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## **Greetings from the President**

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the new NLLA year! We had a great time last year -- highlighted by the joint 2003 APLA/NLLA annual conference in St. John's in May. The NLLA provided financial support to the conference as well as a rebate to members who participated. Library Week 2003 with its theme "Books and Bergs" was a great success thanks to all its volunteers, including one librarian who went so far as donning a polar bear outfit and having children hang off the tail!

It was also a very sad year. We lost a great supporter, colleague, and friend. Joy Tillotson passed away on February 20, 2003. She will be missed but certainly not forgotten. A trust fund has been established in her memory. Donations can be made to the Joy Tillotson Memorial Fund at the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University, St. John's, NL, A1B 3Y1.

The Executive is actively writing letters (for support of public libraries, promotion of the field of librarianship, conference invites, etc.) and seeking new members. Our membership numbers are down. Why? Are people not satisfied with the association? Are they too busy to renew? Plenty of reminders have been sent out. If there are reasons why people are not renewing, please let me know! We will work on fixing it.

Our AGM/conference date for this membership year is May 7, 2004 in St. John's. I am chairing the conference committee. Two presentations are already lined up but the committee is looking for more. Plus, let me know what topics/speakers you would like to see and hear at the conference.

Library Week is scheduled for April 25 – May 1, 2004. Lisa Wilson chairs the committee. Please contact her if you would like to assist or have ideas for Library Week.

A big thank you to our outgoing executive, the 2003 Library Week committee, Pam Morgan for keeping the listserv running smoothly, Lenora Furey for editing the Bulletin, and to all others who help keep the NLLA a dynamic association!

Please get in touch with any member of the Executive if you have any comments, ideas, questions, or concerns. Let's make this year a great and memorable one!

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## Time to join APLA!

Personal members in the Atlantic Provinces Library Association enjoy many benefits.

- a subscription to the APLA Bulletin:

### **APLA Bulletin:**

One of the benefits of belonging to APLA is the subscription to the APLA Bulletin. The APLA Bulletin is published by and for APLA members and includes articles, job openings, news and views from the four Atlantic provinces. The next APLA Bulletin will be published in October.

- an annual Membership Directory; and other official APLA publications
- preferred registration rate at workshops, and the Annual Conference:

### **APLA 2004 Conference**

The annual APLA Conference will be held in Moncton during May 2004. Updated information about the conference will be published in the APLA Bulletin and the APLA-L listserv. Soon there will be a link on the APLA website <<http://www.apla.ca>> for the APLA 2004 Conference.

- Members also have the opportunity to join and serve on various Committees or interest groups, to hold office in APLA, and to vote at the Annual General Meeting

Membership in APLA runs from April 1st to March 31st.

Fees (in Canadian Funds):

Professional Librarian	\$55.00	Library Staff	\$25.00
Library School Student	\$12.00	Institutional	\$125.00

- APLA members are encouraged to apply for grants from the General Activities Fund:

### **APLA General Activities Fund**

The GAF provides funds for projects or activities which will further the aims and objectives of APLA. Applications will be considered based on the availability of funds. Applications should state topic and date of activity, relevancy to the Atlantic library community and APLA, sponsoring bodies, estimated costs and revenues, and a contact person.

Deadline for applications: March 31, 2003

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Anyone interested in libraries in the Atlantic provinces is invited to join the APLA-LIST:

### **APLA-LIST**

The APLA-list is an unmoderated discussion list for anyone interested in library issues in Atlantic Canada. The list is sponsored by APLA to provide a:

- place to post notices about workshops, seminars, and other events
- source of current information about actions of the APLA executive
- forum for sharing questions, comments, and ideas about library services
- a place to post job advertisements.

For more information about the Association, visit our website at <<http://www.apla.ca>>.

## **AT THE ALA/CLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE TORONTO, JUNE 19-25**

Contributed by Christine Davies and Sean Dawe

Despite the distance, cost, and a second outbreak of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), a number of librarians from this province attended the joint annual conference of the American and Canadian Library Associations in Toronto from June 19 to 25, 2003.

For some, it was probably the largest professional conference they had ever attended. One estimate put the number of librarians, authors, publishers, exhibitors, and guest speakers at about 17,500. Undoubtedly the number would have been greater if not for concerns about SARS – concerns which compelled some to simply stay home.

However, for those who did attend, the conference was a whirlwind of panels, workshops, lectures, poster sessions, book launches, author readings, and awards ceremonies on top of visits to not one, but two exhibition halls at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre to meet the vendors, plus a variety of tours and social events. The booklet (perhaps book is a better description) of the conference program was a glossy 352 pages.



