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President's Message

It gives me great pleasure to address the membership of OALT/ABO as president.

As a relatively new member of OALT/ABO, I am always amazed at how much is accomplished by such a diverse group of members who are all volunteers. We come from all over the province, from different types of libraries and information centres, we have varying degrees of education, and we have different levels of life and work experience.

This year we had a very successful conference in Ottawa. Next year's conference will be held in St. Catharines at Brock University. Plan to attend. Conference is always the highlight of my membership year. It's a great opportunity to network and touch base with your peers, hook up with old friends and colleagues, to visit another part of this lovely province, and sometimes to even expand your horizons.

In the upcoming year, I hope to continue the work that both Jill Anderson and Maggie Weaver began with the switch over to the new organizational structure, including creating and developing two virtual chapters, the Book Club Chapter and the School Chapter. I hope to encourage and support both of them in the upcoming year. As well, we will continue to work on updating both the website and the discussion list. Please visit the website and join the discussion list to keep up-to-date with your association.

I know that we all are short of time due to our busy lives and have work, family, and social obligations, but if you have some free time, why not consider volunteering for OALT/ABO? There are different ways one can volunteer with our organization. You could volunteer to work on a committee such as conference, newsletter, or the website, on the provincial level as a chapter executive or chapter committee member, or on the provincial level as an executive member. The benefits of working for your professional association include making new friends, catching up with old schoolmates, developing new skills, and confidence building.

I look forward to the upcoming year, working with you, and on your behalf, to make OALT/ABO a vibrant and progressive organization.

Annette Desrosiers
President, OALT/ABO

2005 Conference Wrap-Up

Views from an Attendee

by Colleen Kelly

In May I had the pleasure of attending this year's OALT/ABO Conference on Ottawa.

Aside from the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital in the spring, I wanted to take advantage of all the amazing sessions being offered.

My days were packed full with information...and not just from the sessions. I was finally putting names to faces of the many colleagues I have 'met' online over the years!



My first class was a heavy one, "Writing a Procedures Manual", but the lecturer was such a good teacher it just flew by. The president of the Canadian Library Association, Don Butcher, presented "Library Technicians on the World Stage", which brought about some lively and pointed discussions in the group attending. We also had a session in "Future Library and Information Science Trends" that kicked off with an old black and white film about library employees from the 1940's. It was hilarious; boy have times ever changed!

But probably the best part of the whole conference was the "Roundtable on School Libraries". A hot topic to say the least!

The experiences of library technicians from different boards were astounding. Duties ranged from clerking, to cataloguing, to training, to purchasing, to running the entire library! Not only were the job duties different, but so were the experiences and skills the people brought to their positions. It was fascinating! I don't think I had ever been prouder to be part of our profession than that moment. We are intelligent professionals dedicated to our students and our schools. It was so inspiring to be with others who hold those same values.

There was also a tangible outcome to that session as well. The creation of a School Library Chapter within OALT/ABO!

It is only in the beginning stages, but some of the goals are:

- A survey to see the broad provincial picture of Library Technicians in schools
- A skills/info package about Library Technicians
- Pages devoted to school issues on the OALT/ABO website
- School Library targeted sessions at the annual conference
- Speaking at school boards' tech meetings

The School Chapter will have 'Champions', who can speak on the behalf of Library Technicians at workshops, conferences and meetings to help spread information about our field.

Watch for more information in the fall!

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October 1, 2005 is our membership renewal date. Watch for your personalized renewal form, which will be in the mail shortly.

Presidential Award

I am here tonight to present the 2005 Presidential Award. What does it mean to receive this award?

To me it means, gratitude and thanks from our association for a job well done. It means that the person is being recognized for going above and beyond, for breaking through the barrier, for not being afraid to say, "I will do that" and to work harder than most. It means that you have joined the elite group of nineteen.

This year's recipient is all of that and more. This person has worked tirelessly for the association. To quote the nominator, "The Presidential Award has been made before to valued colleagues. Our profession needs to honour the contributors who work in the background, and over the long term, just as much as it honours the high flyers. And this person, in his or her quiet way, has done more for OALT/ABO, and for her colleagues, than most".

