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From the Editor

A Happy New Year to all OALT/ABO members from myself and the executive. Another year has come and gone and our association is stronger than ever. This is truly a testimony to the members who make up this vibrant association. I believe in the next year and the years to follow, OALT/ABO will prosper and deliver the necessary tools for its members' to proceed into the next millennium. To this end, I call upon each and every member to participate in the association, because what you do today will make it better for all our members in the future.

And, as a matter of fact, new opportunities do lie ahead through an aggressive formation of our Internet Web site, which will deliver our association around the world and into million's of people's homes. Isn't that exciting? This issue of Newsletter/Nouvelles has lots to offer. From the President comes a word or two about changes and what can be done. A member profile of Marina Dranitsaris, from TALTA. The feature article this issue is a

reprint by Stephen Strauss from The Globe & Mail about the Metro Toronto Reference Library's Internet site.

As well, I have contributed a review of Microsoft Office for Windows 95. This product is used by millions of people everyday. Working with it continuously seems to be the best way of truly understanding and applying its full potential. There are two inserts in this issue. The salary survey results are now in. Along with that, we have the Presidential Awards nomination form, to be fill out and returned. This award speaks volumes and is presented to an outstanding OALT/ABO member.

Finally, as mentioned we have an update on the OALT/ABO Internet site that we all are looking forward too. To round out this issue, please set aside May 9-11, to join our association for Transformation '97 in Toronto. We look forward to seeing you there.

Brahm Gilman, Editor

Information to Contributors

The editor welcomes any articles or news items of interest to the Library Technicians of Ontario. Contributions can be sent by post, fax, or e-mail. Please include your full name, telephone number, and regional affiliation. French translation of official executive business is provided. Otherwise, publication will be in the language of submission.

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President's Message

Change - good or bad, it's happening to us all! How we deal with that change is the important thing. You can be upset, angry, depressed, or you can look for the positive aspects of change.

I experienced it by being surplus from my job, which was only 10 minutes from home, and having to move to a job which takes me 1 1/2 hours to get to. In the beginning, I must admit that I was only looking at the negative: the cost and time involved in commuting. After a few weeks, I began to look at the positive things that had happened to me. I moved into a job I am really enjoying, working with people that respect my talents and who welcomed me with open arms. I now have access to CD ROM technology and the Internet that gives me a whole new way of doing my job.

So too must we look at the positive changes happening to our Association. Your Board of Directors has decided that as a professional organization, our publications should look professional. Therefore, the decision was made to send both our brochure and information sheet out to a professional printer to be done properly.

Our internet task force is doing a wonderful job and are hoping that our web page will be ready for the beginning of April.

We are continuing to look at ways to help our members who are unemployed, or only working part time.

Think about it - change affects us all; how you decide to accept that change is what makes the difference.

Penni Lee, President

1996/97 OALT/ABO Executive Committee

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Penni Lee is a graduate of Seneca College (1972), and has 24 years of experience as a library technician. She has just taken on the position of Cataloging Technician at the Ministry of Finance Library in Toronto. Penni has served as Secretary of OALT/ABO in 1993/94 and 1994/95, and was Vice President in 1995/96. (TALTA)

Theresa Kennedy, Vice-President

Theresa has a B.A. from U.W.O. and graduated from Lakehead University's Library Technician Programme. Presently working as an Assistant Librarian at Weir & Foulds, a law firm in Toronto. Sporting events, renovations, work and volunteerism keep her busy. Theresa is also the Chair for the 1997 Transformation Conference in Toronto. (TALTA, Halton-Peel)

Valerie Welsch, Secretary

In 1986 Valerie graduated from Lakehead University with a Diploma in Library Technology. After contract jobs at Thunder Bay Public Library and Confederation College, she gained employment at The Lakehead Board of Education in the Instructional Materials centre in 1987 and has been there ever since. Although Valerie has held several executive positions regionally, she is ready for her first experience at the provincial level. (Thunder Bay)

Siobhain Doyle, Treasurer

Siobhain received a Library Technician Diploma from Seneca College in 1984. She has worked at University of Toronto's Scarborough Campus and is presently with Aird & Berlis, a law firm in Toronto. As well as being involved in her church's activities, Siobhain collects antiques and does cross stitch in her spare time. (TALTA)