Some of the 800 or so  
conference exhibitors in the  
MTCC's North Hall

Picture by Christine Davies

The sheer size of the conference meant the logistics of getting from one session location to the next (which could be the room next door at the convention centre or at a hotel several city blocks and a bus ride away) for the start of the session were challenging, to say the least. The heat and humidity of a Toronto summer didn't help. The friendliness of everyone from the Toronto cab driver to the hotel clerk did. For six days, if you were a librarian at the ALA/CLA, you "rocked"!

Columnist and broadcaster Rex Murphy and author Wayne Johnston also represented the Rock at the conference. Murphy was one of two speakers who participated in the CLA President's Program. Johnston was scheduled as one of a number of authors and poets who took part in the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage on the floor of one of the exhibition halls.

Below are impressions of the conference from two participants -- Sean Dawe, an Information Specialist (Bibliographic Control) at the House of Assembly's Legislative Library, and Christine Davies, an Associate Producer responsible for the Music Library and Archives at CBC Radio in St. John's.

**Sean Dawe:**

I attended a daylong business meeting with other parliamentary librarians from across Canada who are members of the Association of Parliamentary Librarians in Canada (APLIC). This meeting was held at Queen's Park, the seat of Ontario's Legislature. At this meeting, representatives from the majority of the country's legislative libraries gave reports on the new developments taking place in their respective institutions. A list of other issues pertinent to Legislative Libraries was also discussed. A second APLIC meeting that I attended discussed the digitization of materials for the sake of preservation and access. While our Library has no such plans in the immediate future, it is good to see what others are doing and how they are doing it when the time comes to implement similar projects here.

While the conference was judged a success, the threat of SARS, though pretty much a non-issue by the time of the event, did take its toll. Many presenters from the United States did not attend and a number of sessions were consequently cancelled or reduced in scale. Still, it was a good feeling to be at an event that saw so many of my profession coming from around the globe to congregate in one place. The combination of professional development through sessions, sharing ideas with fellow librarians on work related issues and socializing made this a worthwhile trip.

**Christine Davies:**

I was interested in sessions dealing with copyright and intellectual property issues. It was my bad luck that two of the three sessions I planned to attend were cancelled. That was a disappointment. However, a session on oral tradition, copyright, and the Internet in the context of Aboriginal Canadians was enlightening. University of Toronto law professor Signa Daum Shanks, who is an apihtawikosisan (mixed blood) from Saskatchewan, managed to touch on some of the highpoints and low moments in the 400+ year-history of European contact with Canada's native peoples.

U.S. consumer advocate and 2000 presidential candidate Ralph Nader was an engaging speaker. Before an audience of a couple thousand librarians, he spoke about the lack of financial support for public libraries in U.S. and Canada. He also discussed an initiative in Washington, D.C. to generate additional federal funding for the public library system there. Nader reminded us not only of the value of public libraries but how important it is to advocate on their behalf.

A highlight of the conference was a tour of the *Globe and Mail* newspaper library. This wasn't listed in the conference program. One of my friends had read about it on an ALA listserv and had put me touch with the organizer. I, and about 20 members of the Business Reference and Services section of RUSA (Reference Users Services Association), met in the foyer of the *G&M* building for an hour-long tour. I was surprised when one of the *G&M* news librarians, Celia Donnelly, remembered me from another conference we had both attended a couple of years ago. It was great to chat with her as we sat outside in the newspaper's rooftop cafeteria overlooking Lake Ontario.

The people you meet and your experiences with them are often what make a conference memorable. In this regard, the ALA/CLA did not disappoint. Where else, after sharing a cab with an American librarian to the Eaton Centre, would I come away with her business card and an invitation to visit her at Princeton University? Similarly, where else would I run into a librarian from MUN – finally a familiar face in a very large crowd – and invite her to join me for a cup of coffee and a tour of the CBC Museum where we both got a little nostalgic when we saw Rusty the Rooster, Jerome the Giraffe, and the Friendly Giant's castle? Only at a conference like ALA/CLA.

*The Friendly Giant*  
display at the CBC  
Museum

Picture by Christine  
Davies



### **2003 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Winner**

At the APLA annual meeting in St. John's in May, President Laurette Mackey announced that Jannah MacCarville is the 2003 recipient of the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

Jannah is from Charlottetown, PEI. She is entering the Master of Library and Information Studies program at McGill University in Montreal for the 2003-2004 school year.

Jannah also has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History from the University of Prince Edward Island and a Bachelor of Education degree from The University of Western Ontario.

### **2003 Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award Winner**

The Trustees of the Margaret Williams Trust Fund announced that the trust has made its 2003 award to Sean Walsh. The award is in the amount of \$1500.