This person graduated as a library technician from Fanshawe College in 1974. This person has been involved with the association since then, attending the first conference in Toronto. The person has also contributed in many, many ways. She has held the position of secretary, newsletter editor, director, and has been involved on three conference committees. She belongs to the Lohania Branch and previously London Region. The person that I am speaking about is Jill Anderson. Not only has Jill been involved with her local region but she has also worked tirelessly for the provincial executive. Jill was Vice-President in 2002, and then went on to the Presidency. After that she became Chapter Co-ordinator, which is the position that she held until this afternoon.

Jill has influenced many in our profession through her positions at Fanshawe College Library and at SLIS (School of Library & Information Science at the University of Western Ontario). She has spoken many a time to me about her students at Western and how she was so extremely fond and proud of them all. Jill worked at 3M Technical Information Centre, London Ontario and her latest position was with Divine (formerly Rowe Com) also located in London, Ontario. Jill lives there with Duncan and her new kitty cat.

Jill has been with the association since 1974 and even though she has had some time lapses, Jill has made a huge commitment to our group. Where

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would we have been if Jill had not brought the display to OLA? For years, Jill would drive down from London with the display, help set up the booth and take it down, then only to bring the display home with her. This is just one example of how she spent many of her volunteer hours working for the association. During my time on the executive, Jill would drive down from London, no matter what the weather to attend our board meetings and teleconferences. Only once did she miss a meeting because of weather. Nothing would stop her from coming. And nothing would stop Jill from participating.



Jill gives quiet encouragement and strength to all of her peers and colleagues and she influences us, using personal example. Jill has said herself that she values the friendships that she has made through the association and she looks forward to the changing future for all library and information technicians.

It is now my extreme honour and privilege to welcome you, Jill to the Library Technician's Hall of Fame and present to you, my friend and colleague, the 2005 Presidential Award.

Award for Innovation / Prix pour l'innovation

The Award for Innovation recognizes an OALT/ABO member who has done something innovative in the workplace, for the association, or for professional development. The former Huronia Region created the award in honour of the late Judy Koenig, a long-term member of OALT/ABO and of that region.

The recipient is presented a plaque at the banquet, but this year our winner was not at the conference. So we will create a suitable occasion later in the year to give her, in person, the congratulatory applause she deserves.

Meanwhile, I'm sure you will all be pleased that this year's recipient of the Award for Innovation is Susan Morley, Manager, Information Centre, CSA Group (aka Canadian Standards Association).

It's unusual for Susan not to be at the conference, especially the banquet, where she has been known to be very innovative – you may have noted that in the photo albums at the registration desk. But she receives the award for innovation in the workplace – at CSA she has introduced major innovations in the use of information technology for competitive intelligence, publication sales, customer service, etc.

In the late 1990s Susan established a web-enabled library catalogue using InMagic (a major change from the DOS-based product she'd introduced in the 1980s). But she didn't stop there, either – she used InMagic as part of a competitive intelligence monitoring system on three competitors. A bit time-consuming for staff? No problem! Susan developed a successor system using Dialog-DataStar, streamlining the administration process with virtual hosting and automatic posting – and also allowing the monitoring to cover twenty competitors, rather than three.

Susan was involved in CSA's website management since its inception in 1996 to 2001, by which time the site had expanded from one site to four, and now needs a full-time webmaster. (But that doesn't mean she's no longer involved – one innovation was a Web Council, giving users and contributors the opportunity for feedback!) During that time, she also established the first CD-ROM network in the organization, but since it didn't do quite everything she wanted, she has since upgraded it to a virtual portal for all CSA staff wherever they are, even "on the road".

Susan likes a little variety in her work, so she also got involved in CSA's conversion to SAP system, especially in the Purchasing module. Add "team trainer" to her skill set. Aha! Here's another area she can get involved in – the market research team. You'd never believe it, but she also finds time to manage the CSA Information Centre, which she has done for thirteen years.

Evenings and weekends? – well, there's a whole bunch of learning, built on an LT diploma from Sheridan College in 1978 and an Information Technology diploma in 1991. Most recently, Susan was honing her competitive intelligence skills through the Professional Learning Centre at U of T. And there's a whole bunch of telling – Susan is

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frequently a speaker at professional meetings and conferences such as ALA/CLA, SLA and SCIP. It will be no surprise to you that she was a "Pearls of Wisdom" panelist at CASLIS Toronto Chapter's 30th anniversary dinner on May 18, 2005. It seems quite unnecessary to say that the "pearl" that she offered the audience was "diversity".

