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Message from your President

~ Michael David Reansbury



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Who are we? We are officially, as per our Letters Patent, the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario, but more informally we are known as OALT/ABO. According to our website OALT/ABO "is a professional, non-profit organization of Library and Information Technician graduates, students, associate and group members." But who really are the approximate 400 members that make up the association? Through the wonder of modern technology we can search out members on Facebook, Linked In, Twitter, Good Reads, and we can learn about each other from blogs and websites. We can meet, the old fashion way, in person at conferences, at events or as friends and colleagues for a shared meal or drink. And within the pages of the three yearly issues of the *NewsLETTER/NouvELLES* we meet one another. So seize every opportunity afforded to you and take the time to get to know who we are as members and as an association.

Who am I as president of the association? In one of my roles as president I am the voice of the association and its executive. As such, it is my pleasure and duty to inform and acknowledge the operational goings on within the association.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge individuals whose contributions have made OALT/ABO the association that it is:

1. Outgoing executive members:

Maria Ripley, Donna Brown, Amy Dwyer, Julie Cristinzo and Jessica Goodman.

2. Incoming executive members: Cyndi Smith, Rachel Kelly, Lisa Elchuk, Jessica van Keulen and Maggie Weaver.
3. Steadfast executive members: Daisy Collins, Amna Hussain, Carolin Toppan, Millie Yip and Kathi Vandenheuvel.
4. The college LIT program coordinators: Helena Merriam, Susan Pratt, Dolores Harms Penner, and Deborah Kay.
5. To outgoing coordinator of, what is now, LTAN Karen Hildebrandt and the incoming coordinator of LTAN Kathy Heney.
6. For their work in and on behalf of Chapter members: Ann Censner, Abbie Gourgon, Karen Infantino, and Vicky Lynham.
7. To Tracy Morgan, Sherry Lawson and Susan Morley for stepping forward to sit on the Quorum Committee.
8. Finally a personal thank you to Lina Fontana: who has kept the executive, and myself, abreast of the situation in Windsor.

To date, the past and present executive have met once to discuss matters related to the association. There are two matters that I wish to draw your attention to:

The first is regarding the passing of Bill 65, The Ontario *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*, 2010. ONPCA was passed by the Ontario Legislature, received Royal Assent on October 25, 2010 although the law has yet to come into force. Noting

that the association has not completed a review of its structure and organization since 2003 and owing to concern that the association comply with the law when it is enforced, the executive voted to hire John B.A. Wilkinson of the law firm WeirFoulds LLP to undertake a review of the association, at a cost of \$500.00. At this time a preliminary review has been returned to the association. Upon reading the report and after an in person meeting takes place with Mr. Wilkinson at the end of September, the findings will be made available to members. A program will be established to ensure that the association undertakes all necessary steps to comply with the Bill.

The second matter is regarding the current review of accreditation of LIT programs in Canada. At this time input regarding accreditation of LIT programs in Canada is being sought by LTAN and Christina Neigel. In October of this year these submissions will be presented to CLA's executive for review. If you have not yet taken the opportunity please offer your input now regarding accreditation of LIT programs for review by CLA executive. The discussion around accreditation of LIT programs is a significant benchmark in the history of library technicians within Canada.

There is no doubt that who we are as an association and who we are as library technicians is and will continue to evolve. It is necessary that as an association and as technicians we acknowledge who we were in order to assist in directing who we will become. It is prudent to remember that a significant characteristic of the association is that we are volunteers. No member is paid for their participation on the executive of the association or its chapters. While being a completely volunteer association allows for low membership dues it also requires that we have members who are willing to step forward to volunteer their time and talents. The association will cease to exist if members do not volunteer.

Who OALT/ABO is as much a reflection of the members that make up its ranks, their unique talents, skills and qualities, as it is the stated mission and mandate of the association. Thank you to our members for their continued support of the association, for you are, have been and always will be what defines OALT/ABO.

Regards,

Michael David Reansbury

EDITORS

NOTE

In my inaugural newsletter I wanted to provide you with a little insight as to how I ended up in the role as the newsletter editor. First, we should get one thing straight, I am not a volunteer, never have been. I've been the go to work, collect my pay, go home girl for most of my career. Work was a way to do the things I wanted in life, traveling, buying a car, etc. After a while though, I felt I needed more of a challenge. Then, and I'm not sure how (I think I was volunteered by a coworker) I got involved in the conference planning for the 2009 OALT/ABO Conference. I was hooked!

I was so hooked in fact that I talked to Maggie Weaver before the end of the conference about coordinating the conference in the future. I work for Seneca College and we have a unique campus in King City, Ontario. I thought, wow, what a great location to showcase Seneca and host the conference. Located on the Oak Ridges Moraine, it has a unique and different feel from the cityscapes of past conferences. So when the association was looking for a location and coordinator to organize the 2012 conference, I jumped at the chance.

The conference planning was a huge task but with a great bunch of volunteers this would be a piece of cake. Yup, that's what it would be! Well, although everyone swears it's not me, I really do think I am the kiss of death when it comes to working on a committee. Within a couple of weeks of our committee getting started the volunteers were dropping like flies! I began to panic. What had I gotten myself into?

I ended up with a smaller committee but they were keen, hard working and had great ideas. Everything got planned and organized on time. I learned a great deal acting as coordinator. I had to plan meetings, create agendas, contact speakers, meet deadlines and create a budget. All of which helped expand my team building skills, organizational and planning skills and was a great opportunity to network with other Library Technicians. The most important lesson (with a wee push from Maggie) was that I had to learn how to delegate. I felt guilty asking my committee members to take on a big work load but a few encouraging words from Maggie helped me to loosen the reigns.

After a busy year coordinating the 2012 conference, I

vowed that was the end of my volunteering because I was exhausted. Besides, I have a 6 year old, a husband who is away with his work a lot, a cat, a new puppy and I work full-time. I don't have time to do all the extra work involved in volunteering, right? Nope! When Michael David announced at our executive meeting that we were looking for a new editor for the association's newsletter I thought wow that would be an interesting way to stay involved in the association and before I realized it my hand mysteriously flew in the air to volunteer once again!

I would also like to take time in this first editor's note to extend an enormous thank you to our previous editors Jessica Goodman and Julie Christinzo. As new grads, Jessica & Julie learned about the editorial position at the conference and jumped at the chance to get involved in their professional association. They brought in "themed" issues of the newsletter and introduced the "Editor's Draw" to entice our members to write articles for the newsletter. Their goals were to share our Associations' stories, experiences, events, ideas and knowledge hoping to inspire us all. Thank you Jessica & Julie. The newsletter has thrived under your editorial leadership. I believe you met and surpassed your goals.