Sean is from St. Alban's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (English Major, Theology Minor) from St. Francis Xavier University.

Sean has just begun his first year of studies in the Master of Library and Information Studies program at Dalhousie University.

## **Genealogical Resources in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies**

### **By Colleen Field**

#### **Stonepics.com**

Looking for a long-lost (deceased) relative? Not sure where their final resting place might be? Well, your search has been made a lot easier through a monumental project undertaken by an American named Kimsey Fowler. For the past several years, he has been trying to photograph every headstone and public monument in every community on the island portion of the province. He has compiled a database containing about 161,000 records of names and dates representing about 225,000 people and has made it available on a web site called stonepics.com. The photographs, however, are only available on CDs which are for sale. The project is about 80% complete with 122 CDs organized by cemetery and region. The Centre for Newfoundland Studies recently purchased a set of the CDs. This purchase was made possible through a donation from the Langevin family in memory of their mother Anne Kathleen (Kay) Langevin. This resource will no doubt be of great interest to genealogists. It also has the potential to appeal to those interested in history, sociology, material culture, and medical research.

#### **Newfoundland Wills**

Interested in who left what to whom? A recent acquisition in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies should pique your interest even more. A CD containing 230 Newfoundland wills dating from 1618 - 1857 is now available for viewing. The CD was produced by the Public Record Office in London, England.

#### **Estate Maps**

Curious about property and ownership of said property? If your area of interest includes the Southern Shore, then you are in luck. The Centre for Newfoundland Studies has purchased several maps showing property belonging to the estate of William Carter as surveyed by John Maher in 1876 and 1877. The properties are located in Ferryland, Witless Bay, Aquaforte, Bay Bulls, and Tors Cove.

## **College of the North Atlantic Professional Development Session By Lynn Cuff**

From June 24 to 26, the Bay St. George Campus of the College hosted twenty-two of the library staff in a professional development session. During the two days, staff members were presented with reports, updates on the SIRSI library system and instructional activities. It was not all work though, as time was found for socializing and an evening trip to the historic community of Sandy Point.

Working sessions began with an overview of our Provincial Library Webpage that is currently under development. This webpage will provide links to various aspects of our libraries including our on-line catalogue and databases available, along with links to individual libraries within the College and links to various other webpages of interest.

No professional development within the College would be complete without a session on the importance of lifelong learning for our students and staff. We looked at how we within the library services have a need to be involved with our students and staff to ensure that we are all lifelong learners.

Another session dealt with the idea of consortia purchasing of electronic resources, the sharing of public service resources (eg. Program guides, information literacy workshops), and collaboration on staff professional development within the Atlantic community college network. More discussion will be held about this at a later date.

This was the first time for a number of years that so many of our library staff could come together as a group to discuss how our library is evolving. We are hoping that this will become a yearly occurrence as the importance of library services cannot be underestimated.

Keep looking at our College homepage at [www.northatlantic.nf.ca](http://www.northatlantic.nf.ca) to see when our provincial library webpage becomes active. Any feedback about this website will be greatly appreciated.



**NEWS FROM CENTRAL DIVISION  
PROVINCIAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
By Patricia Parsons**

After a busy summer with hundreds of tourists visiting all 33 libraries in Central, and the Summer Reading Program going full tilt, there seems to be no let up with the Fall approaching. Moving from “**Jump into Reading**” to “**Fall into a Good Book**”, young children with their parents just keep coming back for more programming. And our staff always rises to the occasion to plan fun filled events to help children on their life long learning course.

The months are just flying by, and when I look back on what has been achieved since our last newsletter, one wonders how we fit it all in! Staff from the Kittiwake libraries was fortunate enough to attend a regional workshop entitled “**Your Library @ Your Desk Top**” on June 17<sup>th</sup>. This was made possible by APLA, and it was organized by our Internet Coordinator, Tina Murphy. Sessions focused on Health Resources on the Net, Adaptive Technology issues, Cyber patrol and an overview of electronic resources. It was an informative day, and the feed back was very positive. It is hoped that more funding can be obtained to hold a similar workshop for staff in the other economic Zones.

Professional development is important to any level of work, and staff in our Region is looking forward to attending the Eastern Horizons Conference in October, as well as the Community Access Conference in November. There will be wonderful opportunities for an exchange of information on all aspects of library programming and services. Staff in Central look forward to meeting colleagues and co-workers from across the province.

A fair amount of staff time at Central Division has been going into preliminary work for a Digital Project on the **Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery** in Gander, which is an important part of our local history. The work is progressing on target, and taking shape nicely, and for that once again I have to thank Tina Murphy, as well as Ron Sheppard and our I.T. staff. Everyone is committed to making this a success!

