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## A Message from Our President ~ Maria Ripley

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### **Hip, Hip Hooray Spring is here!**

It is hard to believe my year as President of OALT/ABO is coming to an end. My how the time has flown by!

**A**s I write this I am reflecting on my years as a member of the Executive team. Why did I get involved? Why did I volunteer? What possessed me to become President? What are my next steps?

I think my main motivation in becoming involved with OALT/ABO was that I saw potential and I wanted to help. There was a posting for an Internal Communications Coordinator on the OALT/ABO website and I approached Marina Dranitsaris who was president at the time to share my interest in filling the role. 2003 was the year the organization was changing their constitution and the position was one that was new that involved developing and coordinating both the newsletter and website as well as keeping members informed of

activities of interest. I really had no idea what I was getting myself into, but I was up for the challenge. I had a team for a little while when I first started but eventually people had resigned and I was left holding the reins alone. Wondering how I was ever going to get it all accomplished I took everything one step at a time, continuing to seek out volunteers, and not getting discouraged. See, I had a vision and when that vision was shared with the Executive they gave me the green-light to run with it. We had a newsletter that was good but there was potential to take it a step further and I felt the same about the website. Slowly over the course of three years the Internal Communications team doubled the newsletter content from members and developed a website and logo that gave us a fresh look. Although there is still a lot of work to be done, we have accomplished a lot and developed a base to continue us forward. I am thankful to the people who assisted in anyway over the

## ***From Our President ~ cont'd***

years and to those who are current members of the Internal Communications team for keeping all of us connected!

In 2007, I had made a decision to take a leap and become your association President-Elect. Having volunteered for the past three years and seeing the potential we had as an organization I felt it was time to pick up a different set of reins. During my year as President-Elect we were not successful with filling all of the Executive positions and a number of other Executive members continued to wear multiple hats. I was determined to fill the role of each position on the Executive. By September of my Presidential year I was pleased to announce a full Executive. I am grateful to Kathryn, Donna and Karen who graciously agreed to fill the roles as President-Elect, External Communications Coordinator and Internal Communications Coordinator. Unfortunately Karen has since resigned but her brief role was appreciated.

**So** why did I volunteer? Volunteering is a part of who I am. I like to help if there is help that is needed. I saw an opportunity within OALT/ABO to meet new people, make lifelong friends and make a difference for those who share the same career interests. I have ideas that I am not afraid to share and I am committed to advancing OALT/ABO. If anyone recalls the brainstorming session at our Brock Conference I think I kept the group longer than they wanted to stay because I just wouldn't pass a turn without a new idea <smile>.

**My** year as President has been successful and I thank the 2008/09 Executive for a wonderful year – Kathryn, Claudia, Melissa, Maggie, Donna, Cyndi, Wendy, Angela, Jenn, Penni – without dedicated volunteers such as yourselves our organization would not exist. I feel we've gained the momentum that will keep us going for 35 more years! I hope each

and everyone one of you will ask yourselves why you pay your membership dues and seriously think about becoming involved. It could simply be that you contribute to the Newsletter or volunteer on the conference committee. There are many opportunities without taking a leadership role on the Executive but eventually I hope you will reconsider. Volunteering is rewarding and self-gratifying; think about the opportunities and plan to make a difference.

**So** what are my next steps? Well, after six years on the Executive I am hoping not to hold an official role on the Executive. I am sure you are all scratching your head after what you just read above, but my reasoning is simple – I have other projects I'd like to take on. As Past-President (although not a position on the Board) I will remain active, assisting with the 2010 Conference as fundraiser and I have a few other ideas I'm hoping the 2009/10 Executive will consider allowing me to pursue. ◇



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***The future of OALT/ABO depends on member volunteers!!***



## OALT/ABO Executive Positions Your Opportunity to Shine ~ 2009/2010

You receive the call for help from your Association year after year; and year after year the Executive continues to seek out dedicated individuals willing to help out but it is often a struggle. Here we are, once again in search of individuals to come forward to advance OALT/ABO through 2009/2010. Before you agree to volunteer we like you remember a few things. Did you know that by volunteering for your professional association you –

