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## President's Message

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I would like to thank everyone who participated in the OALT/ABO mission statement writing and strategic planning session on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Jenny Amy was an outstanding facilitator. Her expertise on OALT/ABO and the library and information industry was instrumental in allowing us to achieve our objective of completing a mission statement in half a day.

Our first task was to define what OALT/ABO means to us from both a leadership and member perspective. General ideas that were mentioned: to promote the interests of its members; a resource and support for those working in the library and information field; to provide learning opportunities through regional workshops and the annual conference; networking opportunities and to set standards of professionalism for Library and Information Technicians.

Our next assignment was to break out in smaller groups and brainstorm our vision of OALT/ABO in 2005. We brought back our ideas and communicated them within the larger group. What we found interesting about this exercise, was the many

similarities in ideas from the different groups. The following is a brief summary of our ideas.

- utilizing the expertise of experienced/long time members as mentors
- broader/sustaining/increasing/active membership
- paid staff person and office
- certification for various skills sets (ie Webmaster, LAN administrator etc.) With courses offered in partnership with community colleges or by distance education or as regional workshops
- research grants and increase in corporate sponsorships
- recognition of the association throughout North America for its unique character
- ad-hoc committees that will showcase members talents
- executive turnover every two years
- new name and logo to reflect these changes

Working together within the larger group, we referred to the brainstorming ideas in conjunction with the objectives in our

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constitution, we were able to select four themes that we consider essential in defining the purpose for OALT/ABO existing. These themes formed our mission statement which were voted on by the membership at the ABM in Sudbury. This proposed OALT/ABO mission statement was passed at the ABM in Sudbury.

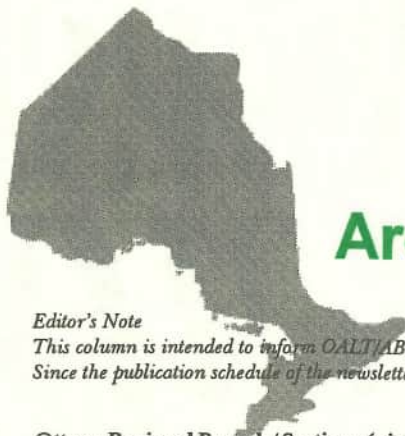
*The mission of OALT/ABO is to advance our profession through:*

- active membership
- education & professional development
- promotion & marketing
- partnerships & advocacy

If you have any comments regarding the mission statement, I welcome you to contact me by email (nabbon@inforamp.net), fax(416-730-5374), or phone(905-827-5948).

Nanci Abbondanza  
President, OALT/ABO

*Congratulations to the Alberta Association of Library Technicians who is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. For more information, check their website at <http://www.aalt.org> or email them at [aalt@cadvision.com](mailto:aalt@cadvision.com)*



## 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.*

**Ottawa Regional Branch / Section régionale d'Ottawa**

June 5

Stress Management Workshop with Dr. Suzanne Weld  
National Library, Room 156

*See you in September !*

## PR Coordinator Report

Since the OLA Superconference, the committee and I have been quite busy. Ann Censner drafted a letter to those who visited our booth offering a \$10 discount on membership. Marg Bushell has also drafted a letter to college LIT programme coordinators requesting information to distribute at our display for the CLA conference. Tracy Morgan coordinated volunteers for OLA and will continue this for CLA and Linda Bukovy has compiled a list of libraries that employ LITs.

The letters were edited and revised by deStricker and Associates, whom we hired as a consultant in February. These marketing strategies came from ideas and people who volunteered at our booth at the OLA Superconference.

We attracted approximately 65 LITs with possible membership at OLA and with our displays at the CLA and COLT conferences we hope to garner even more members.

We plan to continue with the marketing strategies set forth in our guidelines, which were initiated by the members. The next item will be the marketing letter to employers and to the libraries that do not have institutional memberships. I hope to have this underway soon.

Everything is going according to plan and hopefully by year end we will see the results of our efforts. Thank you to everyone on the committee and everyone else who has volunteered their time.

See you at Perspectives '99!



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Tracy Morgan, Halton-Peel  
Marg Bushell, Lohania  
Ann Censner, Ottawa  
Linda Bukovy, Thunder Bay  
Brigitte Gravelle, TALTA

Gislaine Janveaux,  
PR Coordinator, OALT/ABO.