Plans are well under way for the celebration of **Children’s Book Week**, November 3-9<sup>th</sup>. Our visiting author/illustrator **Chuck Temple** will be traveling to several public libraries & schools in the Central West area.

Central Division will be losing our Assistant Manager, Ron Sheppard to the Western Division in mid October. Our loss will surely be their gain. Many thanks to Ron for all of his hard work in Central, and we wish him all the best in his new job on the West Coast.

## **Added Entries by Karen Lippold**

### **Public Libraries**

At the end of September there will be a major shift of responsibilities in the Public Library system. Ron Sheppard, Assistant Manager, Central Division, will become the Assistant Manager, Western Division.

Derek Bussey who has been on temporary assignment as Assistant Manager, Western Division, will return to his position as Assistant Manager, Eastern Division in St. John's.

With Derek's return, Vicki Murphy who has been on temporary assignment as Assistant Manager, Eastern Region will return to her position as Lending Services Librarian, at the A.C. Hunter Library.

Heather Myers who has been acting as Lending Services Librarian will return to her permanent position as Children's Librarian.

### **Academic Libraries**

#### **College of the North Atlantic**

Bonnie Morgan has returned from maternity leave to her position as Librarian at the Seal Cove Campus.

Janet Fraser has resigned her position as District Librarian at the Prince Philip Drive Campus to become Information Access Librarian at the University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus. Susan Prior has just been appointed to this position.

Darrell Squires has replaced Dana Feltham as librarian at the Clarendville Campus. Prior to this, Darrell was at the Gander Campus.

Ron Knowling is now the Librarian at the Gander Campus.

Don Dyson has left the library at the Happy Valley-Goose Bay campus to return to full time teaching.

Joanne Deluney is the new Librarian at Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Theresa Hynes is now working as Library Technician at the Stephenville Crossing Building, Bay St. George Campus.

Cathy Ash is now working as Library Technician at the L.A. Bown Building, Bay St. George Campus.

Lynn Cuff, Librarian, and Barb King, Library Technician, remain at the D.S.B. Fowlow Building, Bay St. George Campus.

Andy Barker has been recalled to full-time status as Library Technician at the Grand Falls-Windsor Campus.

Susan Hamilton remains on medical leave from her position as Library Technician at the Grand Falls-Windsor Campus.

Glenda Hiscock, who has been working on a six-month contract as Library Clerk at the Grand Falls-Windsor Campus, will finish on October 3.

John L. Whelan, Librarian at the Grand Falls-Windsor Campus, is the acting Provincial Coordinator/Team Leader for Library Services.

Ruby Peyton has been temporarily transferred from the Library to the main office at the St. Anthony Campus.

Nina Woodward has been temporarily recalled as the Library Clerk at the St. Anthony Campus.

Bridget Kerrivan, Library Technician at the Corner Brook Campus for ten years, retired in July. Her position has not yet been filled.

### **Memorial University of Newfoundland**

The University library system is losing two librarians to the Weill Cornell Medical College Library in Doha, Qatar. Victoria Marshall, head of Technical Services, Health Sciences Library, resigned at the end of July to become the head of Information/Access Services at the Medical Library in Doha. Prior to Victoria's departure the cataloguing department at HSL was amalgamated with Bibliographic Control Services in the Queen Elizabeth II Library. Betty Wong and Debbie Spurrell now carry out their medical cataloguing responsibilities in the Queen Elizabeth II Library.

The other librarian leaving Memorial to go to Qatar is Dianne Cmor. Dianne's resignation is effective October 17. Dianne, head of Library Instruction in Information Services, Queen Elizabeth II Library, will be a reference librarian in Doha. For more information on the College see <http://med.cornell.edu/qatar/>.

With Victoria's resignation, the Health Sciences Library did an evaluation of its staffing needs. Rather than replacing the head of Technical Services, it was decided to create a unit for Information Resources Management with a new position of Information Resources Librarian. Pam Morgan is the first incumbent.

Katie Lawton is back on contract for this semester at the Health Sciences Library. Her responsibilities are primarily library instruction and reference.

At the beginning of August Susan Cleyle became the new Associate University Librarian for the Queen Elizabeth II Library. She had been acting Associate University Librarian for the last year.

Aspi Balsara, Government Documents Librarian, in the Queen Elizabeth II Library, started a year's sabbatical September 1. Aspi will be translating French documents dealing with Newfoundland into English.

Sean Fleming, a Master of Library and Information Science student, University of Western Ontario, is doing a co-op placement in Information Services, Queen Elizabeth II Library. Last year's co-op student Gina Kim has a one year contract position at York University.

