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From the President's Desk



From the President's Desk

July 2016

Libraries change lives – I know this to be true because libraries changed my life. My story is not unique. I grew up in a very small, rural village in Nova Scotia. My library did not have four walls, it had four tires and looked an awful lot like a school bus. Without access to the monthly visits of the bookmobile, I may never have been scared out of my mind by a car named Christine; never have travelled to the moors with Catherine and Heathcliff, or never have been invited to Anne and Gilbert’s wedding. I would never have been inspired to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning. Sadly, this is the threat that so many are facing with the proposed closure of 54 of Newfoundland and Labrador’s public libraries.

Thank you to all of you for showing your support for our friends and colleagues with your presence at our Library Love-In and the adoption of our Newfoundland and Labrador Library Closures Resolution at the OGM.



APLA Executive: Goodbyes, Hellos, and Thank You!

APLA could not exist were it not for the dedicated volunteers who freely offer their time, expertise and devotion to this association. I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to those members who have completed their term with our Executive:

- **Crystal Rose**, Past President
- **Patricia Doucette**, VP Prince Edward Island
- **Gail Fraser**, Treasurer
- **Leigh Gagnier**, Secretary
- **Laurinda Matheson**, Communications Coordinator
- **Stan Orlov**, VP Nova Scotia

I would also like to take this time to welcome our newest Executive members:

- **Kathryn Rose**, VP President-Elect
- **Maggie Neilson**, Treasurer
- **Laurinda Matheson**, Secretary
- **Kristel Fleuren-Hunter**, Communications Coordinator
- **Grace Dawson**, VP Prince Edward Island
- **Carolyn DeLorey**, VP Nova Scotia

And to thank our [Current Executive](#) members for their continued support:

- **Lynn Somers**, Past President
- **Mathieu Lanteigne**, VP New Brunswick
- **Becky Smith**, VP Newfoundland and Labrador
- **Peggy McEachreon**, VP Membership
- **Alison Ambi & Patricia Langille**, APLA Bulletin Co-Editors
- **Melissa Anez**, Webmaster

I would also like to add a very special thank you to **Peter Glenister** for his continued work as APLA's Financial Examiner.

APLA Conference: It's the MOST wonderful time of the year!



Every year, without fail, I look forward to our annual conference. This is the place where I get to learn from our colleagues, share ideas, see what's happening in our public, academic and special libraries, meet up with friends and colleagues that I don't often get a chance to see, make new friends and establish new networks. It is where I am inspired to remember why I chose this career path, why libraries are so important and why we do what we do! So first and foremost, I have to thank our 2016 Conference Planning Committee for a wonderful conference. Special thanks to our Conference Chair and APLA Past President, Crystal Rose, and her team: Ann Barrett, Michelle Boychuk, Cate Carlyle, Lou Duggan, Leigh Gagnier, Peter Glenister, Gayle Graham, Denise Irving, Louise McGillis, Darla Muzzerall, Samantha Neukomm, Bill Slauenwhite, Sandra Toze, Britanie Wentzell, Lacey Wilson, and Andrew Wood. I must also take this opportunity to thank all of our Presenters, Exhibitors and Sponsors! Please continue to visit the [Conference Website](#) for updates.

2017 Conference: Charlottetown, PE

Start thinking about travelling to beautiful downtown Charlottetown, PE for our 2017 conference! Details regarding specific dates and a venue are forthcoming.

Finally, I want to say how very honoured I am to be a part of this amazing association. I am looking forward to the year ahead. We have a number of projects planned for this year: we will be updating our website; exploring our role as a member of the newly launched CFLA/FCAB; investigating the adoption of a formal Code of Conduct for all APLA events; and continuing to advocate of behalf of all of you – our valued members.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer!

Suzanne

APLA Student Prize Award Winners



The Atlantic Provinces Library Association Prize for outstanding student in the Library and Information Technology program of the Nova Scotia Community College, as chosen by the faculty of the program, was presented to Meghan Fillmore by APLA Bulletin Co-Editor Patricia Langille on June 9, 2016.

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association Prize for outstanding student at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies, as chosen by the faculty of the school, was presented to Claire Dionne by APLA President Suzanne van den Hoogen on June 3, 2016. Photo Credit: Nick Pearce, Dalhousie University



APLA Resolutions - English

APLA Resolutions Committee: May 31, 2016

Adopted: June 1, 2016 @ the 77th Annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association OGM

Newfoundland Library Closures

Whereas, The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has announced the closure of 54 of the province's 95 public libraries over the next two years; and

Whereas, Public libraries are unique in their mission, providing irreplaceable services to their communities, and improving quality of life for those citizens who have ready access to them; and

Whereas, The human costs of these closures (to staff who will lose their jobs and library patrons who will lose their services) will cancel out the anticipated one million dollars in savings; and

Whereas, The vitality of public libraries reflects thousands of hours of volunteer work and the direct financial and in kind contributions of the people they serve; and

Whereas, Libraries are easier to tear down than to build in the first place, or to rebuild, and damage

done in haste will be irreversible; and

Whereas, The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has introduced a new provincial tax on books of 10%, further threatening access to reading and creating conditions that are antithetical to literacy and culture and the people’s democratic right to information;

Be it Resolved, That APLA strengthen its advocacy efforts to save Newfoundland and Labrador public libraries, in partnership with NLLA and other interested organizations and groups; and

Be it resolved, That APLA respond to Minister Dale Kirby’s email of May 16, 2016, justifying the closures; and

Be it further resolved, That APLA condemn, in writing to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Members of the House of Assembly, the new tax on books.

