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Distance Education for Library Staff in Alberta

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In Alberta's 660,411 square kilometres there are only seven centres with a population of over 20,000. The next largest population centres have approximately 5,000 to 7,000 people, and the other towns count their populations in the hundreds with driving time to a town of 5,000 as one to six hours. Nevertheless, there are 250 small public libraries in these small centres and about 700 school libraries who do not employ professional library staff. Forty percent of Alberta's 2.3 million people are served by these small libraries.

In an attempt to provide library training, the Library and Information Technology program (LIT) at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) has been offering some of the regular library technician courses through distance education since 1979. There has been a steady growth in students taking these technician courses but none who were able to leave their jobs and families to come into Calgary to finish the course requirements for the two-year library technician program. It seemed that there was a need for library training in rural Alberta, but not necessarily need for technician level training. It was apparent that most of the students were already running small public and school libraries and wanted training in order to do their jobs better.

In 1984, Alberta Advanced Education, Grant MacEwan Community College, and SAIT jointly funded the Rural Library Training Project (RLT) as an innovative project to develop a curriculum and provide distance education courses designed specifically for the non-professional staff of small rural school and public libraries. A description of the research involved and of the development of this project was reported in *Canadian Library Journal*, April 1987. Complete reports are available from ERIC. It is not the intent of this article to recapitulate the background and development of the project, but rather to look at what has been achieved in the province and its impact on other programs in Canada.

In its first year of province-wide delivery there were eight hundred enrollments in the RLT courses. Enrollment in the regular distance education library technician courses doubled. Forty of the RLT pilot students received Basic Level Certificates in Small Library Operations; a behavioral analysis of the pilot phase was completed; and agencies in two other provinces became involved in contracts to use the RLT material.

ENROLLMENTS AND COURSES

During the 1986/87 school year, two groups of students were enrolled in Rural Library Training Project courses. While the original group of pilot students continued to field test new courses, previously tested and revised courses were offered on a province-wide basis. The 800 enrollments represent 376 individual students.

Nine RLT courses or a combination of RLT courses and other approved library technician courses lead to a Basic Level Certificate in Small Library Operations issued by the Continuing Education Division of SAIT. Each RLT course consists of six or seven modules and is completed in fourteen weeks. The courses are offered through telephone-tutoring, postal-tutoring, teleconferencing, and on-site instruction. Although the courses are print-based, four have video-tape components. All students receive the same course materials, regardless of delivery mode.

In the RLT program, tutors are proactive. Telephone-tutors phone each student at least four times during the course to discuss activities, assignments, and other questions. In addition, assignments are due on a specified schedule. This kind of tutoring provides both the pacing and the individual support that most correspondence courses lack. Postal tutors also must contact their students at least four times during the course, writing personal letters to those students who are inaccessible by phone either due to the cost or to geographical isolation.

Teleconference instruction is a telephone-based system used to link an instructor to groups of students in widely separated communities throughout Alberta. Students meet in classrooms equipped with microphones and a loudspeaker (a Darome convenor). The instructor presents the course from a studio equipped with a specially-designed teleconference "bridge" which joins all the centres together. The students and the instructor enjoy two-way interaction over the teleconference network. This is one of the most economically feasible delivery modes, but is not quite as flexible as telephone-tutoring because the students must still travel to a centre at a certain time. Teleconference RLT courses consist of six sessions on alternating weeks from September to December or January through April.

While all RLT courses are available through telephone or postal tutoring three times a year (September, January, and May), only four courses are teleconferenced each term and those courses are offered on a rotating basis.

On-site instruction is dependent upon adequate numbers of students, availability of a qualified instructor, and the support of a sponsoring institution. On-site instruction is arranged with a sponsoring institution to fit the needs of the specified target audience.

At the end of each course, students complete an extensive evaluation form rating the course material, the delivery mode, and the instructor. The results of these evaluations are carefully considered by project staff and appropriate changes are made. The statistics relating to these evaluations are available in the **Phase Four Final Summative Report**. In general, 90% of the evaluations in every area have been positive.

The doubled enrollment in technician courses may be due to students being encouraged to take LIT courses along with their RLT courses for credit toward their certificates. This allows students regular post-secondary technician credit but also provides them a means for obtaining a certificate long before they would ever complete requirements for a library technician diploma. Credit for technician courses from other approved institutions is also accepted.

Of the ninety pilot students who began in the Fall of 1985, forty have completed requirements for their Basic Level Certificates. Of these twenty-two combined other library courses with RLT courses. The others completed the program in two years using RLT courses only.

BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS

Individual course evaluations indicated that the courses were well designed, delivery modes were suitable, and instructors were excellent. Comments indicated that students felt they had learned a great deal. Still, it was not apparent whether or not the courses actually had any long-term effect on library service.

In order to evaluate the long term effect of the program on students' performance in their own libraries, two questionnaires were developed. One was distributed to sixty-eight pilot students and the other to forty-four people designated as the students' immediate supervisors. The student questionnaire asked the respondents to describe exactly what changes, if any, they had made in library procedures as a result of their participation in the courses offered in the 1985/86 school year. The supervisors were school principals, the chairpersons for the library boards, and in a few cases the head librarians.

Although the numbers were too small for valid statistical analysis, the responses from both groups indicate very positive changes in library procedures. In addition to checking simple yes/no answers, the majority of respondents took the time to list specific examples of the uses that the courses had. For example, in terms of overall changes, 61% of the students listed positive changes. Only 12% said that they had made no changes, and 27% said they had made no changes but listed a reason, such as being a volunteer or noting that the library already followed all the recommended practices. As another example, just more than half of the supervisors (52%) reported that there had been positive changes in the way materials were selected, and all actually listed what changes had been made. These results are also included in the **Phase Four Final Summative Report**.

The regional library systems, as well as Alberta Culture Library Services, Alberta Education, many school districts, most library boards, and the Northwest Territories Library Services actively promote the RLT program, encouraging and in some cases sponsoring library staff in the program. The certificate has been recognized for salary grid purposes by some library boards and school districts.

OUTSIDE ALBERTA

Acceptance and support for the Rural Library Training Project has been gratifying. The RLT received a Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Library Association in June of 1987. Ontario Library Services-Trent has negotiated a contract with SAIT and is using RLT materials and the curriculum for their EXCEL program for public library staff in Ontario, and the University of New Brunswick Extension and Summer Services division in using RLT material for their library assistants training program. In addition, individual students from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories, and Ontario (schools) are enrolled in the courses.

