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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS/ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTECHNIENS DE L'ONTARIO

NEWSLETTER NOUVELLES



NEWS

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From the desk of the Vice-President

Great things are happening in our Association! As most of you are aware, an English pamphlet about the Association, designed for non-members and entitled "OALT/ARO is Working for You", has been distributed throughout each Region. This fine work is due to the determined efforts of our past Publicity Co-ordinator, Linda Landreville. But don't think for a minute that her work has stopped just because she chose not to run for re-election! A French edition of the pamphlet is well under way, and will be available soon.

Our present Publicity Chairperson, Eleanor Irwin, is also making fine progress in our favour. Another pamphlet, designed for members and seriously interested persons, will be ready for distribution at the OLA Conference in Niagara Falls (Ontario and New York) in mid-November. Thanks to Eleanor, both a logo and a poster have been designed for the Association. The most striking colour in each of these is a youthful, vibrant, growing green - a good description of our Association.

Help the Association to continue to live so that it can do what you want it to do for you! Let your Region know of your concerns, inform your Director of problems which can be discussed at our bi-monthly meetings, and do your best to provide requested information.

Remember that, although the pamphlet was designed for non-members, the title applies to us all: OALT/ARO IS WORKING FOR YOU!

Bette Wilson

(Editor's note: The French edition of the brochure is now available)

Editor's notes

The fall/winter season of activities is once again well on its way and in this issue of OALT/ARO Newsletter we're pleased to notify you of several upcoming events. Do take note of them and mark them on your calendar. The CASLIS workshop on freedom of information should be particularly interesting since this is currently a subject of much debate in Canada. In the United States a freedom of information act first came into effect in 1967 and was substantially amended in 1974. Since then, many private citizens, as well as journalists, have had access to documents from government departments and agencies. Should such a law be implemented in Canada, the implications would no doubt be widespread.

We're always eager to have news from around the province. If you have something to announce or an experience you'd like to share, please contact your regional

editor or send your submission to our Oakville address. We'll try to include it in our next issue of Newsletter/Nouvelles.

One last special note to OALT/ABO members: You will find an up-to-date copy of the OALT/ABO Constitution enclosed with this issue. We hope to have the French translation ready soon. It will then be available upon request.

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION WORKSHOP

Friday, December 2nd, 1977

8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto

140 St. George Street, Toronto

Speakers: Prof. Martin L. Friedland - author "Access to the Law"
Tim Brown - Ontario Commission on Freedom of Information
Donald C. Macdonald - MPP, York South
F. Brent Scollie - National Library
Peter Rock - Member, Access Committee, Ottawa
Gerald Baldwin, MP - Joint Committee on Freedom of Information,
Ottawa

Moderator: Prof. Brian Land - Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto

Sponsor: CASLIS - Toronto Chapter (Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services). For more information call: Pat Dye, 928-5260, or Clarice Henschel, 291-1991

Fee: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Registration deadline: November 22nd, 1977

Any interested persons are most welcome. Please make cheques payable to: CASLIS - Toronto Chapter, c/o Rosemary Smith, 448 Spadina Road, Apt. 206, Toronto, Ontario M5P 2W4.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS/
ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTECHNICIENS DE L'ONTARIO (OALT/ABO)

Date: May 25-28, 1978

Place: University of Toronto Erindale Campus, Mississauga, Ontario

WESTERN CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

sponsored by the University of Calgary, Mount Royal College and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology will be held at the University of Calgary, June 15-16, 1978 (just prior to C.L.A. in Edmonton). To be placed on the brochure mailing list write:

Conference Office
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta
Canada T2M 1N4

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Church Library Association

Formed in 1969, the Church Library Association aims "to promote the establishment of new church libraries; to share ideas and information regarding church libraries; to sponsor church library workshops". As well as making available good literature, the members hope to encourage the reading of works which emphasize the spiritual values of the Scriptures.

Perhaps your church does not as yet have an active library. If you would like to receive more information or join one of the existing groups, please feel free to write to one of these people:

In the Toronto area: Mrs. M.C. Henderson
10 Allanhurst Drive #302
Islington, Ontario M9A 4J5

In the London area: Miss Deborah Holme
153 Ellsworth Crescent
London, Ontario N5W 1J5

Library Pathfinders

Most of us are familiar with the various methods used to introduce a patron to a library. Such methods range from offering group tours, to giving slide/tape presentations, to providing audiotapes for more individualized instruction. However, while this familiarizes the user with the physical setting of the library, it does not necessarily help him find a specific piece of information or carry out research on a particular subject. Since the early seventies, though, a user aid has been developed which does exactly this. Several names have been given to this aid but it is most commonly called a library "pathfinder".