## Special Libraries

A recent Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies graduate, Christine Hiller is on contract cataloguing the library at Government House.

## Awesome Applications By Gillian Byrne

Welcome to the inaugural column of Awesome Applications. I'll be bringing you some of the most useful (or just plain neat!) downloadable utilities, covering everything from browsers through pop up killers to word processing enhancements. Most of the applications are free, although some are shareware that offer free trials.

Today: word processing enhancements...

**PureText v1.2** – This utility strips out HTML formatting when you cut-and-paste text from the internet to a word processor. Although the newest version of Word has this feature built in, this is a handy tool for those with older versions or WordPerfect. Free download available from

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,22948,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,22948,00.asp).

**FinePrint v5.04** – This is a neat tool that allows you to save paper by printing more than one page to a single sheet of paper. In testing, I could print 4 pages to a single sheet with out sacrificing legibility. MS Word XP has this feature, but FinePrint offers many more options. Trial download from

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,2334,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,2334,00.asp).

**Microsoft Office Viewers** – Allows you to view Microsoft Office files without having Office on your computer. Displays Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Access files. Great for the public access terminals in your library! Free download from

<http://www.microsoft.com/office/000/viewers.asp>.

Suggestions? Email [gbyrne@mun.ca](mailto:gbyrne@mun.ca).

## **Quotations in the Library**

### **By Karen Lippold**

To make the reference area of the Queen Elizabeth II more visually appealing, we copied an idea from the local Indigo bookstore, quotations on pillars. Over the summer, Carolyn Reddy, a fine arts student from our Corner Brook campus painted 23 quotations dealing with books, libraries, research, education, and computers on pillars on the main floor. The ceiling here is about 14 feet high.

We got a Newfoundland government PACEE grant (Partnerships for Academic and Career Education and Employment) that let us hire a student for 32 1/2 hours per week for 8 weeks. The student also got holiday pay. It was cost free to the Library, except for the paint and supplies.

The initiative grew out of a goal in our strategic plan to make the library a more inviting place. Compression of the reference collection, to make room for an information commons, exposed the pillars making them more obvious as an architectural feature. An e-mail request around the Queen Elizabeth II Library for favourite quotations garnered a wide selection we could choose from. Here are the quotations we chose:

**I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.**

*~Gorilla Librarian Sketch  
Monty Python*

**A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.**

*~ Shelby Foote*

**Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.**

*~ Groucho Marx*

**A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.**

*~ Henry Ward Beecher*

**The new electronic interdependence recreates the world in the image of a global village.**

*~ Marshall McLuhan*

**Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container.**

*~ Unknown*

**Money invested in a library gives much better returns than mining stock.**

*~ Sir William Osler, attrib.*

**This library has something offensive to everyone. If you are not offended by something we own, please complain.**

*~ Dorothy Broderick*

**Never judge a book by its movie.**

*~ J.W. Eagan*

**I've been drunk for about a week now, and I thought it might sober me up to sit in a library.**

*~ The Great Gatsby  
F. Scott Fitzgerald*

**My library was dukedom large enough.**

*~ The Tempest  
William Shakespeare*

**Education is what survives when what has learned has been forgotten.**

*~ B.F. Skinner*

**Fiction reveals truths that reality obscures.**

*~ Jessamyn West*

**A great library contains the diary of the human race.**

*~ George Dawson*

**Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.**

*~ The Whole Earth Catalog  
Anne Herbert*

**Readers transform a library from a mausoleum into many theaters.**

*~ Mason Cooley*

**If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.**

*~ Derek Bok*

**I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.**

*~ Jorge Luis Borges*

**A computer will do what you tell it to do, but that may be much different from what you had in mind.**

*~ Joseph Weizenbaum*

**If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?**

*~ Albert Einstein*

**The most technologically efficient machine that man has ever invented is the book.**

*~ Northrop Frye*

**Learn, compare, collect the facts.**

*~ Ivan Pavlov*

**Wear the old coat and buy the new book.**

*~ Austin Phelps*



David Sorensen  
photographer  
Picture from "The  
Communicator"

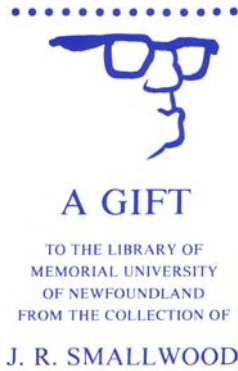
**Hare Bay/ Dover Public Library Report**  
**May 2003 - August 2003**  
**by Robin Collins**

**IT Week (May)** - Activities included introductory e-mail session, on-line scavenger hunt, coloring contest, and promotion of our CAP site. During this time a group from a local Youth Services Canada program slotted 2 days at the library where they were trained in basic computer skills and internet skills.

