding from the Canada Council of Archives' National Archival Development Program. Two finding aids and over 4,000 file level descriptions were created, providing unprecedented access to the collection.

Descriptions are available online at [Dalhousie University Archives](http://dal.ca/archives) and through [Archway](http://archway.ca), the regional archival holdings database maintained by the Council of Nova Scotia Archives.

For further information about the Oland collection or the Dalhousie University Archives, visit the Archives in person at the Killam Library or [online](http://dal.ca/archives).

View more photos from the Oland Collection on the [DUASC Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/DUASC)

### **NSCAD University**

<http://www.nscad.ns.ca/en/home/libraries/default.aspx>

### *Staff Changes*

Long time Library staff member Linda Jones has announced her retirement at the end of the summer. Linda has spent many successful years at NSCAD and will be greatly missed. We are sure many of you will join us in wishing her every success in the future and look forward to celebrating her achievements in the months ahead. The Library welcomes Nicole Dixon, a student

enrolled in the School of Information Management's MLIS program who will be completing her work practicum at the Library this spring.

### *Grants*

The Library was a recipient of two recent grants. The Robert Pope Foundation generously donated two thousand dollars to build resources in the area of medicine and art. Robert Pope was a NSCAD student and young artist who passed away from Hodgkin's disease. Before his untimely death, Robert painted his experience in numerous works and published a book, *Illness and Healing: Images of Cancer*. Young Canada Works has provided a Collections Assistant to be hired over the summer to assist with the Library's digitization projects currently focused in the Visual Resources Collection and to help with a collection inventory and maintenance project.

### *New Art at the Library*

Those visiting the Library will notice new art works around the space. Four lithographs from the Anna Leonowens permanent art collection are now viewable in the stair wells, two works by NSCAD faculty member Patrick Rapati are in the reference collection, and a print donated by NSCAD alumnus, Jason Winters, now graces the front entrance. In addition, a permanent installation created by MFA students Ryan Witt and Nicole Raufeisen entitled *Rear Projection* was exhibited from March 12 to 29, 2010. The work is viewable through a peep hole in a door on the third floor of the Library. Opening hours throughout the spring and summer are by appointment, and regular hours will resume in the fall.

### *Soucy Collection Relocated*

The Donald Soucy Special Collection has been removed from storage and relocated to an accessible space on the main floor of the Library. The Soucy collection contains textbooks, journals and other works from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century primarily in the area of art education of North America.

### *LibGuides Upgrade*

The Library has upgraded its LibGuides subscription to Campus Guides and is progressing with training and assisting Faculty to use the software for course management purposes.

### **St. Francis Xavier University**

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

### *StFX Librarians: Your Research Allies*

In preparation for the University's 8th annual Student Research Day\*, the librarians at St. Francis Xavier University spent a great deal of time planning their annual booth at the event. Inspired by the presentation of McGill librarians Janine Schmidt and Amber Lannon at last year's APLA conference, they eventually opted to promote the Library's top asset for researchers... the librarians! The Library's booth included charts and examples of the many ways in which librarians support the full range of research activity, while passers-by received baseball-card-inspired "librarian trading cards" promoting individual Liaison Librarians.



The day was a great success (the biggest Student Research Day yet, with 84 student presentations and 22 prizes awarded). The trading cards were a big hit with students and faculty members alike, as well as with the librarians themselves, who plan to use these as promotional materials in the coming academic year.

The 2010 Angus L. Macdonald Library Research Day Display Committee includes Lise Brin, Grace MacPherson, Laurinda Matheson, Suzanne van den Hoogen

\*Student Research Day is an annual event tirelessly organized by Dr. Angie Thompson of StFX's Human Kinetics Department.



## News from Prince Edward Island

*Submitted by Nichola Cleaveland, Dawn Hooper, and Suzanne Jones*

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### Public Library Service

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

#### *Re-Launched Web Site*

The Public Library Service has one of the busiest pages on the government of PEI website. In recognition of this fact, the Public Library Service recently re-launched its website with a new look. In addition to some visual changes, users will no longer have to navigate through the Department of Tourism and Culture's website to access our website. As a result of this change, library personnel can now readily edit content on the site. In addition, we will now be able to analyze how people are using our website.

#### *Read Around the House*

During March Break, patrons participated in our inaugural Read Around the House activity. Children and families were encouraged to read 15 minutes (or more) a day in different locations. They could read in different rooms or areas in their house, a grandparent's house if they were visiting, or different areas of hotels and airports if they went on vacation. For each book read during the week, participating children received a chocolate coin. Read Around the House was well-received by families, and so will become an annual event in our libraries.

#### *New Family Literacy Initiative*

The Public Library Service is offering a new family literacy service that many children, parents and grandparents will enjoy. Tumblebooks is an online collection of animated, talking picture books with a target audience of children in preschool to grade 3.

*Staff News*

Minerva Gamble-Hardy has been appointed to the LA12 position at Confederation Centre Public Library. Minerva began her career with the Public Library Service as a casual back-up at Summerside Rotary Library and was appointed to a permanent position at Summerside Rotary Library in 2005.

**ACADEMIC LIBRARIES****University of Prince Edward Island Robertson Library**

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

The Library hosted a musical lunch hour event on March 16<sup>th</sup> in its lobby. Visiting musicians from New York (Julia MacLaine, Jennifer Curtis, and Margaret Dyer) brought their various stringed instruments and, before an interested and receptive crowd, performed excerpts from their upcoming Schumann concert.

This event was so well received that similar events will be planned in the Library's space.

The third Fedora summer gathering is scheduled for July 26 to 30 in Charlottetown this year. The Red Island Repository Institute (RIRI) will be held at the Robertson Library. Speakers at this point include: Sandy Payette, Carl Lagoze, Bess Sadler, Eddie Shin, and Mark Leggott. [Click here](#) for more information.



In the next day or two, new furniture for our Learning Commons will arrive! But even with its current potpourri of desks and chairs, the Commons has proved to be a very popular winner with our students. Our new Information Desk, for this same area, will be appreciated by the Library staff when it arrives, as well. Pictures to come in the next update!

**GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES****Veterans Affairs Canada Library**

Located in the Daniel J. MacDonald Building in Charlottetown, the Veterans Affairs Library provides a wide range of services for employees of Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC). The majority of these employees are based in Charlottetown, but many others work in District and Regional offices across the country, which has resulted in an effort to expand the library's electronic resources and desktop services. To that end, the Library recently added a subscription to EBSCO's Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection. This initiative has been especially well-received by VAC employees who work in the health professions.

In general, the Library concentrates on four main streams of information: medical, legal, military history, and current federal government issues. Despite recent challenges, the Library continues to be busy filling reference and research requests, and in the near future will embark on a project to be more closely linked with VAC's Records and Information Holdings sections.

Currently, the Library is staffed by Acting Librarian Roseanne Gauthier, Acting Library Assistant Dawne MacLaren, and UPEI student Adam Drake. Librarian Heidi Lund is on secondment to the Office of the Veterans Ombudsman.

## News from the School of Information Management, Dalhousie University

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

### Two New Modes of Communication at SIM

#### *SIMCast*

The purpose of [SIM's blog](#) is to present and discuss events, opportunities, and news associated with SIM, its staff, faculty, students, and graduates. We invite you to participate in postings and to make this an interactive and collaborative venture. To post material to the blog please email [simweb@dal.ca](mailto:simweb@dal.ca); comments can be posted directly to the blog. SIMCast can be found at.

#### *Twitter*

DalSIMnews is the official Twitter source for news and events from SIM. Follow us at <http://twitter.com/dalsimnews> to keep up with the latest!

### MLIS student publishes short story

SIM is pleased to announce that MLIS student, Nicole Dixon, has had a short story published in one of Canada's major literary journals. The story, titled, "You Wouldn't Recognize Me", can be found in Issue 113 of The New Quarterly. This journal can be viewed [online](#).

### MLIS Paper Proposal Accepted for ACA Conference

Nathaniel Smith's paper, "Emerging Roots: Archives, Genealogists and the Internet," has been accepted for the Association of Canadian Archivists 35th annual conference. The theme of the conference this year is "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: The Next Generation of Canadian Archivists". The conference will be held in Halifax at the Westin Nova Scotian hotel from June 9 to June 12, 2010.

This paper uses a public policy analysis approach to examine formal and informal relationships between government archives and private organizations and explores how advancements in digital technology have informed these relationships as the partner organizations work to deliver services to genealogists. The paper also discusses the impact of trends in e-government and how similar and divergent mandates of each partner organization are affecting the ability of archives to achieve service delivery goals in an increasingly networked society.



