



### In New Brunswick ...

- Information on 112 provincial museums, including virtual exhibits, is available online at [www.virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca).
- 181 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada program.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$1.8 million to 50 arts organizations and 16 artists in 2003/04.
- About one third of the population is French speaking in Canada's only officially bilingual province.
- 16 amateur athletes were funded through our Athlete Assistance Program in 2004.
- More than 26,000 students enrolled in French immersion in 2002/03, while about 28,000 students in the French language system studied English as a second language.



The Canadian Heritage family, which includes the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, the CBC and other major national cultural institutions, plays a key role in the cultural and civic life of Canadians.

We work together to promote culture, arts, heritage, official languages, citizenship and participation, multiculturalism, Aboriginal, youth, and sport initiatives. Canadian Heritage fosters creativity, innovation, linguistic duality and cultural diversity with a view to connecting Canadians to each other and the world.

### Highlights

#### *Cultural Spaces Canada*

The Imperial Theatre in Saint John, the *Coopérative de théâtre l'Escaouette* in Moncton, and Fredericton Arts and Learning are among the New Brunswick organizations that have received funding from the Cultural Spaces Canada program to improve community access to the arts.

#### *Great Upheaval*

The Government of Canada has proclaimed the historical importance of the Acadian deportation by designating July 28, 2005 as "A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval." The deportation that began on September 5, 1755 and continued until 1763 had a tragic impact on the lives of thousands of Acadians. To commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Upheaval, special events are being organized for July 28, 2005.

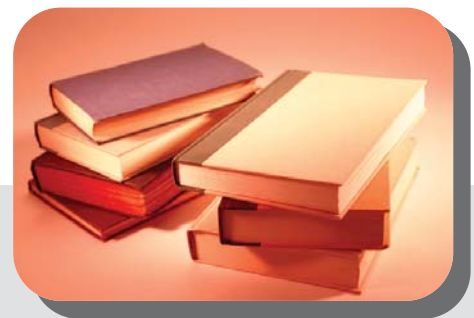
#### *Black Ink*

As part of Black History Month, Moncton was one of four Canadian cities to host the "Black Ink/Encre noire" exhibition, a celebration of black literature. The exhibition's goal was to highlight the contributions of black authors to Canadian literature.

## Canadian Heritage in New Brunswick

### Creating Canada Together

Our services are available from offices all over the country, including Moncton.



#### *Aboriginal Women's Gathering*

The Committee for Career Advancement of Aboriginal Women, with support from Canadian Heritage, organized a three-day conference in March 2004 for more than 100 Aboriginal Women. The conference aimed to strengthen the role of Aboriginal women in society.

#### *2004 Acadian Convention*

Supported by the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement, roughly 600 people from all sectors of New Brunswick Acadian society held a convention in October 2004 to assess the community's achievements and discuss means of strengthening community and cultural ties.

#### *Poster Challenge*

Krystal Murray, an 18-year-old from Harrison Trimble High School in Moncton, won first prize in the Poster Challenge for Canada Day 2004. The competition, whose theme was "Acadie: First Dialogues, the Meeting of Two Worlds," encouraged more than 8,000 young Canadians to create posters depicting important chapters in our collective history.

*Statistics are from various federal and provincial sources, and are the most recent available at time of publication. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.canadianheritage.gc.ca](http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca)*

