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## From the President's Desk

*Submitted by Sarah Gladwell, APLA President*

Anyone who has seen my home or office knows that a paperless society will not be a reality while I am on this earth. I have already admitted to writing longhand and to this I add: I read the hard copy of newspapers and magazines and clip and file the articles that interest me. And one last confession: I LOVE books! Hardcover, paperback, new, used, old – I devour them, I keep them and I re-read them. I do not think we will see the demise of the book in my lifetime and should I have children, their lifetime. I don't think we will see the demise of the library either, but I hope we will see the end of wholesale slashing of the heart of many communities and the cutting of a lifeline for many people.

What's been going on in England is terrible and brilliant. Terrible, because so many libraries are being threatened, and in the areas that need them most. Brilliant, because on Save Our Libraries Day (February 5), there was so much support for these threatened libraries that some had their shelves cleared and line-ups out the door. Having Billy Bragg play live at one was a pretty cool move, too. [Here's the link](#) to the "Save Our Libraries" blog. It's a really interesting read.

Then, there are President Obama's proposed cuts to federal library funding which, when added to the cuts some states are considering, will leave libraries that have had to do more with less trying to do even more with even less. Ever since I started reading Library Journal, it seems like every issue is full of news of cuts and closures, unhappy staff and patrons, and politicians and decision-makers that don't seem to understand or can't seem to see past the money or the library stereotype to the people and the communities being affected. [Here's the link](#) to the article in Library Journal addressing the most recent budget cuts.

One of my favorite quotes (and I'm sure I've mentioned it before) is: "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." It's timeless and rings true for all libraries. My mother was a librarian and I still have the bookmark she brought home (in my paper archives!) with that quote on it. She was one of the best advocates for the power of libraries and she raised awareness and changed minds one person at a time. From her I learned that even if I didn't know much about a subject, if I combined what I knew about research, resources, and how to use them with another person's knowledge of the subject, I could help anyone with anything (and do it really well, too).

By now many of you will have received the email about the 2011 Census and I hope the attachments and information were helpful. At the moment their focus is recruitment, but Census 2011 bookmarks are available and more information and materials will be coming soon. My contact at Statistics Canada is Christopher Brideau and we have discussed the Census and the National Household Survey and I have offered whatever assistance APLA and its members can give to ensure a great response rate from Canadians. He's pleased we are willing to help: "Sarah, your organization is playing an important role in ensuring the success of the 2011 Census and the NHS. Again, thank you for your support."

As I did in the email, I encourage you to use the resources, share your ideas of how we can best accomplish this goal, and don't hesitate to [contact Christopher](#) if you have any questions. If you didn't get the original email, please [contact me](#) directly.

I thank you for your support as well.

## **An Essential Community Element: Public Libraries as Public Space**

*Submitted by Nicholas Warren, Assistant Librarian, James McConnell Library*

For the past decade at least, the role of libraries has been questioned. Many people both inside and outside our profession seem to wonder just what libraries are really for and many question the relevance of libraries in the fast-changing digital age. In terms of public libraries, arguments have been put forward for their continued role as educational centres, knowledge dissemination vectors, storehouses for recreational reading, and important social hubs, among other views. Perhaps one of the most important public library roles recently under examination (e.g. Leckie, 2002; Alstad and Curry, 2003; and May and Black, 2010) and a role which libraries seem to fulfill in a unique and valuable way, is that of public space.

Take a walk through your village, town or city, and you may begin to notice the different purposes behind community structures and zones. You have, of course, the private home with its private land, the public park, the local meeting halls and clubs, the stores and shopping centres, the promenades, places of worship, public services, and other components – all present to a greater or lesser degree given community size. Of these community components, the majority are not freely designated for the public, with all the rights, privileges, and freedoms inherent therein. Halls, meeting centres, and clubs are available for public use – for a price or specific exclusive purpose. Most buildings you will see are of a limited public variety such as places of worship, which, if they do not require you to subscribe to their particular religion, surround you with it and attempt to sell you on it. Likewise, shopping malls and stores, while certainly encouraging your often-leisurely presence, are facades in the sense of public space. They seek your business, pressure you to buy, do not offer universal access to their services, and often dissuade individuals from lingering via security measures. Even most museums charge entry fees and discourage extended loitering or extensive public interaction.