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TOWARDS THE FUTURE — THE CHALLENGE OF PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH

by Kerri M. Davis, Branch Librarian, Oromocto Public Library, Oromocto, N.B.

How does a librarian entice a number of unsuspecting, critical teenagers into the Oromocto Public Library (for the right reasons)? How does she convince this age group that libraries are cool; that the public library is a good place to get to know for a variety of reasons? In short, with a great deal of patience, energy and encouragement. Certainly one essential ingredient in this recipe is taking the time to earn the respect of local youth. It cannot be won. It is important to learn the balance between treating this age group with too much severity and too much lenience, after all these people live somewhere between the dependence of childhood and the responsibilities of adulthood. (They know everything but they don't pay the bills). Always remember: most teenagers pass successfully into adulthood - even if it is at the expense of everyone around them!

The following is a list of the OPL staff's considerations in programming trials for youth: why program for youth in Oromocto, surveying the community, evaluating the need for these programs, setting goals, determining in the number of sessions, the expenses, the staff time and energy, scheduling, advertising, running the programs, arranging related displays, achieving our goals, evaluating successes / failures, learning lessons and deciding which direction to take after the trials.

The decision to try programs for youth was made. We needed a hook. In Oromocto, the first love of teenagers is music. Section 8 is a local rock band composed of local high school and university students. It was worth a try. One hour's entertainment drew a crowd of 277 teens. "Hair with Flair" was a program on hair styling and hair care which attracted 55 lunchtimers. "The Shape of Things to Come" provided detailed information on fitness and nutrition. 58 teenagers attended. "A Dress Rehearsal" hosted a fashion show for local teens. 206 were present and models were area teenagers. "Putting on the Hits" was the final trial, a lip sync competition, which drew a crowd of 76 young adults.

In spite of the occasional programming hiccup, staff members were very pleased with all five trial programs. The following goals were met:

1. more productive use of the library by teens.; 2. increase in number of teen memberships; 3. better rapport between youth and staff members; 4. local teens know they are welcome in the facility; 5. now provide library services to all segments of our community.;

Where do we go from here? Into the future. Libraries are progressive. The decision to continue youth programming was unanimous. Programs for the fall and winter are presently being organized. I would be remiss if I did not thank Regional Librarian, Katherine Lebutt, and the OPL Board members for their continuing support of community library service.

Thanks must also be extended to the library staff members who remain loyal and patient in their support of my wildest ideas.

From the President's Desk

Executive meeting

Association publications were a major topic of discussion at the fall executive meeting. We talked about ways to facilitate the transfer from one **Bulletin** editor to another and ways to encourage communication about the activities of committees and interest groups throughout the year. We hope to see the fruits of this discussion in future issues of the **Bulletin**.

Plans for our annual meetings in 1988 and 1989 were also discussed at the executive meeting. We will be having our annual general meeting during the CLA conference in Halifax in June 1988. We hope to have the AGM on Sunday June 19 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a reception. This time was chosen to fit into a busy weekend schedule and minimize conflict with CLA events. Committee and interest group meetings will be scheduled during the conference period. In 1989 we will return to our usual conference format. Bill

Masselink, Vice-President (P.E.I.) extended an invitation to APLA to meet in Charlottetown in 1989 which was gratefully accepted by the executive.

Lobbying

Copyright will be the focus for library lobbying efforts this fall. The CLA brief now being drafted asks the government to delay the implementation of reprography collectives until fair dealing has been discussed and to continue to treat maps, charts and plans as literary rather than artistic works for copyright purposes. I will be writing to the minister of communications and the minister of consumer and corporate affairs to express the APLA executive's concern that a broad definition of fair use be included in the new legislation. All APLA members should be writing to show their opposition to what appears to be a tendency to implement a very restrictive definition of fair use.

Report of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom

By Hope Bridgewater, Convenor
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The following people have agreed to serve on the Committee on Intellectual Freedom for the coming year:

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On the basis of a motion passed at the last APLA Conference in St. John, New Brunswick, the President, Joy Tillotson, has written the following letter to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada:

June 8, 1987

The Honourable R. J. Hnatyshyn
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
for Canada.

135 East Block
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to express the strong objection of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association to the changes in the Criminal Code contained in Bill C-54. The members of the association passed a resolution at the annual meeting on May 31, 1987 expressing concern about the following points in particular:

- 1) The broad definitions of erotica and pornography could apply to significant portions of library collections.
- 2) The fact that the burden of proof of innocence rests on the accused (section 159.1) could have serious implications for libraries and their means of providing library services.
- 3) Section 164 could affect the provision of library services through the mails.

In general, it was felt that the bill was contrary to the Canadian Library Association's position statement on intellectual freedom (copy enclosed).

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider this bill.

Yours truly,
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APLA Welcomes New Members

Welcome to the new members who have joined APLA in the past few months. Here are the latest additions to the membership list:

From Nova Scotia, new APLA members are Elaine Boychuk, Robert Boychuk, Marian Burnett, Rita Campbell, Susan Clarke, Arthur Flynn, Patricia Gallant, Cheryl Ann Grandy, Elizabeth Jackson, Stephen Kirincich, Vance MacDonald, Hol-

ly Melanson, and Barbara Phillips.

New Members from New Brunswick are Dennis Abblitt, Mary Charters, Ken Cooley, Carol Enns, Pat Good, Joann Hamilton, Mireille Levesque, Kim MacKinnon-Lemon, and Sylvie Nadeau.

APLA also welcomes Nichola Cleaveland from Prince Edward Island and Slavko Manojlovich from Newfoundland.

ECOLOGY ACTION CENTRE

by Catherine Pross, Librarian, EAC

The Ecology Action Resource Centre has a new bibliography about to be published by the Dalhousie School of Library Service and Information Studies. If one agrees that the awakening of the North American consciousness of environmental problems came with the oil spill off the Nova Scotia coast in the winter of 1969-70, then one can appreciate the value of the Resource Centre. Ecology Action, founded in 1971, has been involved and in touch with the environmental movement almost since its beginnings.



Ecology Action Centre was founded to work through research, public education and action projects, in preserving and improving environmental quality. Its focus is on local and provincial issues, although through contacts with other groups EAC is involved regionally and nationally as well. Implicit in the Centre's goals is a perspective which is both global and long-term.