- discover and hone leadership skills, creative abilities, writing and presentation skills
- continue to add to a network of invaluable contacts
- develop organizational and planning skills
- expand team building skills
- learn marketing techniques and strategies
- understand and appreciate the key role that library technicians play in the library, information, and records management fields

All these opportunities and more could be found through participation on the OALT/ABO Executive! Think of the enriched skills you could develop planning a conference, writing for your newsletter, keeping track of finances, or leading your organization as President! How might your current or a potential employer view your dedication and commitment to your a professional organization? Volunteering is a “win-win” situation for everyone. Take a chance, step out of your comfort zone, seize

the opportunities available to you to learn and develop lifelong skills and network connections that will impact your professional and personal growth. We look forward to meeting you and helping you discover the opportunities that await you.

OALT/ABO, more than an acronym, or an organization you pay membership dues to; it is YOUR opportunity to shine, steer the association in the direction you envision and to have fun doing so!

Various Executive positions are in bold along with support teams for some of the positions.

- **President**
- **President Elect**
- **Treasurer**
  - Membership Coordinator
- **Internal Communications Coordinator**
  - Newsletter Editor
  - Web Developer / Webmaster
- **External Communications Coordinator**
- **Chapter Coordinator**
- **Conference Coordinator**
  - Conference Planning Team Member
- **Archivist**

We look forward to any and all individuals who might be interested in any of the above positions.

For more information, contact Maria Ripley at [mariaripley5261@hotmail.com](mailto:mariaripley5261@hotmail.com)

*A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.*  
~ G. Donald Gale

## Decisions, Decisions

*By Maggie Weaver, Chapter Coordinator, 2009 Conference Treasurer*

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By now you will all know that the OALT/ABO Conference, May 7 to 9, is called "Possibilities / Possibilités". In fact, by now you will have registered, I hope!

Possibilities/Possibilités



OALT/ABO Conference  
BARRIE 2009

For me, the decision to register was easy – I'm the conference junkie. And anyway, as a member of the conference committee I had input to the choice of social event, and "pub night" is my sort of social. (They said I can wear fancy dress, but wouldn't ask the rest of you to do that. So if you want to send me wacky suggestions for my "costume", I'll dress up on behalf of everyone!)

But the online registration form asks you to choose the sessions, and my goodness that was difficult! Decisions, decisions!

I couldn't attend when the committee brainstormed on speakers and topics, so the full program came as a magnificent surprise – so many interesting topics, and only one of me!

For those of you in school libraries, there are some obvious "must attend" sessions, and I know care was taken that there shouldn't be too many conflicts: the round table on Saturday morning; communication strategies with Theresa Ziebell, choosing materials with Kate Morrison; First Nations materials with

Sherry Lawson; numeracy with Melissa Poremba; genealogy with Robyn Zuck; and helping people with developmental disabilities, with Anne Dorsey.

If you're in public or academic libraries, you going to have a harder time choosing – best to have two of you register, to make sure everything is covered! Not only will Anne Dorsey's session be of interest and numeracy and genealogy, but LOTS of others: information literacy with Katherine Wallis; volunteer management with Julie Ross; building community with Andrusyszyn; building library buildings with Bill Molesworth; culture shift with Susan Downs; and First Nations libraries with Barbara Lewis and Jana Bickell. Not to mention the tour of the Library Co-operative and the Archives on Friday morning.

If you're technology inclined, you'll also have to choose between that tour and Innisfil's choice of Evergreen software, with Debra Mann, not to mention database searching with Delia Antonacci, the government web archive with Karen Krzyzewski, and e-Laws with Gail Strachan.

If you're a new LT, or moving up or on, the theme "Possibilities / Possibilités" starts to grip you. You'll want to fit into the mix some additional, valuable sessions: How to do a job search? Aren't presentations scary? What's beyond LT? Should you take the MIS program? and Where can I volunteer?

And like all good conference programs, there are some sessions that offer "down time": Journal writing with Pat Robinson; Taoist Tai Chi with Walter Bachinski; maybe genealogy for your personal interest; and the tour of the MacLaren Art Centre.