### MLIS Paper Proposal Accepted for CAIS Conference

MLIS student Danielle M. Cossarini's paper, "Communicating Scientific Information for Environmental Solutions: A Knowledge Management Perspective," has been accepted for the 2010 conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science.

This paper discusses the use of Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment (GOMC) publications and their influence on public policy. In-depth interviews were conducted with 19 members of GOMC's primary Working Group to determine their views on the value of the organization's publications, their real world usefulness, and the dissemination challenges that may be faced by such an organization.



### SIM Loses Good Friend: Alan MacDonald

Faculty and staff in the School of Information Management are deeply saddened by the death of our dear friend, Alan MacDonald. His support of faculty, staff and students in so many ways through the years never wavered in wisdom, constancy and kindness. We were very proud to think of him as "one of us" even though his Bachelor of Library Science (BLS) degree was not from our School. In 2001 Alan was Visitor-in-Residence at our school, and in recent years he took part in several events at the School, from hugely appreciated "Brown Bag Lunches" with students, to special public events. Alan was particularly keen to ensure a sound footing for the scholarship endowment in honour of his dear friend, and Professor Emeritus in the School, Norman Horrocks. It was Alan's own generous donation that kick-started the endowment fund.



Alan MacDonald was educated at St Patrick's high school in Halifax and at Dalhousie University where he received his BA (1963). In 1964 he received his BLS degree from the University of Toronto, and began his illustrious library career at Dalhousie that same year eventually holding the positions of Government Publications Librarian, Health Sciences Librarian, Assistant University Librarian, Law Librarian, and Lecturer in the then School of Library Service at Dalhousie. He became the University of Calgary's Director of Libraries in 1979 and its Director of Information Services in 1992.

In 2003, the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) conferred on Alan its national award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship which is awarded annually to an individual at a CARL member institution who has made a substantial local, national and/or international contribution to academic research librarianship, Alan received his Award for his exemplary leadership at Dalhousie University, the University of Calgary and in numerous professional associations (including President of the Canadian Library Association, President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, President of the Canadian Association for Information Science, President of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions, Chair of the Council of Prairie University Librarians, Chair of the Calgary Community Network Association, and Chair of the CLA Writing the Future Commission).

If you wish to make a donation to establish the Alan MacDonald Memorial Award which will support MLIS students participating at professional association conferences, please complete the [attached form](#) and send to:

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### SIM is LinkedIn

The students of Dalhousie's School of Information Management have created and launched a professional networking group on LinkedIn, to replace the now-retired Prospectus online database. The LinkedIn group provides a place for information professionals to make connections with past and future MLIS graduates, and discuss issues relating to information management. It is also a central location to post information management career opportunities to a targeted audience. The group is open to anyone with LinkedIn access. A login id and password is LinkedIn's minimum requirement, but it is recommended that you create a basic profile as a first step. The *SIMSA Professional Networking Committee* looks forward to welcoming you to the group and encourages you to forward the group address to interested colleagues.

Join the [Dalhousie School of Information Management \(SIM\) Network](#) today!

### IM Public Lecture Series

*Spoiler Alert! The Rhetoric of the Bibliographic Record for Works of Fiction*

Presented by Elisabeth Davies

Elisabeth Davies, part-time instructor at Dalhousie University's School of Information Management discussed how works of fiction are treated similarly to works of non-fiction in terms of description and subject access. But what is happening when description becomes exposition and significant plot developments or surprise endings are given away by the record? This research is about the messages conveyed by bibliographic records and the symbolic power of the librarians who create these records.



*We Never See Each Other Anymore: Communicating with Science Users in the Virtual Library*

Presented by Sarah Stevenson

Sarah Stevenson, Physical Sciences Librarian at the Killam Library of Dalhousie University, discussed how the information landscape has changed dramatically in the last decade with increased availability and usage of online materials. Faculty and students who used to frequent the physical library are now rare personal visitors, understandably preferring the convenience of electronic access from the offices and laboratories. This has had a significant impact on communication between members of the Faculty of Science and the Science librarians. This lack of face-to-face interaction has resulted in the librarians being less aware of the scientists' needs, and a similar deficiency in scientists' awareness of library services. Through the course of interviews of a small sample of research groups in 3 Dalhousie Faculty of Science departments, Ms. Stevenson investigated out how scientists are meeting their academic/research information needs, and how the libraries can be of assistance with their information-seeking and management.



Sarah spent her first career life as production and quality control chemist with Diagnostic Chemicals Limited in Charlottetown PEI. After nearly 10 years with DCL, she traded in analytical chemistry for librarianship, graduating from Dal's MLIS programme in 2001. She has been with the Dalhousie University Libraries since July 2001.

### Off the Shelf

***Library: An Unquiet History* by Matthew Battles. New York: W. W. Norton, 2003.**

*Reviewed by Mary Kathryn Arnold, Reference Intern, Saint Mary's University*

Gone are the days when libraries were places where you could get in trouble for being too loud, when the buttoned-down librarian might approach the offending patron with a reprimanding shush. Matthew Battles' *Library: An Unquiet History* is a popular history of libraries from cuneiform to the Information Revolution, tracing the protean forms libraries have taken across different ages and cultures. Battles, a rare books librarian at Harvard University, focuses on moments of change, weaving together social history and politics to show how the dream of the universal library has been pursued since Alexandria, revealing that the library's strength has been its eclecticism, its status as an institution that is greater than the sum of its parts.

In his meandering way, Battles is fascinated not only by what has survived in libraries, but by what has been lost or discarded. This in some ways unknowable aspect of libraries interests him because of what it tells us about the cultures that saw fit to exclude what they once held dear. This focus leads Battles to an appreciation of the unremarkable, as well as of the series book, for their very everydayness. Battles' admiration of an often denigrated aspect of libraries, that they contain more dross than "great books" to stand the test of time, makes for a refreshing argument.

*Library: An Unquiet History* begins at the beginning, with clay tablets, wending its way through the Greeks and Romans to the fabled library at Alexandria. We learn of Arabic Spain's seventy libraries, giving credence to his point that the libraries of the West owe much to the libraries of the East. He also brings to our attention libraries containing no books, including Hunan, China's still existent *Fang shan* library, founded in AD 550 and consisting of caves carved with Buddhist sutras. We learn of the British Museum's opening in 1753, when it housed 51, 000 books, as well as the stunning use of iron in Paris' 19<sup>th</sup> Century Bibliothèque Nationale (the book includes photographs). A fruitful time for libraries, it being the age of Melvil Dewey, Battles spends considerable time on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, detailing the impact of Britain's 1850 Public Library Bill. Battles also attempts to explain how librarianship came to be a feminized profession, noting that the Boston Athenaeum was the first major library to employ women, doing so in 1857.

The most *unquiet* part of Battles' tour through the history of libraries comes near the end, when he explores the numerous times throughout history libraries have been burned, sacked, or otherwise destroyed. It is somewhat heartbreaking reading of the violence that befell libraries in Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sri Lanka, Bosnia, Tibet, and Afghanistan, though he is careful to leaven the destruction, loss and violence with individual acts of heroism by those, such as Walter Benjamin, who risked their lives to save books or at least document their destruction. Similarly, Battles is also concerned with the way libraries can function as instruments of justice or injustice. Richard Wright's ingenious method, in the Jim Crow American South in which he grew up, of accessing books in a whites-only library makes for inspiring reading.

Yet *Library: An Unquiet History* is not all doom and gloom, as the sands of time do their best to erase and bury information, knowledge, and names. Battles also peppers his narrative with intriguing trivia, such as the name Charles Dickens printed on the imaginary nineteen volume series he displayed in his library at Gad's Hill, or the fact that the phrase "sweetness and light" originated not with Matthew Arnold, but with Jonathan Swift, who coined the term in his 1704 essay "The Battle of the Books." He also brings libraries into the present, demonstrating his admiration for the now retired but still active Minnesotan and radical librarian Sanford Berman's one-man crusade against archaic Library of Congress subject headings. He is most inspired by the ability of public libraries to engender in citizens a feeling of ownership and at-homeness, a quality he finds articulated in Mary Antin's 1912 autobiography *The Promised Land*.