Though she can't hear you, let's applaud Susan for her achievements.



Banquet Speaker: Pat Graham

Service Awards

Congratulations to our long-standing members. Ten-year members are awarded a certificate and 25-year members are given an OALT/ABO pen.

10 year members

Pam Casey
Vicky Lynham
Anita Smith

Ann Censner
Sheila McHugh
Gillian Young

25 year members

Chris Carmichael

Martha Gallup



The Naughty Pub Crawlers

2006 Conference Committee

The Conference Committee for 2006 has an interesting mix of veterans and new members, which should make a very successful team. Maggie Weaver is from the Toronto Chapter, Pam Casey and Kate Morrison from Halton-Peel. New members Barb Allen, Linda Durkin, Melissa Blazak, and Marion Stoneman are very welcome to the committee, to provide a fresh view, and helpful ideas.

We are still looking for volunteers to help these committee members as we get closer to May, and I will be happy to hear from you. The Niagara area provides a beautiful venue for the conference, with lots of opportunities for sightseeing and entertainment. Make sure you set aside the week of May 10 to 14 to enjoy one of Canada's wonders.

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CLA LTIG

Karen Hildebrandt, Convenor

Hard to believe but all those wonderful conferences we were waiting for have come and gone. I am really thankful that I was able to attend both the AALT conference in May and CLA conference in June. Both had wonderful speakers and fabulous sessions and of course the most important part of any conference was the opportunity for networking and renewing old acquaintances and making new ones! I encourage everyone to start saving your loonies for next year and the conferences to come.

On Wednesday evening following the Opening Reception, members of AALT and FLA (Foothills Library Association) welcomed many Library Technicians to an evening of Bubbly at the Hospitality Room at the Hyatt. In no time at all, it became standing room only. Thank you to Donna Stephenson and her cohorts for organizing this event. It was a great way to start off conference. I especially loved the bottled water advertising next year's AALT conference May 25 – 28, 2006. Promote, promote, promote!!!

Thank you to all the AALT members who joined up with CLA LTIG for our Thursday evening networking social. We had 23 Library Technicians get together for a wonderful Chinese dinner at the Silver Dragon. About 10 brave souls trusted me to lead them on the walk from the lobby of the Marriott to the restaurant and the others joined us there. We had people attending from Halifax all the way across Canada to Vancouver! Thank you to Annette Fung for accommodating us in our own private dining area where we could be as boisterous as we wanted without scaring off the other diners! Thank you to AALT for the lovely gift bags with chocolates. And not just any chocolate, but Bernard Callebaut chocolates! The magnet welcoming everyone to Calgary and encouraging them to submit emails to the Journal Editor about their experience was a brilliant marketing tool. I hope everyone takes Kim Martin up on her offer!!!

Thank you to Kim Martin for being the "official" photographer at both the Wednesday Evening and Thursday Evening Events. Many photos were taken and we look forward to seeing them in the AALT Technician or on the AALT website!

On Friday morning LTIG members had a breakfast meeting along with all the other CLA Interest Groups. We had a great turnout and discussion. It was wonderful having Pat Jobb, our CLA Councilor

and Liaison with the Executive Council join us and give us such positive encouragement and support. We are definitely moving onward and upward and look forward to increasing our membership and profile.

CLA Library Technician Interest Group Announces New Award

At the 2005 Canadian Library Association (CLA) conference in Calgary, the CLA Executive officially approved the creation of the CLA Library Technician Interest Group Award of Merit.

The purpose of the CLA Library Technician Interest Group Award of Merit is to acknowledge a library technician who demonstrates outstanding professional achievement and leadership in the library and information community at a regional, provincial or national level. "There are a number of library technicians throughout Canada that are doing amazing things for both our profession and for libraries in general and this award was created to bring national recognition to their efforts," says Karen Hildebrandt, CLA Library Technician Interest Group (LTIG) Convenor.

