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Presidential Award

The recipient of the 1991 Presidential Award for outstanding service to OALT/ABO was Janet Iles (Huron). Janet is a 15 year member who has made numerous contributions to our Association. She has held regional executive positions for 9 years, worked as newsletter translator and contributor, and acted as our representative at CLA conferences. She also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Library Technician Program at Georgian College and has completed a comparison study of LT programs across Ontario. Co-ordinator of the 1990 conference at Geneva Park, Janet is known as a cheerful volunteer, a pillar of Huronia Branch and a diligent worker on behalf of library technicians. It was a pleasure to recognize Janet's contributions to the Association with this award.



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EDITORIAL

This first issue of volume 16 marks the commencement of our 1991-92 publishing year. We continue to count on the support of all OALT/ABO members to ensure that *Newsletter/Nouvelles* provides newsworthy and timely copy for all our readers.

Your new executive and board of directors met in Toronto in September

to establish priorities and set the agenda for this year. The next meeting takes place November 23 at the Richview Public Library (Islington Avenue). Additional information is available from your Regional Director.

This issue includes a summary of the successful 1991 conference, Infowave, and an announcement of Explorations

'92 to be hosted by the Sudbury Regional branch next May. Regular columns on regional events and professional development continue as well.

Newsletter/Nouvelles is your forum and we need to hear from you. Please send all copy for #2 to the editor by November 23, 1991.

Linda Davis
Editor

1991-1992 OALT/ABO Executive

Bette Gore
President

A 1973 graduate of Cambrian College, Bette has been an active member of OALT/ABO for many years. In her continuing search for new challenges, Bette has completed her BA degree (1984) and a course in conversational French (1989). She views her role as President of OALT/ABO as her greatest and most likely satisfying challenge to date.

Kathryn Kern
Vice-President

Kathryn received a BA from the University of Winnipeg (1980) and a Library Technology Certificate from Red River College (1982). Since then, she has developed several one-person libraries. Currently, she works for the BT Bank of Canada. Kathryn has been active with TALTA since arriving in Toronto and looks forward to expanding her involvement at the provincial level.

Brady Leyser
Secretary

Brady is a graduate of the Seneca College Library Techniques Program. He recently chaired the TALTA Ad-hoc Committee on Programming and has been involved in the Toronto Association of Law Librarians (TALL) Union List Committee. Brady is currently completing a poprock music bibliography to be published internationally by Popular Culture Inc.

Christine Davy
Treasurer

Christine returns for a second year in charge of OALT/ABO's accounts. She is a 1984 graduate of Seneca College and recently joined the staff of the Learning Resources Centre at Cambrian College in Sudbury. When she's not counting money, she is out kayaking with her husband.

Marsha Hunt

Public Relations Co-ordinator
Marsha is a graduate of Sheridan College and McMaster University. This is her third term on the executive of OALT/ABO. She is employed by the Peel Board of Education as a Library Resources Technician.

EXPLORATIONS

92

19th Annual
OALT/ABO
Conference

May 27-30, 1992
Sheraton Caswell Hotel (Sudbury)

Circle these dates on your 1992 calendar and plan to join us in Sudbury for OALT/ABO's 19th Annual Conference. Explorations '92 promises a variety of workshops, lively entertainment, and an opportunity to share information with colleagues in your particular interest group.

The atmosphere will be casual, comfortable and congenial, so plan now to be part of this important gathering. We can't guarantee the weather (remember 1983) but you will have a chance to explore your areas of professional interest and the City of Sudbury.

For more information, contact Bette Gore (705) 524-9314 or Linda Davis (705) 566-9374.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The start of the school year marks the beginning of our new Administration's intensive work year. With only a few new faces attending Board/Executive meetings, little adjustment will be required. Yet new perceptions on many issues will be provided by the "new-comers".

Our primary focus will be on the Ad Hoc Committee for Political Awareness. A commitment from every region to assist with this committee will ensure the successful outcome of the Committee's mandate to compile job descriptions for the use of members in salary negotiations. The work they completed over the past two years on the Standards Statement was excellent!

The other major undertakings this year are the salary survey, slated

to start around the new year (Kathryn Kern, VP), and the production of a membership directory which should be ready by late fall (Susan Morley, Past President). We congratulate these hard-working individuals for their efforts on our behalf.