Moved by: Jocelyne Thompson

Signature: _____

Seconded by: Jocelyne LeBel

Signature: _____

CFLA Membership:

Whereas, the Canadian Library Association (CLA) has announced the dissolution of CLA and the creation of a Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA),

Be it resolved, that APLA become a member of CFLA; and

Be it resolved, that APLA budget for the annual CFLA membership fee.

Moved by: Crystal Rose

Signature: _____

Seconded by: Karen Darby

Signature: _____

APLA Resolutions - Français

Fermeture de bibliothèques à Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador

Attendu que le gouvernement de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador a annoncé la fermeture de 54 des 95 bibliothèques publiques de la province au cours des deux prochaines années;

Attendu que les bibliothèques publiques ont une mission unique et qu'elles visent à offrir des services irremplaçables à leurs communautés, ainsi qu'à améliorer la qualité de vie des citoyens qui y ont accès;

Attendu que le coût humain de ces fermetures pour les employés qui perdront leurs emplois et les usagers qui subiront une perte de services annuleront l'épargne anticipée d'un million de dollars;

Attendu que la vitalité des bibliothèques publiques est le fruit de milliers d'heures de bénévolat, ainsi que des contributions en nature et en espèce de leurs usagers;

Attendu que les bibliothèques sont plus faciles à démolir qu'à bâtir ou rebâtir et que les dommages causés à la hâte seront irréversibles;

Attendu que le gouvernement de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador a instauré une nouvelle taxe provinciale de 10 % sur les livres, menaçant ainsi davantage l'accès à la lecture et créant ainsi des conditions antithétiques au développement de l'alphabétisation, de la culture et du droit démocratique de l'accès à l'information :

Qu'il soit résolu que l'APLA renforce ses efforts de revendication afin de sauver les bibliothèques publiques de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador en partenariat avec la NLLA ainsi que d'autres groupes et associations;

Qu'il soit résolu que l'APLA réponde au courriel du ministre Dale Kirby datant du 16 mai 2016 dans lequel il justifie la fermeture des bibliothèques; et

Qu'il soit résolu que l'APLA dénonce la nouvelle taxe sur les livres par écrit au premier ministre de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador, ainsi qu'aux membres de la Chambre d'assemblée.

Proposée par : Jocelyne Thompson

Signature : _____

Appuyée par : Jocelyne LeBel

Signature : _____

Adhésion à la Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (FCAB) :

Attendu que l'Association canadienne des bibliothèques (ACB) a annoncé la dissolution de l'ACB et

la création de la Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (FCAB) :

Qu'il soit résolu que l'APLA devienne membre de la FCAB; et

Qu'il soit résolu que l'APLA inscrive à son budget les frais d'adhésion annuels à la FCAB.

Proposée par : Crystal Rose

Signature : _____

Appuyée par : Karen Darby

Signature : _____

Membership Drive Apology Letter

May 19, 2016

Dear APLA Member:

Thank you for supporting the Atlantic Provinces Library Association!

I am writing today to apologize for an error made when promoting the APLA Membership Drive initiative that was held from January–April 2016. During promotional releases on the APLA listserv and via renewal reminder emails, I indicated that APLA would be donating 20% of all membership fees paid during this 4 month period to support the Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature (APLA's partnership with CODE Canada). In actuality, APLA will be donating 20% of all NEW memberships initiated during this 4 month period, not renewals.

APLA did have an additional incentive offered during this time for all members (new and returning members are eligible) to be entered into a draw for a free one-year membership (to be added onto your existing membership, extending it for an additional 12 months).

I hope you can forgive the error, and understand that I in no way intended to mislead members into renewing under false pretences. We hope you will choose to continue as a member of APLA, and to remain eligible for the draw.

Please know that APLA values our members very highly. If you have any questions/comments /concerns about your membership, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Peggy McEachreon

Vice-President, Membership

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Membership News

Submitted by Peggy McEachreon, VP Membership

Burt Award Donation

A total donation of \$272 will be made from APLA to the CODE Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature on behalf of new members who have joined APLA between January and April of 2016.

Membership Drive Prize Winner

Kristen Romme was the winner of the free one-year membership in APLA!