Over the years EAC has been involved in a great number of activities. Action Committees of the Centre have campaigned against spruce budworm chemical spraying programs, have supported sustainable agriculture and forestry, and are working to promote the safest methods of disposing of toxic wastes. One campaign underway at the moment is to educate people on the subject of hazardous chemicals around the house, and to provide a household hazardous waste collection day during Environment Week next June. Another project undertaken by a newly formed committee is to promote recycling. The Resource Centre plays an important part in the work EAC does in issuing press releases, appearing before Royal Commissions and Public In-

quiries, answering requests for information, advice and assistance on environmental problems, briefing politicians and working with educators and students.

Last year, Ecology Action applied for and received support from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to compile a bibliography of the Centre's contents. As a result of years of part time maintenance and two recent moves, materials had to be sorted and re-organized before work on the bibliography could begin. Mary Dwyer-Rigby joined me in the project though the support of the Department of Employment and Immigration. As well as the access the printed bibliography will provide through broad subject headings, computer searches in the Centre provide access through key words, author and title.

The resources of Ecology Action Centre have never allowed collection of materials on a large scale. Rather, the collection has resulted from files collected during ongoing research, participation in meetings, consultations, contacts with other environmental groups. Much of the material consists of 'grey literature' which does not get catalogued in other collections. Perhaps its most valuable contribution is that it represents a point of view which is not widely represented in other collections in this area. Newsletters from other environmental groups and information gathered through environmental networks are important aspects.

The six broad subject headings under which the collection has been organized give some idea of the breadth of the collection. **Energy** includes information on renewable and non-renewable sources, as well as the policies of public utilities. **Resource industries** covers agriculture, forestry, mining, and fisheries. **Pollution** refers to all types of pollution as well as human health issues, waste disposal and attempts such as recycling to combat pollution. **Changes to the biosphere** refers to long-term changes in the atmosphere, the

oceans, the problems of the disappearing rainforests and the issue of genetic diversity. The last two divisions refer to the effects of modern institutions in solving these problems. **Institutional responses to environmental issues** is the heading given to topics such as impact assessment, environmental education, environmental law, economics as related to environment, government organizations involved in environmental issues as well as citizens' groups. **Human habitat and society** refers to the planned use of resources as well as the alternatives considered.

Ecology Action Centre is a citizens' group, supported by memberships. Its Resource Centre is open to its members and the general public alike. Visitors, new memberships (\$25 each), people willing to serve on existing committees or with new initiatives for solving environmental problems are all welcome and necessary to the continuing existence of EAC. Since space is



limited and staff is small, someone wanting to use the Centre might be well-advised to phone ahead (422-4311), but we try to look after anyone who walks through the door at 1657 Barrington St., Suite 520, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2A1.

Network Atlantic - A Canadian Children's Book Centre Project

Recently, the Atlantic Regional Office of the Canadian Children's Book Centre received a grant from the Atlantic Project Fund of the Canada Council for a project called "Network Atlantic."

The project aims to promote Canadian, and especially Atlantic children's books, authors, illustrators and publishers. To this end, Network Atlantic plans to establish a workable network among booksellers, publishers, librarians, teachers, professors of children's literature and parents so that there is a greater representation of Canadian children's books in our homes, schools, libraries and bookstores.

Network Atlantic first sent out questionnaires asking about the use and distribution of Canadian children's books. The purpose of the questionnaire mailout was to compile a comprehensive list of those who are interested and involved in children's books in the six target groups mentioned above.

Last summer Network Atlantic planned informal meetings and workshops for teachers, professors, librarians, booksellers, parents and publishers in

preparation for the second phase, which began in August 1987 and will run through to January 30, 1988. Network Atlantic aims to have integrated community work shops and to include the participation of parents, booksellers and community members. Their resources are however limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

The third phase of the project will be evaluation. It will include an ongoing assessment of meetings and workshops, as well as final evaluation. This phase will be completed in February 1988.

Ultimately, Network Atlantic seeks to develop an Atlantic network of groups that care about children's books and that will support Canadian children's literature after this project is completed.

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USER EDUCATION

MAILBOX

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Answers to questions, and new questions to:

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Since we have not received answers to some of our questions, we shall repeat them for you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the term "binders title" come from?
2. Does anybody in the region offer a library trivia exercise for patrons or know of a library that does?
3. Has anyone developed or know of packages/programs for archives use in academic, school, special or public libraries?
4. We are looking for instructional packages for graduate students especially for international graduate students. If you have developed such a package or know of one we would appreciate hearing from you.

News about Kids in Libraries



The Children's Interest Group of the Nova Scotia Library Association sponsored a talk by Nova Scotia children's author Joyce Barkhouse at the NSLA Conference held at South Shore Regional Library on Sunday, September 27th. Ms. Barkhouse talked about how she began writing for children and then called for ideas from the audience about local subjects about which books could be written. An interesting dialogue developed between members of the audience and Ms. Barkhouse, centering on potential themes for children's books with a local flavour.

Preceding Joyce Barkhouse's presentation, members of the Children's Interest Group met over lunch. The Interest Group meets approximately six times each year to discuss issues and events of concern to those who work in the Nova Scotia public libraries children's departments. The next meeting will be on October 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the Hubbards Branch of Halifax County Regional Library. Ms. Ann Brimer will speak to members on The Atlantic Network. All are welcome. Please contact Debbie Taylor, 865-5660, if you are interested in attending.

The children's departments of the metropolitan regional libraries have been invited by the Nova Scotia Museum to share a booth during Kid's World Days at the Atlantic Winter Fair, October 15th - 18th. The overall theme will be "Museums and Libraries: Worlds to Discover" and dinosaurs will be featured in the displays of books and artifacts.

A new APLA interest group, **Community College and Technical Libraries** (to be known as CCTLIG - pronounced sit-lig), was formed at the 1987 APLA Convention.

Membership to CCTLIG is open to all APLA members who work at a community college or technical library in the Atlantic Provinces. The purpose of CCTLIG is to provide a forum for both discussion of and improvement in community college and technical librarianship. The group's activities will centre around the production and distribution of a newsletter and the organization of events such as workshops and lectures.

Bill Hegan, New Brunswick Community College, is the convenor. Suzanne Jones, Holland College, Charlottetown and Margaret McAllister, New Brunswick Community College are the other executive members.

CCTLIG's first newsletter was published in September. For more information concerning membership or distribution of the newsletter, contact Bill Hegan, Library, New Brunswick Community College, Box 2100, Station A, Moncton, New Brunswick E1C 8H9 Telephone (506) 858-2394.