## *Decisions, decisions ~ cont'd*

The MacLaren Art Centre building used to be the Barrie Public Library, and it's the window in that building that is the conference logo on the program, and on the stunning bags we'll all be taking home. Such a beautiful window, such a clever fit with the conference theme. A building re-imagined and re-purposed; a window that not only lets the light in on possibilities, but also reflects the images of its surroundings. Speakers will be receiving a beautiful framed photograph of that window, by a young artist for whom a career window is just opening.

Finally, one session that I didn't have to take any time in choosing: the Philosopher's Café: What lies beyond the realm of possibility? Stan Skrzyszewski has facilitated a philosopher's café at several conferences – we only let him off last year to take his wife to Paris for a special wedding anniversary! This session is dedicated to the memory of Jill Anderson, a very special member and President's Award honoree, who first introduced OALT/ABO to the Philosopher's Café. It's the one session that I wouldn't miss for the world, and one that seems to encapsulate the theme of the conference, and raise it to another level: What does lie beyond the realm of possibility?

### Networking:

"The best prospect is the client who has already dealt with you. The second best is the one referred to by a client who has dealt with you previously. The third best is the one referred to you by another trusted professional or friend."

~ Marilyn Jennings.

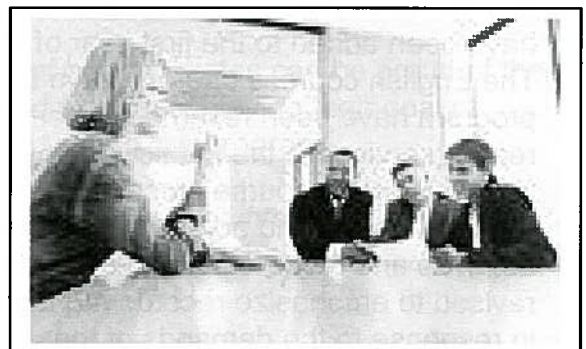
## **Seneca College LIT Program**

*~By Deborah Kay – LIT Program Coordinator*

# Seneca

On March 24, 2009, the fourth semester students of the Library and Information Technician (LIT) Program at Seneca College had the wonderful opportunity to be part of a Resume and Interview Clinic, held at the Newnham campus. Twenty-six participants from the library community, along with the 62 students, were involved. Each student met with four participants, two who critiqued the student's resume and two who discussed possible interview questions. The four participants for each student were from a variety of library types, since all types of libraries were represented at the Clinic. Everyone also got to mingle at a coffee break held in the middle of the event.

Despite another month of classes before the end of the semester, the Resume and Interview Clinic gave the students a great push into their next step of employment. They also were very impressed that so many in the library community donated their time to help them and were so positive in their responses. They got to see another example of how great the library community is that they are entering.



# Curriculum Changes at Algonquin's LIT Program

*~By Mac Nason – LIT Program Coordinator, Algonquin College*

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The program of study for Community College programs in Ontario is reviewed annually and more formally every five years through a process of program quality review. At Algonquin these review processes have meant a few changes to the curriculum. A limited number of courses have been dropped, for example, LIB 1916 "Computer fundamentals" while others have been added to the program. This summary describes those changes as well as outlines some future directions for the program. The College welcomes input on program renewal from members of the library community.

The changes to the program of study include the following. The old program devoted 29 hours of instruction in two fieldwork seminars on preparing students for work placement. This requirement has been replaced by a résumé clinic that brings together students and potential employers in a social setting. Students are still required to complete two field placements prior to graduation. Ottawa is a bilingual employment market and in recognition of this fact two introductory French courses have been added to the first year of study. The English courses offered within the program have been revamped to emphasize reader services in the public library. There is now a separate course on services to children, youth, and adults. The course on archives and records management has been revised to emphasize records management in response to the demands of the employment market. A new course on

marketing will be introduced in the winter term of 2010, as well as another new course on special collections. The special collections course will include instruction from the Applied Museum Studies program on aspects dealing with preservation, conservation, and exhibition of special library materials. Finally, students may elect with the permission of the faculty to participate in a directed research seminar in place of completing one of the two field placements. This option will be of interest to those students who wish to pursue a career in consulting.