William Land, Public Relations Co-ordinator

Following his graduation from Cambrian College in 1980, Bill worked in several Elliot Lake libraries and the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services - Staff Library (North Bay) before moving to Orillia in 1995. Presently, he is employed with the Huronia Regional Centre Library. Bill has served as Newsletter Editor of *Apropos* for the Sudbury Regional Branch and as Secretary for the Provincial Executive in the past. His hobbies include reading and collecting children's series mystery stories, writing fiction, and collecting English bone china teacups. A favourite activity is to frequent used book stores and collectibles shops, seeking treasures. (Huron)

Transformation 1997 OALT/ABO Conference

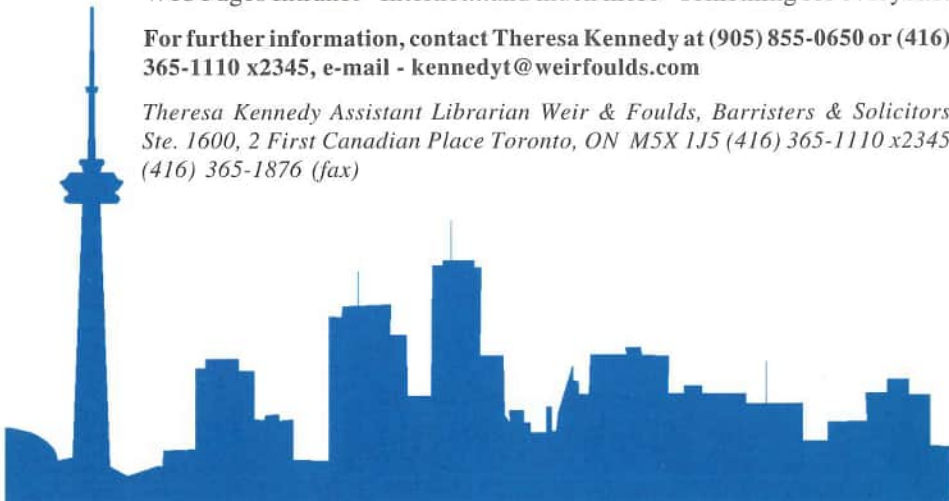
Transformation = "change from one figure or expression or function to another of same magnitude, value" (Concise Oxford Dictionary) = library technicians operating in an everchanging world = what can we do to adapt?

The Conference will be held in Toronto, May 9 - 11, 1997. There will be an opening wine tasting/cocktail reception on Thursday, May 8th. Friday will be packed with seminars to tease and tempt you with lots of "how tos". Saturday morning will be more of the same while Saturday afternoon will feature the ABM and that night will feature the closing festivities.

Some of the topics featured are: Teaching Research Skills CD-Rom Research - how to teach it Internet Research - how to teach it Marketing Yourself - resumes, free lance, alternative careers, ... Cataloguing ...into the future and onto the net Tax Paranoia - how to deal with it Legislation Research - what to use and what is available How to ask for what you know you deserve, and get it too! How do you relieve STRESS - panel discussion Increasing Perception of Technology and Increasing Public Demands coupled with Budgetary Restraints and Fewer Staff - how does one keep up? Building Web Pages Intranet - Internet...and much more - something for everyone.

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Member Profile • Marina Dranitsaris

by Susan Scholz

When I interviewed Marina, I was impressed first and foremost with her enthusiasm, her professionalism and her strong convictions on the important roles library technicians can and must fill in the information marketplace. Marina graduated from Seneca College's Library Techniques and Information Program in 1987 and shortly after became an active member of TALTA. The following year she was treasurer, the next found her in the vice-president position, then in 1992 she took on the responsibilities of president. She worked in a minor role for the last TALTA-sponsored conference and intends to be more involved in the upcoming 1997 event. Marina has attended OALT conferences at Geneva Park (Huron), McMaster (Lohania) and in Toronto (TALTA). In 1993, she gave a seminar to school library technicians on the changing role of library technicians and the importance of updating skills, at the Support Staff Conference of the Board of Education, for the City of York.



One of her responsibilities is the interviewing, hiring, training and evaluating of staff, including tutors for the college's students; another is managing the library budget. The library is becoming more automated, and as a result, Marina is also involved in evaluating software, some of it remedial, and searching out interesting Internet sites.