Reminiscent of Nicholas Basbanes tomes on the history of libraries (1995's *A Gentle Madness: Bibliophiles, Bibliomanes, and the Eternal Passion for Books* and 2003's *A Splendor of Letters: the Permanence of Books in an Impermanent World*), Battles' slim volume is less comprehensive, but similarly entertaining. Even though this book came out seven years ago, Battles recognised even then that information and language tend increasingly "to dwell in pixels and bits instead of paper and ink" (Battles, 2003, p. 213). He observes the way libraries have historically sat on both sides of the technology fence, offering the printing press and the penny dreadful as two examples. Changing technologies may create library environments of constant change that can at times feel like crises, but libraries are keepers of the collective myths of knowledge, wholeness, home, and identity; as long as they keep fulfilling this mirror-shining purpose, whatever form they take, the future of libraries is secure.

*Library: An Unquiet History* is published by W.W. Norton.

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## **Kipling's Canadian: Colonel Fraser Hunter, MPP Maverick Soldier-Mapmaker in the "Great Game" by David Newton. Victoria, B.C.: Trafford Publishing, 2009.**

*Reviewed by Karen Smith, Head of Special Collections, Dalhousie University Library*

In 1898 Frederick Fraser Hunter of Durham, Ontario graduated from the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. He was almost immediately offered an Indian Staff Corps commission. For the next thirty-one years Hunter's life was filled with adventure, intrigue, glamour and danger as he served the British Empire with distinction in a number of capacities on three continents, during a world war and few lesser rebellions and revolutions in China and Russia. Today Hunter's heroic actions are largely unknown. Retired military officer David Newton of Point Edward, Nova Scotia has set out to write a "portrait" of Hunter to ensure his exploits are not forgotten.

Newton's work, *Kipling's Canadian*, first sets the political and military scene in India in the 1890s. Then in six pages Newton concisely traces the arrival of the Hunter family in Canada and covers the first twenty-two years of Hunter's life. The next 200 plus pages cover the many twists and turns of Hunter's military and civilian service in India, China, Persia, Russia, the United States and France. Hunter's retirement from the imperial service was followed by a very brief teaching stint at the University of Toronto and two terms as Liberal member in the Ontario legislature. His post retirement is covered as concisely as his pre-India years. The text concludes with an interesting follow-up chapter entitled, "Where did all the soldiers go?", which provides brief biographies of Hunter's most significant colleagues and fellow adventurers. A bibliography of source material, fifty-seven endnotes, five photographs from Hunter's military career, a small map depicting the Persian Gulf in the time period Hunter served there, and a one page chronology of Hunter's life complete the volume.

From the wealth of information Newton has assembled from official military records, memoirs, histories and Hunter's own writings, it is clear that Hunter had a fascinating career as a colonial soldier, diplomat and civil servant. His extraordinary facility for picking up languages enabled him to effectively work in many countries during very a volatile period. Newton's depiction of Hunter's life story is not quite a biography as Newton readily acknowledges that there are too many gaps in the record of Hunter's activities. While serving in India and Persia, Hunter literally disappeared for months at a time and Newton has only been able to speculate on where Hunter may have been. Newton is only able to conjecture about possible relationships as well. Just because Hunter may have been in the same country as a major figure does not mean that he met them or influence them in any way. Hunter had four siblings, he was a Canadian politician, and was involved in national organizations. It is surprising that it does not appear Newton consulted Hunter's relatives, official Ontario government proceedings or association records to provide a more balance to his overview of Hunter's life.

The author has not been well served by his editor. There are too many instances of missing words, duplicated words, and wrong word usage such as "these" for "thesis" in the bibliography. Spacing problems are both distracting and confusing. It is ironic that a book about a man renowned for his innovative map making abilities should lack a good map. While it is important to know the politics of the period and the organization of the government and military in the regions Hunter worked in, the contextual material is too detailed and repeated too frequently. It overpowers Hunter's life story which is strong enough to carry the narrative.

The author's goal was to make Canadian aware of the role Fraser Hunter played in "epic events of recent time". To that end, David Newton was moderately successfully. One does learn about the fascinating overseas career of Fraser Hunter but one is also left with a desire to know much more.

*Kipling's Canadian* is published by Trafford Publishing.

*Book titles for Off the Shelf book reviews are generously provided by YBP Library Services*



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*What are we looking for?*

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**APLA 2010 CONFERENCE SUPPLEMENT****Atlantic Provinces Library Association 71st Ordinary General Meeting – Draft Agenda***Submitted by Donald Moses, APLA President*

1. Call to Order; Introduction of Head Table
2. Establish Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. APLA Meeting Rules
5. Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting, Halifax, NS, June 11/June 13, 2009
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. President's Report – D. Moses
8. Past President's Report – S. Cleyle
9. Vice-President's Reports
  - 9.1. New Brunswick – S. Kilfoil
  - 9.2. Newfoundland & Labrador – L. McGillis
  - 9.3. Nova Scotia – D. Beck
  - 9.4. Prince Edward Island – D. Hooper
  - 9.5. Membership – A. Smith
10. Report of the Financial Examiner - P. Glenister
  - 10.1. Report 2009/2010
  - 10.2. Appointment of the Financial Examiner for 2010/2011
11. Treasurer's Report – P. Logan
  - 11.1. Report 2009/2010 – P. Logan
  - 11.2. Budget 2010/2011 – P. Logan
12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin Management Board – I. Gibson/A. Brooks/K. Wooshue
13. Report of the APLA Website Administrator – L. Tweed
14. Aims & Objectives Committee – S. Gladwell
15. Committee on Committees and Interest Groups – S. Gladwell
16. Finance – D. Moses/P. Logan
17. APLA Memorial Award – E. Alcock
18. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship – S. Gladwell
19. Communications and Public Relations – D. Moses
20. Nominations and Elections – S. Cleyle
21. Grow a Library Report – S. Cleyle
22. Interest Group Reports
  - 22.1. Collections Development – vacant
  - 22.2. Computers and Connectivity – H. Cook
  - 22.3. Conservation of Library Materials – vacant
  - 22.4. Continuing Education – D. Rodrigues
  - 22.5. Francophone – E. Comeau
  - 22.6. Information Literacy – vacant
  - 22.7. Library Technicians – K. Darby
  - 22.8. New Librarians and Information Professionals – L. Gagnier
  - 22.9. Youth Services - vacant
23. Standing Order Revisions – S. Cleyle
  - 23.1. Add Standing Order 2.06
 Standing Order 2.06 Joint Memberships in APLA and other library associations may be negotiated, such memberships resulting in a percentage decrease in the fees specified in Standing Order 2.02.
24. Continuing Education Committee – E. Alcock
25. APLA Archives Report – J. Richard
26. CLA Copyright Representative Report – S. Lloyd
27. Annual Conferences
  - 27.1. Saint John 2010 – J. Cunningham & J. Fraser
  - 27.2. St. John's 2011 – E. Alcock
  - 27.3. 2012 – TBD
28. Unfinished Business
29. Resolutions
30. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management Update
31. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program Update
32. Inauguration of Incoming President
33. Adjournment

## Atlantic Provinces Library Association 70th Ordinary General Meeting – Draft Minutes

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

1. Call to Order; Introduction of Head Table  
Called to order at 5:05 pm; S. Cleyle (President); L. Melanson (Parliamentarian); D. Moses (VP/President Elect); L. Somers (secretary)
2. Establish Quorum  
Quorum established (43 members in attendance)
3. Adoption of Agenda  
Moved by K. WooShue  
Seconded by I. Gibson  
Motion carried
4. APLA Meeting Rules
5. Minutes of the 69th Ordinary General Meeting, Charlottetown, May 9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> 200  
Approve minutes  
Moved by J. Richard  
Seconded by D. Moses  
Motion carried
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 6.1. Last OGM motion to add \$300 to pay for a School of Information Management (SIM) student to handle APLA's mail. It was passed and carried, however, SIM actually pays this cost. No action to be taken on this item.
  - 6.2. Copyright – motion that APLA executive take action on copyright. We wrote a letter to govt. J. Duffy has been active in this regard.
7. President's Report – S. Cleyle  
Report submitted.
  - 7.1. Matters of concern before the profession. APLA has done the best job it can to make its concerns known – CRTC, NRC, and copyright. S. Cleyle assured members that advocacy role will continue.
  - 7.2. Movement of Bulletin to electronic form has been positive. Thanks to past president, and editors, I. Gibson and J. Duffy and previous editors to them. Thanks as well to R. Cordes and K. WooShue, advertising editors.
  - 7.3. APLA awarded a GAF grant to Information Without Borders Conference (\$500) and the Hackmatack Award (\$500).
  - 7.4. Introduced new initiative – Library Support Staff Conference Registration Grant.
8. Past President's Report – D. Bourne-Tyson  
Reports submitted.