Marsh Hunt, Public Relations Coordinator, hopes to complete the Problem Patrons Workshop Kit for display at Explorations '92, OALT/ABO's conference in Sudbury, May 27-30. Previews indicate an excellent product. In addition to completing this project, Marsha has a number of ideas she would like to implement. Time and money will be her only constraints.

As Treasurer, Christine Davy will control the purse strings and keep our expenditures in line. We all have faith in

Christine's seeming ability to make a limited budget expand to fill our members' most pressing needs.

We welcome Brady Leyser (TALTA) to the position of Secretary. He will take over these duties following the resignation of Diana Doxtator who is unable to continue on the executive.

Linda Davis has returned as Editor of *Newsletter/Nouvelles*, and Archivist Janet Scheibler is again storing all our records for posterity.

These members and your Board of Directors will continue to work for your best interests. All deserve your assistance, feedback and appreciation. We anticipate a busy, successful and satisfying year!

Bette Gore
President

Notes & News

A "Compendium of Environment-Friendly Products for the Whole House" is available from:
The Natural Order
P.O. Box 850
Station 'P'
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 2Z2

It features a wide range of items from baby care to office products.

The Northern Ontario Directory: Information Guide to Unincorporated Communities and Indian Reserves is available from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Communications Branch
6th Floor
159 Cedar Street
Sudbury, Ontario
P3E 6A5

Children's Book Week will be celebrated November 2 - 9, 1991. The theme, "A World of Difference with Books", will focus on environmental and global awareness. Under the auspices of the Canadian Children's Book Centre, 25 Authors will tour the country making presentations in libraries and schools. For more information, contact CCBC at (416) 975-0010.

The British Columbia Library Technicians Association announced recently that it has suspended its constitution and voted to become an interest group within the British Columbia Library Association. A lack of member interest and involvement was cited as the main reason for the decision.

INFOWAVE '91

Infowave was the theme of the 18th annual OALT/ABO conference hosted by TALTA Region. The conference took place in Toronto May 22 - 26, 1991, utilizing the Bond Place Hotel for overnight guests and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for meeting rooms.

Workshops:
Archival Book Preservation,
John Barton

An Author in the Library,
Marianne Brandis

Book Reviews and Book Reviewing,
Martin Townsend

Cataloguing of Electronic Medium,
Jean Weihs

CBC Tour

CD/ROM Technology,
Micromedia

Censored: You Can't Read That,
Les Fowlie

Create Your Own Index,
Charlotte Broome

Designing Forms,
Wendy Martin

Disaster Planning

Do You Know Your Computer?

Equipping a Library,
Carr McLean

FP On-Line,
Southam

Getting Organized,
Usha Prashada-Kole

Getting the Fax: New Technology & ILL,
Donna Ladouceur

The Greening of the Library

How To Be Your Own Boss,
Dave Pollard

How To Get Your Way,
Pamela Yudcovitch

How To Find Government Documents,
Federal Publications Inc.

How To Make Local History Come Alive In Your Library,
Ontario Historical Society

Image: Does Ours Work For Us?
Stephen Abram

InfoGlobe & Library Tour,
Globe & Mail

Infomart Training,
Southam

Inmagic Magic,
Maria Phipps

Literacy in the Library,
Literacy Centre

A Moving Experience,
Panel Discussion

On the Horizon: New Technology in the Library,
Ulla De Stricker

The One-Man Band,
Panel Discussion

Ontario Public Library Strategic Plan

Pay Equity,
Pamela Yudcovitch

Picture This: Art Displays in the Library,
Glenda Milrod

Policy and Procedure Writing,
Barbara Tinsley

Promoting Your Library,
Paula de Ronde

Publishing Concerns in the 90's,
Wayne Gilpin

Special Services for the Disabled,
Maureen Perez

Toronto Special Collections Tour



Thank You!

It was a great honour, thrill and privilege for me to be named this year's recipient of the Presidential Award. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the 1991 conference. I was attending another seminar. I have always enjoyed OALT/ABO conferences (the workshops and the opportunity to see friends from throughout the province) and I was disappointed that this conflict in my work schedule arose. Pat Henry presented the award to me at Huronia's June Meeting. I was surprised.

I enjoy contributing to OALT/ABO in any way that I can. Thank you for honouring me. I have always felt that the best way to reap the benefits of membership in an organization is to take an active part; so I urge others to do so.