NEWS - NEWFOUNDLAND

An updated **Directory of Archives in Newfoundland and Labrador, 1987** is now available. Interested parties should contact the Secretary of **Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives (ANLA)**, Shelley Smith, Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador, Colonial Building, Military Road, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 2C9.

The **Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives' (ANLA) Conservator Training Program** has received funding from the Council of Canadian Archives for an internship with the McMaster University Library Preservation Specialist, John Winch. Donna Fleming of M.U.N.'s Center for Newfoundland Studies is the recipient of the internship. She will be on leave from the Centre until December 1987.

New officers for the Provincial Executive of the **Educational Media Council** were appointed at the annual general meeting held in Stephenville, Newfoundland on September 17-19. Anyone interested in receiving the **Educational Media Council Newsletter** should contact K. Bruce Lane, Communications Officer/Editor, P.O. Box 65, Holyrood, Newfoundland A0A 2R0.

NEWS - NEW BRUNSWICK

York Regional Library

Summer Reading Club Resounding Success

Mary Mayo, children's librarian at Fredericton Public Library, chaired New Brunswick's Summer Reading Club committee which this year came up with the highly successful "Read - Discover the Magic" theme. All branches report overwhelming response - and librarians find the magic theme readily spawns project and program ideas. Summer reading clubs in rural areas normally see good attendance - often the reading club is the only game in town - but this year small branch libraries have been flooded with children eager to join the program. Apparently, the theme of this year's Club captures the children's imagination; they are enamored with the Club's dragon mascot, Dramillion. The appealing package of posters, printed materials and incentives put together by the Reading Club Committee contributed in no small way to the success of the Club. It certainly kept the enthusiasm level high over the two months of the program.

Special Events

Théâtre New Brunswick's Summer School - Centre Stage Theatre - gave a special matinee performance of the C.S. Lewis classic "THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE", Sunday, August 2, to benefit the Nashwaaksis Public Library. The production featured elaborate masks and puppets, plus other lifesize puppets that portrayed the Giant, the White Witch and the Lion. Tickets for this musical adaptation of the long-time favourite were available only at the library.

Special Awards

The Oromocto Public Library won Best Decorated Public Office in a contest held in conjunction with the annual town promotion "PIONEER DAYS." Decorated as an authentic general store by staff and patrons with help from a local antiques dealer and advice from King's Landing personnel, the library was hands-down winner in their category. Staff and board members - good sports all - dressed in costume and hosted a special program on blacksmithing, butterchurning and the old-time general store to begin the week-long celebration in the town.

Special Gifts

The Carleton County Branch of the NB Society of Retired Teachers presented cassette players to the three Carleton libraries in Florenceville, Woodstock and Hartland this spring. The cassette players, purchased with funds raised through the sale of the teachers' book **The History of Schools in Carleton County** (1984), are for the use of seniors at home with the selection of tapes available from the libraries.

Book Sale

York Regional Library's annual book sale netted \$5700 in cash sales and an estimated \$1600 in donated books placed directly on library shelves. Sale co-ordinator Geraldine Stanaway credits the success of the sale to all the help York had from its friends in the media - and especially from the members of the Fredericton-based IODE chapters who staffed the three-day sale.

Exhibits

Three mini-exhibits from the UNB Collection are currently on display at York branch libraries: **NASTURTIIUMS**, a silk screen by Bruno Bobak; **HOUSE AND CAR**, a painting by Glenn Adams; and **TAMARACK AND SPRING**, two landscapes by René

Hébert. These exhibits are a joint project of the University of New Brunswick Art Centre and the York Regional Library with funding from the Canada Council. Canada Council funding is also available for artists' visits and these get underway at selected libraries in the fall.

An exhibit of Bartlett prints is also touring York branch libraries. The eleven prints from the UNB Collection are all scenes of New Brunswick from 1938, the year William Bartlett undertook his sketching tour of North America.

Selected costumes from Théâtre New Brunswick's 20th anniversary costume and design display were exhibited at the L.P. Fisher Library during July and August. The fall exhibit which premiered at the Fredericton Festival of the Arts (May 21-24) featured elaborate costumes from many TNB shows; the costumes displayed at the Woodstock library were designed for **MACBETH**, **LIFE WITH FATHER** and **SARAH BERNHARDT**.

Seminaire en Informatique Documentaire a Bordeaux

FRANCOISE CARON, DIRECTRICE DE LA BIBLIOTHEQUE DR MARGUERITE-MICHAUD A REPRESENTÉ LA PROVINCE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK LORS D'UN SEMINAIRE EN INFORMATIQUE DOCUMENTAIRE D'UNE DUREE D'UN MOIS A BORDEAUX, EN FRANCE. Ce seminaire, organisé sous l'égide de l'Unesco et de l'Agence de coopération culturelle et technique, réunissant des bibliothécaires et des documentalistes de 13 pays francophones, a eu lieu de 30 mars au 30 avril 1987, à l'École internationale de Bordeaux.

Les objectifs principaux de seminaire consistaient à initier les participants à la création et à la gestion de banques de données, leur permettant d'acquérir les connaissances de base en informatique documentaire afin qu'ils puissent éventuellement guider leurs choix de matériel, de logiciels, de serveurs et de banques de données.

Les cours donnés par des spécialistes, touchaient à l'informatique, la conception et la création de banques de données, l'informatisation des opérations documentaires, la télé-référence et les réseaux informatisés. S'ajoutaient à cela, des visites de centres spécialisés, la manipulation et l'évaluation de matériel et de logiciels. De plus, chaque participant devait présenter une communication sur un aspect de l'informatisation dans son domaine de travail. Françoise Caron a exposé l'état de l'informatisation des bibliothèques au Nouveau-Brunswick.

Enfin, les aspects culturel et touristique ne furent pas négligés en plus des activités sur place, le groupe a eu droit à plusieurs excursions à Bordeaux et dans les environs, ainsi qu'à une sortie de trois jours dans les Pyrénées françaises.

York Regional Library Appoints Librarian

The Board of York Regional Library has announced the appointment of Kerri Michelle Davis to the position of supervising librarian at York's Sub-Headquarters in Woodstock.

Along with administrative duties, Miss Davis will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the six branch libraries and the bookmobile which services the Carleton-Victoria area.