As part of a membership drive held between January and April of 2016, anyone who paid for a membership during this time had their name placed in a draw to win a free one-year members (to be added onto their existing membership, extending it for an additional 12 months). One name was drawn from a hat at the OGM held on June 1, 2016 as part of the APLA 2016 Conference. Congratulations Kristen!

News from New Brunswick

Submitted by Mathieu Lanteigne, VP New Brunswick

News from the New Brunswick Public Library Service

The New Brunswick Public Library Service is pleased to announce that the opening hours of its five resource centres have been extended. The Campbellton Centennial Library, the Mgr. W.J. Conway Public Library, the Fredericton Public Library, the Moncton Public Library and the Saint John Free Public Library (Central Branch) will now be open to the public seven days a week. These changes became effective on May 1st 2016.

Furthermore, changes were made in June 2016 so that all public libraries in the province will be open on Saturday, year round. This is to ensure that a consistent open hour schedule is offered to the public, as well as access to library services outside traditional business hours.

News from Mount Allison University Libraries & Archives

Sally Krueger was hired as full-time Music Library, Archives & Special Collections Assistant in June 2016. Sally worked in the Mount A. Libraries' Technical Services department for six years before serving for a term as Music Library Assistant in 2015. Before joining Mount Allison, Sally worked for 20 years in school, public and college libraries in Alberta.

Ruth Collings, who joined Mount Allison Libraries in 2015 as Systems, Science and Data Librarian,

has left for a position at the University of New Brunswick.

News from New Brunswick University Libraries

Retired Director of UNB Libraries **John Teskey** was honoured at Encaenia 2016 with the designation *Librarian Emeritus*. During his 23 years as director of libraries, John Teskey served UNB with distinction and became a respected leader within the academic research libraries arena in Canada and beyond.

Steve Sloan retired June 30, 2016, after 28 years at UNB Libraries. Steve came to UNB in 1988 (as an Engineering Librarian) from Fort McMurray, Alberta, where he served as a corporate librarian at Syncrude. Steve was awarded a UNB Futures Fund grant in 1993, which led to the founding of the university's web service – the first in Canada. For four years Steve served as the Web Master for the entire university! The pioneering work of Steve Sloan set the stage that allowed UNB Libraries to move from print to online journal access. Steve's work was recognized as leading-edge within the academic library community across the country. Steve retired as the Head of both the Engineering & Computer Science AND the Science & Forestry libraries. He has taught research skills to undergraduate and grad students across many programs – with a highlight being his role as a well-respected and admired Kinesiology Liaison Librarian for many years.

Andrew Daley (Accessibility Services, UNB Libraries) was invited to be a guest speaker via teleconference (*Google Hangouts*) in a Master's level course for Rehabilitation Engineers at *Caltech* (*California Institute of Technology*) to discuss the current state of assistive technology in the post-secondary environment, along with his role at UNB Libraries in alternative format creation process. Andy Lin, Technology Specialist at Caltech's *Center for Applied Rehabilitation Technology*, connected with Andrew through the Google community Andrew created called "Disability and Assistive Technology Today." **Andrew will also** speak about Assistive Technology at an upcoming *Tech Ed* conference in Montreal, QC.

Amanda Duffie (Manager, Technical Services, UNB Libraries) has been invited to sit on the *WMS Acquisitions Advisory Board*. Amanda is one of 15 members and the only Canadian representative.

In 2015, UNB Libraries' Centre for Digital Scholarship published *Nature's Bounty: Four Centuries of Plant Exploration in New Brunswick* by Dr. C. Mary Young. The author was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Science by the University of New Brunswick in May. The freely available online version of the e-book <https://naturesbounty.lib.unb.ca> has had more than 600 views and is listed in the New Brunswick Public Library (NBPL) catalogue. As well, the CDS has sold close to 100 hard copies of the book printed on the *Express Press*.

UNB Libraries are very pleased to welcome the following **new staff** members: **Rachel Benzenhoefer**, *eResources Assistant* (Technical Services); **Christine Lovelace**, *Archivist* (Archives & Special Collections); **Bill Glencross**, *Digitization Assistant* (Centre for Digital Scholarship); **Mark MacPherson**, *Library Facilities Coordinator* (HIL Admin); **Lisa Pollock**, *Administrative Assistant* (HIL Admin); , **Camilo Villamizar**, *Web Developer* (Systems); **Nikki Tanner**, *Reference/Instruction Librarian* (Law Library); and **Ruth Collings**, *Science Librarian* (Science & Forestry Library). Ruth begins at UNB in mid-July.

UNB Libraries will host **Access 2016** (4-7 October 2016). Access is Canada's premier library technology conference bringing librarians, technicians, developers, programmers, and managers together to discuss cutting-edge library technologies. For more information, and to register, see: <http://accessconference.ca>

News from Newfoundland

Submitted by Becky Smith

The past few months have been eventful for Newfoundland and Labrador both with good and bad news.