Originally part of the Model Library Project of Project Intrex at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and funded by the Council on Library Resources, Inc., pathfinders were compiled to assist the students at M.I.T. The project was highly successful and it was agreed that the Addison-Wesley Publishing Company would publish and sell pathfinders on a commercial basis. Today, many libraries, especially academic ones, produce their own.

A pathfinder has been described as a map to the resources of a library. It is a guide which leads the researcher to the basic sources of information for a given subject or subject area. Unlike a bibliography, it provides a step-by-step approach to carrying out the search in a specific library. Call numbers are provided and sometimes even an explanation which tells where in the library certain books are located (e.g. second floor). Library pathfinders are not designed to assist in advanced work; rather, it has been estimated that they are useful for the first three to five hours of a search.

A pathfinder is flexible in that it can be adapted to the library or subject with which it deals, or to the age and sophistication of the user. Ideally, it consists of only one page. Usually it begins with a scope note which gives a precise definition of the topic. It then lists possible subject headings, classification numbers, and sources (which are grouped by form) - encyclopedias, handbooks, almanacs, dictionaries, biographies, indexes, abstracts, bibliographies, government documents. Audio-visual sources may also be included. Associations or resource persons with a special interest in the subject may be named. The subject may be as broad as "psychology" or as specific as "rose culture" (L.C)

While "pathfinder" is the most common term for these user aids, they have been called "vademecum", a latin term for something you can take with you, as well as other names chosen by the library producing them. The University of Ottawa calls its French version "bibliographie-éclair", and the Library of Congress, which produces very extensive pathfinders of up to ten pages, calls them "LC Science Tracer Bullets". These tracer bullets are listed in the Library of Congress Information Bulletin (the September 16, 1977 issue listed four of them). You can also request a list of all those in the series by writing to: Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, 10 First Street SE, Washington D.C. 20540. The "U*N*A*B*A*S*H*E*D Librarian" published a form of pathfinder in its Spring '77 issue. They called it a "survival kit for term paper writers". In effect, it was the summary of a 17-page pamphlet which had been prepared by two librarians from California State University at Long Beach.

Library pathfinders can be an extremely useful tool in library reference, as they enable the user to carry out his own organized search. Ideally, however, he should be introduced to the pathfinder by library personnel who would explain to him just how it can help him, and would remain available should he require further assistance. The pathfinder still does not replace the person at the reference desk.

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(Note: If your library uses pathfinders it would be appreciated if you would send samples of them to the Newsletter editor.)

GENERAL NEWS

Mrs. Shirley Edgar has recently been appointed as Co-ordinator of Fanshawe College's Library Technician Program.

Mrs. Edgar was formerly Co-ordinator, Information Services for the Lake Erie Regional Library System (1975-77) and a cataloguer and reference librarian for the London Public Library and Art Museum (1970-75). Her previous teaching experience includes tutorial work at the School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario and teaching at the Domestic and Trades College, Manchester, U.K.

Mrs. Edgar graduated from the University of Michigan Library School in 1960. She is a member of the Canadian and Ontario Library Associations and serves on the O.L.A. Committee on Copyright.

Mrs. Edgar succeeds Mr. Cliff Weaver who has transferred to Fanshawe's Student Services (counselling) Department.

If you know of any library technicians working in the Maritimes, please contact our president, Janet Fear. We have had a request from a technician in the Maritimes who would like to meet or correspond her colleagues in the East.

Many thanks to Jocelyne Boutin of Ottawa who did such an excellent job of translating the brochure into French. Your willingness to help is much appreciated, Jocelyne.

Appendix I gives your responses to the questionnaires that were handed out at the conference in May. Of the 225 questionnaires printed, 119 were returned. This is an amazing return for this type of thing and we would like to thank you very much for taking the time to help us in this way.

Comments were written for almost all questions, so the results shown here are unfortunately in an abbreviated form. Each Board of Directors member has received a full list of comments if you would like to read them. The word "comment" after the responses indicates that there is more information available.