Miss Davis comes to Sub-Headquarters from the Oromocto Public Library where she was branch librarian. She holds an honours Bachelor of Arts (French major) from the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario and a master of Library Science from the University of British Columbia's School of Librarianship. She first worked in a library while in elementary school. She also gained experience in this field at the Guelph Public Library, Guelph, Ontario, during her university days and afterwards at the Chilliwack Public Library, Chilliwack, B.C. While at UBC, Miss Davis received the Gordon New Award for achievement, in the area of academic and research libraries.

Miss Davis is a member of both the Canadian and American library associations, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association and the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain. She assumes her position at Sub-Headquarters in Woodstock on September 1.

Fredericton Honours Long-Time Board Member

Mrs. Bertha Louise Miller was honoured July 27 by Fredericton City Council for her long and dedicated work on behalf of library service to the community. At the council meeting that evening, she was appointed an honorary lifetime member of the Fredericton Library Board.

Mrs. Miller, more than anyone else, has been responsible for establishing New Brunswick's largest regional library. Back in 1954, as Chairman of the Regional Library Board, she led the crusade that the citizens of Fredericton and York County would have public library service. It wasn't easy but today library service has extended into Carleton, Victoria, Queens, Sunbury and Northumberland counties, thanks to the determination of this stalwart library supporter.

Haut Saint-Jean Regional Library

Under the federal "Challenge 87" summer job creation program, 8 students were hired in the libraries of the region for periods of nine to twelve weeks. Moreover, 3 students under the provincial summer youth '87 program have been working in different libraries for periods of six to ten weeks.

Past Events

In conjunction with the UNB Arts Centre and the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage, the exhibit "Another look - 70 years later", consisting of photographs of Woodstock taken in 1912 and 1984, has toured the libraries of the region between April and August 1987. The reactions of viewers were positive.

The Provincial Summer Reading Club, under the theme "Read - Discover the Magic", was launched on June 15 with a lot of enthusiasm from the staff and young readers. Balloons with the reading club theme printed on them were offered by the MacDonalds' restaurant of Edmundson to decorate the libraries and to give away to the children. A local merchant, J. Frank Rice Ltd., donated a dual radio-cassette player (ghetto-blaster) to give as a regional prize at the end of the Summer Reading Club.

During the National Book Festival (April 25 to May 2), a local writer from St.-Quentin, Mrs. Cécile Chasse-Roy, visited the libraries in Saint-François, Edmundston, Saint-Leonard and Grand Falls and talked about her book "Vivre malgré tout".

During the 2nd Edmundston Book Fair in April, at least ten employees of the regional system attended a very interesting workshop "Animation en bibliothèque", presented by Mr. Yves Beauchesne of Communication Jeunesse from Montreal.

NEWS - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Prince Edward Island has invited APLA to hold its Annual Conference in 1989 in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Joyce Gaudet, Librarian at the Library of Department of Veterans' Affairs has agreed to be the Convenor of the local Arrangement Committee.

P.E.I. School Library News

The P.E.I. School Library Association (P.E.I.S.L.A.) plans to meet on Friday, November 12.

In School Unit III, which includes the City of Charlottetown and Central P.E.I., school librarians have been given a 1/2 day professional development day by Unit III School Board. Previously, school librarians were expected to do their professional development entirely on their own time.

National Library

On October 2, the National Library plans to hold a one day meeting on Resource Sharing in Charlottetown. A number of libraries, including Robertson Library of U.P.E.I. and the Provincial Library will participate.

Prince Edward Island Provincial Library

Microcomputers were installed (or are about to be installed) at Provincial Library Headquarters (replacing an older machine), Government Services Library and Confederation Centre Public Library.

Plans to convert the card catalogue to the P.E.I. Provincial Library's holdings into a microfiche catalogue are still in the discussion and developmental stage. At present, card catalogues exist only at P.E.I. Provincial Library Headquarters and at Confederation Centre Public Library. A microfiche catalogue would enable public access to the Provincial Library's holdings to be extended to the Community Libraries across the province, as well as save time in filing and pulling catalogue cards from the present catalogue.

During the Children's Book Festival, author Eric Wilson plans to launch his new book *Green Gables Detectives* at the Memorial Hall in Confederation Centre and to hold readings in Summerside Public Library and in a number of schools. Deirdre Kessler plans to read from her new book *LOBSTER IN MY POCKET* in a number of community libraries.

Holland College Library

Susanne Jones, Librarian at Holland College Library (Charlottetown Centre) reports that since September, the library has ceased to be a circulating library but functions only as a reference library in the past year, all circulating books have transferred to the departments within Holland College where it was most likely that they would be used (e.g. photography books went to the photography department).

Susanne felt that it was too early to comment on the results of this change in terms of library service to the students.

NEWS - NOVA SCOTIA

On May 29, 1987, Bill 106, an Act to amend the Libraries Act, was given Royal Assent. This Act, which will come into effect in January 1988, will allow the Governor-in-Council to make Regulations concerning matters pertaining to library funding. This includes operating grants to regional library boards, grants for maintenance costs, grants for capital construction, etc.

The new location of the Kentville Branch of **Annapolis Valley Regional Library** was officially opened on September 18. Extended hours at the new location have already resulted in the registration of 400 new borrowers.

The **Nova Scotia Library Association** held its annual conference at the South Shore Regional Library in Bridgewater on September 26-28. The theme of the conference was "Libraries and Technology: Strange Bedfellows?" As well as a number of workshops on library automation and communications technologies, there were several other interesting topics including "How to Handle the Demanding Patron": "Maintaining an Audio-Visual Collection"; "Library Policies and the Law"; and a talk by Nova Scotia children's author, Joyce Barkhouse.

Frozen budgets and rising prices have resulted in a 15% cancellation in Journals at **Bedford Institute of Oceanography** - 72 titles totalling \$20,000 were cancelled for 1988!

Douglas Vaisey reports that the **Nova Scotia Online Consortium** is inactive at the moment. He is optimistic that the organization will become active in the near future.

The School of Library and Information Science, Dalhousie University, is pleased to announce that it has received the very generous gift of a complete **Wilsonline** workstation hardware package from the H.W. Wilson Company, New York. The workstation includes an IBM PC XT personal computer with 640K memory, fixed disc drive, diskette drive, colour monitor, proprinter, modem, compact disc player, and a training package on CD. The equipment is a complete microcomputer system capable of functions which range from database design to desktop publishing.