I am going to carry on with the themed issues as they seem to really work well. This issue is about who we are and as part of learning and knowing who we are we can look to our history. As editor I hope that you will all get involved in the newsletter by writing for us. It is with your input that our newsletter will continue to be an outlet for ideas and inspiration. Jessica & Julie's shoes are big ones to fill and I hope I can carry on in such an inspiring fashion.

Cheers!

Carolyn Toppan



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History of OALT/ABO

By Janet Scheibler

In May 1970, the Canadian Library Association sponsored a two-day workshop on the library technician. This workshop, held from May 8th to May 9th in Thunder Bay, had as its theme *The Library Technician at Work: Theory and Practice*. Librarians and library workers came from all over Canada as well as a number from the United States. Library technicians took an active part and as the workshop drew to a close a group of some thirty graduate technicians and students gathered for dinner and later for coffee to discuss the need for, and the relevance of, an Association for technicians all across Canada. All participants agreed that there was a need for such an organization and the decision was taken to form one. Temporary headquarters would be in Thunder Bay and the Coordinator would be Mrs. Lois Pentney, a 1969 graduate of the Lakehead University technician program. She was then employed at the Port Arthur Collegiate Institute Library.

The group had set themselves a daunting task. Membership would be open to all technicians and students right across Canada. Fees were set at two dollars, but students could join for free. Within the first year membership in the Canadian Library Technicians Association (CLTA) as it came to be called, grew to more than one hundred and fifty members. A newsletter was published and a constitution was drafted but progress in launching the association was slow. For various reasons, both financial and geographical, CLTA never quite got off the ground, but it paved the way for further development of a library technicians' association in Ontario. Since the majority of library technician programs were in Ontario, it followed that a strong core of members were Ontarians.

Three years later, in May 1973, the College of Affairs Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities sponsored a seminar on library technician programs. The theme of this seminar was *Where are we going and why?* Among the people attending were members of the Provincial Consultative Committee, librarians, directors and coordinators of library technician programs and graduate technicians. Out of this seminar grew the idea to try once again to form an association but this time it was decided to keep membership to the provincial level, and not to go nation wide.

On October 26, 1973, some twenty-six technicians met

at Humber College to further work on the ideas presented at the May seminar. This meeting was chaired by Doug Willford of Humber College. Major items of discussion were a constitution and plans for a conference to include a first annual meeting. An interim executive was appointed until such time as elections could be held at the conference. At this time there were local branches already in existence – a result of CLTA. These included Lakehead Library Technicians Association in Thunder Bay; Library Technicians Association which served the northern areas around Schreiber, Marathon, Terrace Bay; Ottawa Regional Branch; Toronto Area Library Technicians Association; South Central Library Technicians Association in Hamilton. TALTA hosted the first conference at the School of Nursing, Seneca College, on October 18th to 20th, 1974. Almost two hundred people attended the conference, the theme of which was IMPACT 74. By 1975, there were eight regional branches: Hamilton Regional Branch; Lakehead Regional Branch; London Regional Branch; Northern Regional Branch; Ottawa Regional Branch; Sudbury Regional Branch; Toronto Area Library Technician's Association; and Niagara Regional Branch. In 1976 Halton-Peel Regional Branch formed followed in 1979 by Huronia Regional Branch. London Regional Branch officially suspended operations 1981. In 1983, Niagara, struggling to stay alive, opened their doors to former London and Hamilton members and re-named the branch Lohania. Northern Regional Branch became part of Sudbury Regional Branch.

Nineteen seventy nine was a landmark year. It was the year that the Association received the 'Letters Patent', becoming officially incorporated. Our Ontario Corporation number is 392353 and is dated February 1, 1979.

In 1983 OALT/ABO celebrated ten years as an association at the conference in Sudbury with the theme *Decade/ Décennie*. Our twenty-fifth anniversary was observed in 1998 with a successful conference in London titled *Fulcrum '98* hosted by Lohania.

Our accomplishments are many. Every year OALT/ABO hosts a successful conference at which a number of workshops are offered to delegates. We are and have been since inception, officially bilingual, unlike the bigger and richer

Canadian Library Association or the Ontario Library Association. We have produced many publications by and about library technicians, including a bilingual audio-visual production describing the varied skills of a technician. Our salary surveys are becoming a tool used by employees and employers alike to establish fair compensation packages. Our constitution and policy statements on standards and certification are regularly updated. OALT/ABO sponsored an essay contest for several years that elicited a high quality of entries. We frequently exhibit at OLA and CLA conferences as well. Our presidential award was established to recognize individual contributions to the organization. As an organization we have responded to job placement advertisements or magazine articles that misrepresent who, and what, is a library technician.

OALT/ABO is at the present time, somewhat at a crossroads. In 2000 a Committee-for-Change was created to look at ways and means to bring new life to the organization. This will be the second time that OALT/ABO has examined the structure of the association with a view to ensuring that it remains a viable and meaningful organization.

Prepared by Janet Scheibler from the Archives

May 9, 2001



Are you interested in chronicling the history of OALT/ABO from 2001 to present?

**Please contact the executive at
info@oaltabo.on.ca,
subject line "History OALT/ABO"**



Correction

It seems we forgot someone! In the Spring 2012 issue there was an article on innovation which listed past recipients of our Innovation Award. We inadvertently forgot to include Stella Clark who received our Innovation award. At the 2009 OALT/ABO Conference which was held in Barrie, Stella received the Innovation Award for her innovative "Library-to-Library Pen-Pals across Canada" program.

Our apologies for the error.

EDITOR'S DRAW!

Congratulations to Theresa Ziebell, winner of the Editor's Draw. As our winner Theresa will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Nicholas Hoare Bookstore.

The names of contributors to the Fall 2012, Winter, 2013 and Spring 2013 issues of NewsLetter/ NouvElles will be entered into our draw. Keep those submissions coming in and you could be our next Editor's Draw winner!



Your 2012/2013 Executive



Michael David Reansbury, is returning as the **President** of OALT/ABO. He is currently the circulation desk administrator with the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. His duties cover all aspects of the customer service side of libraries: From checking patrons in and out, administering the remote access to electronic resources, and teaching students how to effectively search, and cite! While Michael David loves books his real passion and reason for working in libraries, is serving people. Michael David is at heart an old man and a lover of sprinkled donuts!