**Summer Program** - Our theme was “Jump into Reading”. Activities included reading contracts, drop-in activity centre, prize draws for readers. We also had a very successful public computer training 3 day session in August . Nine patrons registered for very informative training by Sabrina Young, our IT representative.

**Computer Training Session at GHB**





## Joseph R. Smallwood's Gift to Memorial University Libraries

A library's collection is built through careful appraisal and selection and judicious spending of a given budget. From time to time, however, it is the donation of an individual's private collection which yields the unexpected and makes a collection unique. Such a donation occurred in 1974 when Joseph R. Smallwood donated to Memorial University of Newfoundland, his books, paintings, etchings, photographs, election manifestos, election materials and other such material relating to Newfoundland. The bequest also included the papers of Sir

Richard Squires and the papers accumulated by Smallwood when he was Premier of the Province. In 1992, after Smallwood's death, more material came to Memorial University Libraries. That was thought to be the complete Newfoundland collection. However, during the summer of 2002, additional material relating to Newfoundland from Smallwood's personal library surfaced at Fitzpatrick's Auctioneering Services in St. John's. Memorial felt that that this material belonged to the University since it was always Smallwood's wish that his books and papers be available through Memorial for future generations. An injunction was issued to stop the sale and Memorial had three months to conduct an inventory and determine which materials fell within Smallwood's gift to the University as outlined in his bequest of 1974.



In September, Colleen Field and Bert Riggs of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies were asked to coordinate the inventory of the Smallwood material held in a warehouse at Fitzpatrick's. Each and every book, painting, map, and photo had to be recorded, separating the Newfoundland material from the non-Newfoundland material, and it had to be done by December 1st. A team of library staff set up shop in the warehouse, faced

with hundreds of boxes of books and archival materials and huge framed paintings, maps and photographs. The surroundings were dimly lit, dusty and noisy (vehicle auction days were particularly bad) and the temperature varied daily. However, what seemed uncomfortable at first grew to be quite cozy.

The inventory took a total of 25 days in the warehouse. The first three days, Bert and Colleen identified and listed 267 visuals. Ten more were later discovered to make a total of 277 items. Bert's expertise at identifying people, places, etc. was truly amazing. Several items stand out:

***Address to the Hon. Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, on the occasion of the return of the Liberal Party to power after the general election of 1900.***

***The Catholic Cathedral, Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. Destroyed by fire, September 2, 1889. (Drawing)***

***View of the East Coast of Newfoundland from Cape Spear to Cape St. Francis, 1797  
(Print)***

***Water Witch (Watercolour painting of the schooner)***



It took 22 days for the team to list the contents of approximately 650 boxes. This included 88 boxes of Newfoundland books, 45 boxes of Newfoundland archival material, 9 boxes of Newfoundland periodicals, 490 boxes of non-Newfoundland books, and 18 boxes of non-Newfoundland magazines. The final day in the warehouse was November 20th. The final typed list was completed November 29th.

Library staff from several divisions in the Q.E. II Library came forward to join the staff of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies in this project. It was through everyone's hard work, good cheer, and commitment, that we were able to meet our deadline.

On Friday, December 20th, President Meisen hosted a reception as a thank you for all those who worked on the Smallwood Project and kept things going in the offices in order to make the deadline. It was held in the Senior Common Room, R. Gushue Hall.

Five months later, the legal wrangling was over. On June 2nd, the bulk of the Newfoundland material arrived at the Q.E. II Library. Such wonderful titles as the following will now be available to all:

***Royall and gracious privileges, granted by the High and Mighty Philip the fourth King of Spain, & c. March 19, 1645 unto the English merchants, trading within his Dominions. Translated out of Spanish, and published for the benefit of such, who desire commerce in those parts.*** London: Printed for Humphrey Mosely, at the Princes Armes in Pauls Church-Yard, 1645.

Collins, Edmund. ***Annette the Metis Spy: a heroine of the N.W. Rebellion.*** Toronto: Rose Publishing Company, 1886.

Henry, J.D. ***Oil fields of the Empire: a survey of British Imperial petroleum questions and a comprehensive technical description of the oil fields of Trinidad and Newfoundland.*** London: printed by Bradbury, Agnew & Co., Ltd., 1910.