Dalhousie University Library and Acadia University Library have each received a \$30,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to support their specialized research collections in strategic studies. The funds have been provided to purchase microform collections in the fields of diplomatic history, international relations, military affairs and arms control. Many of these documents have only recently been opened to researchers, and thus provide an enormous amount of new and valuable information for historians and political scientists.

A gift from Mrs. Kathryn Stanfield Davies to Dalhousie University's capital campaign will enable the university to begin to acquire a major research microfiche collection of English-language books from the Victorian era, and an accompanying 100-volume printed catalogue.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Danielle Cossette, librarian at La Bibliothèque Père Louis Lamontagne, has resigned to take a position as librarian at a coed private school in her hometown of Grand'Mère, Quebec.

Trina O'Brien, supervising librarian at York's subheadquarters in Woodstock, has resigned to spend more time with her husband and new baby, Maia.

Moncton Public Library has a new Children's librarian in the person of **Nancy Cohen** who joined the staff in May 1987. Riverview Public Library also has a new librarian: Lynn Winters started in July 1987.

Jan Matthews is the new librarian in charge of the library at the Westmorland Institute, a minimum security facility in Dorchester where the region provides library services under a contractual agreement.

The person in charge of the Grand Falls Public Library, **Mrs. Joyce Shannon**, retired on May 31, 1987, after 14 years of service. She was replaced by Patricia Toner, who started in May 1987.

At the annual meeting of the Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library Board on May 20, 1987, the executive for 1987-88 remained unchanged: Corinne Turcotte, President; Rodolphe Beaulieu, Vice President; Yvan Nadeau, Treasurer.

Elizabeth Banfield, Librarian at MT & T, is the current president of the Halifax Library Association. **Gwen Whitford**, of the Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness, is President-Elect.

Sally Wood, Dalhousie '87, has replaced Gwen Whitford as Cataloguer at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library.

Keith Butler was recently hired as Audio Visual Technician at the Marine Institute Library. He will help with the development of videos for the Department of Continuing Education. He will also provide support for the International Ice Management Seminar to be held at the Marine Institute in November, 1987.

At the **Prince Edward Island Archives**, Provincial Archivist **Nick DeJong**, took a year's study leave to do research on paintings of ships built in the Maritimes. His assistant **Marilyn Bell** has become Acting Provincial Archivist in his place. **Mrs.**

Elinor Vass, Library Technician in charge of the P.E.I. collection at Confederation Centre Public Library, has been assigned a one year appointment at the Archives as Historical Research Officer. Alison Ann Heckbert has been temporarily promoted to the position of Library Technician in charge of the P.E.I. Collection. **Sandra MacPhee** was promoted to Alison Ann Heckbert's position.

Staff changes at the Saint John Regional Library include **Sheila McGhee** now at the Information Centre, **Ruth Jackson** as Head of the West Branch and **Kimberley MacKinnon Lemon**, who took over the position vacated by Ruth Jackson.

Madeleine Morissette, a recent graduate of McGill University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has been appointed by the York Regional Library Board to head Newcastle's French library, la Bibliothèque Père Louis Lamontagne. Mrs. Morissette, who speaks five languages, has had twenty years in the library field. She has held positions overseas for CIDA in Haiti and West Africa, and closer to home at several locations in the province of Québec.

Dr. Boris Raymond is the principal investigator in a project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to study the impact of computer based communications technologies upon the library profession. A grant of \$18,000 for this purpose has been awarded to Dr. Raymond, and to Dr. Richard Apostle (Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University) who is co investigator in the project. The grant is for a two year period, and is renewable.

This year's recipient of the Special Libraries Association Eastern Canada Chapter Prize for work in special librarianship in the M.L.I.S. programme at Dalhousie University is **Annie Hall**, currently working at the Canadian Human Rights Commission Library in Ottawa.

There are joint winners this year of the Lorna Inness Prize at Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies: **Julia Creighton** and **Elizabeth Jones**. This prize is given annually by noted book reviewer and book editor Lorna Inness to the student receiving the highest grade in the Collections Development Class. The prize money is to be spent on Canadian books to assist the recipient in the establishment of a recreational reading collection.

Call for papers

The Off-campus Library Services Conference sponsored by the Central Michigan University Libraries and the Institute for Personal and Career Development will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, October 20-21, 1988. Libraries, educators, administrators, and practitioners involved with adult learning in academic, corporate, governmental, or military settings are invited to submit proposals for presentation. Proposals are sought on topics concerned with the provision of library services to

students distant from their central campus or headquarters training sites including interlibrary cooperation, program administration and evaluation, accreditation, licensure, distance delivery methods and technology, and student and faculty support services. **For more information and mailing list inclusion contact** Maryhelen Garrett, at Park Library 315, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859, U.S.A. (800) 248-9271.

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John D. Dennison and Paul Gallagher

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Alan Thomas and Edward W. Ploman, general editors

A collection of multidisciplinary papers presented by 14 international scholars at the 1985 Global Learning Symposium. The papers look at the questions, "What is learning?" and "What is its role in human development?", and reflects the concern of the convenors to try to integrate the many and varied contributions being made to understanding learning.

ISBN: 0-7744-0292-X, 248 pages, \$18.50 paper OISE Press, The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