Cindy Smith is our **President Elect**. For the past eight and a half years I've had the privilege of working steadily in both public and academic libraries in both circulation and information and collection services, providing customer service, reader's advisory, reserves, electronic reserves, interlibrary loan, copyright, virtual reference, reference, collection development, and Information Literacy delivery at a college level. In addition, I have worked within different provincial library associations contributing and creating conference programs as well as presenting at them.

I'm grateful enough that every day I still jump up to serve any person that asks for any kind of help to find anything at all in a library.



Daisy Collins is happy to resume her duties in the position of **Treasurer** for 2012-2013. Currently employed at Conestoga College, her position includes a strong emphasis on reference service, serials management and revitalizing the leisure reading collection. Daisy graduated with honours from Seneca College's LIT program in 2004.

Rachel Kelly is your Membership Coordinator. Rachel has experience working in both public and academic library systems. She is a graduate of Seneca's LIT program with an intensive background in English Literature and Dramatic Arts. Rachel is hopelessly addicted to young adult literature, yoga, zumba, fibre arts and miniature dachshunds.



Lisa Elchuk is returning as your OALT/ABO **External Communications Coordinator**. Lisa works as a Library Technician for the Crescent School Libraries, Humber College Libraries (PT), and George Brown College Libraries (PT). She is also your OALT/ABO OLA Super Conference 2013 representative, and mans the OALT/ABO Twitter and Facebook accounts.

She is married to Hugh, who works as a film editor in the Toronto film and television industry (they met in film school!), and the very proud mommy of Dragan, a five-year old whirlwind of a little boy.

If you can believe it, the library was not Lisa's first love! Lisa has worn many a media hat through out her professional career. She has worked on various films and television series as a production coordinator, most famously (or infamously!) the SAW films. Lisa has also worked for one of Canada's biggest broadcasters, rubbing noses with some amazing digital folk.

You can follow Lisa on Twitter - [@little_lisae](#), and of course, you can always contact her via the OALT/ABO email account - info@oaltabo.on.ca

AMNA HUSSAIN is returning as our **Internal Communications Coordinator**. Amna graduated from Seneca's LIT program in June 2010 and also has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto. She is currently working at University Health Network's Health Sciences Libraries after 2 years at Maple Leaf Foods. Amna has a great love of technology and food! Her hobbies include reading, traveling and learning about new foods and experiences.

If you have any suggestions for the OALT/ABO website let Amna know.



Carolin Toppin is returning on the executive as **Newsletter Editor**. Carolin is a Library Technician at Seneca College's Markham Campus where she is part of the copyright team. She helps to obtain copyright permissions for classroom use as well as helping to educate the college community about the ins and outs of copyright. She started her career as a page at the Richmond Hill Public Library. After graduation from Seneca's LIT program, Carolin worked in the Information Systems Library at Royal Trust and at the Ontario Ministry of Treasury and Economics Library in a Technical Services role before moving on to work at Seneca College.

In past years Carolin has worked on the planning committee for the OALT/ABO conference.

Your 2012/2013 Executive



Jessica van Keulen and Maggie Weaver have offered to get the ball rolling for the 2013 Conference until a Coordinator could be arranged. We didn't have anyone volunteer to coordinate the Conference. If you are interested in the Coordinator's position or in helping with next year's conference contact either Maggie or Jessica.

MILLIE YIP is returning as our **Chapter Coordinator**. She graduated from Seneca College's Library and Information Technician program in 2007. Millie is currently working at AMEC, an engineering firm in Oakville, as a document analyst. Millie has worked at the Legislative Assembly Library of Ontario as a student assistant, and Centennial College and George Brown College Libraries as a Reference/Circulation Technician.



Kathi Vandenheuvel is continuing on in the role as OALT/ABO's **Archivist**. Kathi has been working as our archivist for the past 3 years and is continuing to sort all of our materials using Excel to create a record of our holdings.

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Meeting the OALT/ABO Community

One Technician at a Time

How I became a Library Technician

When I was 19 years old, I participated in a Human Resources session where my skills/interests were matched with career choices.

Fast forward 16 years, I'm a stay at home mom with 4 kids and I'm ready to rejoin the workforce. Let me tell you that in those 16 years of domestic bliss there was an electronic revolution. Working as I knew it had changed completely with the introduction of the internet and desk top computers! I was not sure where I could fit in.

I remembered the skills survey and being an organized pack rat, I pulled it out. Interestingly, one of the career choices high on the list was a library technician. A dream was born and research began. Seneca College was the obvious choice because the location was perfect.

Having a cautionary nature, I was scared about committing to a full-time program, so I took baby steps. Initially I went to the part-time studies open house and enrolled in "an introduction to library technician" course which ran all day Saturdays for 9 weeks.

My first day at school was surreal; my eldest son drove me to the campus because he needed the car! I had a smile on my face, I felt giddy and yes, overwhelmed. Who would have thought that Sara Niro, mother of 4, wife of 1, would actually go back to school?

I had many who were supportive of my decision but many who thought I was crazy. I would be lying if I did not admit that it was difficult but anyone who knows me knows that I love to challenge myself. The Seneca faculty and my fellow students were great cheerleaders.

After nine weeks and one course under my belt, I took the next English course on Tuesday nights. This went on for a year and a half. I was able to complete one semester in this time but I felt I was at a cross road. It was taking too long for me and I was ready to take the plunge as a full-time student.

One and a half years later, I completed my program. It

took 3 years to complete the 2 year program and I graduated in May 2007!

I decided to take the summer off and to look for employment once my kids went to school. As luck would have it, a temporary position came up at Seneca College Markham Campus Library and the rest is history.

I'm still at the Markham Campus Library and couldn't be happier. My duties include library instruction, reference and circulation desk duty, ILL, email inquiries, marketing ambassador, and anything else that is needed of me. My love is customer service and when I have a satisfied student there is nothing better.

If I had any advice for library technicians it would be to always remain curious and know that no matter what your duties, you are a very important to the success of your organization.

Sara Niro,
Reference Technician,
Seneca College - Markham Campus Library



Reflections

When I finished my diploma at Seneca, I was working for an engineering firm. I knew deep down that I wanted to help out the library association. I received an offer letter from our president a week later telling me that I was selected for the position of Chapter Coordinator. I was so happy when I received the news and had visions of how I would contribute to the association.