The program has produced graduates trained for positions in traditional library settings. This will continue to be the major focus of the program. However, there is a potential market for graduates with an interest in non-traditional library work. One avenue to explore is the introduction of more information management courses in the program. Another area of potential development deals with the issue of professional upgrading of former graduates of the program who are blocked from further career advancement because of a lack of academic qualifications. The College is exploring with Carleton University a collaborative program offering that would give graduates the LIT diploma and a bachelor's degree.

Individuals interested in commenting on these changes or who wish to make suggestions for further program revision are invited to contact the program coordinator, Mac Nason at [nasonm@algonquincollege.com](mailto:nasonm@algonquincollege.com).

**"Life is change. Growth is optional.  
Choose wisely." ~Anonymous**

# Mohawk College Virtual Classroom

~By Dolores Harms Penner

Program Manager, LIT Program, Mohawk College

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**MOHAWK**  
COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Greetings to OALT/ABO members! This message is to let you know that there are a number of courses being offered in the online library technician program from Mohawk College this summer. They are as follows:

LIBRLT110 Introduction to Libraries and the Information Industry

INFOLT390 Personal Computer Support

INFOLT402 Electronic Publishing

LIBRLT220 Information Work I

LIBRLT420 Information Work II

LIBRLT425 Information Work III

LIBRLT302 Descriptive and Access Cataloguing I

LIBRLT305 Descriptive and Access Cataloguing II

LIBRLT320 Subject Analysis and Classification

INFOLT340 Database Design for Information Workers

LIBRLT351 Serials

LIBRLT350 Acquisitions

MGMT10041 Library Financial Management and Budgeting

LIBRLT375 School Libraries

LIBRRM103 Archives

OADM100 Records and Information Management Fundamentals

Courses begin on May 8 and end on August 14/09. Registration for these courses is open until May 14, where there is still space available. Those who have graduated from a library technician program are considered to have met the prerequisite course requirements for any of these courses. These courses work well as professional development for those who would like to update their skills or explore a new topic.

More detailed information is on our web site <http://disted.mohawkcollege.ca/librec/library.html> under "next semester", or feel free to email me at [dolores.harmspenner@mohawkcollege.ca](mailto:dolores.harmspenner@mohawkcollege.ca)

At Mohawk our convocation is held annually in October. This past October we were very pleased to recognize 40 graduates from the library technician diploma program and 15 graduates from the records management certificate program. It was a wonderful celebratory evening. We have honoured five of our graduates in particular with awards based on their academic achievement:

- Susan Shaver and Darlene Green with the Geraldine Hughes Cataloguing Award
- Sheila Howlett-Soltysiak and Sharon Filiatrault with our Library Technician Award
- Patricia Marin with the OALT/ABO Award.

All of our graduates can be proud of their hard work in achieving their goal of completing our program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dolores Harms Penner





## Combining two Passions ~continued



Thanks to a major initiative by The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), heritage organizations in Ontario now have access to scanning technology for electronic archiving and online posting of valuable and fragile paper historical records.

Intended to be a permanent service, this critical project has been funded for the first two years. Through this project, heritage organizations across the province will be able to:

- Digitize one-of-a-kind records, a process they could not otherwise afford;
- Increase public exposure for the documents and their organization's work;
- Increase public access to records significant to Ontario's heritage;
- Increase document security through electronic storage;
- Develop an income stream through pay-per-view fees, if they so choose; and
- Provide a Canadian not-for-profit portal as an alternative to foreign commercial portals.

The scanning equipment, most of which can be transported to document locations, will be provided by OGS. The equipment includes high-speed book and sheet feed scanners, flatbed scanners, microfilm and microfiche scanners, and a copy stand for large or extremely fragile documents. OGS will also provide technicians to process the scans for online posting.

Genealogical data may be posted on the OGS website, including a pay-per-view section giving you the option to receive royalties from your data. Ownership of the records and data will remain with you.

Document scanning is expected to begin in April. Once sufficient material has been gathered, the pay-per-view site will be launched. This may be as early as the fall of 2009.