At the end of May, Jane Hawco was announced as the winner of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund award. The award was established in 1984 to promote the development of librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador. "When I graduate from McGill University, I plan on exploring digital aspect of librarianship," Ms. Hawco indicated in her application.

On June 9th, 2016, the Vice President (Academic) & Provost of Memorial University announced that Susan Cleyle has been appointed and accepted the position of University Librarian. Ms. Cleyle's start date is August 1st, 2016, and is effective for a five year term.

For the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries, the news has been troublesome. In its April budget, the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Government made announcements that cuts to the public library system would occur to address the projected provincial budget deficit. The result would be that 54 public library branches would close within two years and over 60 staff would lose their jobs. Most of these libraries are in rural areas where Internet access may also be insufficient.

In addition to this, the province will be raising the tax on books from 5% to 15% to match the also raised HST, making Newfoundland and Labrador the only province to fully tax books. In response to these announcements, the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA) has been very active. The NLLA has started a [Save NL Public Libraries Facebook](#) page with information on the situation and support from individuals and associations. The NLLA is working with the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador and working on advocacy kits to provide support. At the recent APLA conference in Halifax, NS, a "Love In" was held to support the public libraries and was well attended by conference attendees.

Members of NLLA and APLA have also stood with CUPE members (representing the library staff) at a recent information picket held at specific NL Public Library branches, drawing further attention to the cause. Both NLLA and APLA are committed to providing support where possible in



efforts to halt the closures and taxation. Thank you to all of the individuals, institutions, and associations who have written to the Minister of Education, Dale Kirby, to express disagreement with these decisions and the dangerous precedent they set.



As a postscript, on June 30th Minister Kirby announced that the closure of the libraries would be suspended while a “complete organizational and service review of libraries is conducted.” It appears that the above efforts have helped. Let’s keep up the good work!

A.C. Hunter Public Library Demonstration

Submitted by Kathryn Rose



On June 22,16 Kathryn Rose (APLA VP, President Elect), Becky Smith (APLA VP Newfoundland and Labrador), Krista Godfrey (President NLLA), and Amanda Tiller-Hackett (Past President NLLA) attended a CUPE picket held outside one of the local libraries. Great conversations were had with library users, members of CUPE and their executive, and Earl McCurdy, leader of the provincial NDP party.

News from Nova

Scotia

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News from the Nova Scotia VP

Submitted by Carolyn DeLorey, VP Nova Scotia

Upcoming Nova Scotia Library Association Annual Conference

September 23-25, 2016

[Pictou Lodge and Beach Resort](#)

The theme is "Sense of place: you, your community, your library, your work."

Over the years, libraries have evolved from storehouses of books to community spaces. The Conference 2016 theme of Sense of Place will explore and celebrate the important place that libraries occupy in our communities, and as our place of work. The library is not simply a physical place; it is also a place of being. The Sense of Place theme draws upon the concept of exploring the idea/being of place through the five senses, and through time. Libraries are a wealth of sensory experiences, from programs that explore food, the great outdoors and public art (sight, taste and smell) to collections that incorporate Braille and audiobooks (touch and hearing). Libraries are evolving – our buildings, programs, service outreach and staffing requirements, and how are we adapting to the change? We do so with sharing innovative ideas in our profession, building great partnerships, fostering collaborative opportunities and encouraging community development.

Registration will open soon. Please check the [NSLA website](#) for details.

Free Electronic Museum Passes Now Available Through Libraries



Nova Scotia library card holders can now borrow a pass to visit Nova Scotia museums free of charge.

Nova Scotia's Provincial Library has teamed up with the Nova Scotia Museum to make sure anyone who wants to visit the museums can do so by borrowing a downloadable pass from the libraries' digital media sites now until September 5, 2016. The project is a pilot to see how the pass is used.

The culture pass program will allow Nova Scotians to explore the diverse cultural and learning activities, events, and programs offered through the provincial museum system. The pass allows the holder to visit as many of the 28 museums in the province as they wish. The loan period is up to three weeks, but the sooner people return it, the sooner others can use it. It is expected to be a high-demand item.

More information can be found on the Nova Scotia Museum website, including the locations and hours of operation of the [28 Nova Scotia museum sites](#), and details on how the electronic [Culture Pass](#) works.

Nova Scotians can get a free library card by visiting a nearby [public library](#).

News from Dalhousie University Libraries

Submitted by Marlo Mackay, Communications Coordinator

Donna Bourne-Tyson Reappointed University Librarian

Donna Bourne-Tyson has been reappointed University Librarian for a five-year term until October 31, 2021.