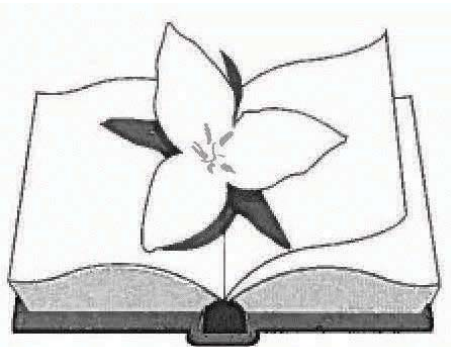
I learned from very unique experiences as the chapter coordinator. I had to use my researching skills to find information on very foreign topics, contribute to the newsletter by writing articles and I had to use various skills such as planning events, time management, dealing with people, marketing and budgeting. I found that it does not matter what job you end up with. As long as you love what you do, that is the most important.

Through the process of being chapter coordinator, sometimes you have to take risks. You never know what outcome you are going to end up with. Being a chapter coordinator is like comparing my life, I just know that sometimes I do not know what the outcome will be. I just know that I have to make a plan and take action. All you have to do is to take the first step. Eventually you will achieve what you want.

I would love to hear from you about how I am doing as the chapter coordinator and am open to any suggestions. Please feel free to email me at millieyip@gmail.com

Millie Yip, Membership Coordinator

Have You Visited Our Website Lately?



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News From CLA

Hi Everyone,

I wanted to touch base with the members of Cross Canada Library Technicians Connections (CCLTC) to fill you in on the latest news from CLA.

First, please join me in welcoming Kathy Heney to the group. Kathy is the new moderator for the CLA LTA Network. I appreciate Kathy taking over as I will be kept busy with CLA Executive Council as well as Board Member for LAA.

Some updates on LTAN:

- LTAN launched their facebook page since conference (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/CLA-LTAN-Library-Technicians-and-Assistants-Network/225840390775638>)
- A proposal has been submitted for a CLA LTAN Award of Merit
- Working with the LIT Program Educators on recommendations for the Accreditation for Library Technician Programs Proposal
- Looking for 2013 Conference session proposals.

I would like you all to encourage your members to join the CLA LTA Network. You don't have to be a CLA member to join. If interested in joining LTAN, please email membership@cla.ca

Regards,

Karen Hildebrandt



Future Events

By Millie Yip, Chapter Coordinator

OALT/ABO Executive Meetings

The 2012/2013 Executive extends to all members an invitation to attend the four executive meetings this coming year.

The dates of the meetings are as follows:

1. Saturday September 22, 2012 – Toronto, ON - Location TBA
2. Saturday November 24, 2012 – Toronto, ON - Location TBA [in advance of Holiday Social]
3. Friday February 1, 2012 – Toronto, ON - OLA Super Conference
4. Saturday March 30, 2012 – London, ON - Location TBA [in advance of OALT/ABO conference]

If you plan to attend an Executive meeting, please email info@oaltabo.on.ca with your intention so that information regarding location, accessibility, etcetera, can be forwarded to you. Attending meetings are an excellent opportunity for members who are interested in filling an executive position to learn more about each specific Executive member role.

Upcoming Events

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. I would like to inform you of some of the upcoming events for 2012. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

September 22, 2012 - our Fall Social gathering. I promise you it will be casual and fun. It is a great opportunity to network, meet new and old friends. Details will follow, please check emails for details.



Oct 13, 2012 - School Advocacy. We are very fortunate to have a guest speaker to speak to our school chapter members about advocating for school library technicians. Sigmund Brouwer is

the best-selling author of 119 novels and several series of children's titles. His books appeared in the top 20 of Amazon ebook downloads, and in the iTunes/iBooks top 80. The event will be held at Hamilton Central Branch Library.



Holiday Social

The executive of OALT/ABO wishes to extend to all members an invitation to Nicholas Hoare Bookstore (45 Front Street East, Toronto, ON M5E 1B3) on the evening of Saturday November 24, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:30pm to celebrate the annual Holiday Social.

Light refreshments will be provided.

To assist in the ordering of amble supplies you are asked to RSVP by 5:00pm on Friday November 9th by emailing info@oaltabo.on.ca with 'Holiday Social' in the subject line including your name and number of guest attending.

The executive looks forward to entertaining our members on this evening.

I look forward to the events and meeting each and every one of you. Please do not miss the great opportunity. Come out and get involved! If you have any comments or suggestion, please email me at millieyip@gmail.com

Millie Yip, Chapter Coordinator

You're Invited!



Join NetworkRED*

Calling All Halton-Peel Chapter Members

The Halton-Peel Chapter of OALT/ABO has a long history of attracting award winning members who have contributed greatly to the development of the Association. The Halton-Peel executive has been a training ground for future movers and shakers on regional and Association committees and on the Association executive.

Over the last several years membership has declined as it has in so many associations these days. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find members who have the time to commit to organizing social and educational events for Halton-Peel members.

Membership is still strong this year at over 30 members, and there is still interest in continuing the chapter. Because of this interest, Tracy Morgan and I decided to establish a Yahoo Groups email list for Halton-Peel members list to better communicate ideas about future events. Tracy created the group in June and together we have invited all members with email access to join.

We hope that by the time this article is published that all members will have joined the list and that a September date is arranged for Shop Talk, a popular dinner/business event held each year in Halton-Peel for many years. At Shop Talk this year we will discuss the future of the Chapter and our options for moving forward.

Our members come from a wide geographic area so if you are unable to attend in person please consider joining the Halton-Peel email list to contribute your thoughts and concerns. If you have not received your invitation to join the Halton-Peel list please contact Tracy at morvay@globalserve.net

Vicky Lynham
Your Halton-Peel Treasurer
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Looking for a mentor? Seneca Alumni can help.

NetworkRED* — a new online mentorship community for Seneca students and alumni — is up and running.

NetworkRED* matches students and alumni at various stages of their careers who are looking for mentors, or wish to mentor fellow Seneca graduates. The site connects people with the right mentors based on the information they provide (industry, job function, skill set, experience). Once you are paired, you can meet online, over the phone or in person.

NetworkRED* is a secure site, and membership is free. Create your profile and find your ideal mentor at: <https://seneca.mentorcity.com/>



Want to follow OALT/ABO on Twitter?

To create a Twitter account

- 1 Go to <http://twitter.com/> click on 'sign up'
2. Fill in the registration details and click on 'create my account'

After creating your account the next page allows you to type "oaltabo" and click on 'search'. If you already have an account, sign in and search for "oaltabo". OALT/ABO twitter account details will pop up with a Follow button:



Click on '+Follow' and you will be able to see OALT/ABO's regular tweets on Association and Library Technician news.