***The Bristol Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping.*** Souvenir of the visit of the Premiers of Great Britain to Bristol, May 1907. (Sir Robert Bond's personal copy)

Smallwood's remarkable collection will forever be a reminder of his legacy to the people of this province. It will also be a reminder to staff of CNS and the Q.E. II Library of those blissful days handling books once owned by the man himself. We will always wonder how one person could possibly own so many books entitled "*The Life of Christ*" and chuckle over the title "*Roman Catholicism*" by the Protestant Truth Society. It gave us a peek into the private life of a once very public figure - an experience not to be forgotten. Especially when his likeness appears in the stained glass window in the Centre as claimed by some staff!



### **New Books in Library Science Pamela Cline Howley**

**The following is a selection of library and information science titles recently added to the Queen Elizabeth II Library collection.**

**Baird, Brian J., 1966-. Preservation strategies for small academic and public libraries / Brian J. Baird ; ill. by Jody Brown. -- Lanham, Maryland : Scarecrow Press, 2003. 120 p. Z 701.3 S53 B35 2003**

*Small libraries face special challenges in preserving their collections in the face of insufficient funding, staffing and expertise. This manual provides a general overview of preservation issues as well as a practical how-to guide covering environmental conditions, collection assessment and the specific preservation approaches that may be employed. Several different preservation strategies are presented.*

**Davies, Gillian. Copyright and the public interest / Gillian Davies. – 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. – London : Sweet & Maxwell, 2002. 508 p. K 1411.6 D38 2002**

*This work examines the ethical and economic justifications for copyright in the light of the public interest. It has four parts: Part I presents the principles underlying copyright legislation and the history of copyright law; Part II looks at the concept of public interest and the national histories of copyright in the U.K., the U.S., France, and Germany; Part III discusses the functions and the limitations of copyright; and Part IV deals with the future of copyright in the light of digital technology and international harmonization.*

**Ethics and electronic information : a Festschrift for Stephen Almagno / edited by Barbara Rockenbach and Tom Mendina. – Jefferson, North Carolina : McFarland, 2003. 213 p. Z 665 E83 2003**

*The first part of this book consists of papers that honor and recognize Stephen Almagno, the first professor in the U.S. to teach information ethics as part of a library and information science program. The second part discusses the major ethical issues facing today's libraries, including the highly topical issues surrounding the Internet. Included are discussions of trust, privacy, e-commerce, and the role of professional organizations and codes of ethics.*

**Fritz, Deborah A. (Deborah Angela), 1955-. MARC21 for everyone : a practical guide / Deborah A. Fritz, Richard J. Fritz. – Chicago : American Library Association, 2003. 188 p. Z 699.35 M28 F75 2003**

*This book is a general introduction intended both for the non-technical reader who needs to know "something about MARC" and for the beginning cataloguer or system specialist. Unlike other introductory treatments which mainly list and explain MARC tags with or without examples, this guide also discusses MARC in the context of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules and of its function in the online public catalogue.*

**Gorman, Michael, 1941-. The enduring library : technology, tradition and the quest for balance / Michael Gorman. – Chicago : American Library Association, 2003. 157 p. Z 716.4 G665 2003**

*Gorman's central theme is that although libraries are currently experiencing an important stage in their evolution, they are not in the midst of a radical transformation. Librarians must adapt and maintain a balanced approach to the present environment in order to take full advantage of the tremendous opportunities offered by digital technologies without compromising the traditional core values of the profession. Gorman discusses what he sees as the major challenges facing the libraries of the future and suggests areas for research.*

**Kalfatovic, Martin R. Creating a winning online exhibition : a guide for libraries, archives, and museums / Martin R. Kalfatovic. -- Chicago and London : American Library Association, 2002. 117 p. Z 717 K35 2002**

*The author brings valuable insights from his experience as Digital Projects Librarian for the Smithsonian Institution Libraries to this guide to the process of creating online exhibitions. Topics include: determining and developing an idea or theme for the exhibition; establishing an exhibition policy; preparing a proposal; selecting and*

*preparing the objects to be included; writing the text or script; and, of course, the technical issues around digitizing, markup languages, programming and design. Numerous references to online exhibitions are included.*

**Mayo, Diane. Staffing for results : a guide to working smarter / Diane Mayo, Jeanne Goodrich for the Public Library Association. – Chicago and London : American Library Association, 2002. 159 p. Z 682 M35 2002**

*The focus of book is workload analysis as a means of identifying and collecting the data required to make appropriate staffing decisions in the library context. Information is provided on the types of management challenges that lend themselves to workload analysis solutions. Thirteen workforms are provided to use in analyzing and measuring staff workloads and the narrative chapters provide guidance on the interpretation of the results obtained.*

**Noah, Carolyn B. The browsable classroom : an introduction to e-learning for librarians / Carolyn G. Noah and Linda W. Braun. – New York : Neal-Schuman, 2002. 169 p. Z 718.8 N63 2002**