Janet Iles
(Huronia)

All Alone?

I was pleased by the response to the Infowave workshop on one-person libraries called "One Man Band". It seems that there are several library technicians who are running libraries by themselves and therefore have to cope with all the problems alone. I wonder whether there is any interest amongst OALT/ABO members who run one-person libraries to develop a network or support group of solo library technicians. If readers have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please call me (416) 865-2240, or drop a line to the newsletter editor.

Kathryn Kern
(TALTA)



This column informs readers about meetings and special events sponsored by regional branches of OALT/ABO. Please forward all regional information to the editor for future publication.

Halton-Peel

October 30, 1991
Fashion show by Braemar/Tip Top - Oakville Campus, Sheridan College, 7 p.m.

December 5, 1991
Wine & Cheese / Open House - Mary Jennings' home, Oakville, 7 p.m.

Contact Person:
Suzanne Orlando
(416) 452-0271
890-1099 ext. 2661

Huronia

October 26, 1991
Workshops, Business Meeting and Luncheon - a.m. Through Others' Eyes: Disabled People in the Library; p.m. Public Speaking. Collingwood Public Library (\$7.50 including lunch)

RSVP Gale Moreau,
Simcoe County Board of Education.

November 27, 1991
Annual Christmas Pot Luck Supper & Gift Exchange - 6 p.m. Judy Koenig's home (Collingwood)
March 14, 1992
Annual Business Meeting - Law Library, Court House, Barrie

Contact Person:
Pat Henry
(705) 728-3480 739-6569
(work-new number)

Lohania

October 19, 1991
Workshop - Service in a Service Age at the Huron County Museum in Goderich, 1-4:30 p.m.

Contact Person:
Marg Bushell
(519) 524-7734
524-9261 (work)

February 15, 1992
Workshop - Resumés (tentative) in Hamilton

March 29, 1992
Annual Business Meeting - London (details tba)

Contact Person: Donna Fossom
(519) 668-7823
685-4628 (work)

Ottawa

November, 1991
Workshop-Library Documentation Centre, National Library (details tba)

Contact Person:
Susan Bourdeau
(613) 231-7557
943-8940 (work)

Sudbury

November 16, 1991
Workshop - Time Management, 9:30 a.m. (location tba)

November 29, 1991
Annual Christmas Supper - Apollo Restaurant, 7 p.m.

March 7, 1992
Annual Business Meeting (details tba)

Contact Person:
Paulette Burton
(705) 560-1788
675-3028 ext. 13

Thunder Bay

October 19, 1991
Tour - Quetico Provincial Park Library 9:30 - noon

November 16, 1991
Workshop - Using the Computer Software that You Already Own with Ian Dew, Librarian, Lakehead University Library, 9:30 - 1 p.m.

December 5, 1991
Wine & Cheese - featuring a local author (details tba)

Contact Person:
Cathy Walsh
(807) 344-1682
343-1610 (p.m.)

TALTA

November 2, 1991
Workshop - Wordperfect 5.1 at Ivy Computer Centre, 4141 Yonge Street, 9 a.m. - noon. Send \$ 25.00 pre-registration to TALTA, 1071 Woodbine, #411, Toronto M4C 4C2. Limit: 20 people.

December 1991
Christmas Social - joint venture with other library associations in Toronto

Contact Person:
Linda Yareema
(416) 259-0480
978-5851 (work)

Professional
Reading

Beamont, Jane.
"Life in a Northern Town." *CLJ*. (February 1991) p. 29.

The B.C. Electronic Library Network project, begun in 1989, contributes to the provincial program "Access for All". The aim of the program is to facilitate distance education and job training for residents in all B.C. communities.

Through a fictional scenerio set 3 to 5 years in the future, the efforts of a student collecting material for an important term paper are outlined. Using a workstation at her local library, the student is able to access the library's catalogue online and ascertain which materials are already on loan. She can locate materials in other libraries and make inter-library loan requests. Additionally, she can scan international databases, request copies of the articles they contain, and download the full texts of research materials to her floppy disk. Charges for mailing, faxing and other services accrue to a "smart card" credit system.

A sidebar relates this hypothetical situation to real advances in the implementation of similar technology in libraries. The article successfully outlines electronic and technological possibilities in a format that is easy to read and understand. However, the reader is left wondering where the information professional stands in this utopia of user-friendliness.