Of all the community spaces you are likely to spot, only outdoor areas such as parks and indoor spaces in the form of the public library are true public spaces. In my view of public space, these are the components which offer near-universal access under a public ownership which does not impose stratifying financial or social barriers. In a public park, keeping in mind reasonable rules like not trampling gardens and following park closure times if applicable, any citizen or visitor to a community, regardless of social or financial status, may enjoy the space, within the confines of the law. These spaces allow freedom of expression, relaxation, community gatherings, social activity, and much more, and are primarily limited by the weather and the necessity for relative physical mobility. Keeping in mind the rules of the library and the context of public space, the public library, then, functions as the indoor version of parks and promenades (minus any concern for the weather). Again, any citizen or visitor can, within open hours and following general rules of respect and law, enter and enjoy the public library.

From its base role as public space, the public library offers all its other positive qualities. It enables young and old to mingle together and it provides a wealth of freely available knowledge, which, incredibly, functions on a modified honour and sharing system. The library turns no one away based on economic, social, racial, or sexual status. It offers a meeting point for students, teachers, travellers, and friends. It allows people to escape their home for any number of reasons. Short of becoming a member and following the basic rules, there is no pressure to buy anything in the library; nothing is pushed on public visitors and much is available to them. They may come and go as they please, use the washrooms, ask questions about nearly anything in life at the quasi-magical Reference Desk, catch up on the day's news, use the Internet, learn about their past present and future. Or, they may just let the day go by in peace, confident in the knowledge that they are welcome and have every right to be there.

The public space role of libraries is not limited to inside the building itself; there is also an outdoor and surrounding area aspect to their design. Leading from the building, the grounds of a public library, particularly when located in a central and externally comfortable location, are also public, and link the role of the park with that of the library. An excellent Atlantic Canadian example of this would be the Spring Garden Road Library in Halifax. It is very rare to pass this library without witnessing people

enjoying the grounds, either by simply sitting on them, or expressing political or musical freedoms. These creative and political expressions can also occur in public parks, but many of their participants seem drawn to the public library, perhaps because it is not only a public space, but a particular public space with a tradition of encouraging learning, expression, culture, and anti-censorship.

Beyond the building and the grounds of the public library, as ripples form from a stone hitting water, there exists the more ethereal public library presence. Library newsletters and websites help create an abstract public existence and reinforce a physical one, as do public announcements and local news items. Many people – even people who rarely use the library – know it is there. On numerous occasions, I have helped patrons on their first-ever visit to the library, despite living in the community for dozens of years, because they knew to seek knowledge there. And those are just patrons who needed help with specific topics.

The future disappearance or drastic alteration of public libraries as public space is a snippet of dystopian future come true. This particular change is already a real threat, as others such as May and Black (2010, 7), in their excellent analysis of the uses of public library space, have noted. Parents would have to look elsewhere for children's programming and pay much more for it; most seniors would have to stay in their homes to browse a catalogue of knowledge; and people of various ages and tastes would have to move their activities deeper into an agenda-laden consumerist society. Educational opportunity is still available through that digital and finitely public space, the Internet: but it is diffuse, with no root and only hordes of unorganized, distracting, and potentially overwhelming chains of information in place of the library. Finally, it can be argued that the power of libraries as public space is likewise a power of equality and democracy. Removing public space – particularly public space which facilitates the free spread of knowledge – can only bolster the privileged few and harm the ability of the common majority of people to participate in democracy.

While it is true that libraries are often used only by a minority of community's population, there is something to be said for their presence. People need to learn the value of public space and the value of libraries as a public space. If all libraries were to be removed, or, say, turned into a coffee shop with a few download stations for e-books, the reality is some people would not care. But many would, and those who don't, while ostensibly satisfied with the sham public space of the shopping centre or big box store, would find their community lacking if they ever needed a public space that didn't drain their bank account or their spirit.