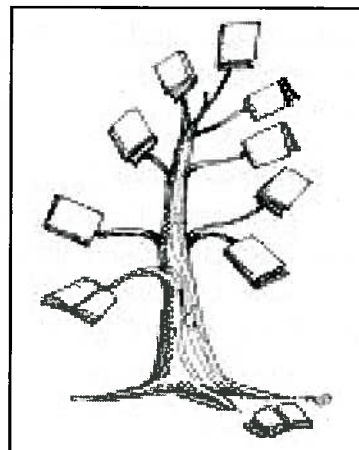
OGS is interested in talking with all Ontario heritage organizations about digitizing any records. However our priorities are:

- Genealogical material to be placed on the OGS pay-per-view site;
- Genealogical material to be placed on other parts of the OGS site;
- Materials that are at risk due to deterioration; and
- Unique material of considerable importance to Ontario's heritage.

OGS is particularly interested in working with small organizations and organizations in isolated parts of Ontario.

Further information about OGS at:  
[www.ogs.on.ca](http://www.ogs.on.ca)

My cemetery project at:  
<http://ogs.andornot.com/cemmenu.aspx>



# Living and Learning at OLA Super Conference 2009

by Kathryn Suffoletta, OALT/ABO President-Elect



The sessions that I attended reflect the diverse aspects of my job, my interest in books and libraries and my involvement in my professional organization.

A session on the core competencies of readers' advisory (RA) inspired some ideas of how to broaden the scope of RA provided to our patrons as well as help my staff to develop their RA skills.

I always enjoy the opportunity to hear authors talk about their work. Even though I haven't read his recent book yet (I'm currently #18 in the holds list) Lawrence Hill, author of *The Book of Negroes*, was a pleasure to listen to.

Storytime Super Stars was presented by Helen Kelly from Hamilton PL with a contagious enthusiasm that I hope to bring to my delivery of the Books for Babies program.

So as not to neglect the Employment Resource Centre part of my job, I attended The Winning Resume and Career Portfolio session that was offered on Career Development Day.

I enjoyed visiting the Super Expo of exhibits, which is where I acquired a personalized, signed poster from Bill Slavin, illustrator of the Stanley picture books. That might just be the highlight of my conference experience this year.

As President-Elect of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians (OALT/ABO), I volunteered to convene a very interesting session on Prison Libraries and I attended a session called *Moving Beyond: Different Directions for Library Technicians*.

OALT/ABO is an official member of the OLA Super Conference planning team and is responsible for developing four sessions at Super Conference each year. We are pleased with this partnership and as members you should be aware that this allows you to utilize your OALT/ABO membership to register for OLA Super Conference at members rates.

If you have ideas for sessions that you would like to see at OLA please submit them to Maria Ripley at [mariaripley5261@hotmail.com](mailto:mariaripley5261@hotmail.com) or, if you are interested in taking on the planning role on behalf of OALT/ABO on the OLA Super Conference planning team, we'd like to hear from you as well. Deadline for session ideas is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

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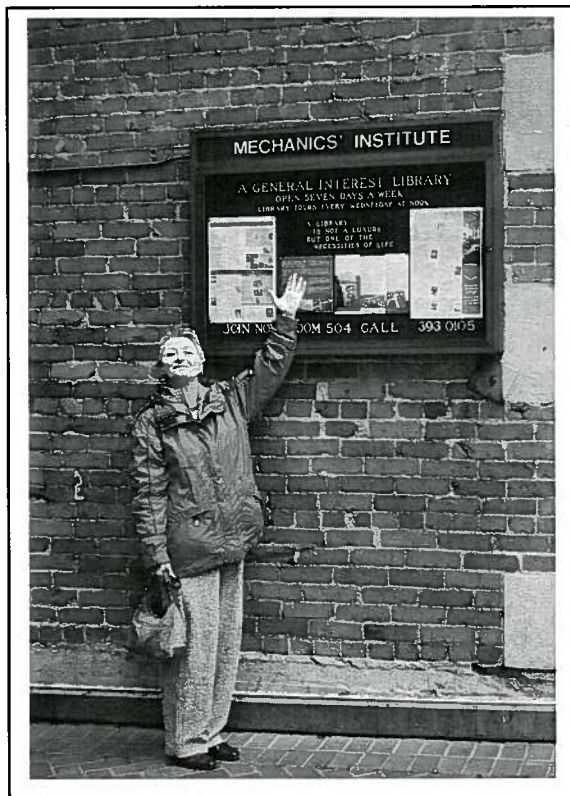
*"The reason a lot of people do not recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls and looking like hard work."  
-- Thomas Edison*