8.1. Chaired Merit Award committee, and have a recipient, to be announced at banquet. Commended President Su and her strong leadership and Conference committee for last two years. She is currently updating procedures manual and is open to suggestions.

8.2. S. Cleyle presented past president pin to D. Bourne-Tyson as she was unable to attend the past president reception.

### 9. Vice-Presidents' Reports

9.1. New Brunswick – N. Goguen – submitted

Incoming VP NB S. Kilfoil presented the report. A French workshop was presented at last year's APLA conference.

9.2. Newfoundland & Labrador – L. McGillis – submitted  
Games at the Library Initiative - initiative with other VPs this year.

9.3. Nova Scotia – D. Beck – submitted

Hosted EI sessions as part of VP series.

SIM and NSCC Association events – value of joining APLA  
Presented APLA prize at SIM and NSCC

9.4. Prince Edward Island – D. Hooper – submitted

Hosted 2 EI sessions

9.5. Membership – R. MacPherson – submitted

Database will migrate to APLA server soon which will be handled by Ann Smith, APLA's new VP Membership.

### 10. Financial Examiner

10.1. Report 2008/2009 - P. Glenister – submitted

P. Glenister moved the membership accept the report  
C. Dennis seconded.

Motion Carried

10.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner, 2009/2010 – P. Logan

P. Logan moved to ask P. Glenister to continue as financial examiner for 2009/10

P. Glenister seconded

Motion carried

### 11. Treasurer

11.1. Report 2008/2009 – P. Logan – submitted

P. Logan moved to accept the treasurer's report and 2008/09 actuals

D. Beck seconded

Motion Carried

P. Logan explained how the Memorial Award was calculated and reported that during the past two years more money was given out than was in the Memorial

Trust.

Discussion from the membership regarding the drop in membership revenues.

11.2. Budget 2009/2010 – P. Logan  
Report submitted.

P. Logan moved to approve the proposed 2009/10 budget  
N. Horrocks seconded

Motion Carried

12. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin  
Management Board – I. Gibson/J. Duffy

Report submitted.

13. Report of the APLA website administrator – L. Tweed  
Report submitted.

14. Aims & Objectives Committee – D. Moses  
Report submitted.

14.1. 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.

Members discussed APLA's membership in other  
associations. Concluding the discussion, S. Cleyle stated  
that the Executive will review the comments of the  
membership at the next Executive meeting.

14.2. Timed Discussion: Joint Memberships (15  
minutes)

General discussion about joint memberships with other  
associations. Membership consensus was that joint  
memberships are a good idea and Executive will take this  
under advisement.

15. Committee on Committees and Interest Groups – D.  
Moses

Report submitted.

16. Finance – S. Cleyle

S. Cleyle announced winner of First Timers Award – Crystal  
Rose and thanked C. Rose and L. McGillis for Games at  
Library work.

S. Cleyle announced winner of the APLA Library Support  
Staff Conference Registration Grant - Kimberly Ross.

17. APLA Memorial Award – E. Alcock  
Report submitted.

Members are encouraged to donate to the fund.

18. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship – D. Moses  
Report submitted.

D. Moses presented scholarship to this year's successful  
applicant Nora Kennedy.

19. Communications and Public Relations - S.Cleyle  
Covered in President report and other VP reports.

20. Continuing Education Committee – E. Alcock  
Report submitted.

21. Nominations and Elections – D. Bourne-Tyson  
Report submitted. New Executive members include:

- Ann Smith – VP Membership
- Sarah Kilfoil – VP New Brunswick
- Sarah Gladwell – VP President Elect
- Lori McCay-Peet - Secretary

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 – D. Rodrigues

22.6. Francophone – J.-F. Savaria

22.7. Information Literacy – J. Goosney  
Report submitted

J. Goosney reported that the Interest Group Conveners  
met and discussed they might collaborate. Suggestions  
included: create and promote a survey about interest  
groups; review terms of reference for each interest group;  
collaborate on professional development and advocacy for  
the interest groups. Interest Group Conveners  
recommended that APLA provide a list of IG members to  
conveners, find conveners for groups, identify new interest  
groups and eliminate inactive interest groups.

22.8. Library Technicians – K. Darby

At CLA K. Darby met with other library technician interest  
groups and is collaborating with those interest groups and  
is working toward a report for the APLA Bulletin.

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  
Report submitted

During the conference over \$800 has been raised to date.

24. APLA Archives Report– J. Richard

J. Richard presented an oral report.

APLA archives are digitized and available through Acadia's  
University's Digital Archive. 1395 documents are currently  
available online and searchable. J. Richard is working on  
submission protocol for electronic documents, feedback is  
appreciated. APLA Archive will be accessible via Google in  
the near future.

25. Report of CLA Copyright representative – J. Duffy  
Report submitted.

26. Report of the IFLA representative – L. Mackey  
Report submitted.

27. Annual Conferences – Reports

27.1. Charlottetown, PEI 2008 – D. Hooper  
Report submitted.  
S. Cleye thanked committee for success of conference.

27.2. Halifax, NS 2009 – Debbie Costelo  
Report submitted.  
OGM Part 1 adjourned at 6:55 pm

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

Part 2 started 9:35 am.  
Quorum established – 49 members (includes proxy votes)

Annual Conferences – Reports, continued

27.3. Saint John, NB 2010  
T. Nikkel

27.4. St. John's, NL 2011  
E. Alcock is convenor

28. Standing Orders Revisions – D. Bourne-Tyson

28.1. 2.02 The fees shall be:  
Students: Free  
D. Bourne-Tyson Moved  
D. Beck Seconded  
Motion carried.

28.2. 5.05 Nominations and Elections Committee  
The committee shall normally conduct a 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  
D. Bourne-Tyson Moved  
D. Beck Seconded  
Motion carried.

28.3. 7.02 A list of current interest groups will be published on the APLA website.  
D. Bourne-Tyson Moved  
D. Beck Seconded  
Motion carried.

28.4. 8.02 The format of the APLA Bulletin shall be 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.

D. Bourne-Tyson Moved  
D. Beck Seconded  
Motion Carried.

29. Unfinished Business  
K. Darby reported that a CLA taskforce is reviewing guidelines for library technician programs which have not been done since 1990. Karen Hillebrand is heading Taskforce. If anyone needs information, check the CLA website.

30. Resolutions

1)

“Whereas recent Canadian research has shown that having school libraries increased literacy scores for school aged children.”

“Whereas the New Brunswick government has gone on record saying it was their intention to focus on “improving students” understanding and performance in literacy.”

“Motion: Be it resolved that APLA write an open letter to the New Brunswick Minister of Education to urge him to restore adequate funding to school libraries to allow the proper staffing and operating budgets of school libraries.”

“Étendu que les plus récentes recherches canadiennes ont démontré que la présence des bibliothèques scolaires ont un impacts positifs sur les résultats des tests d’alphabétisation des enfants d’âge scolaire.”

“Étendu que le gouvernement du Nouveau-Brunswick a annoncé leur intention d’améliorer des résultats des étudiants en ce qui concerne l’alphabétisation.

“Motion: Qu’il soit résolu qu’APLA écrive une lettre au Ministre de l’Éducation du Nouveau-Brunswick pour lui demander rétablir des budgets adéquates en personnel et des budgets d’opération suffisants.”

Moved by J. Tesky  
Seconded by D. Bourne-Tyson  
Motion carried

2)

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



“Qu’il soit résolu qu’APLA Donne son appreciation sincère aux membres du comité organisateur de la conférence de Halifax, aux conférenciers, aux exposants et à tous ceux qui ont contribué au succès de la conférence.”

Moved by S. Kilfoil  
Seconded by D. Moses  
Motion Carried

31. Dalhousie University, School of Information  
Management Update

L. Spiteri report submitted

32. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician  
Program Update

Regrets. APLA prize for NSCC Library and Information Technology Program awarded to Candace DeCoste  
33. Inauguration of Incoming President  
S. Cleyle thanked executive for volunteering their time. Thanked outgoing members – D. Bourne-Tyson, R. MacPherson, L. Somers, N. Goguen. New members acknowledged – S. Gladwell, A. Smith, S. Kilfoil, L. McCay-Peet., and D. Moses.