As libraries lose some of their status to the digital age, and as some of their traditional roles change drastically or become sadly obsolete, the value of public libraries as a unique public space should never be ignored. It is my hope that we will know what we've got before it's gone.

#### *Further Reading*

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## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

*Submitted by Tina Murphy*

### Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

#### *Family Literacy Day*

Libraries in Central Division celebrated Family Literacy Day with a variety of activities and events designed to promote reading as fun for the whole family. Some branches held old-fashioned spelling bees while others had alphabet bingo, intergenerational readings, and numeracy games.

Pat Parsons reported that "it never ceases to amaze me, the new ideas that are out there. One library had 'BYOBB' – bring your own baby and book, a program designed for parents to share their child's favorite bedtime book. The moms and dads loved this session."

Parsons also noted the smaller the library or community, the bigger the turnout. "Our smaller rural libraries really have fun with Family Literacy Day. The whole community turns out and supports it. You may have 50 or 60 people showing up for an event, and that's so rewarding for staff and local library Board members who face the challenge of keeping their library alive and relevant in the community."

#### *Committee Struck to Review ILL*

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries has undertaken a review and evaluation of its Interlibrary Loan Services as part of its new Strategic Plan. Interlibrary Loans have increased 150% in the past 2 years and that has meant a substantial increase in postage costs, as well as increases in supplies such as jiffy bags and tape. Most important, this rise has created an increase in staff workload.

Pat Parsons is chair of the committee and states: "With all of these increases and the fear of the Library Book Rate disappearing, the Provincial Library Board felt it was timely to carry out an in-depth analysis to see what trends are developing, who is borrowing what type of materials, and why. [ILL] is a core service and the more we automate our libraries, the higher the statistics go! We need to get a handle on the increasing costs and see what we can do to level it off and maintain the service."

The Committee will submit a report in the fall of 2011.

#### *New Initiative Launched*

All 96 Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries are taking part in an exciting new initiative with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Education's KinderStart program.

KinderStart is the province's school transition program offered in the year prior to Kindergarten entry. The program supports children's adjustment to the school environment and provides parents/caregivers with information on child development, literacy, and playing to learn. During the first KinderStart session, families are provided with a bag of learning resources. In this bag is a flyer inviting them to their local public library to sign up for a library membership and receive a free keepsake book. Families bring this flyer to the library and staff explain to newcomers what the library has to offer, sign them up for a membership, and give them a copy of the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. Families that subsequently

check books out of the library also receive a bookmark inviting them to return their library books and receive a *second* keepsake book: *Red is Best* by Kathy Stinson.

Children's Librarian Beth Maddigan says: "Many four year-olds that have never been to a public library will be invited to join Storytime programs, take part in special events, and borrow books because of the opportunity provided by this program. Cementing early literacy as a building block for lifelong success is crucial and this initiative is a smart step in that direction."

This new initiative launched in January 2011.

### **Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award**

Applications are now invited for the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award which has been established to promote the development of librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants seeking funding for library-related projects or assistance in pursuing graduate studies in librarianship, archival studies, or teacher librarianship.

Amount of award – 2011: \$1,500.00

Deadline for applications: Friday, April 1, 2011

For further information and to obtain an application form contact:

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Applications may also be obtained at [www.library.mun.ca](http://www.library.mun.ca), click the appropriate link under News.

## **News from Nova Scotia**

*Submitted by Sharon Haley-Mancini*

### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

#### **Halifax Public Libraries**

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

#### *Forty Years of Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinics*

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinics (CVITC) marked its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. On January 24, 2011, the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of National Revenue, spent time at Alderney Gate Library to show his appreciation for those who have contributed to the CVITC. Minister Ashfield acknowledged and thanked volunteers and Halifax Public Libraries for their continued support, and for helping to make the program a success.



CVITCs are co-sponsored by the Canada Revenue Agency and Halifax Public Libraries. Again this year, volunteers are helping HRM residents complete their income tax return at most branches of Halifax Public Libraries.