## OALT/ABO Call for Nominations

As Chair of the OALT/ABO Nominating Committee, I opened the floor to accept nominations for the following Provincial Executive positions for OALT/ABO for 1999/2000. The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Co-ordinator were elected at the Annual Business Meeting. The positions of Archivist, Newsletter Editor and Ex-Officio are appointed. Only full members in good standing may run for office on the Provincial Executive of OALT/ABO.

The following positions have been filled by:

<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Pam Casey</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Valerie Barten</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Chris Carmichael</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Janet Iles</b>
<b>Public Relations Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Diana Brown</b>
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## Listserv Highlights

The listserv has been humming along. Since the winter newsletter we have seen the list being opened to members and non-members. This move has allowed such people as Stephen Abram and Karen Melville to start posting to our list. Discussions have ranged from getting to the conference to many, many job postings. Ronn Cheney has been very diligent in keeping up any problems that have arisen such as messages that are too long and members who are having trouble subscribing to the listserv.

If you are one of these people who would like to subscribe and can't get on for one reason or another, then please send an email to Ronn and let him know of your problem. His email is: [ronn.cheney@ca.pwcglobal.com](mailto:ronn.cheney@ca.pwcglobal.com)

Please use the listserv for it is a great to communicate with technicians across the province. If you need the instructions for subscribing, please consult our website. <http://www.interlog.com/~oaltabo/>

I again would like to take this opportunity to thank Ronn for all his hard work with the list. Thanks, Ronn.

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Pam Casey  
Vice President

## OALT/ABO Brainstorming

Is there something that you would like your professional association to work on in 1999-2000? Your ideas and feedback are important to us! We invite you to attend and participate in the annual OALT/ABO Brainstorming session. It will be held in Sudbury after the Provincial ABM on Saturday May 15th 1999. If you have a topic or issue that you would like presented but are unable to attend the Brainstorming session, please contact Nanci Abbondanza or your regional director.





# Survey of Northwestern Ontario Region Secondary School Library Catalogue Systems

by Dave Cassels

*The purpose of this survey is to examine the variety and possible trends of library catalogue systems used in secondary school's in the Northwest Ontario Region.*

## METHOD

Survey forms were mailed to twenty-three of the approximately twenty-seven secondary schools in eleven of the thirty individual school boards in the NOR. Both the separate and the public school boards were surveyed. Schools were excluded from the survey because they did not fit the survey profile.

## RESULTS

Completed survey forms were returned from ten of the eleven (91%) school boards surveyed. Eighty-three percent of the selected schools returned completed survey forms. Eight of the eleven school boards had a 100 % completion rate for all the schools within their board.

### Types of Catalogues in use

Three libraries use card and on-line catalogues, eight use card catalogues and eight use on-line catalogues.

### Area serviced by Catalogue

School libraries in three different school boards, report that the catalogue(s) in use, service all the schools within their board. Five school libraries report that the catalogue in use services their school's library only.

### Use of on-line Catalogues

Five school libraries use on-line catalogues purchased from vendor's while six are using in-house cataloguing systems.

The average number of years an on-line catalogue has been in use is 5.1.

### Record Import Method

Nine libraries import bibliographic records manually, one imports marc records and five import records using a marc or manual format.

### Library Personnel

Twelve secondary school libraries employ Library Technicians, three employ Teacher-Librarians, one employs a Library Assistant, one employs a person who has no library training and one uses a Full-time Teacher-Librarian and a half-time Library Technician.

## DISCUSSION

Due to the small sample size and approximately 26 percent of the survey results were submitted by secondary schools located within the Lakehead District School Board, a discussion of trends within Northwestern Ontario Secondary School Libraries is almost impossible.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

A more comprehensive survey could be designed and sent to all the libraries within the NWO Region. Areas of particular interest may include;

- number of records in the library
- number of students serviced by the catalogue
- employee's tenure in the library
- adequacy of the catalogue system
- how many users does the catalogue accommodate at one time

A larger more comprehensive survey would provide more information upon which to base conclusions.

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David Cassel was presented with the OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Branch award on 25 March 1999 as a graduating student who, in the opinion of the department has demonstrated exceptional academic performance and professional promise.