The vision of CLA is to build the Canadian library and information community and advance its information professionals. "I believe the approval of the CLA LTIG award is timely and significant" says AALT President-Elect Marcia Wong. "Whereas, in the past, library technicians have focused almost entirely on building their associations and fulfilling their members' professional requirements at a provincial level, recently, associations have begun opening lines of communication with other Canadian library technician organizations and strengthening provincial ties with the CLA LTIG. This new level of communication has brought with it a greater awareness of national library issues and a realization of common areas of concern held throughout the library profession. By CLA supporting this award, it reinforces to library technicians that we are a part of their vision."

The recipient of the award will be selected by the CLA Library Technician Interest Group Award of Merit Committee, which will be chaired by the CLA LTIG Convenor and will be composed of interested library technicians from across Canada. The award itself will be presented at the annual CLA conference.

For more information, contact Karen Hildebrandt, CLA Library Technician Interest Group Convenor at karen.hildebrandt@concordia.ab.ca

e-Archive at the Legislative Library

Looking for an electronic copy of a recent Ontario publication or one that is no longer available on a ministry's website? The Legislative Library of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario has developed an e-Archive that preserves the publishing output of the province to help both its clients and the public in general access Ontario Internet documents. We formally started archiving Ontario government monographs in July 2000. Since then the scope of our archive has expanded to include selected monographs from other jurisdictions, non-government monographs and a number of serial titles. We now have over 11,000 monographs and over 1000 serial issues in pdf format in our e-Archive (the majority being Ontario documents). Our goal is to catalogue and archive all new Ontario monographs as soon as they are published on the Internet. Our four cataloguing technicians monitor over 60 sites and 400 pages on a daily basis and archive and catalogue titles as soon as they are found. We also attempt to archive all Internet-only Ontario serials and have recently started archiving Ontario serials we receive in both print and on the Internet.

Our e-Archive has proved to be popular with external clients as well as our own staff and clients to the extent that we have now had external and internal hits on the e-Archive totaling over 42,000 hits in the past year. Archived documents are accessible through our web opac:
<http://www.ontla.on.ca/library/catalogue/ecatlogin.asp>.

For more information, please contact: Annemarie Toth-Waddell, Information Access Manager, toth-waddell@ontla.ola.org.

How We Found the Diary

by Adam Myers

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Research librarians love a puzzle and that's how we found Dr. Rupert Michell's diary. Dr. Rupert Michell, a native of Perth, near Ottawa, was ship's doctor aboard the *Nimrod*, Ernest Shackleton's 1907 expedition to Antarctica.

Ann MacPhail, a library technician at Algonquin College's Perth campus, was one of about several librarians and genealogical societies contacted to track down Michell's descendants. We knew he was

one of four children and that his father Francis was a well-known educator in Perth. We also knew Michell had two sisters and a brother. The brother was a professor at the University of Wisconsin and one sister did not marry. The other important facts were that Michell and his wife Violet were childless and Violet said she had given the diary to a nephew in the United States.

MacPhail scoured local cemetery records in Perth and cross-referencing names and dates with articles in the local paper, the *Perth Courier*, she turned up a number of leads. The most promising was that if Michell's relatives lived in southern Ontario, they might be McKims, the married name of Rupert's sister Kathleen. She turned out to be right. Frank McKim who had the diary, is Kathleen's son and lives in Ottawa. Frank spent his working life with the National Research Council in Ottawa. Now 89, he was executor of his aunt Violet's estate which is how he inherited the diaries. Violet Michell died in 1971, five years after Rupert.

"It was just luck," MacPhail says. "Rupert's father Francis was well-known in the area and in the 80s the *Perth Courier* wrote about him. The articles focused on his role as an educator, but also mentioned a daughter named McKim and her son [Frank] who worked for the National Research Council."

We Don't Just Check Out Books: Library 'Paraprofessionals' And Their Increased Workload

by Lydia Collins, Stanislaus Library, California State University. Reprinted from *Associates*, March 2005 with the permission of the author

There are numerous articles and research being done addressing the increasing demands being made of librarians. This ranges from academic, public, school and special librarians. However, the question here is, what about library paraprofessionals? And why are they referred to as "paraprofessionals"?