The free service is for single persons earning under \$30,000, or single parent/family incomes of less than \$35,000. Volunteers cannot complete forms that involve rental, self-employment, capital gains, or complex investments.



Registration begins March 1; to register, residents can call their local branch to book an appointment. Branch contact details, as well as clinic dates and times, can be found at our web site.

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Podcamp Halifax*

Over 275 people attended *Podcamp Halifax* on Sunday, January 23, to participate in 28 presentations on topics varying from building online community to the future influence of HTML5, javascript, and augmented reality.

Ryan Deschamps, e-Learning Manager at Halifax Public Libraries said, "This is the third time we've sold out Podcamp; obviously social media is something Haligonians want to discuss."

"The real rewarding thing is when we see people initiating their own projects and events as a result of coming on the day," he added.

Part of the day included attendees using the Twitter hashtag "#podcamphfx" to record their thoughts and ideas on the day and to continue the discussion on to other forums. This discussion can be seen via the Twitter search tool by searching for "podcamphfx".





### Eastern Counties Regional Library

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

The library, under the direction of Chief Librarian Laura Emery, continues to forge ahead with many changes being seen by the public both online and at library locations. Content on the library's web page is being changed on a more regular basis to encourage library patrons to visit the site more often. To celebrate the end of a record-setting *Share a Book – Build a Community* fundraising campaign, ECRL staff put together a YouTube video to acknowledge Encana Corporation, the library's corporate sponsor for the *Share a Book* annual fundraising campaign, which this year raised over \$19,000.

"Our Salute to a Good Neighbour" is a short video with a huge message and includes Board Chair Shirley McNamara, members of ECRL staff, and library supporters of all ages voicing their thanks from across the region.

ECRL has added a calculator icon to its web page, which is linked to the Friends of Canadian Libraries, and allows users to calculate how much the library is worth to them or their families. Another addition that has proven to be very popular is the ever changing, *Your Librarian is Reading* and *Your Librarian is Watching* links, with new titles supplied on a weekly basis by Chief Emery.

The library has started a monthly top ten list that is available online and at library locations. *Hot Reads* and *Hot DVDs at ECRL*, with a recently added *Hot Reads in Large Print*, are posted at all branches and on the library website under the *What's New* section.



Collections at the branches are being weeded and refreshed, resulting in an immediate improvement that the patrons are noticing at the branch level. In particular, the Port Hawkesbury Branch has a new look, the result of a team of ECRL staff working to refresh the collection. Areas of the library have been newly selected to house specific collections and a teen space is being created close to the computers with a newly designated wall area for the youth collection. Pre-schoolers and their parents will also see a significant improvement in size and number of items in their section.

### **Cape Breton Regional Library**

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

#### *Life Saving @ Libraries*

Thanks to the support of local Credit Unions, several local libraries now have life-saving equipment available for heart attack victims. The Credit Unions have donated funds to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for library branches in Glace Bay, New Waterford, North Sydney, Reserve Mines, and Sydney. According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, up to 45,000 cardiac arrests occur each year in Canada. Defibrillation, when used with CPR, can improve cardiac arrest survival rates to more than 50% if delivered in the first few minutes. Having access to an AED can make the difference between life and death. The Cape Breton Regional Library appreciates the support of the Glace Bay Credit Union, the New Waterford Credit Union, the North Sydney Credit Union, and the Steel Centre Credit Union in Sydney, who made it possible to purchase these units.

Faye MacDougall, Regional Librarian, notes that "our libraries are very busy facilities and are used by community residents of all ages. Many individuals regularly participate in program and activities offered by our libraries. The AED is recognized as an important device to have available in public buildings. We appreciate the support of local Credit Unions in making these available in libraries."

### **South Shore Public Libraries**

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

#### *New Branch/Headquarters in the Works for South Shore Public Libraries*

Land will be cleared this month to create space for the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre, home to a new library branch and administrative offices for Bridgewater and area on Nova Scotia's South Shore.

The design and operation of the facility will optimize efficiencies, flexibility of space, and energy conservation while providing a broad spectrum of education, recreation, sport, leisure, cultural activities, and library services.