“Donna is widely recognized for her many strengths as a library leader and for her significant professional contributions at Dalhousie,” says Dr. Carolyn Watters, Provost and Vice-President Academic. “Her achievements during her first term have been impressive, leading changes that have resulted in a greater sense of the Dalhousie Libraries as a cohesive entity. Donna is recognized as a committed, well-informed, and collegial contributor to Dalhousie-wide initiatives. Her work with professional consortia and associations has raised the profile of the Dalhousie Libraries amongst Canada’s research library community. Donna is a strong advocate for her staff and the ways by which they support students and faculty — she has greatly enhanced the professional development opportunities for a wide range of librarians and library staff.”



Since taking over leadership of the Dalhousie University Libraries in November 2011, Donna has been instrumental in collaborations between the Libraries and the Centre for Learning and Teaching and Information Technology Services, which now collectively maintain and support Dal’s learning management system. She has contributed to Dalhousie initiatives in areas including information governance, student success, open access, records management, and research data management.

Under Donna’s leadership, a restructured leadership team and new Library Council was put in place, and system-wide positions have been created including Digital Archivist, Data Librarian, Copyright and Digital Humanities Librarian, Collections Strategy Librarian, and Learning and Instruction Librarian. Other librarians have developed expertise in addition to their Liaison Librarian roles, including Assessment and User Experience, Digital Scholarship, Research Data Management, Knowledge Synthesis, and Liaison Librarian Development. See full announcement at: <https://blogs.dal.ca/libraries/2016/05/donna-bourne-tyson-reappointed-university-librarian/>

The University Librarian Review Committee unanimously recommended Donna Bourne-Tyson’s reappointment.

Happy Retirement Patrick Ellis!



We said, “Happy retirement, we’ll miss you!” to the one and only Patrick Ellis on June 15. Patrick worked for the Dalhousie Libraries for 36 years, and retired as Associate University Librarian Resources and Head of the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library.

Patrick started working at Dalhousie in 1979, first in the Kellogg Library’s Circulation department, and then in Interlibrary Loans. He holds a BA from the University of Toronto and an MLIS from Dalhousie (1988). He served as the Dental Librarian, in combination with a variety of roles with increasing responsibility, becoming Head of the Kellogg in 2005 and Associate University Librarian Resources in 2012. Patrick has also worked as a stevedore, taxi driver, salesperson, farmer’s helper, construction worker, driver of small boats in Toronto Harbour, research assistant, journalist, songwriter, and drummer.

This past year Patrick received a life-time achievement award from the Canadian Health Libraries Association. In 2012 he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Dalhousie’s School of Information Management. As the Dal Libraries’ Associate University Librarian Resources, in addition to his role as Head of the Kellogg, he did excellent work developing a new system-wide unit managing all aspects of collections development, acquisitions, and technical services, and led an initiative to analyze and track our collections spending with more accuracy and transparency.

Patrick’s tireless hard work, passion for libraries, and good humour have been an inspiration to all of us here at the Dalhousie Libraries. Have a wonderful retirement Patrick, we hope it includes lots of drum playing and family time. Thank you for everything you’ve accomplished for the Dalhousie Libraries and all the lives you’ve touched.

New Appointments and Leadership Structure

Due to recent vacancies and recommendations that have come out of the recent Senate Review of the Dalhousie Libraries, we are pleased to announce the following appointments have been made, effective July 1, 2016.

Associate University Librarian, Resources & Discovery – **Allison Fulford** (adding Resources to AUL Discovery and Head of Sexton Library roles)

Associate University Librarian, Library Services – **Elaine MacInnis** (a title change, reflecting

expanded responsibilities for services across the Libraries, in addition to Head of MacRae role, stepping down from Head of Killam role)

Interim Head of the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library – **Ann Barrett** (a one-year appointment based on previous appointment as Assistant Head, reporting to the AUL Library Services)

Interim Head of the Killam Memorial Library – **Sarah Stevenson** (a one-year appointment based on previous appointment as Assistant Head, reporting to the AUL Library Services)

Thanks to Allie, Elaine, Ann and Sarah for taking on these new roles and rising to the challenge of leading change in the Dalhousie Libraries.

New Instruction & Liaison Librarian for the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick (DMNB) Program

Jackie Phinney has been appointed Instruction & Liaison Librarian with the Dalhousie Libraries, for the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick (DMNB) program. This full-time appointment effective July 1, 2016.

Jackie is a graduate of Dalhousie University's School of Information Management, and holds an undergraduate degree from Mount Allison. She has been working at the DMNB campus as the Instruction/Liaison Librarian with a limited term appointment since August 2012, first through UNB-SJ and for the past year through Dalhousie. Jackie has been successful at supporting the DMNB program in Saint John, through the provision of information literacy instruction, reference services, collections development and outreach activities.

Librarians, Assemble

The Dalhousie Libraries hosted the 37th annual International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) conference from June 5 to June 9. Librarians from universities across the globe attended, representing 11 countries and four continents. The theme of the conference was *Library Leadership in a Sea of Change*.