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Theodore MacDonald

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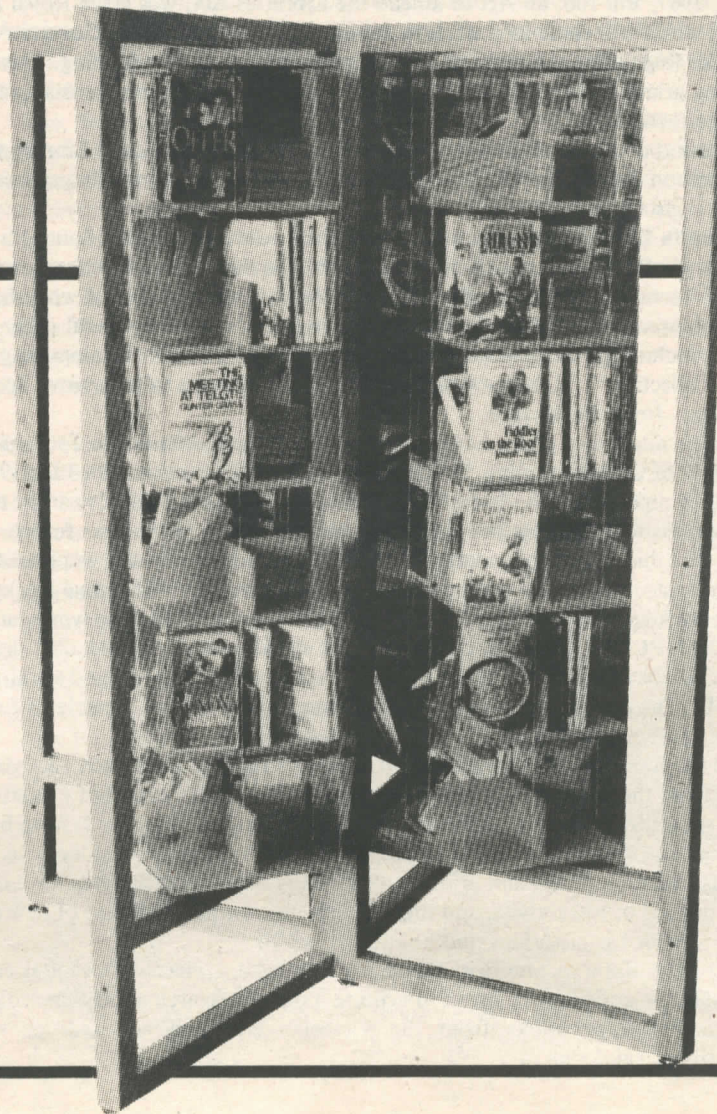
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Adventures in map land

by Murray Baillie, a librarian living in Saint John, New Brunswick

All of us have had some acquaintance with maps and plans in our journey through the education system. Yet, most would be surprised to know that a number of postal maps were published in Canada including one for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island issued in 1919. City planning may seem to be a twentieth century phenomenon but Hurd Peters (1831-1909), a Saint John engineer, prepared a plan for placing carts and other vehicles on Market Square in 1861. Such are only two of the treasures to be found in the New Brunswick Museum in Saint John, New Brunswick. You would probably not have guessed that a copy of Thomas Jeffrey's map of Nova Scotia, published in London, England in 1755, is also in the Museum.

There are many such items of historical and artistic value in museums and archives hidden from scholars and the general public because of a lack of indexing and descriptive cataloguing. It is likely that the Canadian Council on Archives had this in mind when they developed the "Arrangement & Description Backlog Reduction Cost-Shared Program." The objective was to reduce the backlog of unorganized records in Canada.

The Public Archives of Canada supplied the money. The program, which began in the fall of 1986, is planned to cover a three year period. A review of the scheme takes place with a thorough review at the end of three years. The funds are to be used for inaccessible records and not to improve the quality of those items presently at "the descriptive inventory level."

The material can be "textual", photographs, maps, plans, architectural drawings, sound recordings, films or videos. Textual refers to public and private records. The cost-shared provision can be fulfilled by the provision of supervision, supplies, computers or other necessary components.

When the work is completed, a copy of the final report, financial statement and the finding aid are required to be sent to the Canadian Council of Archives and Public Archives of Canada.

The Council of Archives New Brunswick distributed \$106,850.00 to organizations through the province in the all of 1986. The following bodies received grants:

Centre de documentation et d'études madawaskayennes, Edmundston.

Centre d'études acadiennes, Bibliotheque Champlain, Université de Moncton, Moncton.

Charlotte County Archives, St. Andrews.

Grand Manan Archives, Grand Manan.

Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

New Brunswick Museum, Saint John.

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

Societe historique Nicolas-Denys-Centre de documentation, Bertrand.

The Library/Archives of the New Brunswick Museum received enough money to pay a librarian for an eight month period. Its collection of published and manuscript maps dates from the eighteenth to twentieth centuries. In 1941, Dr. J.C. Webster (1863-1950), a physician, historian and prominent patron of the Museum, donated his collection of Canadiana. Maps are a part of the Webster Library. They include valuable printed maps and numerous photocopies and traced maps. The latter were his working collection.

The Ganong Library was a bequest of Dr. W.F. Ganong (1864-1941), a professor, botanist, geographer, cartographer and authority on New Brunswick history. Published and manuscript maps are a part of this collection. W. Austin Squires claimed that these maps, along with those donated by Ganong's friend, G.F.R. Prose, "...constitute the most comprehensive cartographical collection relating to the North Atlantic seaboard in existence".

However, the bulk of the Museum's collection is made up of other maps, plans and architectural drawings. These have been obtained through the years by purchase or donation.

Cartographic Materials: a Manual of Interpretation for AACRII was chosen as the authority to be used in descriptive cataloguing. Because of the time available, the first level of description was used. Subject headings were chosen from **Canadian Subject Headings**, supplemented by **Library of Congress Subject Headings**. The maps, plans and architectural drawings were classified using the Public Archives of

Canada schedule.

The data was entered into a microcomputer using Reflex software. Later, the records were imported into Inmagic. The Museum supplied the microcomputer, software and supervision of the project. The supervisor checked the work for errors. With such a quantity of original cataloguing, it was essential to have a second person with a wider perspective in order to produce work of first quality.

Making the maps accessible to the public and then having them damaged by staff or user because of their fragile condition would be counterproductive. A program of encapsulation had been carried out at various times in the past when money was available. As a part of this project, most of the important maps and plans needing protection were cleaned and encapsulated in polyester film.

Each item was sealed on three sides. Harold Holland of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick says that there is some evidence that the chemical reaction of paper with the environment is accelerated if the gases are trapped in a sealed enclosure. A compromise solution partially encloses the map, thus, cutting down on paper deterioration but, also, protecting it from damage by humans.

Work began on the endeavor in September of 1986 and was completed during May, 1987. As a result, there is now access by cartographer, title and area. In the past, there has been a card index by mappist and territory. Now for the first time, the material has been catalogued according to accepted standards and entered into a database.

And now — a personal note. Cataloguing maps, plans and architectural drawings is a tedious and demanding assignment. Because of this, frequent breaks are an important and necessary ingredient in doing a good job. This was the beauty of encapsulating the maps; the use of one's hands made it a therapeutic and rewarding activity.