S. Cleyle handed presidency of APLA to D. Moses.

D. Moses discussed strategic goals for APLA. D. Moses thanked S. Cleyle for her mentorship and recognized D. Bourne-Tyson for her work on APLA’s behalf.

34. Adjournment

OGM Part 2 adjourned at 6:55 pm

## 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)

## APLA President Annual Report for 2009-2010

*Submitted by Donald Moses*

I had an opportunity to dig into the APLA Archives when preparing for a talk about APLA and reflected on its long history in the region, the many individuals who have contributed to the Association and the library community, and the important role APLA has played in the development of libraries in Atlantic Canada. It is a privilege to play a part in that story.

### Initiatives

The Executive has worked on a number of initiatives during the year and APLA's *Games @ the Library* was one of the most ambitious Association programs I've been involved in. It included a partnership with Hasbro™ and participation (3000 took part in games related events in the Library) from the entire Atlantic Canada region, was recognized nationally, and while it was a tremendous amount of work, it was a lot of fun as well. Louise McGillis, VP Newfoundland and Labrador, developed and coordinated the program and it was implemented by all of the provincial Vice Presidents.

Donna Bourne-Tyson, past Grow a Library Chair, reported that APLA had surpassed its fundraising target of \$2500.00 and had donated a total of \$2807.18 to the Mojo Reading Room in Harare, Ethiopia. Su Cleyle, current Chair of the Grow a Library Committee, has been hard at work gathering ideas, donations, and volunteers for this year's effort. Su and her committee has partnered with CODE to support the Solomon Mahlangu Library in Tanzania, so please donate to this year's worthy cause.

The *APLA Bulletin* continues to play a key role in keeping our membership up-to-date with activities in the region. At a recent meeting when asked what APLA was doing right and should continue doing the *APLA Bulletin* was mentioned many times.

The APLA website continues to evolve and we have recently enabled Google Analytics to assist with reporting. I would like to thank Larry Tweed for his work with the website and the Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island for their continued support and hosting of the APLA website.

APLA's annual conference is another initiative that members want continued and supported and plays an important role in bringing the membership together for learning, reconnecting with old and new friends, and discovering the latest offerings from our vendors. Our 2009 conference in Halifax was a success on many levels – thanks once again Debbie Costelo and her conference planning team - and APLA could not do this without a dedicated group of volunteers who take this year long commitment on for the benefit of the membership. This year's conference is hosted in Saint John, NB and is co-chaired by Jean Cunningham and Janet Fraser. The Chairs and their conference planning team have pulled together an interesting program in a lovely venue and I would like to thank them for their work on our behalf. I hope to see many of you in Saint John!

### Member Benefits

As an Executive we try to ensure that we are returning a benefit to our membership. One of the ways APLA does this is through its grants, awards, and scholarship program. This year we have provided funds for two external events – the Dal SIM student-lead one day *Information Without Borders* conference (which was a great success this year) and the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award and I've been informed that it will be awarded during our annual conference. Many of our awards and grants are announced at the annual conference, but there are committees that review nominations, applications, and grant proposals and I would like to thank them for their contributions. APLA offers a variety of awards and grants and other membership benefits and I would recommend you visit the [APLA website](#) to learn more.

### Advocacy

One of my first duties as President was drafting a letter to New Brunswick's Minister of Education regarding the funding cuts to New Brunswick school libraries and school library positions. We participated in a Library and Archives Canada survey of associations. APLA also sent a letter to the Federal Government's Copyright Consultations regarding a lack of a roundtable east

of Montreal (a roundtable did take place in Halifax) and we also submitted a brief to the Copyright Consultations. Associations and libraries are struggling in the current fiscal environment – BCLA reported deep cuts to its funding and CLA's recent announcement highlights the need to work with and collaborate with our fellow associations.

### **Collaboration**

APLA has joint memberships with library associations in the region and has been actively discussing a joint membership with the Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick / Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick (ABPNB/APLNB) and have renewed our discussions with the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association. We need to update our Standing Orders to enable these activities and will bring that forward during the 2010 Ordinary General Meeting.

I attended two meetings of the Partnership and this continues to be one of the most important avenues for collaboration and APLA has benefited from its involvement in the Partnership. APLA members play important roles in the Partnership. For example Jennifer Richard (an APLA Past President) is the editor of the peer-reviewed journal *Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research* and our current Past President Su Cleyle was nominated to chair the meetings of the Partnership for the next three years. As well the Partnership provides us with the Education Institute, professional development delivered via the web or audio conference to your desktop, and the Partnership Job Board. The Partnership's latest project is focused on continuing education and you can [click here](#) to find out more about the *Continuing Education Certification Program*.

### **Thank You**

I was smiling when Past President Su Cleyle passed the gavel to me at the 2009 OGM and I must say that I've learned a lot from my colleagues on the Executive and from the membership during my term as President. I would like to recognize those members of the Executive who have completed their terms including Vice-President Nova Scotia Darlene Beck, Vice-President Newfoundland and Labrador Louise McGillis, Vice-President Prince Edward Island Dawn Hooper, and Treasurer Penny Logan. I would like to thank them for their service to APLA. I'll take this opportunity to welcome the new members of the Executive including Vice-President/President Elect Jocelyn Thompson, Vice-President Nova Scotia Sharon Haley-Mancini, Vice-President Newfoundland and Labrador Tina Murphy, Vice-President Prince Edward Island Trina O'Brien Leggott, and Treasurer Bill Slauenwhite. It has been a privilege to serve as APLA President and I wish all the best to President Sarah Gladwell and the APLA Executive.

## **APLA Vice-President / President-Elect Annual Report for 2009-2010**

no report has been submitted (May 6, 2010)

## **APLA Past President Annual Report for 2009-2010**

*Submitted by Su Cleyle*

### **Nominating Committee**

In early 2010, a Nominating Committee comprised of Su Cleyle (APLA Past President), Nadine Goguen (former VP NB), and Donna Bourne Tyson (former APLA President) was formed. The Committee established the vacancies on the Executive and determined the following positions needed to be filled: President Elect, Treasurer, VP PEI, VP NB, and VP NL. The Committee posted notification of the vacancies to the APLA listserv and the APLA website on two separate occasions leading up to the deadline of February 28, 2010. Each vacancy had received one nomination and the APLA Executive approved the slate of candidates at its Spring 2010 meeting.

The new members of the APLA Executive are:

President Elect – Jocelyn Thompson (UNB)  
Treasurer – Bill Slauenwhite (NOVANET – NS)  
VP PEI- Trina O'Brien Leggott - Confederation Centre Public Library  
VP NS - Sharon Haley-Mancini, Halifax Public Libraries  
VP NL - Tina Murphy, NL Public Libraries, Gander

On behalf of the APLA 2010 Nominating Committee, I would thank each nominee for agreeing to serve on the APLA Executive.

### **Merit Award**

The advertisement for the 2010 Merit Award went out to the APLA listserv and website on two separate occasions. The deadline for nominations was March 31, 2010. The Procedures Manual states that the Executive will act as jury for the award. Several nominations were received which reflects the many wonderful and amazing librarians we have in the Atlantic region.

I will verbally report the name of the winner at the OGM. The winner will be the guest of honor at the APLA Merit Award banquet scheduled for Friday night of the conference.

### **Grow a Library Committee - CODE**

The Grow a Library Committee has had several email discussions about fundraising for the library adopted by APLA in Tanzania. The Committee is comprised of Jennifer Richard, Donna Bourne-Tyson, Catherine Kelly, Sue Adams, Sarah Gladwell, Lorraine Jackson, Jessica Babineau, Tanja Harrison and Mary Landry. The CLA student group at Dalhousie has raised \$198 for CODE this year and many members donated directly to CODE over the Christmas holidays.

The main thrust of the 2010 fundraising will happen at the APLA conference. This will comprise of the Committee selling stickers where the buyer will get a chance on a draw for a gardening goody basket. The Conference Organizing Committee will be making a donation to CODE this year in lieu of speaker's gifts which is a tremendous boost to our fundraising activities. Many thanks to the 2010 Conference Committee for this initiative and to the Grow a Library Committee for their efforts!

### **Standing Orders (SO)**

It falls to the past-president to revise the Standing Orders (SOs) to reflect any changes that are required based on the actions of the APLA Executive over the course of the year. There is one SO that the Executive proposes to be added:  
Add Standing Order 2.06

***2.06 Joint Memberships in APLA and other library associations may be negotiated, such memberships resulting in a percentage decrease in the fees specified in Standing Order 2.02.***

***MOTION:*** That the APLA Membership accept the above addition to the APLA Standing Orders.

### **Thanks!**

This report marks the end of my term on the APLA Executive. It has been a pleasure to serve with so many wonderful executive members over the past three years. Very special thanks to this Donna Bourne Tyson and Donald Moses. Many thanks for this opportunity.