APPENDIX I

OALT/ABO

Fourth Annual Conference

Questionnaire Results

1. Are you:
- a. (65) an OALT/ABO member
 - b. (17) an OALT/ABO student member
 - c. (31) a non-OALT/ABO member
 - d. (3) a library science instructor/coordinator
 - e. (3) other - please specify -- 1 COLT
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Total responses 119

2. What kind of library do you work in:
- a. (27) public
 - b. (12) school
 - c. (38) academic
 - d. (26) special
 - e. (0) book store
 - f. (4) other -- 2 regional
1 technical
1 government
 - g. (12) not applicable

Total responses 119

Lib. Techs. working in Community Colleges did not put themselves down as working in Academic libraries.

3. What area of the library do you work in:
- a. (54) technical services
 - b. (44) public services
 - c. (6) children's services
 - d. (8) other - please specify
3 A/V
1 lab assistant
1 inter-library loan
2 supervisor
1 on line info retrieval
 - e. (13) not applicable
 - f. (11) all areas
 - g. (1) no answer

Total responses 137 because some people checked more than one area
People working in circulation and/or reference did not check public services.

4. How many OALT/ABO conferences have you now attended:
- a. (15) four - Toronto,
Ottawa, Thunder
Bay, London
 - b. (17) three
 - c. (26) two
 - d. (61) one

Total responses 119

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5. Was the information on the Conference received far enough in advance? (100) Yes
(18) No
(1) No answer

Total responses 119
Comments

6. Was the information on the Conference adequate to decide on attending? (101) Yes
(14) No
(4) No answer

Total responses 119
Many expressed desire for more information on workshops.
Comments

7. Was there sufficient time and opportunity to mingle with other attendees? (112) Yes
(6) No
(1) No answer

Total responses 119
Comments

8. Did you find the university accommodations to be satisfactory? (97) Yes
(3) No
(19) Not applicable

Total responses 119
Comments

9. Is this time of year suitable for you to attend this conference? (115) Yes
(3) No
(1) No answer (yes and no due to convocation on that particular weekend every year)

Total responses 119

10. If the answer to number 9 is no, could you suggest a more convenient time: 1. Fall or February/March
2. Autumn - cooler weather
3. Week prior to or following last week in May, but I accept the fact that not everyone can be satisfied re: time
4. Early fall; end of June

11. Would you attend a similar conference next year? (111) Yes
(1) No
(3) No answer
(4) undecided

Total responses 119
Comments
3/4 of the people who were undecided were non-members

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12. What theme would you suggest for next year's conference?
1. 5th Birthday Party
 2. Help - I need somebody
 3. Promotion of Library Technicians
 4. Library and Community
 5. Libraries after the Revolution: Tactics, Tools and Techniques for Technicians
 6. Library Techniques for Technicians
 7. What Next
 8. Let's Keep Rolling
 9. Communications
 10. Something positive
 11. Going Forward - "Chart New Paths"
 12. Distinction between library technicians, library clerks and library assistants
 13. "Wine isn't the only thing that gets better with age!"
 14. Getting Better All the Time
 15. Canadian Literature
 16. Bother me, bother me - that's what I'm here for
 17. Same theme - we'll never finish with it - word it differently
 18. Future of Library Technicians
 19. Continuation of this year's; a survey of the responsibilities of technicians in libraries
 20. Equipment - Now that I've got it, what do I do with it?
 21. Up, Up, and Away
 22. Selling the library and its services
 23. Look who's here: the modern L.T.
 24. Self-examination - 5th Anniversary
 25. "Get Involved"
 26. Keep up to date in all fields of library work
 27. Future of Library Technicians: Employment etc.
 28. Various roles played by technicians in the working world; or CAN YOU FIND ME A JOB?

13. What topics would you like to see discussed?

1. Children's work (12)
2. Bibliotherapy (4)
3. Book repair (2)
4. Rare books (2)
5. Government Documents (5)
6. Audio Visual - including VTR (5)
7. Computerization (9)
8. Periodicals (4)

There were many other suggestions but the above appeared most frequent.

14. What format do you think the sessions should take?

- a. (72) individual speaker
- b. (43) panel discussion
- c. (10) other - please specify workshop
- d. (21) no answer

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15. Is there any person you would like to have invited to speak at the next conference?

16. How could we contact them?

We received many good suggestions for these two questions, suggesting people to do workshops mentioned in question 13. The directors have copies of all responses.