Chief Librarian Troy Myers is excited to be involved in the development. As a parent, rugby coach, past director of Sport Nova Scotia, and member of the Canada Games Management Group, Myers knows firsthand the success that can be found with a healthy balance of exercise for the mind and body.

"Libraries and recreation are a good fit. To truly make a difference in the lives of our young people we need to develop them both mentally and physically. Moreover, housing the library within this facility will create a cultural hub for everyone to enjoy," says Myers.

"With over 11,000 registered borrowers, many people have already discovered their own success with the resources our library offers. The location of the new library will not only make our services accessible to more people but increase our capacity to change lives in a positive way."

The Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre is a \$33 million facility designed to promote community and individual health and wellness. Facility components include the public library and library administration space, a 1,250 seat NHL size arena, an aquatic centre, as well as active living and cultural space. The centre will be funded by \$10.35 million from the federal government, \$10 million from the provincial government, as well as \$8.85 million from the Town of Bridgewater and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. Along with an active community fundraising campaign, the remainder of the funding is being sourced from foundations and other community grants.



## ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

### Dalhousie University Libraries

<http://libraries.dal.ca/>

#### *Something Completely Different: The Learning Incubator & Networking Centre*

On January 21, the Learning Incubator & Networking Centre (LINC) officially opened in the Killam Library. Something new and different has come to Dalhousie.

The LINC is Dal's first interactive learning studio. Located on the second floor of the library adjacent to the Upper Learning Commons, it is intended to provide both an innovative teaching facility for faculty and a collaborative study space for students. The LINC includes the following features:

- 19 wired pods with large wall-mounted display screens
- wall-mounted whiteboards around the room to write on
- a mobile wireless teaching station connected to all screens
- various seating arrangements and types of chairs
- mobile video camera and lapel microphones
- built-in data projectors with dedicated screens
- VHS and DVD support for videos

From a teaching perspective, the most innovative aspect of the LINC is that both professors and students are able to project their work onto all of the screens. In addition there is a "private" mode for individual pods which



means each group can work on just their own screen. The Learning Incubator & Networking Centre offers opportunities for collaboration and interaction limited only by your imagination!

## News from Prince Edward Island

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### PEI Public Library Service

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

#### *Gary Ramsay Receives the Nora Bateson Award*

“Gary Ramsay is a very deserving recipient of the Nora Bateson Award for Excellence in Library Service,” says Tourism and Culture Minister Robert Vessey. Gary was presented with the award on January 18, 2011 at a ceremony at the Confederation Centre Public Library. “Mr. Ramsay consistently provides excellent service to Islanders at the Confederation Centre Public Library,” said the Minister. “He is always ready to go the extra mile to help people find the information they need. Gary has helped everyone from genealogists to summer visitors to students working on heritage projects, and he is an invaluable resource to the PEI Library Service.”

#### *Jack Frost Children’s Winterfest*

Each year, Ma Frost (Barb Kissick) represents the PEI Public Library Service at the Jack Frost Children's Winterfest in February. Ma reads or tells stories to any families who would like to listen. At last year's Jack Frost Children's Winterfest, many families asked Ma Frost for stories in French, so this year Lori Gagné accompanied Ma Frost for bilingual stories.

#### *Family Literacy Day*

The PEI Public Library Service participated in the 2011 Family Literacy Day Celebration on Saturday, January 22 at the Confederation Centre Art Gallery. The event was held in cooperation with the PEI Literacy Alliance, the Confederation Centre of the Arts, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, and various other organizations. The Public Library Service has been participating in this event since its inception.

#### *National Reading Summit*

The second National Reading Summit, *Toward a Nation of Readers 2011*, was held on January 20 and 21 in Montreal at the La Grande Bibliothèque. The Public Library Service applied for and received a Development and Training Selection Committee grant to participate in the Summit's webcast.