Gajerski, Bruce.
"Public vs. Private Auto Insurance." *Policy Options*. (September 1991) p. 19.

This paper details the costs and performance of several private and public auto insurance firms from 1983 to 1988. The author concludes that a public corporation offers superior efficiency and lower premiums to consumers. Includes charts and tables.

Infowaving: A Conference in Review

Was it a success? We had 142 delegates at a four-day conference kick-started by a wine and cheese reception (where the weather even permitted us to enjoy the patio); 37 workshops featuring 46 speakers, 5 tours, and 4 off-site seminars; a sumptuous banquet; and Tanya Huff as guest speaker presenting a lively and frank address on the trials, tribulations and rewards of writing genre fiction in Canada. Success? Yes I would say so.

The conference committee can back me up on this. The results of their survey are in, and the delegates were well satisfied. I know I was among them.

There were many workshops I wanted to attend but could not, being obliged to be in one place at one time. However, I spoke to delegates attending other workshops and I secured promises of shared notes and

hand-outs. My own notes taken at the Interviewing, Getting Organized, Negotiation Skills, InMagic, Image Survey and Forms Design workshops remind me of the quality and quantity of information that was exchanged in four days.

A workshop that turned into a surprise hit at the conference was the one titled "How To Be Your Own Boss". The speaker from the Federal Business Development Bank spoke about business plans and financing. He was extremely well-received and an hour-and-a-half was far too short a time for the topic.

Pat Petruca, Rita Piazza (co-ordinators) and all committee members deserve credit for a well-organized and interesting conference package. Thank you from all the delegates!

Linda Yareema
(TALTA)

Multicultural Display Ideas for Libraries

Are you looking for some display ideas on a multicultural theme? Try these!

1-Holding Hands Around the World

Have children trace their hands on construction paper and cut out. Each writes his/her name and country of origin on the hand. Place a globe on a table and measure the distance from ceiling to about the equator on the globe. Tie string to the hands and tack the loose ends of string to the ceiling so that the hands circle the globe. The thumbs and little fingers of the hands can be connected to give a "holding hands" effect.

2-International Recipe File Box

Have contributors write their favorite family recipes on large cards. Add their names and countries of origin to the cards along with pertinent comments (e.g. my grandmother made this for me when I was young). Consider this a long-term project-keep the box in an accessible place in the library and encourage patrons to add recipes.

3-Heritage Tree

Using brown construction paper, make the trunk and branches of a tree to fill available display space. Make many maple leaves in assorted colours. Have participants write their names and countries of origin on the leaves and attach these leaves to the tree.

4-Map of the World

Centre a large map of the world on a bulletin board. Using small squares of paper and pins, patrons can attach their names to the countries of origin on the map. Also make available colour markers and cards so participants can draw facsimiles of their countries' flags. These flags can be used as a border around the map. Make sure you have a book of flags available for easy reference.

These projects will encourage people of varied backgrounds to communicate with one another and such communication will foster understanding.

Suzanne Orlando
(Halton-Peel)

Professional Development

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Information Science,
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140 St. George Street
Toronto M5S 1A1
(416) 978-7111

Online Information Retrieval:
An Introduction
November 7, 14 and 21, 1991

Legal Research Materials:
New and/or Specialized Materials
and Resources
November 15, 1991

Fundamentals of Records
Management
November 29, 1991

Indexing Special Collections and
Databases
December 6, 1991

Cataloguing Computer Files
December 13, 1991

Preventive Conservation and Safe
Repair Techniques for Paper
December 13, 1991

Ontario Library Association
100 Richmond Street East #300
Toronto M5C 2P9
(416) 363-3388

Dangerous Liaisons: The
Challenge of Partnerships,
Hamilton Convention Centre
November 14 - 16, 1991

Canada Online Limited
44 Victoria Park Avenue
Toronto M4E 3R9
(416) 690-3902

Canada Online 5, Technologies
for Libraries Public-Private
Partnerships
November 18 - 20, 1991

Where are you?

If you have a current address for Sherri Bower or Brigitte Gravelle (Ottawa Region), please notify the newsletter editor.

Moving?
Please remember to notify OALT/ABO so that you do not miss any of our mailings.

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Date	Signature

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