# Libraries Keep You Connected

~By Stacey Goddard

*“A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life”*

When I was a student at DePaul University in Chicago doing a Study Abroad course in Eastern Europe, my topic was Bookstores and Libraries. In this article, I propose to introduce some other bookstores and libraries, this time in the USA and Canada. I have been on a seven week trip with my newly-retired husband in our VW camper (see [vanannie.wordpress.com](http://vanannie.wordpress.com) for my blog) and although our focus was not reading, we can't go anywhere without looking for books. We also had the laptop with us so that we could keep in touch with our friends and relatives. That meant we were always in quest of wireless for which libraries sometimes came in handy.



The first time we used this service was in Morro Bay, California. We had heard from fellow campers that they had been there with their Macbooks, so we headed to that spot on Monday morning. We found these same people outside of the building on benches. The library isn't open on Mondays, but they were still able to get connectivity outside. The next couple of days, we did get inside the library and found that they had a new, well-lit counter along one wall in the foyer with outlets and high stools where you could connect and work. There was also a comfy seating area with a fireplace where you could also sit if you have a good battery. In a community room nearby that offered a different speaker or course every day there never seemed to be a free seat. In checking out the collection in a cursory way, I found a lot of their small space was devoted to DVDs; this area was also extremely busy. I hope Arnold S. can come up with the money to keep his libraries open, because, as this plaque says: "A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life."

## Why did you join the OALT/ABO Listserv?

*Studying the last stage of LIT at Seneca College, I want to join to this professional association to achieve functional advice and comments and become a responsible part of this community.*

*I'm currently in my last semester of the Lib Tech program at Algonquin. Basically, I'm looking to get involved in the library community & this seemed like a great place to start.*



## Joining Up

By Maggie Weaver

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It can be hard, as a new professional, to decide which association to join. A large association may be more expensive to join, but joining earns a discount on continuing education; a smaller one's membership rate may be half and the focus is on (free) networking rather than formal programs. And then there are the activities that ought to be supported if one has enough money: provincial and national advocacy for the profession, library services for under-privileged Canadians and for developing countries, bursaries and awards for students...

But no-one has enough money to join everything, just as no-one has enough money to give to all the deserving charities. And no-one has time to become involved with everything, just as no-one has enough wall space for all the art and books one would like to buy.

How to choose?

First, what do you want from your association? Do you need to feel connected to your own group or to a wider group? Do you need more formal training? Are you close to where programs are happening, or do you have to connect virtually? Does your employer allow you working time to engage with an association, or are such activities restricted to evenings and weekends? Are you a people person or a reading person? Jot down all these needs and constraints. Then rank them – what's the priority, what's a must-have, what might be unexpected bonus?

It's like buying a house for the first time, or indeed, like renting for the first time. It's not just about the price, or even the value. It's about access to transport, parking for your motorbike, proximity to evening classes,

garden too big, whether pets are allowed, quiet or noisy, type of neighbourhood... If you can't get your bicycle up the stairs and you'd have to swap the pooch for a goldfish, it doesn't matter what the rent is.

Next, think about what the association offers, compared to your needs.

As I kid, I was taken regularly to watch hot-air balloons set off from the top of a local hill – big, beautiful, colourful balloons with baskets underneath, that float up and away, coming down out of sight and in some undetermined village a few miles off.

Associations are like hot-air balloons – there's a basket part and a balloon part.

The basket is the programs and services you need to start your career and do your job. Courses and magazines and newsletters and job postings and local networking. Some people need that part of the balloon for only a short time in their careers, others may be happy to stay with the basket for most of their working lives.