Still, the map component had its high points. The discovery of an atlas with plans of War Department property in New Brunswick was an exciting moment. That was followed by doing analytics on each map or plan in the book because of its individual importance; this particular duty was a challenge and a pleasure. A number of early plans and architectural drawings can be considered works of art; they are manuscripts which have been drawn using water colours. In some of the military plans of New Brunswick barracks, even the latrines are drawn to scale and in full colour. Saint John surveyor R.C. Minnette's (1796-1968) maps of the partition of lands between William Hazen and James White are a visual joy to behold. By the end of the project, not only did this librarian gain great respect for people like Minnette and Hurd Peters; they became like old friends.

There are other institutions in New Brunswick with a similar hidden gold. "Maps, architectural Plans and Photographs Relating to New Brunswick" is a special collection of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. There may be others as well which will become known at some future time.

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P.A. Buckner, editor

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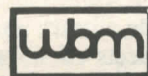
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Upcoming Events

A **Children's Literature Roundtable** will meet for the first time in Nova Scotia on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Dartmouth Regional Library, 100 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, N.S. Anyone interested in joining the Roundtable to discuss children's books and authors should contact Linda Pearce or Joy Showall at 423-2310 or 2311.

The **Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia** will hold their annual meeting and workshop on November 20-21 at the Glengarry Motel in Truro. A Canadian Library Association Seminar, "The Effective Trustee", will be featured on Saturday. This participative workshop, directed by Sue Dutton, President of Paper Chase Consultants Ltd., will be beneficial to any library trustee who wants to be better prepared to accomplish the work of the board. Registration for the workshop (\$100.00 after October 15th) should be sent to Councillor Joan McLellan or Mrs. Maria Cameron, Colchester/East Hants Regional Library, 754 Prince Street, Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 1G9. Motel registration should be made directly with the motel at 893-4311 or 1-800-528-1234 (Best Western Motels).

Libraries and Library Services in Portugal is the title of a lecture to be given January 29, 1988, by Mrs. Nelle Buller. The lecture will take place at 11:45 a.m. in the MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library, Dalhousie University.

4 March 1988 is the date for a CLA/School of Library and Information Studies joint seminar by Jean Weihs and Lynn Howarth. The title of the workshop is "AACR - Advance Training."

Freedom to Read Week - February 21-28, 1988

The Freedom of Expression Committee of the Book and Periodical Development Council is now preparing for its fourth Freedom to Read Week.

This annual occasion focusses on the issue of censorship as it affects schools and libraries across Canada. The Committee aims to encourage educators and librarians whose professional decisions concerning book selections are challenged, and to emphasize the need to establish firm policies to deal with these challenges. They would like librarians to share information about these challenges so that we can learn from the experience of others. Above all, they would like to uphold the concern that the right to read and the freedom to learn be upheld.

During Freedom to Read Week in February of 1988, the Committee is urging each teacher and school librarian to plan a debate, discussion, display or other local event which will allow students and teachers to question and explore their right to the freedom to read.

To assist educators in their participation in this event, the Committee has prepared the 1988 Freedom to Read Week Kit, which is now available. The kit includes a poster, a statement of principle, an updated list of challenged titles, and a selection of suggested activities which can easily be incorporated into normal school programs. These materials are relevant and usable throughout the school year, not only during Freedom to Read Week.

Kits may be ordered from the Book and Periodical Development Council for \$5.00 prepaid by cheque or money order (includes postage). To receive your 1988 kit, please write to: Freedom to Read Week Kit, Book and Periodical Development Council, 34 Ross Street, Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 1Z9.

The annual meeting of the **Association for Media and Technology in Education Canada (AMTEC)** will be held in Halifax June 19-22, 1988. The theme will be "Past Promises: Future Expectations." Tentative arrangements for keynote speakers include Neil Postman; Dr. Ivan K. Davies; and renowned futurist, Dr. Harold Plummer.

In addition to workshops on a wide range of topics, there will also be mini-courses on desk-top publishing, script writing for educational television, and the use of computers in administration. For more information contact Bernie Hart, Education Media Services, 6955 Bayers Road, Halifax, N.S. B3L 4S4. Phone (902) 453-2810.

The **Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group**, in conjunction with the **CACUL Preservation Committee** and the **CLA Special Collections Interest Group**, will sponsor a two-part program during the CLA Conference in Halifax in 1988. It will include a half-day workshop on "Preserving Library Collections," and a half-day session entitled "Preservation Programs for Libraries: A Cooperative Approach." The workshop will centre around practical demonstrations of basic techniques. The subject of the panel will be the New Brunswick adaptation of the 1987 APLA program experience.

CHLA/ABSC '88: from sea to sea

The Canadian Health Libraries Association is planning their 1988 conference for June 12 to 15, in Halifax. A Harbor Cruise on Sunday June 12 kicks off the conference. "Scientific medicine: success or failure?" is the title for Dr. David Horrobin's Keynote Speech. Updates will be presented on the Flower Report and on the Workloads Measurement Programme. There will also be a panel on "Hospital Library Standards," a presentation on "The Integrated Academic Information Management System" by Naomi Broering of Georgetown University, and a technology update. The conference includes two days when continuing education courses are offered, on the first and last days of the conference. For more information, contact Linda Harvey, Secretary/Publicity Chair, c/o W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., B3H 4H7 (902) 424-2482.

Career Opportunity

Provincial Librarian

The Department of Education, Province of Nova Scotia invites applications for the position of Provincial Librarian located in Halifax.

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Duties and Responsibilities

The primary function of this position is to conduct a comprehensive review of the Division's policies and procedures and to submit recommendations to the Head, Technical Services. In addition, the successful applicant will be responsible for: evaluating vendor performance and selection; planning and supervising a stack shift of the Library's journal collection of approximately 50,000 volumes; and organizing and co-ordinating a local union list of serials for the St. John's hospital libraries. Other divisional responsibilities include: assisting the Head, Technical Services in planning for the implementation of an on-line system; assisting in the interpretation and application of AACRII; and working on special projects as required.

The successful applicant will also assist in the provision of information services to the Library's clientele and will participate in the monthly meetings of the Library's professional staff where general library programmes and policies are discussed.

Qualifications

An MLS or BLS from an accredited programme is required. A minimum of two years experience in technical services, preferably in the health sciences, is a prerequisite for the position. Experience in serials is essential. Knowledge of and interest in the application of on-line systems in a technical services environment is highly desirable.

This position is offered on a two-year contractual basis. While the date of appointment is negotiable, the deadline for application is December 18, 1987. Those interested in being considered for this position should forward their resume and the names of three references to:

Ms. C. Quinlan, Health Sciences Librarian
 Health Sciences Library, Health Sciences Centre
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