Over the two days, seventeen Public Library staff attended various keynote speeches, discussions, and/or presentations via the internet from the Government Services Library.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

#### Holland College Library

<http://www.hollandcollege.com/library/>

#### *eReaders for All*

Six Amazon Kindles and four Sony E-reader devices are available to the college community as of January. Acquired through a successful Innovation Fund proposal and available for a two-week loan, these devices will assist in both academic and leisure pursuits while encouraging increased tech savvy. The Kindles come loaded with 100 classic public domain books and are highly popular with a constant waiting list. Users are encouraged to complete an online survey to assess the usefulness and future possibilities of e-readers in the Library.

### *Substantial Donation of Culinary Books Received*

The Library at the Tourism and Culinary Centre campus of Holland College received a generous donation of more than 10,000 recipe books from the estate of Marion Patterson. Staff and students have expressed great enthusiasm for the new collection's variety and historical perspective. Portions of the collection have already been catalogued and made available for loan.

### *Update on the Graphic Novel Collection*

The Library's new graphic novel collection, started in September 2010, is already one of the highest circulating collections across the College. Assisted by a generous donation from the Holland College Foundation and housed in the Charlottetown Centre Library, the collection contains many classic and award-winning works and is growing quickly.

### *Springer eBooks Trial Underway*

Holland College Library now has a three-month trial to a wide collection of Springer eBooks. These ebooks are searchable in the Library catalogue and cover a wide range of academic topics.

### *New Language Software Purchased*

Thanks to a successful college-wide Project 2000 proposal, the Library recently purchased and is currently testing a copy of Rosetta Stone English language learning software to assist our population of students currently working on developing their English skills.

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

### *Faculty News*

Dr. Anatoliy Gruzd is now cross-appointed to the Faculty of Computer Science. This cross-appointment reflects the interdisciplinary nature of Dr. Gruzd's expertise and research interests in both Information Management and Computer Science (CS). In addition to teaching classes within SIM, Dr. Gruzd is also teaching the Databases & Data Mining course (ECMM 6014 & HINF 6210) in the E-commerce and Health Informatics programs for the Faculty of Computer Science. He currently has three CS students working on projects in his Social Media Lab ([www.SocialMediaLab.ca](http://www.SocialMediaLab.ca)), along with three SIM students, and he is also on the PhD thesis committee for one CS student.

Working with other CS faculty members, Dr. Gruzd plans to develop new courses that might be of interest to students from both the School of Information Management and the Faculty of Computer Science such as Information Retrieval, Natural Language Processing, and Social Computing.

### *Amy Paterson Receives Stephanie Downs Memorial Award*

Congratulations to Amy Paterson, this year's recipient of the Stephanie Downs Memorial Award. Amy's commitment to leadership in the SIM community combined with a strong interest in international librarianship impressed the Stephanie Downs Memorial Award Committee. In Amy's words "Library work is founded upon the principle of universal access to information and I hope to use the skills I learn at Dalhousie to serve cultures and communities across the world".

In 2008, Dalhousie University established this memorial award in honour of SIM alumna Stephanie Downs to grant scholarships to MLIS students entering their second year of study. Like Stephanie, successful candidates for this award have a demonstrated commitment to leadership and student life at SIM and to international librarianship.

You may give online at <http://alumniandfriends.dal.ca/giving/giveform/giveform.php> . Please select "Management" then "School of Information Management" then "Stephanie Downs Memorial Fund".

If you wish to send a cheque, please make it payable to Stephanie Downs Memorial Fund Dalhousie University and mail it to:

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School of Information Management  
Dalhousie University  
6100 University Avenue  
Halifax, NS B3H 3J5

*Public Lecture: "Life on the Frontlines of Law Librarianship: Working with Law Students, Lawyers, and Judges" with Anne Matthewman and Kate Greene Stanhope*

What does it mean to be a law librarian? What type of person makes a good law librarian? What do law librarians do? How can you prepare to be a law librarian? Working in a law library is a stimulating and intellectual experience which offers a world of variety along with the opportunity to play an important role in the legal process.