Professionally, Marina has been proactive in her career as a library technician. She has successfully created niches for herself in which she could use her personal and technical skills to their fullest and thus enhance her role as manager. Marina is currently the Manager of the Learning Centers and Resource Centre Operations of Centennial College. One of her responsibilities is the interviewing, hiring, training and evaluating of staff, including tutors for the college's students; another is managing the library budget. The library is becoming more automated, and as a result, Marina is also involved in evaluating software, some of it remedial, and searching out interesting Internet sites. Previously she was Manager of Sales and Community Support at the CNIB, where amongst her other responsibilities, she represented the library at national trade shows and conferences, and chaired the Staff Development Committee. As a result of her entrepreneurial spirit, Marina has created unique positions of responsibility for herself in her present and previous jobs that are challenging to her and of great value to her library.

Throughout her career, Marina has also taken numerous continuing education courses in marketing, customer services and management skills, to keep on top of her rapidly changing workplace. She strongly believes that, because lifelong learning is essential to success, all technicians should continue to take courses and upgrade their skills. From her experiences both being interviewed and doing the interviewing, Marina knows that, besides the immediate benefits to performance on the job, this initiative shows up very well at review time, on resumes, and in interviews. True to this conviction, Marina graduated, in 1995, with a diploma in non-

profit sector management from Ryerson Polytechnic University: education intended to enhance her job at the time in the non-profit sector (CNIB).

Marina is an enthusiastic advocate of the role of library technicians in the information age. Her concern about the future of our profession is positive, but she asserts that it is our responsibility to grasp opportunities as they arise and be proactive and flexible in developing and using all our skills to their fullest potential. Marina is convinced that there will be a continued demand for information professionals in the future, because we can find and deliver information more efficiently than people who are not trained in information techniques, and we can provide research support for those whose time is more valuably utilized in different areas for which they are trained. So follow Marina's enthusiastic entreaty and example to library technicians: Seize the day! Shine at what you do. Extend yourself for your own growth and satisfaction. Be proactive in making known your abilities and goals. Create a unique and invaluable place for yourself in an organization, to its and your benefit.

Microsoft Office for Windows 95, Standard Edition

reviewed by Brahm Gilman.

The version I have is Microsoft Corporation's fifth-generation office suite. It includes 32-bit versions of Microsoft Excel, Word, the PowerPoint presentation graphics program and Microsoft Schedule+, with each designed for Windows 95. The applications in Office for Windows 95 are designed to work together like one. That is, consistent appearance, as well as functionality across all applications means that users, such as myself can transfer knowledge and learning from one Office application to another with ease. This is achieved by sharing information between applications with features such as WriteUp from PowerPoint to Word, along with the Microsoft Office Shortcut Bar. Working in one or more applications allows you to easily collect, print and distribute collections of varied document types. I found this handy for presentations that require importing graphs and tables from Excel into a Word document. And, I found this feature to be both easy and quick on my somewhat older 486 model computer. Through using new devices such as the Answer Wizard and the Office Binder, Office for Windows 95 frees up users to focus more on using their computers and software as a tool, rather than focusing on becoming experts of software.

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The basic appearance of Office for Windows 95 has changed only slightly from that of Office 4.3, making me feel right at home in a desktop environment I have been accustomed too. A few changes in the interface such as the File Starter and File Open dialog boxes makes focusing on the work at hand easier than before. One useful feature missing from earlier versions of Word is the ability to easily delete or rename files from within a program. Word 7.0 corrects this, letting the user delete or rename files from the Open dialog. Also, to perform quick and dirty calculations for a range of cells in earlier versions of Excel, the user had to enter a formula to get the calculation and then delete it, whereas in Excel 7.0 it adds an AutoCalculate window that's much more user friendly. "Auto" features such as Spell-It in Word checks your document as you type, as well as AutoComplete in Excel, AutoClipArt in PowerPoint, and AutoDial in Schedule+ make everyday tasks extremely easy.

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Discovering the full potential of Office for Windows 95 is also made easier thanks to a host of new features including Screen Tips, the TipWizard in Word. The Answer Wizard is perhaps the most impressive of all the features, allowing the user to type in help questions in common language and then providing immediate solutions and suggestions.