If you have any questions please contact info@oaltabo.on.ca

We Blazed The Trails at the 39th Annual OALT/ABO Conference!



OALT/ABO's 39th Annual Conference was a blazing success!

As usual the conference started out with our Wine & Cheese Reception. We had a great turn out with a welcome from OLA President, Tanis Fink and Seneca's LIT Coordinator Deborah Kay.



The conference offered fabulous speakers including our Key Note Speaker Michael Ridley and sessions that attendees were talking about in the halls afterwards.

The food was delicious, the Birds of Prey demonstration captivated the crowds and rumour has it that Susan Morley and Maggie Weaver were also entertaining!



Donna Brown



One of Our Feathered Friends

Karaoke with Susan Morley and Maggie Weaver!



As Conference Coordinator I'd like to thank the key members of the committee who's help ensured the conference went off without a hitch. Sharon Doyle, Jill Goericke, Laurie Hoyle, Autumn Piette, Maria Ripley & Maggie Weaver dedicated months of their time and put in a great deal of effort to ensure your conference experience was a good one.

Carolyn Toppan - 2012 Conference Coordinator

OALT/ABO would like to thank the following, whose sponsorship helped to make our 2012 Conference a great success!



<http://www.carrmclean.ca/>



Library and Information Technician Program – Ottawa

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2012 Presidential Award

An important aspect to keeping our bodies and minds healthy is the role other people play in our lives. We are healthier and happier when we interact with others on a continual basis. Volunteering provides the opportunity for ongoing relationships with other people. There are many volunteering opportunities to choose from, including service clubs, church groups, organizations, coaching, theatre, hospital visits, etc.... The list goes on

Anyone who volunteers, knows the reward far outweighs the time given to the particular activity. Self-fulfilment is the reward we gain by helping others. Volunteering is a way to keep active and in touch with people and to make new friends.

OALT/ABO has been built on the strength of its volunteers who have been recognized for almost 30 years with the presentation of the Presidential Award.

As stated in the nomination form the **“the purpose of the OALT/ABO Presidential Award is to recognize outstanding contributions/major achievements of OALT/ABO members in promoting/developing the Association/our profession.”** This year's recipient certainly merits if not surpasses the standards of eligibility to receive this prestigious award.

This individual has held a number of positions at the Provincial, Chapter and Committee level:

At the Provincial & Chapter level this individual co-ordinated the Halton Peel Super Saturday, served as Halton Peel President, was Newsletter editor, was the Internal Communications Co-ordinator 2003/2007, OALT/ABO President 2008/2009 & OALT/ABO Past President 2009/2010.

At the committee level this individual redesigned the website, has served on several conference committees and has also conducted workshops at the annual conference.

This individual is an active advocate of OALT/ABO, is a **“super”** extreme fundraiser for the annual conference, works closely with OLA to help strengthen a relationship between these associations i.e. promotion of our presence at the OLA Superconference, co-ordinated the 2008 & 2009 holiday galas and has assisted in transferring the Provincial archives.

The recipient has also demonstrated extreme professionalism to our Association through her tireless involvement with the OALT/ABO conferences which included: recruiting speakers, getting great door prizes and sponsorship from corporations. At the OLA Superconference she co-ordinated the recruitment of both speakers and hosts for the sessions and co-ordinated the volunteers to man the OALT/ABO booth.

It was also said that this individual went out of her way when Penni Chalk was transferring the archives to Kathi Vandenheuvel. Kathi lives near Sarnia and this individual drove out to Oshawa to pick up the archives and then turned around and delivered them to Kathi.

Above and beyond all of the above this individual was a 2003 graduate of the Seneca College Library Technician Program and is currently employed as an executive assistant/administrative manager with the Ontario Colleges Library Service.

Having said all of this ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to present the 2012 Presidential Award to Maria Ripley.

Congratulations Maria!!!

***With greatest respect,
Douglas Willford,
2011 Recipient,
OALT/ABO Presidential Award***



Thank You

I wish to thank OALT/ABO members Pam Casey and Stella Clark for their nomination submission and the Nominating committee for the decision to honour me with the 2012 OALT/ABO Presidential Award. It was overwhelming to hear the speech prepared by Doug Willford that listed the accomplishments achieved since becoming an active member back in 2003. To think it all started with me responding to an advertisement that was posted on the OALT/ABO website for an Internal Communications Coordinator that resulted in my continued effort to move the association forward proactively with a number of other wonderful volunteers over the course of nine years. A special thank you to members who sent congratulations my way via email, facebook and handwritten notes, it was all very overwhelming and very much appreciated.

As the winner of the 2012 award I now have the honour of receiving nominations for the 2012 award. Please see the online submission form found at <http://oaltabo.on.ca/node/43>. We ask that you send submissions to me at the following address:

OALT/ABO Nominations Committee
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A Session Recap

Social media can be intimidating to the uninitiated, but it can offer interesting new ways to connect with different people and share the work you do with them.

Be it blogging, Facebook, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Twitter, Reddit, Google+ or other social media sites, each can help you be a little more public about what you do and show a different side of your organization.

Doing my best to remember back to the questions and points we raised that day in June at Seneca, here's a few points in no particular order of importance to help you as you start your social-media journey:

- Familiarize yourself with any corporate or municipal guidelines regarding employee use of social media. Your workplace may allow free-range use or may regulate who can and cannot setup and access social-



media accounts that carry corporate or municipal branding.

- Just do it— many worry about whether they'll have time to do it, or the inclination. Another common worry is finding your voice. Once you start, you'll figure out over time what you can dedicate to social media and you'll also develop your voice.
- Social media offers new ways to share information with people— if your organization is putting up a billboard, poster, pamphlet, mailout, etc., you can post this on social media and use it as an additional way to distribute that information.
- It's also a way to tell people things that normally wouldn't merit a poster or pamphlet / etc. Posting about new arrivals in the collection can become a way to share the news in a new way.
- You're already an expert because of what you do. Share that expertise. While many patrons will be used to interacting personally with people who work in the so-called front of house, those of us working behind the scenes can offer up new and different perspectives.
- Related to the last point, write about what you know. It's easier to do, and it'll be easier to connect with people who share those interests.

Social media is social— even if keeping up with everything other people post isn't always feasible or possible, it's important to respond to those who reach out and contact you. Respond to replies or mentions to show there's a human behind the screen.