The increase in workload in libraries has affected staff at all levels, not just those in charge of the administrative duties of libraries, such as deans and directors. Professional librarians are not the only ones affected, but also library assistants, library technicians, and library trainees. Who will tell their story? Library assistants within the California State University (CSU) system provide a variety of services and perform duties that librarians once performed.

In the academic world library assistants perform a variety of jobs in various areas such as acquisitions, cataloging, serials, government documents, mending, and other duties as assigned. These areas listed are only a few and focus on the technical services area of a library. However, in the public access service areas you have stacks supervisors, circulation coordinators, reserve desk coordinators, billing management, interlibrary loan workers and supervisors of student assistants.

All library employees, including student workers, should not be taken for granted but acknowledged for their contribution to the running of a library. As I supervise students in the Circulation department, I work very closely with them. My work also requires me to be in contact with library assistants and librarians from other library departments. It is my belief that the work of student and library assistants is just as essential to running the library as that of the librarians. Each position within the library has a different function, but all should be equally valued.

Library assistants and paraprofessionals are skilled and talented people who work hard in order to complete their tasks at work. With the increase in technology, they too must keep up with the times and learn new skills. With system upgrades cataloging and acquisitions, staff must adjust to advanced systems of their workplaces, vendors, and the library world in general. All areas of the library have more work put upon them over the years, and it's not just in one specific area. It is necessary for us (all library workers) to do the work in order to serve our students and faculty, but we really should be recognized for it.

Those who work in public service areas such as Circulation and Interlibrary loan must constantly be made aware of changes in order to better serve the patrons who use the library. Especially when they are the first person that library users come in contact with. I notice that when working with the public, it is necessary to not only know how to use the library cataloging system, know where to refer people, but to be aware of the technology being used at work. Many students are unfamiliar with the computers and library systems and are sometimes intimidated by the librarians and prefer to talk to a 'regular staff member'. On the other hand many students can't tell who is a librarian and who is a library assistant. They do know that they need help, and will ask whomever they come in contact with.

The Circulation desk is often the first place students, faculty and staff stop in order to ask questions. Their questions could be directional or something more complex where we refer them to a librarian. It takes

a professional to know when they can and cannot help a library patron as a library assistant. In our department staff members first learn their assigned work duties and then which queries need assistance from their librarian counterparts. In a normal workday in our circulation department, my colleagues and I perform a variety of tasks. These tasks include but are not limited to:

- * opening and closing the library to patrons;
- * balancing the cash register and making deposits to the cashiering department;
- * supervising student assistants (anywhere from 2 to 20);
- * assisting patrons in stacks to locate resources;
- * direct patrons to other library departments for assistance;
- * add money to student printing accounts;
- * trouble shoot equipment (including copy machines, printers, and microform readers);
- * accept money for library fines and billing;
- * catalog materials;
- * answering and directing all library calls.

These tasks are a part of the circulation departments daily routines and do not include audits or other duties they perform in the absence of reference librarians and their library assistant counterparts.

Library professionals are library professionals. All library workers are there to fulfill the same purpose. As a library worker I see my job as being service oriented. I am here to assist our patrons as best I can or refer them to where assistance can be found. The intent is to serve the needs of the user population, regardless of the type of library. This is not to say that a certain level of expertise is not necessary in order to answer a patron's query. These statements are not intended to belittle the professional librarian, with Masters in Library Science (MLS) or Masters in Library Information Science (MLIS) degrees. The question that still lingers is: When will library assistants be recognized for their increasing contributions to libraries?

“ To be or not to be “ an OALT/ABO member - you decide!

by Maria Ripley, Internal Communications Coordinator

TO BE gives you the option of belonging to a professional association.

This is your professional association, you need to be responsible for it and have direct interest in it. “To Be” is the key to a successful, informative, prospering association.

TO BE gives you the power to network. Each of us is an expert in something. Think of the information found within us. If each one of us shares one thing, however large or small, imagine the wealth of information that is stored within our membership directory (and you thought it was just paper!) If you are a "To Be" you're in the directory and part of the network – share something!

TO BE gives you access to professional development opportunities. Each chapter has professional development opportunities available through their chapter events. What chapters do you belong to? You know the annual conference that is organized and planned by your colleagues each year is a huge PD (and networking) event! You should be reminded that there is an agreement with the Ontario Library Association (OLA) that if you are a "To Be" then you are able to register for programs put on by OLA at members rates. It pays to be a "To Be"!