## APLA Treasurer's Annual Report for 2009-2010

*Submitted by Penny Logan, APLA Treasurer 2010*

Investments suffered in the past year, but are making a comeback. The Membership Chair is to be congratulated on getting membership revenues up to the budgeted amount, and the 2009 Conference Committee are to be congratulated for achieving a substantial surplus. The APLA Executive again held one meeting this year as a teleconference, to keep costs down. As a result, there is a notable savings in Executive Travel. Overall Expenditures are about \$4,000 less than anticipated. The 2009 Conference in Halifax generated \$13,307.06 for the Association, and overall revenues are up in all areas except for Advertising. As a result, there is a net balance from revenues less expenditures of \$19,698.86.

### Somers Scholarship Trust

The Somers Scholarship Trust was renewed in June 2009. The amount of \$1688.44 that was used to pay the tax on the transfer from TD Waterhouse was recovered at the time of the renewal.

### Memorial Fund

The past two years have seen revenue from conferences. This has brought the Memorial Fund up to an amount such that there are sufficient funds so that an award may be made this year.

### Grow A Library Charitable Trust Fund

The request has been made to voluntarily revoke the registration for the Grow a Library Charitable Trust Fund. The remaining \$1076.18 that was in this trust, was donated to CODE. In addition, the School of Information Management, Student CLA Chapter, forwarded \$216 that APLA sent on to CODE on their behalf, and in support of APLA's chosen library.

### APLA Awards and Grants for 2009-2010

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 Candace DeCoste
- The \$500 APLA Prize to a graduate from the School of Information Management program at Dalhousie University was awarded to Regan Gunningham
- The First Timer's grant of \$686.50 was awarded to Crystal Rose
- The Memorial Award of \$500 was awarded to Diane Buhay
- The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship award of \$2998.14 was awarded to Nora Kennedy
- The Interest Group Prize of \$100 was awarded to Janet Goosney
- The Memorial Award was not awarded this year.

One General Activity Fund (GAF) grant of \$500 was awarded to the Hackmatack Award. One GAF grant for \$500 was awarded to the Information Without Borders conference. The amount of \$236.17 was awarded to Louise McGillis to support prizes for the Games at the Library project.

### Conclusion

I would like to thank Peter Glenister, Financial Examiner, and the Executive for their help and guidance in my term as Treasurer. It has been a pleasure to serve with such fine people.

*Please see financial statements for 2009/2010 and the proposed budget for 2010/2011 on the APLA website (<http://www.apla.ca/bulletin/73/4.ogm.treasurer>).*

## Vice-President, Membership Annual Report for 2009-2010

*Submitted by Ann Smith*

My first year as Vice-President, Membership has involved a steep learning curve. Penny Logan has been invaluable at helping me find my “membership legs” and I could not have done it without her and Donald Moses’s advice and support. It has been a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with the Executive and to hear from members across the provinces.

This year the Membership Committee has been busy creating and running a new system of renewal reminders and welcome letters to inform existing and lapsed (between 2006 – 2009) members of the benefits of membership. In March 2010 a message was sent on the APLA listserv to encourage individuals to renew or rejoin. All these measures precipitated a flurry of renewals and new members. Many thanks to the provincial vice-presidents for their efforts in recruitment and retention of members.

Larry Tweed and I have been working on the online form, the database structure, and producing Easyask reports to ensure that I have access to timely and useful data or statistics about our membership. Some of the database fields have been restructured or renamed to reflect our current membership categories, and general “cleaning” of the database has been undertaken. Many thanks to Larry Tweed, without whom this work could not have been undertaken.

The statistics below reflect the kind of statistics which can be found in the APLA bulletins across the last ten years. I plan to use this year’s statistics as baseline statistics, and add others as seem informative or simply interesting and to note trends. You will see that there is no figure for “new” members this year. It was felt that the work which was being undertaken on the database, recruitment and retention needed to take priority. The majority of memberships this year came from people who had been members in previous years (2006 – 2009), with some brand new memberships. However, in following years a figure for new memberships will be included.

Total number of APLA Memberships in April 2010: 366

Table 1  
*All Memberships in April 2010*

Memberships	April 2010	May 2009
Personal	276	286
Life/Honorary Life	32	30
Joint	27	Not applicable
Institutional	17	19
Complimentary	18	Not reported
Total Number of Active Memberships	366*	335**

\*Includes complimentary memberships

\*\* May or may not include complimentary memberships

Table 2  
*All Memberships by Location*

	NB	NL	NS	PE	Other or Unstated	Total
Personal	75	23	139	24	11	273
Life/Honorary Life	7	3	14	2	6	32
Joint	0	0	27	0	0	27
Institutional	3	1	12	0	1	17
Complimentary	2	1	5	0	10	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>366</b>

Table 3  
*Personal Members (Including Life/Honorary Life) by Type in April 2010*

Librarian	191
Paraprofessional	41
Student	58
Consultant	1
Other	6
Unstated	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>

Table 4  
*Institutional Members by Type of Institution in April 2010*

Type	Total
Academic Library	7
Library Business	1
Public Library	8
Special Library	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

Table 5  
*Members of Each Interest Group in April 2010*

Interest Group	Total
Collections Development	52
Computers & Connectivity	44
Conservation	29
Continuing Education	36
Francophone	15
Information Literacy	64
Library Technicians	28
New Librarians & Information Specialists	47
Youth Services	30

## Vice-President, New Brunswick Annual Report for 2009-2010

*Submitted by Sarah Kilfoil*

### June Conference

The APLA Conference in Halifax was a great introduction to the APLA executive. I learned a great deal in just a few days about how the executive works and what was in store for me this year! The Conference was very successful and an excellent professional development opportunity for the many members who attended. The executive members are very knowledgeable and willing to share their experience – I want to thank them for being so welcoming this year!

### Executive Meetings

I really enjoyed meeting everyone in person for our November meeting and I continue to be impressed with how well the executive uses technology to bring us closer even as we are spread out over 4 provinces! Our meetings always manage to renew my energy not only for APLA projects but also in my day-to-day projects.

### APLA Bulletin

Thanks to the creative librarians in New Brunswick I was able to send news from New Brunswick regularly to the APLA Bulletin this year. Thank you for your contributions!

### Ex-Libris

It is always a pleasure to send reports to Norman Horrocks throughout the year.

### Membership Committee

As a member of this committee I was able to get in contact with several New Brunswick members whose memberships had lapsed or were about to lapse. We were able to do a certain amount of “housecleaning” in the APLA membership database, making sure everything is up to date.

### Games at the Library

This initiative was very successful in New Brunswick public libraries with a lot of participation around the province. There are even several Scrabble clubs that meet weekly and I’ve already had requests to hold another Games @ the library week!

### Congrès de juin

Le congrès APLA à Halifax a été une excellente opportunité pour moi de rencontrer l’exécutif d’APLA. J’ai appris beaucoup pendant ces quelques jours sur le fonctionnement de l’exécutif et sur ce qui m’attendait durant l’année ! Le congrès a été un grand succès et une excellente opportunité de développement professionnel pour tous ceux qui y ont assisté. Les membres de l’exécutif sont très connaissant et prêts à partager leurs expériences – je les remercie d’avoir été si accueillant!

### Réunions de l’exécutif

Ça m’a fait plaisir de rencontrer tout le monde lors de notre réunion de novembre ; je suis impressionnée de voir comment l’exécutif utilise la technologie pour rapprocher nos 4 provinces ! Les réunions me donnent toujours de l’énergie non seulement pour les projets d’APLA mais aussi dans mes projets de chaque jour.

### Bulletin de nouvelles

Je dois remercier les bibliothécaires du Nouveau-Brunswick pour leur créativité en me faisant part régulièrement des nouvelles du Nouveau-Brunswick pour le Bulletin. Merci pour vos contributions!

### Ex-Libris

Il me fait toujours plaisir d’envoyer les rapports à Norman Horrocks pendant l’année.

### Comité d’adhésion

En étant membre de ce comité j’ai pu rejoindre plusieurs membres du Nouveau-Brunswick dont l’adhésion était soit sur le point d’expirer ou déjà expiré. Nous avons donc fait du « ménage » dans la base de données des membres d’APLA en s’assurant que tout est à jour.