17. What kind of vendor displays would you like to see at next year's conference?

- a. (59) publishers
- b. (50) A/V suppliers
- c. (65) library suppliers
- d. (3) other - please specify
 - arts & crafts materials
 - data base suppliers
- e. (29) no answer

18. Do you have buying power to purchase from the various vendors?

- (33) Yes
- (83) No
- (3) No answer

Discluding 17 OALT/ABO student members, 33% of the delegates have buying power.

Comments

19. Are you willing to use your buying power at the conference?

- (21) Yes
- (14) No -- 6 Members
 - 6 Non-members
 - 2 Library Technician Instructors
- (72) Not applicable
- (12) No answer

Total responses 119

Comments

20. If you are not authorized to purchase, do you assist in selection?

- (61) Yes
- (33) No
- (25) No answer

Total responses 119

21. What did you find pleasing about the conference?

- (46) Workshops
- (34) Meals
- (26) Well organized
- (22) Location
- (18) Friendly people
- (4) Business meeting

Comments

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22. What did you find displeasing about the conference?
- (8) Need a dynamic banquet speaker
 - (5) No meal Thursday evening
 - (4) More information required to choose workshops
 - (2) No break during workshops

Comments

23. What changes would you suggest for next year's conference?
- (9) Tours and entertainment information
 - (3) Dynamic guest speaker
 - (3) More workshops
 - (2) More displays

Comments

24. General comments and suggestions:

The most frequent suggestion was that places be put on the name tags along with the person's name.

On the whole, people thought the conference was educational, enjoyable, well-organized and very worthwhile.

Comments

Thank you for your responses to our questionnaire. I was pleased to see that people put so much time and thought into their replies. I am sure that your suggestions will insure that our future conferences are successful. Thank you again.

Susan Williamson
London Regional Branch

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NOUVELLES

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Du bureau de la Vice-Présidente

De grandes choses sont "en branle" dans notre Association. Comme la plupart de vous le savent déjà, une brochure en anglais, intitulée "OALT/ABO is Working for You" et destinée aux non-membres a été distribuée dans chaque Région. Ceci a été possible grâce aux efforts continus et déterminés de notre ancienne Co-ordonnatrice de Publicité, Linda Landreville. Détrompez-vous..... Linda n'a pas cessé de produire bien qu'elle ait choisi de ne pas se présenter aux dernières élections! Une brochure en français est en march et sera disponible sous peu.

Notre Présidente de Publicité actuelle, Eleanor Irwin, travaille aussi pour nous. Une autre brochure, celle-ci désignée aux intéressés sera prête pour distribution à la Conférence OIA à Niagara Falls (Ontario et N.Y.) à la mi-novembre. Grâce à Eleanor, un emblème et une affiche illustrée ont été créés pour l'Association. Leur couleur la plus frappante, un vert vibrant, décrit bien notre Association.

Aidez l'Association à vivre de sorte qu'elle puisse faire ce que vous voulez pour vous! Informez votre Directeur des problèmes pouvant être discutés à nos rencontres bi-mensuelles, et faites votre possible pour nous fournir l'information demandée.

Rappelez vous que, même si la brochure présentement en distribution est destinée aux non-membres, le titre s'applique à nous tous: L'OALT/ABO TRAVAILLE POUR VOUS.

Bette Wilson

Notes de l'éditrice

Les activités de cette saison sont déjà, depuis quelques semaines, en marche, et dans ce numéro de OALT/ABO Nouvelles nous avons le plaisir de vous signaler plusieurs événements. Il serait bon d'y faire attention et de les noter sur votre calendrier. L'atelier de CASLIS sur la liberté d'information mérite un intérêt particulier, étant donné qu'un débat national existe actuellement sur ce sujet. Aux États-Unis une loi sur la liberté d'information fut mise en rigueur en 1967 et fut, en grande partie, modifiée en 1974. Depuis ce temps-là un grand nombre de citoyens et de journalistes ont accès à des documents des ministères et des agences du gouvernement. Une telle loi, exécutée au Canada, aurait une grande importance pour beaucoup de Canadiens.

Nous sommes toujours heureux de recevoir des nouvelles de tous les coins de la province. Si vous avez quelque chose à annoncer ou si vous aimeriez partager une expérience, s'il vous plaît contacter votre éditeur régional, ou envoyer votre soumission à notre adresse à Oakville. Nous essayerons de l'inclure

dans le prochain numéro de Newsletter/Nouvelles.