*Although aimed primarily at librarians, this book provides useful information for students and educators as well. Beginning with a discussion of the relative merits of synchronous versus asynchronous education, the authors then present a sample of successful distance learning models and discuss the expanding role of the library in distance education. The basics of program design and the selection and preparation of suitable content are provided.*

**Ross, Catherine Sheldrick. Conducting the reference interview : a how-to-do-it manual for librarians / Catherine Sheldrick Ross, Kirsti Nilsen, Patricia Dewdney. – New York : Neal-Schuman, 2002. 241 p. Z 711 R64 2002**

*The authors, three faculty members at the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario, designed this manual to provide a stand-alone single source on the reference interview. Research findings are combined with practical experience to develop guidelines and exercises for use in either teaching or individual learning situations. Annotated references are included.*

## **PROVINCIAL LITERACY CLEARINGHOUSE** **by Michelle Walters**

In April, 2003 of this year, the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board, in partnership with the Literacy Development Council of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Literacy Branch, Department of Education, began a one year pilot project to establish a provincial literacy clearinghouse. Funding was provided by the National Literacy Secretariat. Judy Escott was hired as the literacy coordinator, working from the Provincial Resource Library in St. John's.

The purpose of the clearinghouse is to provide literacy resources, easily and affordable, to literacy practitioners and learners. Organizations that offer literacy programs have identified that more resources are needed and that an organization is not always in a financial position to purchase the more expensive resources such as videos and kits. In addition, practitioners have indicated that they would like to have access to professional development/research materials. The clearinghouse will be purchasing new materials, based on requests from practitioners, and the resources will be available for loan. This will be an ongoing project subject to financing.

The clearinghouse has now mounted the Literacy Development Council's resources off the public libraries web page ([www.nlpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.nlpubliclibraries.ca)). Practitioners and learners can go to the link off the homepage, review the materials and then request them using the public libraries' inter library loan system. The site also indicates whether the material is available from the public library system. Other literacy resources are available in the library system and can be accessed through the library catalogue.

The coordinator has been in touch with many groups and has discussed the sharing of resources. It is hoped that groups will share their resource databases and lend to each other materials that are not in high demand on a daily basis. This will give practitioners access to new materials so that there is an opportunity to use the resources and evaluate them.

Judy will be traveling across the province to talk about the project and looks forward to meeting as many literacy representatives as possible. For further information please contact Judy at 709-737-3976 or [judyescott@nlpubliclibraries.ca](mailto:judyescott@nlpubliclibraries.ca).

## **Library Week 2003**

### **By Michelle Walters**

Minister Reid proclaimed Library Week in The Telegram on Saturday, April 26, with Library Week committee members looking on. This year's theme was Books and Bergs. Games, contests, limericks, promotional ideas, etc., were advertised and t-shirts bearing the Books and Bergs logo sold briskly province-wide. The Limerick Contest for students drew 1000 limericks from 33 schools and libraries around the province. Jewel Cousens announced the winners on CBC Radio and all winners were from outside St. John's. The top prize was a personal flotation device donated by the Canadian Coast Guard.

Pukta, the Canadian Coast Guard polar bear, made an appearance in St. John's and Education Minister Gerry Reid read limericks to kids at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library. Judging by events reported from libraries around the province, the week was a success.

### **Library Week Limerick Winners**

#### **Overall Winning Limerick**

There once was a berg in the ocean  
That got covered with pink suntan lotion.  
She lasted a long time  
While the sun did not shine.  
That pink covered berg in the ocean.

***By Katlin Ann Young, Grade 5***  
***St. Michael's School, Stephenville Crossing***

#### **K-3 Winner**

There once was a giant up north  
Who made big icebergs for sport  
When the sun came up  
The bergs were cut  
And sailed the seas back and forth

***By Katelyn Julia Budgell, Grade 1***  
***Pasadena Elementary, Pasadena***

4- 6 Winner

There once was an iceberg named Fay  
She drifted in from Baffin Bay  
She came in November  
Stayed through to December  
But left near the coming of May

***By Melissa Critch, Grade 6,  
Hillside Elementary, LaScie***

7- 9 Winner

Whenever I want a good book  
I go to the library to look  
It's fun finding words  
To describe those icebergs  
That float by each cranny and nook.

***By Raya Parsons, Grade 8  
St. Anne's Academy, Dunville***

10-12 Winner

One day a young lady had sat  
Out on an iceberg with her cat  
She would read a good book  
For as long as it took  
Now, what do you think about that?

***By Ashley Michelle Jerrett, Grade 10  
Smallwood Academy, Gambo***