Taken individually, the core Office applications are pretty impressive to this qualified professional. So, when the user puts them together and adds support tools such as Office Toolbar and the Binder, these applications become even more powerful! And, when the user fully understands and truly exercises all of Office's capabilities as a unified, interconnected, and highly customized suite of tools, they will be getting everything there is to be had from Microsoft Office for Windows 95, Standard Edition.

Librarians take on Internet:

Dewey system improves access to web sites on astronomy

by Stephen Strauss, reprint courtesy of *The Globe & Mail*, November 6, 1996.

The many people who find that searching for electronic information is more like drowning on the Internet than surfing it can take hope from an experiment initiated at the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library. Classification librarians there have taken all the World Wide Web sites they could discover that dealt with astronomy and have categorized them according to the Dewey Decimal System.

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The DDS is one of the numerical codes that libraries around the world use to classify their books. For example, if you were looking in the science area of a library, the DDS number 519 would tell you that you were in the "probabilities and applied mathematics" section, while any books with the prefix 521 would lead you to works on "celestial mechanics." Unlike libraries, the Internet, as currently instituted, is completely disorganized. Information on it is lumped together only after a user types in key search words. There isn't any agreement on what topic headings should be used to indicate areas of interest. And each key word search may produce many useless sources of information from the millions of web sites now in place around the world. "Even with a fairly sophisticated search you will end up with a lot of information which is not for you," said librarian Wayne Daniels, who is one of the motivating spirits behind the new undertaking.

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For any given search, a key word or key words may elicit thousands of sites where they are mentioned. The result is sometimes hours worth of expensive sifting through the mostly extraneous references. So the Toronto library, as part of an effort on the part of libraries across the country to become more of a presence in the Internet, set up the Dewey Decimal classification on an Internet Home Page it has titled the Expanding Universe. "For astronomy, what we have come up with is one-stop shopping, [searches] with the ease and convenience of going to a library," Mr. Daniels said. In the Expanding Universe, the DDS classification scheme not only makes sure extraneous references are filtered, but it also breaks down the general astronomy category into a number of subgroups. For instance, while 520 is only the general number for astronomy, 520.5 will lead users to "magazines, journals and newsletters" about astronomy.

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While the Toronto librarians have set up the site, they say time and budget constraints mean that they are relying on users to keep them up-to-date about what is available.

The Toronto cyber-librarians are asking anyone who uses their electronic facility to suggest other astronomy-related sites that should be catalogued. While the Dewey Decimal System has been used in libraries around the world for the better part of a century, the first use of it for the Internet - something called CyberDewey - was put forward only last year in the United States. However, Mr. Daniels points out that the amount of information daily coming on line is so impossible for someone trying to catalogue them to characterize all sites. Therefore, the Toronto librarians decided to start their classification experiments with some very specific and popular subjects and work outward.

The Internet address for the Toronto astronomy site is <http://www.mtr1.on.ca/centres/bsd/astronomy/>.



Deciding how and whether to create a web site at a time when everyone and everything—from Bob Marley and Elvis, to ferrets, to the Bodleian Library—have a web site is no easy task. Is the World Wide Web just the latest fad or is it really the newest way to disseminate information and ideas?

Even if the World Wide Web sounds as if it's something out of a horror film and represents a futuristic way of accessing information, why would one choose to create a new site when so much information is already available? Well, a web site offers alternative forms of publishing, sharing information and raising the profile of an organization. OALT/ABO in recognizing this fact is currently working on designing, mounting and maintaining our very own web site.

An Internet Task Force, co-chaired by TALTA members Donna Ladouceur and Angela Carito-Walmsley, with representatives from all OALT/ABO Regions was formed earlier this year to map out the approach for creating a web site for our Association. Work to date has included two teleconference meetings, plus much e-mail and snail-mail correspondence between members, thus facilitating discussion of design, content, links, the use of graphics, maintenance, evaluation of available Internet Service Providers and the mounting of a suitable site. Recently Committee members approached Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in their areas to obtain information on pricing, loading and removing web pages, plus monitoring services in preparation for submitting their recommendations to the February OALT/ABO Board of Directors' meeting.