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## From The Editor

*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.*                      cyoung@lhbe.edu.on.ca    fax 807 623 3558

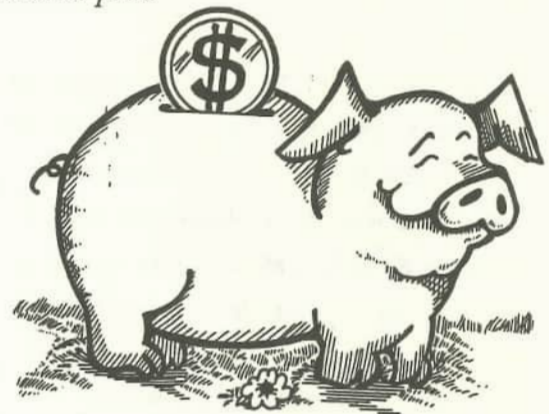




*Every year, Lohania Region of OALT/ABO presents two awards for outstanding achievement to students graduating from the Library & Information Technician Programmes at Fanshawe and Mohawk Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. The coordinators of the respective college programs select the recipients.*

*We are proud to present this year's award to Ed Sernie, Mohawk College, and Vicki Galbraith, Fanshawe College. Ed is currently working as the Slide Curator, School of Art, Drama & Music at McMaster University. Vicki is holding two part-time positions as a Research Assistant in the Psychology Department at the University of Western Ontario, and as a Library Assistant at St. Peter's Seminary Library in London, Ontario.*

*Congratulations to Ed and Vicki and best wishes as you pursue your chosen career path.*



## 1998/1999 Salary Survey Update

The deadline for the 1998/1999-salary survey has been extended to June 30, 1998. Please note that the address to send the completed survey to was left off the copy inserted in the winter newsletter. The address to send your survey to is:

**Pam Casey                      Vice President, OALT/ABO                      350 Camelot Court                      Burlington ON L7L 2G3**

If you have mistakenly thrown out your copy because of the return address situation, please give me a call at 905-639-5621 or at work 905-819-3000 #6593 and I will send you a new one. This is an important survey as it gives the Association a complete picture of the jobs that we do and the places where we work. Also this survey can give you just the ammunition you need to get that much needed pay raise. So fill yours in today!

Please Note: The survey results will be announced in the fall issue of the newsletter.





# OALT/ABO MEMBERSHIP (1996 DATA)

compiled by Linda Bukovy  
(OALT/ABO - Thunder Bay Region)

Upon the suggestion for ideas for a display unit for the Ontario Library Association Conference of January 21-23, 1999, I submitted a list to Gislaine Janveaux, PR Coordinator of OALT/ABO, of organizations where OALT/ABO members were hired. I compiled the data from the 1996 Annual Membership Directory.

## ELEMENTARY / HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES - 16

**Atikokan, Brantford, Burlington, Caledon East, London, Mississauga, Niagara Falls, Oakville, Orleans, Ottawa, Peel, Simcoe County, Sudbury, and Thunder Bay** (Lakehead Public Schools employs Information Services Technicians and Library Technicians in the schools, and an Acquisitions Technician, Circulation Head Technician and LIMMS Central Cataloguer (all LITs) in the *Instructional Media Centre*).

## COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES - 20

**Etobicoke, Sarnia, Hamilton** (Mohawk College, H.S.E.C. Library/ McMaster University), **Kingston, London** (Fanshawe College / University of Western Ontario), **North York, Oakville, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury** (Cambrian College / College Boreal), **Thunder Bay** (Confederation College / Lakehead University), **Timmins** (Northern College / Porcupine College) **Toronto, and Windsor.**

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES - 25

**Ancaster, Brantford, Brigiden, Burlington, Collingwood, Fort Frances, Georgetown, Goderich, Hamilton, Hanmer, London, Mississauga, Oakville, Orangeville, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Stratford, Sudbury, Thunder Bay** (Ontario Library Service - Nipigon / Thunder Bay Public Library) **Toronto** (Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library / Toronto Public Library), and.