On January 27, Anne Matthewman and Kate Greene Stanhope discussed their experiences and the lessons learned in three different types of law libraries: law school, court/bar association, and private law firm. Anne and Kate addressed the practical realities of being a law librarian including one's role in the organization, changing expectations of law librarians, evolving job functions, the value of continuing education, and the nitty-gritty of managing budgets, collections, and staff.

Anne Matthewman has been the Chief Law Librarian at the Sir James Dunn Law Library, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University since August 1, 2010. Prior to coming to Dalhousie, she was the Library Manager/Executive Director of the Toronto Lawyers Association for 22 years. She has also worked in a public library. Anne has served on several committees and the Executive Boards of both the Canadian and American Association of Law Libraries and is currently the Past President of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries.



Kate Greene Stanhope is the Regional Reference and Training Librarian for the Atlantic firm of McInnes Cooper. Prior to joining McInnes Cooper, Kate was the Manager of Library the firm of Patterson Palmer and Librarian at the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union. Kate is a of the Dalhousie School of Information Management, a 2000 graduate of Dalhousie Law was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2001. Kate is currently co-chair of the Halifax Area group  
*Without Borders*



Canadian law Services for 2003 graduate School, and Law Libraries Librarians

The Dalhousie Student Chapter of Librarians without Borders (LWB) hosted the first event of their Winter Speaker Series. Melanie Sellar, co-executive director of LWB, and Carolyn Doi, LWB liaison for McGill University, spoke via teleconference about the ongoing development of the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy in Guatemala.

Aiding in the development of the Academy was originally a project of McGill's student committee, but it has since been adopted as a multi-committee project, of which Dalhousie's student committee hopes to be a part. The Dalhousie Student Chapter will spend the rest of the semester working on collections development projects through fundraising and

outreach. The committee will also be sending at least one representative to Guatemala in April to volunteer on location at academy.

*SIMcast Presents a New Term of Guest Bloggers*

[SIMcast](#) (SIM's blog) has an exciting guest blogger line-up for the upcoming months! Check in each week as we hear from a different voice in the IM community.

Nicole Maunsell has started off the series with a post entitled "When inclusivity trumps usability: Gender as a text field". Anne Matthewman and Kate Greene Stanhope will follow up their [public lecture on January 27th](#) with some conversation about law librarianship. David Tughan and Katie Hollohan will bring a health sector perspective, and Laurel Tarulli (Halifax Public Libraries) will weigh in the following week. SIM professor, Bertrum MacDonald, will wrap up our February guest posts.

If you are interested in blogging for us please contact [Jenn Cox](#) for details on how to get involved. We look forward to your comments...happy reading!



## New Submission Guidelines / Call for Articles

### Calling All Writers!

The APLA Bulletin wants to hear from you!

<b><i>What are we looking for?</i></b>	Dynamic News Stories	Feature Articles	Book Reviews, etc.
<b><i>Who can submit?</i></b>	Anyone with something to say! Information professionals, librarians, library staff, students, and scholars are all encouraged to submit works for the <i>APLA Bulletin</i> .		
<b><i>What are the guidelines?</i></b>	Up to 500 words on an event/activity presented by your institution. Submissions must be timely, contain a description of the event, and discuss the outcome.	Up to 1,500 words on any topic related to libraries and information. The article must be timely and include a thorough description and analysis of the issue.	Up to 500 words on a recently-released book, article, or study. The work must be introduced and evaluated with respect to its value to the APLA readership.
<b><i>What's the deadline?</i></b>	<b>One month in advance</b> of the issue in which you would like your article to appear.		
<b><i>How do I submit?</i></b>	Directly to your <b>Provincial VP</b>		
<b><i>Anything else I should know?</i></b>	Picture files are welcome, but must be kept to a manageable size by not exceeding 500 x 500 pixels.		

### The News from the Provinces section is getting a facelift!

The APLA Bulletin will gladly link to your institution's most recent newsletter or any other online content you wish to bring to the attention of Bulletin readers. The Bulletin also accepts point-form descriptions of events that you would like to highlight on behalf of your institution.

Please submit such activities directly to your **Provincial VP** one month ahead of the next issue's publication.

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## Looking to get involved in your professional association?

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