Three Dalhousie librarians, including University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson, spoke at the conference, which was hosted in the Collaborative Health Education Building. In addition, Sandra Toze, interim director, School of Information Management, gave a keynote address to the 120 attendees. Other keynote speakers included Joan Gallos from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Guy Berthiaume from Library and Archives Canada, and Ingrid Parent from the University of British Columbia.

Donna Bourne-Tyson was chair of the local arrangements committee and a member of the programme committee. University Librarians and staff from the libraries at Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent University, Saint Mary's University and the Nova Scotia Community College also made significant contributions on the local arrangements committee. The program committee included members of the IATUL board and senior librarians from Ryerson and McGill.

In addition to three days of sessions on topics such as data management, scholarly communications, assessment, and information literacy, the delegates took a day trip to either the Annapolis Valley, the South Shore, or Peggy's Cove. The delegates greatly appreciated the opportunity to explore the natural beauty of Nova Scotia outside of the city.

For her contributions to the success of the IATUL conference, Donna Bourne-Tyson received a [Destination Halifax Ambassador Award](#). Special thanks were extended to the local arrangements committee for all their work in making the conference a success.

Dal Libraries Launches Refreshed, User-Focused Website

On July 5, a refreshed version of libraries.dal.ca will launch.

The refreshed website features improved navigation, a new front page layout including a tab called "My Library Account," and a tabbed search box. We're especially proud of the new hours widget on the front page, allowing you to see at a glance the hours of all our locations at once.

The changes to libraries.dal.ca have been made in response to user testing and focus groups that started in the summer of 2015. Usability testing and consulting continued into the spring of 2016. To all students, faculty, and staff who took part in our research and provided valuable feedback, thank you!

[Libraries.dal.ca](http://libraries.dal.ca) is an integral part of our services. It is our sixth library, providing access to research information for students, researchers, and faculty wherever they are. Our website is the most-used website at Dal after dal.ca. Despite its high usage of 1,415,612 unique sessions and 2,890,032 page views in the past year, we knew libraries.dal.ca needed improvements. Results revealed from the [LibQUAL+ survey](#) in 2013 told us that users of the website reported they sometimes had difficulty finding what they were looking for and used Google instead. We also wanted to eliminate confusing library jargon from our website.

We couldn't have made these improvements without the Dal Libraries Web Committee – Shelley McKibbin, Sarah Stevenson, Margaret Vail, and Allison Fulford — with assistance from Communications Coordinator Marlo MacKay, Dalhousie's Web Team, and Dalhousie's Creative Services department. Special thanks to the University of British Columbia for sharing the code they developed for the hours widget, and to Computer Science intern Zhaoxin Li for his work on modifying it for our needs. Many thanks to recent SIM graduates Emily Colford and Charlotte MacKeigan for their assistance with usability research, redesign/layout work, and more.

Brutalist Song II: Presented by William Robinson

William Robinson, the 2013 artist-in-residence at the Killam Memorial Library, presented *Brutalist Song II* in the Killam atrium on Sunday, May 8. Performances were thirty minutes each at 2, 3, 4, and 5 p.m.

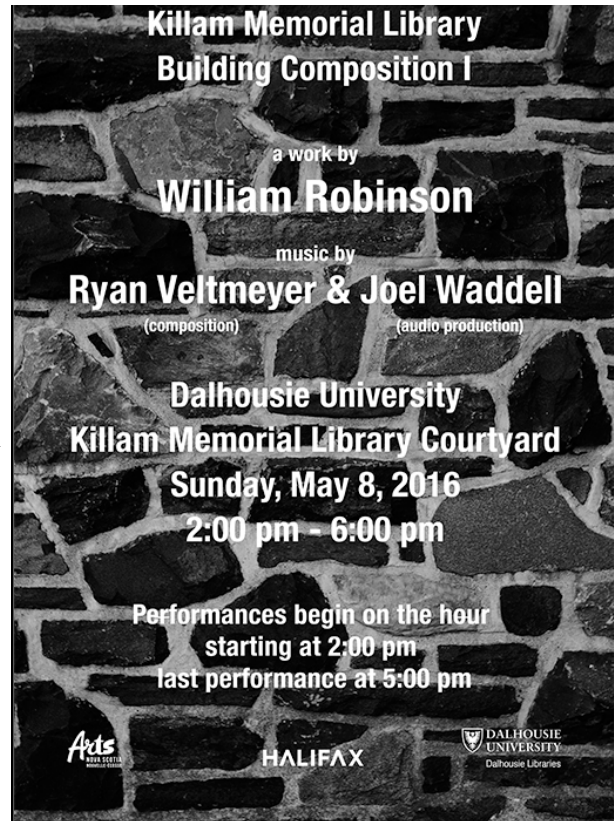
During his 2013 residency, William developed a sculpture of the Killam that played a "song" as it turned past a sensor. The project was called *Brutalist*



Song, the title referring to the style of architecture of the Killam. Inspired by the building and his time here, William has since developed *Brutalist Song II*. This presentation involves sculpture and sound, featuring multiple musicians playing horns and an electric organ.