### Jeux @ la bibliothèque

Cette initiative a eu beaucoup de succès dans les bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick avec beaucoup de participation partout dans la province. Il y a même quelques clubs de Scrabble qui se réunissent à chaque semaine - j’ai déjà eu des demandes d’organiser encore cette année une semaine de « Jeux @ la bibliothèque ».



## Vice-President, Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Report for 2009-2010

See [Games @ the Library Report](#).

## Vice-President, Nova Scotia Annual Report for 2009-2010

*Submitted by Darlene Beck*

### Events Attended

In June 2009, I presented the APLA Prize at the Nova Scotia Community College (LIT Program) award ceremonies. The prize is awarded to the student, who in the opinion of faculty, show the most professional promise. The prize in 2009 was awarded to Candace DeCoste.

I attended the Dalhousie School of Information Management Student Association orientation and library association event with other representatives from library associations. It was a great opportunity to promote the numerous benefits of joining APLA and to speak with students about the value of participating in associations. Twenty-seven new student memberships were generated during this event.

Representing APLA, I attended the Fortieth Anniversary celebration of Dalhousie School of Information Management and the Outstanding Alumni Award event. Penny Logan was the much deserved recipient of the 2009 Award.

### Games @ the Library

"Games @ The Library" kept me busy over the summer and during the Fall. Many thanks to all of the libraries who helped make it a successful event. Approximately 2000 participants attended 120 programs in libraries throughout Nova Scotia. Thanks to a donation from Hasbro Canada, every branch of every public library system in Nova Scotia received 2 board games (Pictureka and Scrabble Classic).

### APLA Bulletin

Five *News From the Provinces* submissions (July/09; October/09; November/09; February/10 and April/10) were submitted to the APLA Bulletin editors. I continue to receive a good response in terms of the number and diversity of organizations contributing to the bulletin.

### Ex Libris Association Newsletter.

On behalf of APLA, I submitted Nova Scotia library news items to appear in the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 editions of this newsletter.

### Education Institute Audio Conference

As part of the *Vice-Presidents' Series*, I hosted the web conference session "Searching 2.0" in November. It was a very popular event drawing a registration of forty people (30 attended). Participants represented a range of libraries: university, college, public, and government.

### Membership Renewals

Starting with 2006-2009 expired memberships and continuing every month since November/09, I have been contacting Nova Scotia APLA members whose memberships have expired or about to expire. It has been a worthwhile exercise as it affords the opportunity to update the membership database with new contact information. In addition, many members are not aware when their membership expires and appreciate the reminder.

### **Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee**

Together with my fellow APLA Executive, I participated in the selection process. As was the case last year, it was a tough decision.

### **APLA Merit Award**

In conjunction with my fellow APLA Executive members, I also participated in the selection process for the APLA Merit Award. Again, with such worthy candidates...a very tough decision!

This is my last year serving on the APLA Executive as VP for Nova Scotia. Working with such a great group of people on the Executive, has made it a very enjoyable two years! I encourage APLA members to get involved at the conference, committee and/or executive level! And...many thanks to all the libraries and other organizations who contributed to the APLA Bulletin over the past two years.

## **Vice-President, Prince Edward Island Annual Report for 2009-2010**

*Submitted by Dawn Hooper*

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

Eight libraries from PEI Public Libraries organized events to celebrate Games @ The Library. Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island, also participated by hosting a games evening for the campus.

I organized two events for the Vice-Presidents' Series, PEI., co-sponsored with Robertson Library, UPEI. The first event, on November 24, 2009, consisted of the Education Institute Web Conference "Leadership Development: What the Research Tells Us" by Anne Marie Madziak, followed by a tour of the Library's new Language Lab and renovated Media Centre/Collaboratory conducted by Melissa Belvadi.

The second event, on March 23, 2010, featured the Education Institute Audio Conference "Future Directions: n Conversation with Mary Ann Mavrinnac", followed by an update on the digitization projects at Robertson Library by Simon Lloyd and Donald Moses.

Using the guidelines developed by the Membership Committee, I contacted former APLA members, as well as, current members whose memberships were about to expire, to invite them to renew their memberships.

## APLA Bulletin Editor's Annual Report 2009-2010

*Submitted by Alexandra Brooks & Ian Gibson, APLA Bulletin Co-editors*

The Editorial Board of the APLA Bulletin would like to report on two items:

### 1. Statistics

In September the Bulletin was asked by one potential advertiser to provide very specific usage data before agreeing to place an ad with us. At that time we could not provide them with the level of granularity they wanted in any kind of timely manner. We asked Larry Tweed about our options and he was able to add Google Analytics to the website so that we now have access to the numbers that our potential advertisers might want.

Ironically, since the implementation of Google Analytics, no one – potential or existing advertisers -- has requested statistics; however, site analytics have been mentioned as a perk when soliciting contract renewals and communicating with potential advertisers.

### 2. Content

The Editorial Board of the Bulletin has become quite concerned about the content mix. Recently, there have been very few feature articles and other content outside of the news. In an effort to rectify this we have started an initiative to get people to contribute one time columns having to do with issues in Academic Libraries, Acquisitions/Publishing/New Media, Cataloguing/Technical Services, Public Libraries, or Special Libraries. This initiative has already started producing results. With one article featured in the current issue of the Bulletin and interest expressed by other colleagues in contributing more.

The feature article in the current issue of the Bulletin is unique because it is in French. The Bulletin is supposed to serve all the Atlantic Provinces but we traditionally have been almost exclusively Anglophone. We are hoping that this small step forward will encourage Francophone librarians in the future to contribute to the Bulletin.

Finally, we would like to thank Denyse Rodrigues for coordinating the Off the Shelf book reviews that are now appearing regularly in the Bulletin. Special thanks also to YBP Library Services for providing books to be reviewed.

### 3. Advertising

Over the last several months, we have targeted 3 categories of advertisers -- lapsed advertisers (vendors whose contracts expired approximately one year ago), current advertisers, and new advertisers.

While e-mails went out to a number of companies (e.g., World Book, Preservation Technologies, Swets), efforts to secure contracts with lapsed advertisers did not result in new contracts. We were more successful with current advertisers, securing renewals with two companies. One of these advertisers, however, opted to renew at a lower rate. In terms of new advertisers, we have two new contracts, but again, one of the advertisers opted for a lower rate. The renewals and new contracts secured to date represent ~65% of the \$4000 target for this year.

## Web Administrator's Annual Report 2009-2010

*Submitted by Larry Tweed*

The Drupal application that is the foundation of the APLA website was updated and the website was moved onto a new server. There were a few minor issues that popped that were fixed by changing some administrative settings. The Google Analytics module was installed and I set up it up to record usage of the APLA website. Ian Gibson had requested this earlier and a follow-up request helped me to re-configure the module properly to point to the new server. There have been problems with Google Analytics not recording APLA website traffic due to the Drupal configuration being reset. I have set up Google Analytics to automatically send out an email when this happens.

I have been working with Ann Smith in changing the online membership form to get the required information as well as adding and updating the query reports in order to make it easy to pull information from the membership database. It still exists on a separate server at UPEI as a MySQL database and the PHP queries are run from this server as well. New reports include listing members whose memberships are expiring in the current month as well as a report listing memberships that expired 3 months ago. These reports include email addresses so that these members can be sent email reminders. I have set up an automated cron job on the server housing the APLA membership database to back it up twice a week.

Because of a problem of spam in the comments section of some of the APLA website pages, I turned on the text captcha module requiring commenters to be human as well as comments to be reviewed before being published. I regularly check the new unpublished comments and often see the problem of human spammers trying to promote a product by adding a comment related to the discussion group with a link to their product. These I delete. I have noticed from time to time that this same spam is being sent through the online membership form. If it becomes a real problem, the text captcha can be added.

## Committee on Aims and Objectives Annual Report 2009-2010

no report submitted to date (May 6, 2010)

## Committee on Committees and Interest Groups Report

*Submitted by Sarah Gladwell*

### Interest Groups and Conveners:

- [Collection Development](#) - vacant
- [Computers & Connectivity](#) - vacant
- [Conservation of Library Materials](#) - vacant
- [Continuing Education](#) - Denyse Rodrigues
- [Groupe d'Intérêt Francophone / Francophone Interest Group](#) – Erin Comeau
- [Information Literacy](#) - vacant
- [Library Technicians](#) – Karen Darby
- [New Librarians and Information Specialists](#) – Leigh Anne Gagnier
- [Youth Services](#) – vacant

To the conveners stepping down, thank you for your work.