TO BE gives you the power of choice and the right to vote. If you are a "To Be" then you have a voice and a vote! Make suggestions - invite change! Vote for your next Provincial Executive or vote on the next constitution. Suggest changes to the association developments or challenge the executive with your powerful ideas.
"To Be" equals power because voting = power.

TO BE is to be represented. Did you know each year you are promoted and marketed at the OLA Super Conference? Well you are. OALT/ABO has a booth within the OLA exhibit that is staffed by your colleagues who connect with vendors, chief executive officers and consulting professionals this raises the profile for all of us.

TO BE gives you advantages. Advantages of receiving the official publication *OALT/ABO Newsletter/Nouvelles* three times a year, the bi-yearly Membership Directory and alternate years the Salary Survey. Not to mention access to the website (soon to be Members Only area) and discussion lists and lets not forget lower conferences fees!

So, if you are already a "To Be" we thank you and hope that you will share all that you can, assist those who cannot and take full advantage of belonging to such a great Association. If you know a "Not to Be" we hope you will challenge those to become a "TO BE"!

I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

Helen Keller, 1880 - 1968

Oh Majordomo where did you go?

by Maria Ripley, Internal Communications Coordinator

As you may or may not be aware, we have a new discussion list available. Our previous discussion software Majordomo was lost when we were forced to find a new Internet Service Provider. Although many of you may have liked Majordomo I think you will like Smartgroups much better.

"SmartGroups is all about making life easier. It's a great new way of organizing different groups using e-mail and the Internet. SmartGroups keeps you in touch, helps you share information, manage events and even makes Group decisions"

There is no need to download any software. Group communication can be done just through e-mail or just through the web or a combination of both. It is really simple to sign on and easy to use.

Take a moment to logon to the OALT/ABO website at: www.oaltabo.on.ca choose Discussion list from the left menu bar and follow the directions that come up on the page. If you find you are have troubles, please e-mail me – Maria Ripley <mrripley@myvirtualnetwork.com> provide me with the e-mail address you would like to sign on to the discussion list with and I will send you a personal invitation that will include specific simple instruction for you to get signed on.

Chapter News

Book Club Chapter

The Book Club chapter held its first face-to-face meeting at the 2005 conference; author, Karen Irving was our guest speaker. It was wonderful to be able to ask our questions to the author and find out what was the driving force to write her first novel (she *really* didn't want to vacuum!!).

We are looking for new members to join the Book Club chapter – people who are interested in reading, who want to expand their reading horizons and who are willing to share their opinions with other members over our blog on a monthly basis.

Upcoming books:
September 2005 *Displaced Persons* / Margie Taylor

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Lohania Chapter

On March 5, 2005 the Lohania Chapter held a meeting in London where we had asked the membership if Lohania should fold. Four people attended the meeting and one member submitted her comments via email.

The 2004-2005 executive was not prepared to carry on for another year. Therefore we proposed to our members that the local executive would request the OALT/ABO executive suspend the Lohania membership as of September 30, 2005.

We plan to organize a summer social and invite current and past members. The remaining funds will be sent to the OALT/ABO Treasurer on September 30, 2005. We are encouraging members to remain members of OALT/ABO and perhaps join one of the new chapters.

We would like to continue presenting the Award of Merit to a Mohawk College student in the Library and Information Technician Program. The Manager of the Mohawk Program will forward the name of this person to the OALT/ABO President.

We hope that our local treasury will aid OALT/ABO to engage in programs never realized in our local chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Anderson

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"Writing a Procedures Manual" workshop

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Web Sites to Educate and Amuse You

Are you a movie trivia buff? Do you camp out hours (or days) in line before a movie premier? Can you recite lines from films verbatim? Do you act out scenes from your favorite movies with Oscar caliber quality? Do you just love movies? Do you rent or buy movie videos? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then the Internet Movie Database <http://www.imdb.com/> is just for you. It's a movie lover's dream as well as an excellent source of movie information for the casual movie fan. It is a comprehensive database of everything about movies.