Since a web site, as an alternative form of publication, is more immediate and personal than traditional forms of publishing the Committee

agreed, in principle, that our site should provide viewers with information on the history of OALT/ABO, a listing of Regional contacts and upcoming work-shops, publications and conferences. In this way we should be able to reach and appeal to a wide and diverse audience.

It has been recognized that although many aspects of a web site remain stable, continuous attention is required so that it remains current and useful. Maintenance requires altering the contents of a page as well as regular checking of URL addresses of linked sites that can frequently change. Repeated maintenance, which includes the removal of the page from the server, making corrections, and then reloading it on the server is very labour intensive. For this reason it is imperative that, in addition to deciding to mount a web site for our Association, we find a knowledgeable volunteer from within our membership who can allocate the required time for maintaining our site. At present Angela Carito-Walmsley assisted by Jeff Corbett have volunteered to apply HTML coding to our pages and the Committee applauds them for undertaking this task.

In viewing the OALT/ABO site from the perspective of both user and potential site owner, the Task Force is attempting to design a web site that will carry "authority" for our profession while speaking volumes in cyberspace.

*Marian Doucette
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Transformation '97

The Conference will be held in Toronto, May 9 - 11, 1997.

Some of the topics featured are:
Teaching Research Skills CD-Rom Research - how to teach it
Internet Research - how to teach it
Marketing Yourself - resumes, free lance, alternative careers, ...
Cataloguing ...into the future and onto the net
Tax Paranoia - how to deal with it
Legislation Research - what to use and what is available
 How to ask for what you know you deserve, and get it too!
 How do you relieve **STRESS** - panel discussion
 Increasing Perception of **Technology** and Increasing **Public Demands** coupled with **Budgetary Restraints & Fewer Staff** - how does one keep up?
Building Web Pages Intranet - Internet ...and much, much more - something for everyone.

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Presidential Award

Nominee Criteria

Any full member in good standing of OALT/ABO, excluding the current Provincial President and members of the Award Committee, is eligible for the Award. Contributions or achievements may consist of:

- innovative approach in promoting and / or developing the Association
- significant participation in the structure and development of the Association
- initiating and implementing projects or programs that will raise the profile of Library Technicians and /or the Association
- nominee should display active participation in the Association through attendance at Regional meetings and / or committee work
- nominee should demonstrate a responsible attitude towards the profession and OALT/ ABO

Procedures for Nomination

- an official nomination form shall be available from the Award Committee Chairperson, current Provincial Administration, and through distribution in Newsletter / Nouvelles
- previous nominees must be re-submitted each year for re-consideration by the Award Committee (nominations are destroyed upon final selection)
- the name of the candidate shall be presented in confidence with the signatures of a nominator and a seconder, both of whom shall be members in good standing
- a biographical sketch shall be included with the nomination to outline the specific achievement or contributions for which the candidate is being put forward
- submissions shall be addressed to the Award Committee Chairperson and marked confidential
- submissions shall be postmarked no later than the end of February of the year in which the Award is to be given (i.e. 1997)

1997 Committee Chairperson Susan Morley, 4 Dudley Place Brampton, ON L6T 3C3 telephone: (416) 747-4059 (w); (905) 793-1291 (h); fax: (416) 747-4169.

Past Presidential Award Winners

1984 Danielle Amat (Ottawa); **1985** Liz Aldrey (Lohania); **1986** Sue Weaver (Lohania); **1987** Paulette Burton (Sudbury); **1988** LaRae Moody (Thunder Bay); **1989** Pat Graham (Ottawa); **1990** Bette Gore (Sudbury); **1991** Janet Iles (Huronian); **1992** Linda Davis (Sudbury); **1993** no recipient; **1994** Judy Koenig (Huronian); **1995** Marsha Hunt (Halton-Peel); **1996** Susan Morley (Halton-Peel).

Around The Regions

(Editor's Note: This column is intended to inform OALT/ABO members of what is going on in other regions. Since the publication schedule of the newsletter is only three times per year, often dates of events have passed.)

- Halton-Peel

January 25, 1997 - "Super Saturday," a series of 3 professional workshops and lunch to be held at the Sheridan Park Conference Centre in Mississauga.