William Robinson lives and works in Halifax. His practice includes a variety of media such as site-specific installation, performance, video, musical composition, sculpture and printed matter. His ongoing research explores how sound and music can extricate social and historical narratives resting dormant within particular sites and built environments. He has exhibited nationally and internationally, having shown in New York, Bergen, and Berlin, as well as in Toronto at Nuit Blanche and in Halifax at Nocturne.

Currently he is investigating the material, cultural, and sonic transmutation of certain metal objects and their related manufacturing processes. William is a recipient of a Canada Council for the Arts Audio Research Grant (2016) and he has been short-listed for the Sobey Art Award for 2016.



Ian Colford's New Novel

The Dalhousie Libraries' Ian Colford has published another novel. Ian, who is based in the Sexton Design & Technology Library, is the Librarian for Architecture, Planning & Engineering and the Digital Services Coordinator. His newest novel is called *Perfect World*, and it was launched in Halifax at a joint event with Christy Ann Conlin on May 31 at the Company House.

Ian's publisher, Freehand Books, describes *Perfect World* as tragic and hopeful. It is a story about a man who has "created the perfect world for himself...but then, his mental instability causes him to commit a terrifying act of violence." Reviewer Corey Redekop says, "*Perfect World* is unflinching in its presentation of a mind slowly unraveling. Perceptively charting one man's lonely struggle against an inexorable foe, Ian Colford captures the stark complexities of mental illness like few others. At times brutal yet always deeply compassionate, *Perfect World* is a wonder."

Previously, Ian has published a novel, *The Crimes of Hector Tomás*, and a book of short stories, *Evidence*. Ian won an Alberta Book Publishing Award for *The Crimes of Hector Tomás* and the Margaret & John Savage First Book Award for *Evidence*.

"This is a story about human frailty that show us how important it is to cherish what we have every minute of the day," says Ian, of *Perfect World*.

More information about Ian's new book can be found here: <http://www.freehand-books.com/books>

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Writing Centre and Dal Libraries Partner to Increase Student Success

For first-year students, the inevitable research paper can be one of the biggest challenges they face. Fresh out of high school, students aren't typically prepared with the skills required to research and write in academic disciplines. Trying to make sense of the volume of resources offered by university libraries is overwhelming, and students often find themselves lost before they even start.

Thanks to a grant provided by the Centre for Learning and Teaching, librarian Michelle Paon is partnering with Writing Centre manager Dr. Margie Bohan, and writing advisor Janice Eddington MacDonald, in a research project titled *Sequencing Collaborations between Writing Centre Teaching and Library Research Assistance*. Beginning August 2016, the project aims to help first year students understand the complexities involved in writing a research paper.

Last year alone, just under 12,000 appointments were made with the Writing Centre. With the majority

of students looking to improve their research and writing skills, it made sense for the two services to collaborate. By having a librarian and a writing advisor working in the same space, students will have access to both types of assistance simultaneously. Michelle commented, "As a librarian, I'm excited about trying this approach! Over the years, the Libraries and Writing Centre have worked together closely, and we hope that this project will help us identify even more effective ways to assist students."

The \$2,100 grant will go towards purchasing qualitative software and hiring a research assistant to assist with the observations, interviews, and data analysis. Over the course of the fall semester, 20 participants will be randomly selected. Ultimately, the research initiative hopes to enhance first-year students' academic experience through partnerships. Research findings will be presented at the Conference for Teaching and Learning in 2017.

News from StFX University Libraries

Submitted by Suzanne van den Hoogen

Retirement News

Three of StFX's finest will be retiring this year. Congratulations and best wishes to Elaine MacLean, Rita Campbell, and Grace MacPherson. Photo Credit: Maggie McDonald, StFX



Lou Duggan Appointed University Librarian

StFX recently announced the appointment of Lou Duggan as University Librarian. Lou is a graduate of the Master of Library and Information Science program at Dalhousie University, and is currently the Cataloguing and Metadata Librarian at the Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University. Lou will begin his new position on August 1, 2016.

<http://www.stfx.ca/news/view/21166/>



News from Prince Edward Island

Submitted by Grace Dawson, VP Prince Edward Island

First Nation Communities READ



For the second year, the PEI Public Library Service participated in First Nation Communities READ. This annual reading program promotes works written or illustrated by First Nation peoples throughout Canada,

while nurturing family literacy and intergenerational storytelling.

To celebrate First Nations Communities READ, the Public Library Service hosted 5 interactive presentations by local Mi'kmaw writer Julie Pellissier-Lush in public libraries across the province. We are grateful to Julie for generously sharing her culture with elementary school students and pre-schoolers in Morell, Mount Stewart, Montague, Tyne Valley, and Hunter River.