Une dernière note spéciale pour les membres de OALT/ABO. Vous trouverez inclus avec Nouvelles, une copie récente de la Constitution de OALT/ABO. Nous espérons bientôt avoir la traduction française; à ce temps-là, elle sera disponible sur requête.

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E V E N E M E N T S A V E N I R

ATELIER SUR LA LIBERTE D'INFORMATION

vendredi le 2 décembre 1977

8h45 à 16h30

Faculté de Bibliothéconomie, Université de Toronto, 140 rue St. George,
Toronto

Orateurs: Prof. Martin L. Friedland - auteur "Access to the Law"
Tim Brown - La Commission ontarienne sur la liberté d'information
Donald C. MacDonald - MPP, York-sud
F Brent Scollie - Bibliothèque Nationale
Peter Rock - Membre du Comité d'ACCESS, Ottawa
Gerald Baldwin - MP, Comité conjoint sur la liberté d'information
Ottawa

Président: Prof. Brian Land, Faculté de Bibliothéconomie, Université de
Toronto

Subventionné par: CASLIS, Chapitre de Toronto (Canadian Association of Special
Libraries and Information Sciences). Pour de plus amples
renseignements appeler: Pat Dye, 928-5260
Clarice Henschel, 291-1991

Frais d'inscription: \$15.00 (comprend le lunch)

Date limite pour l'enregistrement: le 22 novembre 1977

Toutes personnes intéressées son les bienvenues. S'il-vous-plaît faire les chèques payables à: CASLIS, Chapitre de Toronto, a/s Rosemary Smith, 448 rue Spadina, App. 206, Toronto, Ontario M5P 2W4

CINQUIEME CONGRES ANNUEL DE L'ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS/
ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTECHNICIENS DE L'ONTARIO (OALT/ABO)

Date: le 25 à 28 mai 1978

Lieu: Campus Erindale de l'Université de Toronto, Mississauga, Ontario

LA CONFERENCE SUR L'ENSEIGNEMENT DE LA BIBLIOTHECONOMIE DANS L'OUEST CANADIEN, subventionnée par l'Université de Calgary, le Mount Royal College et le Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, se tiendra à l'Université de Calgary les 15-16 juin 1978 (précédant le C.L.A. à Edmonton). Si vous désirez que votre nom soit sur la liste d'envois, s'il-vous-plaît contacter:

Bureau des Conférences
 Université de Calgary
 Calgary, Alberta
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Church Library Association

La Church Library Association, fondée en 1969, vise à promouvoir l'établissement de nouvelles bibliothèques d'église; à partager des idées et de l'information relatives à ces dernières; et à offrir des ateliers permettant de les faire connaître davantage. Les membres désirent mettre à la disposition des lecteurs de la bonne littérature, et espèrent encourager la lecture des oeuvres montrant les valeurs spirituelles de l'Écriture sainte.

Peut-être votre église, n'a-t-elle pas encore de bibliothèque très active. Si vous aimeriez recevoir plus d'information, ou si vous êtes intéressés à vous joindre à un des groupes actuels, s'il vous plaît sentez-vous libre d'écrire à une des adresses suivantes:

Dans les environs de Toronto: Mrs. M.C. Henderson
 10 Allanhurst Drive # 302
 Islington, Ontario M9A 4J5

Dans les environs de London: Miss Deborah Holne
 153 Ellsworth Crescent
 London, Ontario N5W 1J5

"Library Pathfinders"

La plupart d'entre nous connaissons les différentes méthodes employées pour faire connaître la bibliothèque à un client. Ces méthodes peuvent comprendre des tournées en groupe, des présentations audio-visuelles ou des cassettes pour l'instruction individualisée. Pourtant, bien que ceci permette de se familiariser avec l'environnement, ce n'est pas forcément utile pour trouver de l'information ou pour réaliser une recherche sur un sujet spécifique. Mais depuis environ six ans on a développé quelque chose qui aidera l'utilisateur de la bibliothèque à trouver l'information qu'il cherche. Cette aide a déjà reçu plusieurs noms, dont le plus commun est "library pathfinder".

Originellement fait pour aider les étudiants à M.I.T., les pathfinders faisaient partie du Model Library Project du Project Intrex au Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ce projet était financé par le Council on Library Resources, Inc. et a si bien réussi qu'on a décidé que l'Addison-Wesley Publishing Company ferait la publication et la distribution commerciale des pathfinders. Maintenant,

beaucoup de bibliothèques, surtout les académiques, préparent leurs propres pathfinders.