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- Huronia

TBA

Contact: Chris Carmichael (h) 519-794-4464 (w) 376-6623

- Lohania

February 22, 1997- A Winter Workshop on book repair will be held at Fanshawe College.

April 5, 1997 - TBA for the Annual Business Meeting

Contact: Vicki Lisowyk (h) 519-268-2160 (w) 519-451-2500x2172

- Ottawa

December 8, 1996 - A craft workshop (Victorian Christmas Swag)

December 10, 1996 - Committee meeting to set-up a book club

December 12, 1996 - A Christmas party has been tentatively set at the Museum of Science and Technology

Contact: Diana Brown (h) 613-234-0718 (w) 819-994-6920

- Sudbury

March 29, 1997 - TBA for the Annual Business Meeting

April 19, 1997 - TBA for a Spring Workshop

Contact: Brenda Vaillancourt (h) 705-6719928 (w) 705-673-5661x207

- Thunder Bay

TBA -March "Book Talk" either reviewing books or an author talk with Annual Dinner

Contact: Jill Otto (h) 622-1781

- TALTA

December 17, 1997- Annual Winter Social Dinner at Yong Luk Chinese buffet restaurant.

May 9-11, 1997 - OALT/ABO annual conference "TRANSFORMATION '97" being held at the University of Toronto. As society is transforming from book world to a computer-linked world, the role of library technicians must also transform. "TALTA and the City of Toronto invite you to our conference" For further conference information, contact Theresa Kennedy at (905) 855-0650 or (416) 365-1110 x2345, e-mail kennedyt@weirfoulds.com

Contact: Jeff Corbett (h) 905-452-0099

Lohania Region Christmas Social



A Christmas social and meeting at Esther Spicer's house, President of Lohania Region. The agenda for the 1998 OALT/ABO Conference was set. A theme was chosen and ideas brainstormed. Pictured above left, Marg Bushell, Director for Lohania Region, and Esther Spicer. At right, students from Fanshawe College.

Professional Development

The following is being offered by **Continuing Education, Faculty of Library and Information Science, University of Toronto**, 140 St. George Street, Toronto, M5S 1A1. For information, contact **Marcia Chen**, (416) 978-7111, Fax: (416) 971-1399.

The Power of One: Tactics for One-Person Librarianship

Instructor: Maggie Weaver
Friday, January 17, 1997
9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Websites: Design and Management

Instructors: Gerry Oxford & Marion Press
January 17 & 18, 1997
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Fri) &
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Sat)

Cataloging Internet Resources

Instructors: Joe Cox, Lynne Howarth & Trina Richards
Friday, January 24, 1997
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Electronic Document Management: The Full Story

Instructor: Marilyn Carr
Friday, January 24, 1997
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Internet Basics

Instructors: Bruce Wood & Rosalie Waller
Friday, January 31, 1997
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FolioViews:

Searching Legal Infobases

Instructors: Bonnie Preece, Colin Braithwaite, Paul Murphy & Larry Sulky
Friday, February 7, 1997
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Making Sense of Making Dollars: Practical Aspects of Fee-Based Services

Instructor: Maggie Weaver
Friday, February 14, 1997
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Internet Basics:

Focus on Medicine and Health

Instructor: Jennifer Reiswig & Rita Vine
Saturday, February 15, 1997
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Advanced Search Tools on the Internet

Instructors: Gwen Harris & Sandra Wood
Friday, February 21, 1997
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Software & Bibliography: An Overview

Instructor: Sandra Alston
Friday, February 28, 1997
9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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Notes and News

TRANSFORMATION '97

Transformation '97 will be sponsored by TALTA in Toronto from **May 9-11**. There will be workshops and lectures for special, government, education and public library technicians. We hope to see many of you there!

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Thunder Bay Region

Catherine Walsh is the new **Thunder Bay Regional Director**. She can be reached at (807) 344-1682 (h) or (807) 343-6732 (w).

Lohania Region Update

The **25th Anniversary Conference of OALT/ABO** will be held on **May 22-24**, at **Spencer Hall in London**.

Congratulations to C. Marie Peart (Mohawk) and Jeffrey Irwin (Fanshawe) winners of the awards and memberships presented by Lohania.

"All the best of the season to you!"
from Lohania Region.