The balloon is the part of the association that takes you up and away – over the hedge into the next field, into another province or country, or another type of library, to network with library professionals in other villages and on other hill-tops. Some people join associations just for the balloon, others take advantage of the balloon only after the basket has delivered the support and tools to establish a career. (And a few people join exclusively for the hot air!)



## Joining Up ~continued

As your career gets going, there are further associations to consider. Perhaps one that gives you a better understanding of the type of library you work in, or one that offers training in a professional activity such as fund-raising, or one that gives you closer ties to your client community, or one where you can learn an associated discipline such as market research, or one which encourages personal development such as public speaking skills. A different balloon, with a different basket of services, and a balloon taking you in a different career direction.

Later still, when you're established, the basket and balloon become less important to you, and the need to give back those skills and those networks becomes more important. That's when you join associations for what they stand for, such as advocacy; for what they promote, such as literacy; for what they need from you, such as time or experience or money. Now, you are helping someone else into a hot-air balloon.

So you can see, you may not stay in the same association all your life, just as you wouldn't rent the same place all your life. Like accommodation, associations are a human necessity – a way to connect with colleagues, make friends, and develop as a professional.

But beware – associations may be habit-forming!

### **I joined the OALT/ABO listserv because...**

*I am a library technician and would like to hear about others challenges and experiences across the province.*

*I am thinking about taking the Library Technician Program at Seneca College.*

## Favourite Websites Shared by Members

***Librarians Index to the Internet (LII)*** is a great website, with a vast array of vetted topics, in all disciplines – perfect for anyone with a broad array of interests. The e-newsletter [LII New This Week] is concise and easy to scan. I often come across some hidden gems which have proved to be very useful resources. Here's their blurb:

"Every Thursday morning the Librarians Index to the Internet (LII)'s e-newsletter "**LII New This Week**" arrives with a new group of vetted websites carefully selected, described, and organized by our team of librarians. Topics include current events and issues, holidays and seasons, helpful tools for information users, human interest, and more."

Website : <http://lii.org/>

E-newsletter sign-up:  
<http://lii.org/pub/htdocs/subscribe.htm>

### ***Sarnia/Lambton - Selected Web Resources***

At this time of year I look at a lot of tourism sites to see what's going on in my area. The helpful resource I use is below:

[http://library.lambton.on.ca/sarnia\\_lambton.htm#tourism](http://library.lambton.on.ca/sarnia_lambton.htm#tourism)

### ***Copyright Laws with Lesley Ellen Harris***

This blog deals with the comparison of US and Canadian copyright issues, primarily from a Canadian perspective.

If you would like to be part of informal discussions relating to fair dealing and fair use, view and/or post your comments at [www.copyright49.blogspot.com](http://www.copyright49.blogspot.com)

## Blog Spotting – Three You’ll Want to Explore

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### Information & Knowledge Management, Ulla de Stricker

<http://destrickerblog.typepad.com/>

Ulla is a well-known Canadian library “guru” who consults internationally on information management, and speaks frequently on careers and change management. She posts brief articles on these topics about twice a month.

Recent posts include:

Volunteer: It’s Your Career (posted April 15, 2009)

Who are We? In Whose Eyes? Career Identities or Brands (posted March 24, 2009)

“But I Thought...”: Communication Styles Matter (posted Dec 6, 2008)

### In the Library with the Lead Pipe

<http://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org>

Started last fall by 6 U.S. librarians working in academic, public, and school libraries, with additional guest authors (and they specifically invite “library support staff” to contribute). “Our goal is to explore new ideas and start conversations; to document our concerns and argue for solutions” – hence the blog’s subtitle: “The murder victim? Your library assumptions. Suspects? It could have been any of us.” 2 full-length articles per month. Each article 6-8 pages and is peer-reviewed, with footnoted citations as appropriate.