## PRIVATE SECTOR / GOVERNMENT

### LIBRARIES - 61

3M Canada Ltd. (**London**), AECL (**Mississauga**), Atlantis Aerospace (**Mississauga**), Bibliotechnique nationale du Canada (**Ottawa**), Bibliotheque ou Parlement (**Ottawa**), Borden and Elliot - Information Centre (**Toronto**), Buset & Partners Law Firm (**Thunder Bay**), Canadian Association of Chartered Accountants (**Toronto**), Canadian Centre for Management Development (**Ottawa**), Canadian Gas Association Information Centre (**North York**), Canadian Standards Association (**Etobicoke**), Carr McLean (**Toronto**), Central Park Lodge Nursing Home (**Thunder Bay**), Chrysler Canada - Bramalea Assembly Plant Coles Book Store (**Tilsonburg**), Connaught Laboratories - Library (**North York**), County of Carleton Law Association, Credit Valley Hospital, Health Sciences Library, CSE Library (**Ottawa**), Deloitte & Touche, Faxon Canada Ltd., Garde Cotiere Canadienne, Goodman Phillips & Vineberg (**Toronto**), Greater Niagara General Hospital - Health Sciences Library, Hamilton Law Association Library **Hamilton**), Health Canada - Pest Management Regulatory Agency (**Ottawa**), ICI Forest Products, INCO Limited (**Oakville**), Institute for Work and Health (**Toronto**), Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital - Northwestern Regional Mental Health Library (**Thunder Bay**), Learning Disabilities Association of Halton (**Brampton**), Library of Parliament (**Ottawa**), Micromedia Ltd, National Museum of Science and Technology (**Ottawa**), Natural Resources Canada - Earth Sciences Information Centre - Map Library NEORCC - Library (**Sudbury**), Nesbitt Burns Library (**Toronto**), Network North, North Bay Psychiatric Hospital (**North Bay**), Northwestern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre (**Thunder Bay**), OMERS Library (**Toronto**), One Voice : The Canadian Seniors Network Resource Centre, Ontario Hydro





Technologies - OHT Library (Toronto), Ontario Legislative Library Technical Services & Systems (Toronto), Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (Sudbury), Ontario Teachers Pension Board (North York), Petro Canada, Public Service Staff Relations Board Library (Ottawa), Regional Women's Health Centre (Toronto), Simcoe County Law Association Law Library, Statistics Canada, Ontario Region - (Toronto), St. Peter's Hospital (Hamilton), Sudbury and District Health Unit - Information Resource Centre (Sudbury), Thunder Bay Law Association (Thunder Bay), Transport Canada - Aircraft Services Directorate Technical Library, Union Gas Limited (London), V. B. Cook Co. Limited (Thunder Bay), and the Xerox Research Centre.

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There are three words in the english language that end in "GRY". One is angry, another is hungry. Everyone knows what the third one means and what it stands for. Everyone uses them every day.

If you listen carefully, I've given you the third word. Hope you remembered to bookmark the online dictionary that Pam Casey mentioned on the Listserv.

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**OALT/ABO Regions of Representation**

- Halton-Peel: Burlington, Wilton, Georgi, Mississauga area
- Huronia: Godwin, Owen Sound, Berlin, Parry Sound area
- Lohania: London, Berlin, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Windsor area
- Ottawa: Kingston, Deep River, Madoc, Kingston area
- Sudbury: South the Lake, Rosseau, Timmins, Barre's Falls area
- Thunder Bay: Neen, Kenora, Malton, For North area
- Toronto Area Library Technicians Association: Toronto, Peterborough, Trenton

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## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

### *Libex*

[www.aber.ac.uk/~tplwww/list97.html](http://www.aber.ac.uk/~tplwww/list97.html)

Looking to be involved in a job exchange?  
This is one place to begin your search.

### *LibrarySpot*

[www.libraryspot.com](http://www.libraryspot.com)

An all inclusive reference site - American.

### *Google*

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

New search engine. Check it out!

### *Library Symbols*

[www.nlc-bnc.ca/wbin/ill-candir/illsear/1=0/c=1](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/wbin/ill-candir/illsear/1=0/c=1)

Online version of the text of Library Symbols  
and Interlibrary Loans Policies - accessed  
through the National Library's homepage.

### *Federal Government Directory*

[direct.srv.gc.ca/cgi-bin/wgeng](http://direct.srv.gc.ca/cgi-bin/wgeng)

Personnel listing of the Federal Government.

### *Jokes*

[www.emailjoke.com](http://www.emailjoke.com)

Wanna make a funny? Do it electronically!

### *Judith Bowers Law Lists*

[www.geocities.com/~jab/law/bowers.html](http://www.geocities.com/~jab/law/bowers.html)

A comprehensive list of links to everything  
legal, including legislation.

### *Blue Mountain Cards*

[www1.bluemountain.com](http://www1.bluemountain.com)

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