Trends in Blog Searching
<http://www.sla.org/division/dite/bite/MarApr2004/TrendsInBlog.pdf>

An article by Christina Pikas, Technical Librarian, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory " covers blog searching in both general search engines and blog-specific search engines.

Information Architecture Library
<http://aifia.org/library/index.php>

The IA Library is a selection of resources related to the field of information architecture. The collection includes articles, books, blogs, and more. Subjects covered include: classification, indexing, information architecture, information retrieval, thesauri, user centered design

The shifted Librarian
<http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com>

The home of several strange little odds and ends (including the delightful "Why You Should Fall to Your Knees and Worship a Librarian" (<http://www.librarianavengers.org/worship.html>) ... you'll see a link to it on the right if you scroll down a bit).

College LIT Programs

Mohawk College

Greetings from faculty, staff and students in the library technician program at Mohawk College. We hope that you have had the opportunity for some rest and relaxation this summer.

Our program's office has been a lively place since fall registration began on August 8. Most of our fall courses are full or close to full, with many new and returning students eager to continue with their studies.

If this season prompts you to consider professional development for yourself, you may wish to consider taking one of our courses, which are offered by distance education, over the Internet. The format of our courses works well for people who only wish to take an individual course or two. Library technicians are considered to have met the prerequisite course requirements for any of our courses.

Two courses which might be of interest to OALT/ABO members this fall are LIBRLT405 Law Libraries and Legal Research and LIBRLT306 Cataloguing Electronic Resources Both of these courses begin on September 12, 2005.

For further information please visit our web site <http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/cecat/library.html> under the heading "next semester". The last date to register, if there is space still available in these courses, is September 16, 2005.

If you are thinking ahead to the winter term, mark your calendars for November 21, 2005, which is the date that winter registration opens.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Dolores Harms Penner, Program Manager, by phone at 905-575-2309 or by email dolores.harmspenner@mohawkcollege.ca

New Members

Welcome to the following individuals and institutions that have joined OALT/ABO in the last few months.

Melissa Blazak	
Maria Aldcroft	Toronto Chapter
Debbie Avery	
Mattia Carina	
Lorna Derouin	
Monique Dumais	
Linda Durkin	
Carol Embury	Ottawa Chapter
Carol Fisher	Toronto Chapter
Barbara Gray	Ottawa Chapter
Katrina Hansen	
Lynn Lacroix	
Paula Lancaster	Ottawa Chapter
Rachelle Larcher	
Carole MacKay	Book Club and Halton-Peel
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Kelly Mitchell	Ottawa Chapter
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Ene-Pia Reid	School Library Chapter
Elizabeth Steward	Toronto Chapter
Marion Stoneman	
Elizabeth Weijs	Toronto Chapter
Bank of Canada Library	
Canadian Agriculture Library	Ottawa Chapter
Canadian Police College Library	Ottawa Chapter
Capital Health-Health Sciences Library	
Durham College Library	
Natural Resources Library	Ottawa Chapter
Ottawa Public Library	Ottawa Chapter
Policy & Strategic Planning Library	
Statistics Canada Library	
Waterloo Region District School Board	

People News

When Marina Dranitsaris joined the Scarboro Golf & Country Club as a curler three years ago, she would fantasize about seeing her name engraved on one of the beautiful trophies that line the hall

leading into the club house. Her wish came true, not once, but twice! Her team won the second half Business Women's Casserly trophy, and then went on to win the club championship. Now she is setting her sights on a golf trophy!

William Land has been permanently appointed to the role of Library Technician in the Health Sciences Library, Regional Cancer Program of the Sudbury Regional Hospital. Bill was an employee on a number of contracts since January 2004, and has 25 years experience in a variety of government library and health agency settings.

Bill's expertise, customer-service focus, and above all his sense of humour, are already well known and appreciated by many, and he is a welcome addition to the staff.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Karen Olcen, Professor in the Library and Information Technician Program at Seneca College. Karen died on July 18, 2005, one year after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

At Seneca College, Karen was known for her intellect and her cataloguing expertise. She is remembered for her strength, her consideration and her independence, characteristics that were especially evident during this last year. We will miss her humour. We share her loss with her 19-year-old son, Kenneth Hasell and Kenneth's father, Doug Hasell.

Donations may be sent to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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