This is an abbreviated list from what was discussed at the conference, but hopefully it covers the major points. I can remember the days before I was on Facebook, on Twitter, blogging and other social media networks and can remember that trepidation before taking the plunge.

I'd be happy to answer any questions and provide advice too!

— Hugo Rodrigues
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Tours, Did Someone Say Tours?



Did someone say *library tour*, count me in! One of the things I love to do at the OALT/ABO Conference is to go on the tours that are organized. This year I went on both tours!

Ontario Legislative Library Tour

Aaaahh! the early morning rush hour traffic of Toronto. After a fairly long bus ride by our very resourceful driver, we arrived at the steps to the Ontario Legislative building just in time to begin our tour.

We started with a quick tour of the Legislative building itself. Not to give anything away, we saw history. In the architecture, the stone, the original paintings of past members, antique lighting fixtures and beautiful stained glass. We saw politics as we walked past the offices of MPP's, heard about Hansard and tiptoed by the Legislative Assembly as it was currently in session. On to the library tour!

The Ontario Legislative Library provides confidential, non-partisan, timely research and information services for Legislative Assembly members only and is not available to the general public.

"Packed" full to bursting, the Legislative library consists of 2 "short" (watch your head!) floors of paper and books.

Historical, archival and current, it houses any and all information with regard to the Ontario legislature. Along with the impressive Daily Newspaper Collection and the Member's Reading Room, this library in its impressive setting is a must see!

The McMichael Art Gallery Tour

Located in beautiful historic Kleinberg, the McMichael Art Gallery is set on 100 acres of conservation land.

The McMichael Gallery is a truly Canadian gallery housing many works by the Group of Seven, Inuit and First Nations artists. Walking from landscape to beautiful landscape it often felt like the Canadian North had been brought indoors. All of these wonderful works of art were housed in a magnificent building of fieldstone, hand hewn logs, vaulted ceilings and lots and lots of wood, creating a real sense of "space".

From the impressive log and stone building to the huge windows looking out into the woods (with seating to quietly reflect), and the stunning artwork, this felt like a Canadian cultural experience and was a fabulous tour.

Laurie Hoyle,
Seneca College,
Newnham Campus Library

Did You Know...

The first Library Technician certificate was offered through the Manitoba Institute of Technology in Winnipeg? Back in 1963 it was the first program to offer formal library technician training and there were 16 graduates of the one year program.

2012 Conference: A Newcomer's Tale

When I joined the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians (OALT) in January 2012 as an Algonquin College student, I assumed I would take a few months to learn about it, its mandate, what it offered, etc. Little did I know that I would eventually be randomly chosen to be sponsored by my Chapter to attend the annual OALT/ABO Conference which was held in King City (north of Toronto), from May 2-5, 2012.

I must admit I had apprehensions about going: from the meals to transportation, and from the timing of the event to the pertinence of my presence there. I was worried about some elements of logistics, about the fact that the Conference interfered with my job search but most of all, about feeling out of place among people who had been in this profession a long time and who had "been there, and done that". I was the rookie; how was I going to fit in or contribute to the discussion in a meaningful way?

As it turned out, I shouldn't have worried as much as I did. I took a train for the first time, I saw Downtown Toronto for the first time (what an amazing experience that was!), not to mention its traffic jams (real ones like you see on TV!) on the highway to King City. I was also quite surprised at how well the welcoming committee was organized, from my arrival at Union Station to my destination at the Seneca College residence. These people had done this before! This well-oiled machine also extended to the people who greeted us and gave us directions before every activity or workshop to the lecturers themselves.

Throughout the Conference but namely on the first day, I met people who worked in various types of libraries and who shared their experiences, their fears about upcoming job cuts, their opinions on current trends in the library world, and I received useful advice that I can use in my job search. One of my classmates was also at the Conference, which I found helpful in breaking the ice.

During the second day, I had an opportunity to visit the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as well as its Library; the Legislature was nice, but I had seen mine in New Brunswick as well as the Parliament in Ottawa, and I found that all three had many similarities in terms of purpose, layout, architecture and the like. I must admit that I was more interested in touring the Library and learn of its collection, what it contained, where it came from, who is allowed to use it, etc.

Later on, I took part in a workshop aimed at searching

workshop business databases, which was a welcome refresher from my courses at Algonquin College. I then attended a workshop on children's programming in libraries given by a young woman who detailed the various steps in setting up a children's program. I don't think I had a clue as to the level of planning involved in creating such a program. If such a task was ever given me, I would have a lot of work to do...

The third day of the Conference started with the workshop I ended up loving the most: one about personal money management. I thought I was doing well in the matter as I do take care of some of the elements the lecturer spoke of on a daily basis, but some of the things she spoke about and the concrete examples she gave really opened my eyes. For example, a weekly \$10 fast-food meal will end up costing you more than \$15,000 over a 30-year period!

On that same day, I learned about LibGuides and their potential benefits for libraries as well as the innovative C3 cataloguing system implemented by a library near Toronto. I also learned about ways to manage and classify E-mails more effectively.

I attended two workshops on the last day of the Conference: one about (very) useful features in MS Word called Paragraph Power and one about the upcoming RDA cataloguing system, which is meant to replace AACR 2.

All in all, I'm glad I went to the Conference as some of the things I learned about could be applied in my daily life. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Ottawa Chapter for sponsoring me to attend the Conference, the Seneca College volunteers who made my stay very enjoyable, the lecturers who gave me valuable advice on a wide range of topics and the OALT as a whole for organizing such a diversified, informative, pleasant, and fulfilling event!

If any of you have an opportunity to attend this event in years to come, be sure to sign up; it will be a valuable learning experience!

Steve Bouchard

Library and Information Technician Program graduate
Algonquin College, Ottawa

Trashball

I'll cut to the chase; we never did get on that canoe. It was a large war canoe too, with room for all fifteen of us or so. The promise of rowing with fellow OALT members across the placid Lake Seneca and past the enchanting former summer residence of Lady Eaton was all that we really came here for, wasn't it? As the overcast sky gave way to smoky greys and purples though, it was soon apparent that the threat of lightning was going to take our tiny voyage off the agenda. Nevertheless, we soldiered on with our fearless leader Alf Grigg, Professor of Outdoor Programs and Recreation at Seneca College. What we lost in canoe travel, we made up for in a meandering walk around Lake Seneca and along the gentle hills surrounding the King campus.