I would like to welcome Erin Comeau, Coordinator, Library Services at Western Counties Regional Library in Nova Scotia, as convener of the Francophone Interest Group/groupe d'intérêt francophone.

We are still looking for conveners for most of the Interest Groups, so if anybody is interested or knows someone who is, please contact the Executive.

Pamela Maher is the new Chair of the Communications and Public Relations committee and will be taking on the coordination of the next Games@the library event.

## **Continuing Education Committee Annual Report 2010**

Members: Erin Alcock, Sarah Gladwell, Mary Landry, Donald Moses, Cordelia Perry and Denyse Rodrigues

The APLA/NSLA Continuing Education Committee continues to develop content from the Atlantic region for the Education Institute and to promote all Education Institute sessions. Since the last executive meeting we have met by teleconference one time to brainstorm session and promotional ideas.

There have been no APLA sponsored sessions in winter/spring 2010, though committee members are in talks to plan a few for the upcoming fall semester.

Publicity on EI sessions will continue to be via the listserv and APLA website.

Thanks to all current and past committee members for their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Alcock

## **APLA Memorial Award Committee Annual Report 2009-2010**

Members: Erin Alcock (Memorial University), Lesley Carruthers (Nova Scotia Eastern Counties Regional Library), Judy Dunn (University of Toronto) and Heather McKend (Saint John Free Public Library – Fundy Region), Donald Moses (UPEI)

The Memorial Award will be awarded in 2010 to Denyse Rodrigues from Mount Saint Vincent University for her study on research readiness in graduate students. There were three very solid submissions this year and feedback was provided to the unsuccessful candidates in hopes that they may apply in the future. It is encouraging to see some worthy work awarded this year after the Memorial Award hiatus of last year. The total value of the award for this year is \$900.77.

Thanks to Judy Dunn and Lesley Carruthers who have completed their time on this committee, Heather McKend for her first 'real year' and Donald Moses for pitching in as current president. And a special thanks to Ann Smith of Acadia University for helping with the award deliberations at the last minute.

I will remain in the convener position for my final year on the Memorial Award Committee. Recruitment of new members to take place over summer 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Alcock

## Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee Report

*Submitted by Sarah Gladwell, chair*

11 applications for the scholarship were received and we had a great group of candidates.

Our choice was Jennifer Dyke who is doing her MLIS at the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Information and Media Studies. She is originally from Newfoundland-Labrador and would like to focus on services to young adults in her home province. She sends her thanks and regrets and is looking forward to attending in St. John's in 2011.

After going through the process to pick a candidate, the committee had suggestions as to how the process might be streamlined and the amount of paper used reduced. Our suggestions are:

- Make the application completely electronic with the understanding that official transcripts still need to be sent by regular mail.
- If possible, have the references email their letters, unless there is a compelling reason why they need to be sent in hard copy (we received a few via email this year).
- Include tuition and books on the application for a clearer picture of the student's finances.
- Include known and/or anticipated resources for the **upcoming** year for a more accurate picture of the student's situation, instead of looking at resources for the current academic year (which is almost over by the March 31 deadline for applications)
- Base financial need on expenses and revenues for the individual alone, instead of factoring in their partner's debt.
- Consider removing accumulated debt as part of financial need and remove debt from the forms.

## Grow a Library Annual Report 2009-2010

Please see the [Past-President's report](#) for details.

## 2011 APLA Conference - St. John's

The APLA annual conference for 2011 will be held May 16-19 at the Sheraton: Hotel Newfoundland in downtown St. John's. The local arrangements committee has taken shape and consists of volunteers from Memorial University Libraries, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Library. We now have a logo and a potential keynote speaker and the committee is full of ideas on many other aspects of the conference!

Promotional and tourism materials will be available at the Saint John conference. Looking forward to a busy year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Alcock

## Annual Report of the Copyright Committee

*Submitted by Simon Lloyd*

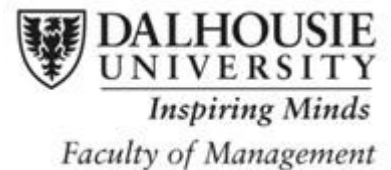
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## Dalhousie University School of Information Management Annual Report

*Submitted by Fiona Black*

**School of Information Management**

**Outgoing Director's Report to the OGM  
Atlantic Provinces Library Association  
Saint John, New Brunswick, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010**



This is my final report following seven and a half years as Director of the School. The report summarizes the School's strategic developments during the period January 2003 to June 2010 and suggests possible goals for continuing the strategic strengthening of the School and its programs in the context of the Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University and the external professional environments.

### Programs

#### **Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program**

(Director, 2003-2009, Fiona Black; Director, 2009-2010, Louise Spiteri)

**APLA support to Dalhousie MLIS students** The School offers deep thanks to the APLA Executive for the wonderful support each year through the APLA Graduation Prize for the Graduate who Shows the Most Professional Promise. In addition, APLA has recently offered generous support to the annual student-led conference, Information Without Borders, held in February each year.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** With superb support from the Associated Alumni, the MLIS program held a celebration (also podcasted) in the Fall of 2009.

**Accreditation** The MLIS program holds continuous accreditation from the American Library Association. The next intensive review will be in 2012 and preparations for the self-study report are well in hand.

**Recruitment and enrolment** The MLIS program now has a steady state of between 110 and 120 students present in any given year. The School works to recruit those with management and leadership potential as well as those who are “technologically fearless” and with a “high tolerance for ambiguity.”

**Curriculum** Introduced in 2006, the Management Without Borders interdisciplinary core course for all graduate students in the Faculty of Management provides terrific opportunities for clear differentiation of Dalhousie graduates.

New electives include:

- Geospatial Information Management
- Advanced Cataloguing and Classification
- Knowledge Management
- Reading Studies

**MLIS student initiatives** Since 2003, three large initiatives have been developed: Prospectus (now LinkedIn); Information Without Borders conference; and, the *Dalhousie Journal of Interdisciplinary Management*.

**MLIS alumni** Many highly supportive alumni, who contribute to the program in numerous ways: professional partnering; donations to the annual fund and various named funds; guest spots in a wide array of courses; provision of practicum experience supervision, etc.

**Bachelor of Management program** (Director, 2007-present, Vivian Howard)

In 2010, the School and the program are launching a new Knowledge Management major in the program, evidence of information management relevancy at the undergraduate level.

**Master of Information Management (MIM) program** (Director, 2008-2010, Fiona Black)

This “incurred cost recovery” program, launched in 2008, is delivered principally by distance to mid-career professionals in the public and private sectors. The MIM program greatly expands the reach and visibility of the School across sectors.

### **Strategic directions – Research**

Five out of six full-time (tenured and tenure stream) faculty hold external research funds. Implementation of SIM’s Strategic Research Plan supported this success.

### **Strategic directions – Human Resources**

The School has doubled its faculty complement. It has grown from four in 2003 to eight full-time members in January 2010. Further growth of human resources is tied closely to projected budget growth from the MIM program.



### Strategic opportunities

1. The School is on a healthy roll regarding research funding and several colleagues are reaching out to others in the Faculty and in other institutions regarding collaborative research. Interdisciplinarity is key.
2. Making clear how the School supports the mission and vision of the Faculty remains very important in order to embed the School ever more deeply within the Faculty. One potential avenue is to ensure a closer alignment of SIM's and the MLIS's curricular goals to include "values-based management, with a focus on sustainability and making things happen" drawn from the mission of the Faculty.
3. Drawing a closer strategic connection with colleagues in Dalhousie's Health Informatics program may offer potential for great opportunities for students as well as for research.
4. Additional means of communication with employers and alumni through social media.
5. Further development of the MIM through the planned Federal Government cohorts.
6. The Canadian MLIS may be at risk in the long term due to competition from US and UK programs offering wholly distance education. The Canadian LIS Schools' friendship agreement for a collaborative online MLIS is one route. A wholly online program at Dalhousie is another potential route. In addition, looking for ways to develop a niche in professional LIS education will become increasingly important. At Dalhousie, this might be a "management and leadership" niche and / or a greater experiential learning component.

### **Nova Scotia Community College Library and Information Technology Program Report**

*Submitted by Joanne Hodder*

Please see report at

<http://www.apla.ca/sites/discoveryspace.upei.ca.apla/files/NSCC%202009%202010%20APLA%20Report.pdf>.