Recent articles include:

Social Proof: A Tool for Determining Authority (applied to library web sites) (posted April 15, 2009)

Are You Worth IT? What Return on Investment Can and Can’t Tell You about Your Library (posted April 1, 2009)

It’s The Collections That Are Special (the need to “mainstream” our archives and special collections) (posted Feb 11, 2009)

In Praise of the Internet: Shifting Focus and Engaging Critical Thinking Skills (posted Jan 7, 2009)

### Phil Bradley’s Weblog

[http://philbradley.typepad.com/phil\\_bradleys\\_weblog/](http://philbradley.typepad.com/phil_bradleys_weblog/)

Phil is a Brit, who blogs about “internet searching, Web 2.0 resources, search engines and their development”. About once a week he posts short items (reviews, or critiques, or updates) of new tools, which is handy for keeping up with all those social networking things that everyone but you seems to know about.

Recent posts cover:

Visuwords, a graphical dictionary (posted April 7, 2009)

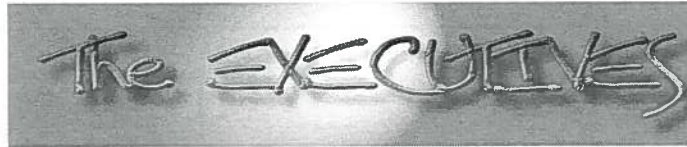
Twefind, to find “authorities” who use Twitter (posted April 7, 2009)

Alternatives to Slideshare (posted April 1, 2009)

On his website, Phil offers “Which search engine when?”

<http://www.philb.com/sitebasedinfo.htm#similar> and country-based search engines at <http://www.philb.com/countrysite.htm>

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## *A Little bit of this and that...*

### **Free Journal for Library Support Staff**

The Electronic Library Support Staff Journal is at <http://associates.ucr.edu/journal/>. You can go to the website, or you can have the headlines of the latest issue e-mailed to you. It's US-focused, though with some UK-contributed content.

I like the columnists: Carol Borzyskowski (check out her hat!), Frank Exner AKA Little Bear (his picture shows why, but his writing is anything but woolly), and Katie Buller Kintner, who writes "A Column of Eclectic Rantings". Clearly LTs who are literate and fun.

The latest issue, March 2009 (Vol. 15, no. 3) has a list of blogs by, about, or for library support staff, including **Typo for the Day for Librarians** (<http://librarytypos.blogspot.com/>) from "a group of librarians from all over the world with a common interest - keeping our online catalogs free of errors"

This issue's feature articles include...

#### **The BEST part of my job ... and the WORST!!**

Library support staff listserv subscribers filled in the blank about the best/worst parts of their jobs. How do you compare? – I loved the "everyday hero" comment!

#### **.... and Has the Advent of Technology Changed Your Identity?** by Tinker Massey

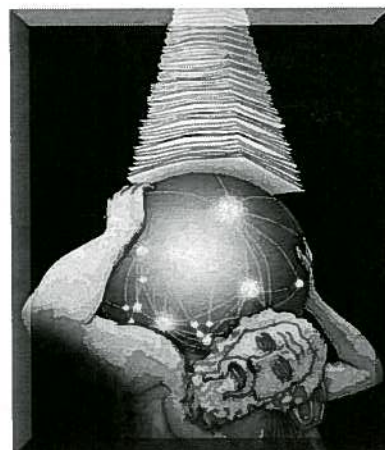
...as well as articles on leadership, "institutional repositories", and the perennial cry for more volunteers.

There are regular "spotlights" on individuals – in this issue a library technician in the Library of Congress's Canadian section.

And finally, there's a reminder that National Library Workers Day is April 14, 2009

Check out Associates for yourself – you can read the current issue and archives at <http://associates.ucr.edu/journal/>

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**T**his newsletter is a forum, to which **YOU** can send articles, photographs, and updates about yourself, your work, interesting facts, job developments, training and announcements. Professional Development and education matters to us, so please send your experiences! Book reviews are a fantastic ice breaker if you are nervous about writing. Everyone can benefit from a review.

**T**he Deadline for the next newsletter will be **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Saying this, I will accept submissions at any point prior to the date. Thank you to all those members who continue to write and share their articles with us.

Please submit your articles to [clarkemuse@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkemuse@hotmail.com)

- 1000 - 1500 words
- (I will accept longer submissions if room permits.)
- MS WORD Document (NOT VISTA)
- Photos can be submitted in black and white or colour. Please send as a jpg file.