Professor Grigg, an exuberant fellow even on a day such as this, led us through a series of team building exercises and games along the way. He was consistently positive in his delivery and it put many of us at ease, and then he pulled out the trashball. At least, that's what our group so lovingly referred to it as in our post-hike discussions. We appreciated its simplicity and its ability to get us laughing in tears. This game can bring strangers together, or just bring co-workers together in a new and creative way. Without further ado, here's how to play the game.



1. Create a ball of trash. Alf used plastic bags and newspaper bunched into a ball creatively taped together with masking tape. You're probably asking yourself; can't I just find a ball? You could, but then you couldn't call this game Trashball. Most importantly, where are you going to find a ball in the library? Stuck in a boring meeting? Crumple up those minutes and start a game of Trashball!
2. Form an open and wide circle with your group.
3. Assign one person to start.
4. They will start the game off by tossing the ball to the person directly opposite them. As they do so, they call the name of the person they are throwing to e.g. "This is for you, Joan!". The person catching thanks the person who threw it by name and does the same, tossing the ball to the person to the right of the one they just caught it from, e.g. "Thank you Alf, this is for you, Autumn!" (see Figure 1).
5. Send the ball around the circle two complete circuits without dropping it. Repeat the process more quickly, gaining speed each time.

Variations:

- When you catch the ball, drop it once on purpose and say out loud and as funnily as you can "Oops!" and throw again. This can get rather silly when sped up.
- Come closer together as a group each time, continue to do so as close as you can...and I mean close!
- Do it silently, no laughing allowed.
- Time yourselves.

Philip Wasley,
Media Resources Technician, Library Resource Centre
Conestoga College

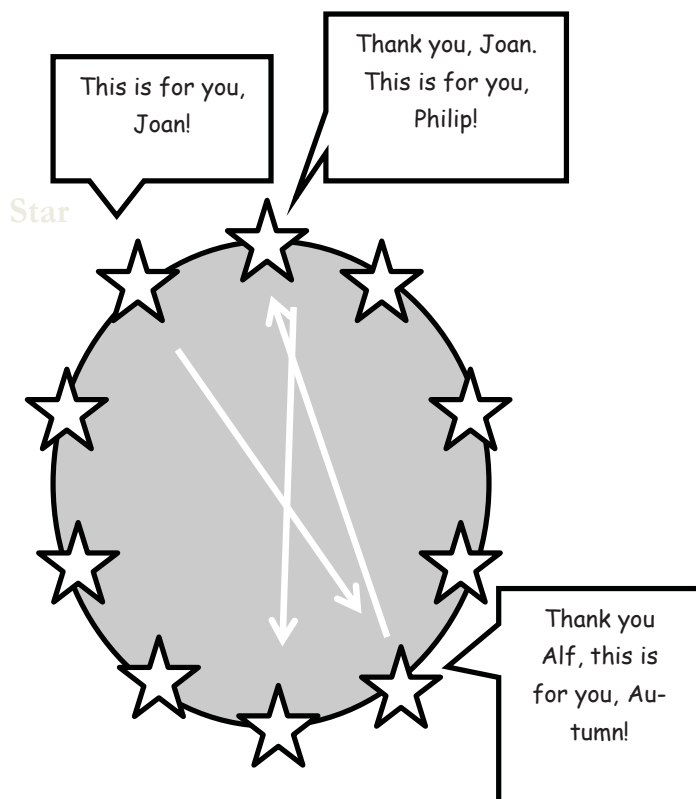


Figure 1—the first three throws of a game.

What I'm Reading or How To Remain At The Top Of Your Game - Library Technician Style

Maintaining relevancy within the library workforce is a constant struggle and even more important for us as Library Technicians, now more than ever. How does one keep up with the constant stream of new technologies, websites, infographics, and databases while working, or while on the hunt for work?

I will admit it, I am most definitely one of the first people to dive head-over-heels into any new technology, especially if it is library related! That is why I am so hell-bent on recommending a few spectacular blogs and library RSS feeds to anyone that will listen.

For the record, I am the Library Technician for Crescent School, an independent boys school in Toronto. I am a newbie to this position, having been employed there for just two months before the summer break and I will be returning to Crescent in September. My constant worry about working with teenagers (especially boys!) is that I cannot relate to their reading habits or interests. I mean, do YOU know who Skrillex, Frank Ocean, Sleeper Agent, or Yuck is, or why we should all be watching and listening to any of these musicians? Have you read anything by Robert Muchamore or Jay Asher?

I can imagine eyes glazing over at this point so I am going to leave you with the less than obvious information - these are current and up-and-coming musicians/bands and authors that write for boys, specifically teenaged boys. So not what I am reading at this point!

My current interests range from biographies (think Jenny Lawson's "Let's Pretend This Never Happened") to anything by Francesca Lia Block or L. M. Montgomery (over and over and over again!) Completely not the scene in an all-boys library!

I try to keep up-to-date with teen reads, boys interests, and reader advisories a number of ways. I'm active on Twitter (follow me! @little_lisae), where I follow a number of library and literary people and library-related issues. I subscribe to **iLibrarian** <http://ocdb.org/blogs/ilibrarian/>; **Stephen's Lighthouse**, by Stephen Abram (he always has the best library infographics! <http://stephenslighthouse.com/>;

The Art of Manliness <http://artofmanliness.com/> - it has a great number of blog posts that include things like "best books for boys and young men" and "what every man should read now!";

GoodReads <http://www.goodreads.com/> - A great resource to get your students to comment on what they are reading, GR can also recommend books based upon what you have already read; <http://www.gettingboystoread.com/>, <http://www.guysread.com/>, <http://www.teenreads.com/> (obviously);

Procrastin8tor <http://procrastin8tor.wordpress.com/> - A blog created by a fellow in England who is a fiction author. I like his blog because he suggests things that can be useful in speaking with older teen boys (think 14 to 18 years old) about authors, characters, plots and books in general; and last, but certainly NOT least,

Book Riot <http://bookriot.com> - The best, best, best blog about books, literally. Just go and look!

Including blogs and RSS feeds into your repertoire of knowledge is a phenomenal way to stay current in your field. Obviously these links may not work for everyone in their specific libraries and employment positions, but there are always lists of recommended sites on each of the aforementioned for you to peruse and look around.

What are you reading? What are you using to stay current in your field of work? I'd love to hear from you! Send an email to me with 'What I'm Reading - Lisa E' in the subject line, to info@oaltabo.on.ca and let's get a discussion going! You can also post to the OALT/ABO listserv with the same subject heading.