On a dit du pathfinder qu'il est comme une carte par laquelle on trouve les ressources de la bibliothèque. En effet, il est un guide aux sources de l'information sur un sujet donné ou dans un domaine particulier. Différent de la bibliographie, il mène le chercheur étape par étape à faire sa recherche. Les numéros de classification sont donnés et quelquefois même, on explique où se trouvent les documents dans la bibliothèque en question (par exemple: livres de technologie au deuxième étage). Le but des library pathfinders est de donner une orientation dans les premières trois à cinq heures de recherche, plutôt que d'aider la recherche approfondie.

Ce qui fait la beauté d'un pathfinder, c'est qu'il peut être adapté selon le sujet, la bibliothèque ou l'âge et l'instruction de l'utilisateur. Idéalement il consiste d'une seule page. Il commence normalement avec une définition qui explique l'étendue du sujet, et est suivi d'une liste de vedettes matières, des numéros de classification, et des sources (groupées par genre ou forme) - encyclopédies, manuels, almanachs, dictionnaires, biographies, indexes, résumés, bibliographies, documents officiels. Les matériaux audio-visuels peuvent être inclus ainsi que les noms des associations ou des personnes ayant un intérêt spécial dans le sujet. Le dit sujet peut être aussi large que le terme "psychologie" ou aussi spécifique que "culture des roses" (LC).

"Pathfinder" est le mot le plus commun pour désigner ces aides-utilisateurs mais on les a aussi appelé "vademecum", un terme latin signifiant quelque chose qu'on peut emporter, ou d'autres noms relatifs aux bibliothèques qui les produisent. La version française de l'Université d'Ottawa est "bibliographies-éclair" et la Bibliothèque du Congrès aux États-Unis, qui publie des pathfinders assez étendus (ils peuvent avoir dix pages) les nomme "J.C. Science Tracer Bullets". Ces "tracer bullets" sont annoncés dans le Library of Congress Information Bulletin (le numéro du 16 septembre 1977 en avait quatre). Si vous désirez recevoir une liste de la série entière vous pouvez écrire à: Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, 10 First Street S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540. Le "Unabashed Librarian" a inclus un genre de pathfinder dans le numéro Printemps '76. Ils l'appelaient "un kit de survivance pour les étudiants qui écrivent des dissertations". En effet, c'était un résumé d'un pamphlet de 17 pages préparé par deux bibliothécaires du California State University à Long Beach.

Les "library pathfinders" se sont prouvés très utiles dans le travail de référence car ils permettent à l'utilisateur de poursuivre sa propre recherche d'une façon organisée. Cependant, l'idéal, c'est que le personnel de la bibliothèque l'introduise au pathfinder afin qu'il sache exactement comment cela peut lui être utile; et que ce personnel soit également toujours là pour offrir plus de renseignements s'il y a besoin. Pourtant il faut se rappeler que la personne en référence n'est pas encore remplacée par le pathfinder.

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NOUVELLES GÉNÉRALES

Mme Shirley Edgar a récemment été nommée coordonatrice du programme de bibliothécaire au Fanshawe College. Mme Edgar est l'ancienne coordonatrice des Services d'information pour le Lake Erie Regional Library System (1975-77) et elle a été catalogueur et bibliothécaire de référence pour le London Public Library and Art Museum (1970-75). Son expérience dans l'enseignement inclut des cours d'instruction au School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario. Elle a également enseigné au Domestic and Trades College de Manchester, Angleterre. Mme Edgar a gradué du Library School, de Michigan University en 1960. Elle est membre de D.L.A. et de O.L.A. et fait partie du comité O.L.A. sur les droits d'auteur.

Mme Edgar succède à M. Cliff Weaver qui est maintenant au département des services aux étudiants à Fanshawe College.

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Si vous connaissez des techniciens travaillant aux Maritimes, s'il vous plaît contacter notre Président, Janet Fear. Nous avons le nom d'une bibliothécaire qui aimerait entrer en contact avec ces collègues dans l'Est.

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Appendice I donne les réponses aux questionnaires qui ont été distribués au Congrès en mai. Sur les 225 questionnaires, 119 étaient retournés. Cette réponse est formidable et nous vous remercions de nous avoir aidés de cette façon.

Le mot "comment" indique qu'il y a plus d'information qu'est donnée ici. Le Directeur de votre région a la liste complète de commentaires si vous désirez la voir.

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