TD Summer Reading Club

This year's theme for the TD Summer Reading Club is "Go Wild." The provincial launch was held June 25th at Montague Rotary Library. Over 100 adults and children attended a fun afternoon with a



petting zoo, Go!PEI's GO!Cart, the Montague Fire Department's obstacle course, popcorn, games, and face painting.

Staff News

Kimberly MacDonald has been appointed to the Branch Technician position at Georgetown Genevieve Soloman Memorial Library.

Jennie Thompson has been appointed to the Branch Technician positions at Murray Harbour Public Library and Murray River Leona Giddings Memorial Library.

Caitlin Plomp has been appointed to the Branch Technician position at Tignish Public Library.

Elizabeth (Beth) Clinton has been appointed as Regional Librarian for the Central Region of PEI, which includes Confederation Centre Public Library.



APLA Conference First Timer's Report

Submitted by Samantha Delaney, Cape Breton University Library

My name is Samantha Delaney and I am a Library Technician at Cape Breton University Library. I was fortunate enough to be the recipient of the APLA First Timer's Grant and attended this year's APLA Conference at the Westin in Halifax.

I had intended to attend the 2015 conference in St. John's, but unfortunately was not able. This doubled my excitement for this year's conference!

I arrived at the Halifax Central Library for the Opening Reception on Sunday evening. The atmosphere was engaging and exciting and in a beautiful new library space that really encouraged the idea that the future of libraries is growth! Juxtaposed with the introductions of APLA presidents past and a slideshow of past APLA conferences, there was a feeling that we first, second and third timers were becoming a part of a great community.

On Tuesday I attended fantastic talks by librarians, student researchers, professors and therapists. All the information was interesting, and I found my take-away was not only the wide positive effect that libraries have on their communities, but at a small personal level, the positive effect reading a book has on an individual.

In addition to being an attendee, I was also a presenter! I presented on May 31st, with co-worker Caroline Power, on a small project to facilitate easier access to information for distance students. I was eager to get feedback, but I got so much more.

My presentation was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon in the Lunenburg Room immediately after the Paws For Love talk, featuring the Therapeutic Dogs of Canada, which was a hard act to follow! Our facilitator and tech support was so swift that before I knew it, I was in the front of the room already 10 minutes into my talk. The most encouraging moment, not only of my presentation but of the whole conference, was seeing my small audience nodding their heads in agreement and understanding as I spoke. A small moment and reminder that regardless of location, classification and purpose, all libraries face many of the same challenges and all strive for the best experience for our patrons.

My only regret was that I couldn't attend all the talks at the same time! My curiosity and desire to absorb all the knowledge I could was powerful, and I left the conference re-energized and excited about libraries. I was more grateful than ever to have been awarded the First Timers Grant. It's such a wonderful opportunity to offer, and I encourage newcomers to apply!

See you next year!

Energizing Our Spring MHLA Meeting with Lightning Talks

Submitted by Jackie Phinney, Robin Parker, Alex Goudreau, and Katie McLean

In the fall and spring of each year, the Maritimes Health Libraries Association (MHLA/ABSM) comes together to promote member connections with health library colleagues at various organizations. Meetings typically alternate between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia locations, and on April 22nd, 2016, the spring meeting was held in Halifax at Dalhousie University's new Collaborative Health Education Building.

As a matter of custom, we start with a business meeting during the morning followed by an afternoon of continuing education for our members. For our most recent spring meeting, the MHLA/ABSM Executive decided to try a new format; instead of recruiting a speaker to provide a continuing education session, we invited our members to submit ten-minute lightning talk proposals in advance of the meeting. These talks could serve as a test-run for any upcoming conference presentations or could describe noteworthy projects going on at their library. Presentation slides were optional and for those members who could not attend in person the talks would be broadcast live using Adobe Connect, as well as recorded for those who were not available on the day.

Eleven members prepared presentations on exciting initiatives happening within our professional community and their slides provided excellent detail for the audience to follow along. Topics included the Nova Scotia Health Authority's new shared catalogue, information literacy instruction on the move, examining systematic review teaching materials online, and more. Several of these presentations were previews of papers and lightning talks at upcoming regional and national conferences such as APLA's annual meeting and the joint conference for the Medical Library Association/Canadian Health Library Association/International Clinical Librarian Conference held in Toronto in mid-May. These previews brought the projects of interest to our members who may not be attending the other meetings. Our members in the audience enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters, the presenters had some excellent practice with their talks with helpful feedback from the audience, and the moderator was very busy keeping everyone on schedule!

Within a week after the event, we sent a Google survey to our members asking for their feedback on the event, along with the link to the recorded webcast. All survey participants unanimously agreed it was a great experience and they would welcome the opportunity to include member lightning talks at future MHLA meetings. Respondents also noted they wished there had been more time for questions and discussion, which reaffirms that this association is crucial for continued collaboration and knowledge sharing among health sciences librarians and library staff in the Maritimes.

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- a forum for sharing questions, comments and ideas about library services
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