I look forward to hearing from you!

By Lisa Elchuk, OALT/ABO External Communications Coordinator, 2012-13

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LIT Program News



The Library and Information Technician Program at Algonquin College is developing new in-class projects for students to learn and collaborate. Students will be working on an interdisciplinary project with the Applied Museum Studies students, to develop exhibits for museums around the Ottawa area. In addition, students from the first year class will be participating for the first time in the Wikipedia Canada Education Program, the only college in Canada to participate. Over the summer, two graduates were hired to index photographs and documents having to do with the new building at Algonquin College, the Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence (ACCE). This was a great opportunity for the students to learn a lot about the construction trades, about using Open source software (DSpace) and a showcase for the Library Technician program at the college.

The part time program, offered through the Centre for Continuing and Online Learning, has four courses available this fall, Special Collections, Interlibrary Loans, Reference I and Introduction to Libraries.

Helena Merriam, Coordinator of the Library and Information Technician program at Algonquin College received a NISOD Excellence Award in May 2012. This award recognizes excellence in teaching and is granted by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, at the University of Texas at Austin. Second year student, Ryan Tucci, was awarded the OALT/ABO Outstanding Student Award. Congratulations to Ryan for his hard work and leadership.



Orientation at the New Durham LIT Program

Welcome and good luck to you all!



Update from Mohawk College - Library and Information Technician Program

Faculty, staff and students in the distance education library technician program at Mohawk College are eagerly anticipating the start of another academic year.

One major development in our program this year is the result of a curriculum review of our program, which was undertaken over the past year by Dolores Harms Penner, Program Manager, and Kathryn Deiter, Instructor. The curriculum review included an environmental scan, review of internal and external resources, and consultation with stakeholders. As a result, changes have been made to a number of the courses in our program. These changes, together with a report documenting the curriculum review, are shown on our web site

<http://disted.mohawkcollege.ca/library>

under Program of Studies. A chart there shows the availability of our courses in the next academic year.

Changes to our curriculum include revision of our cataloguing courses to cover the new Resource Description and Access cataloguing guidelines which will be coming

into use over the next number of years.

Fall courses start on September 7, 2012, and run until December 14, 2012.

Our courses are taught via distance education, and work well as professional development for library technicians. Graduate library technicians are considered to have met the prerequisites for any course. If you are interested in refreshing your knowledge or learning some new skills, you might consider the following courses:

LIBR10042 Resource Description and Access I (Fall 2012, Winter 2013 and Spring 2013)

LIBR10043 Resource Description and Access II (Winter 2013 and Spring 2013)

LIBR10035 Introduction to Metadata and Metadata Applications (Fall 2012)

LIBR10036 Strategies for Instruction for Library Technicians (Fall 2012)

LIBRLT405 Law Libraries and Legal Research (Winter 2013)

LIBR10004 Health Libraries and Resources (Winter 2013)

Course descriptions and registration instructions are at the URL listed above.

Also, for the library technicians who would like to broaden their professional expertise, Mohawk College offers a certificate program in Records and Information Management. This 6-course certificate is designed to prepare participants to operate a records management program in any organizational setting.

This fall, courses offered in the Records and Information Management Program are:

OADM100 – Records and Information Management Fundamentals

LIBRRM103 - Archives

INFORM140/141 - MS Office Professional

COMMLL122 - Researching and Reporting

If you'd like to contact the Program Manager regarding either the library technician or records management program, I can be reached at:

dolores.harmspenner@mohawkcollege.ca or phone 905-575-2309.

Respectfully submitted,
Dolores Harms Penner

Seneca

Curriculum

Have you taken a look at Seneca's curriculum recently? If you haven't, you might be surprised to see new subject codes and subject names. Like all of the LIT programs, we always are updating our content. After a number of years of tweaking, it was time for some re-alignment. We increased the number of hours for some content and decreased it for others based on workplace needs. Of course, we continuously have to keep adding content as a result of electronic resources. While the distribution of hours has changed, the total number of hours remains the same, since we aren't permitted to increase it.

One area of content that has increased is that of library programs. While library programs were previously covered in half a semester, they now span a full semester. This has allowed more time to be given to instruction. In addition to classroom content, students taking the course this year honed their skills by observing instructional programs delivered by a library technician at Seneca Libraries. They also got to conduct their own live programs instructing their fellow students in the use of various databases.

We also tried to make the streams of subjects more obvious by their subject names and codes. You will see subject names of Cataloguing I through IV, References Resources I and II, Searching I, II and III, and Acquiring Library Materials I and II. All the subject codes for cataloguing subjects end in 2 (to be changed soon to 3), while it's 4 for library materials, 6 for reference, 8 for searching and 0 for libraries overall.

However, change is constant. Here comes RDA and more changes to our cataloguing subjects! Goodbye to those subjects with codes ending in 2.

To view the current curriculum, go to: <http://www.senecacollege.ca/fulltime/LIT.html>

Change of Contact Information

Seneca has upgraded its telecommunications systems and all faculty now have new emails and new telephone extensions. The domain for email addresses has changed to [senecacollege.ca](http://www.senecacollege.ca) (e.g., deborah.kay@senecacollege.ca) and telephone extensions have added at the beginning a 2 (e.g., 22744).

Welcome / Bienvenue

A very special welcome to all our

new members:

Susan Beckett

Liz Adema

Heather Cadman

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Friendly Reminder

**Membership renewal
will be due at the
end of January.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Call for Submissions

We would love to hear from you, all and any (even a quote) contributions are appreciated. This newsletter is your window of opportunity, to which YOU can send :

- * Professional development and education matter to us, so please send us your experiences
- * Upcoming events/workshops/training etc...
- * Updates about yourself, your work, job developments etc... How about telling us about a day in the life of your workplace?
- * New technologies/tools/database
- * Book reviews are a fantastic ice breaker if you are nervous about writing
- * Library related anecdotes, humour, interesting facts and quotes
- * Your blogs or blogs you enjoy, websites, your social cataloguing profiles; GoodReads, Shelfari, LibraryThing
- * Photographs

Please submit your articles to:

oaltabnewsletter@gmail.com

Submission guidelines:

- * 1000—1500 words. We will accept longer submissions if room permits.
- * Microsoft Word Documents
- * Photos can be submitted in black and white or colour. Please send as a “.jpg” file.
- * Indicate the names of the people in photos you submit
- * With your submission please include your name and a line or two about yourself
- * We welcome articles in French

The deadline is December 10, 2012. Thank you!