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## Message from your President

~ Jessica Reeve



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Hello everyone, my name is Jessica Reeve and I am your new president. I am excited for the year ahead. First off I want to thank all the members of last year's board for all their hard work and enthusiasm. I also want to thank everyone who has stepped forward this year as a board member or volunteer. That being said we still have a number of vacancies on the board so I encourage everyone to consider volunteering their time, as a volunteer run association we are dependent on members to step forward and to help us move forward. I decided I would like to volunteer at the provincial level after moving from Ottawa to Kingston and having been on the Ottawa Chapter executive for two years. First I stayed out the rest of my term as president of the Ottawa Chapter as there was no one else to step into the role then I was thinking about volunteering as membership coordinator or another small position to see what it was like. Having dinner with Michael David during OLA

Super Conference in January I found out that there were only two members standing for the board and without three members the association would not be able to continue running. It was time to decide how serious I was; I could either volunteer for a much larger role or not volunteer at all as there would be no association to volunteer for! While considering my option I realized that I did not have as much time as I would like to focus on this important role but the alternative seemed unthinkable. So in 3 years I have gone from Vice-President of the Ottawa Chapter where I recall being told not to worry as it wouldn't involve much in the way of time commitment and I could make what I wanted out of the role to president of the provincial association, not the path I expected to take but I hope to make the best of it and do what I can to make sure the association has a bright future in whatever form it may take.

Speaking of stepping forward, the **special conference**,

as mentioned in the last newsletter as well as at the AGM, is being held on **October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:30 p.m.** at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine to discuss the future of the association and the options available to the association (for further information on these options please see previous newsletters at <http://oaltabo.on.ca/node/476> and watch for our emails coming soon with more information). We will have some guests coming in to speak to the details of some of the options as well as time for open discussions. I hope you will join in the discussion whether or not you can attend on the 18<sup>th</sup> by sending us an email with your thoughts or engaging with us on social media. I am unable to attend as I will be out of the country but I am interested to hear your thoughts and hope to engage with many of you through other avenues.

## EDITORS NOTE

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to my very first Newsletter. It has been a learning experience for sure and I know I have big shoes to fill. A particular thank you to Shannon Matthews for doing such a wonderful job last year with the newsletter and I know that you worked very hard on every issue, I intended to do the same.

If anyone feels like they would be interested in taking on this role, I welcome it as I am currently the Internal Communications Coordinator as well.

Thank you for your support  
Serena McGovern  
Internal Communications Coordinator

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# Special Conference

of the

**Ontario Association of Library Technicians/  
Association des bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario**

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

**12:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

[The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine](#)

1255 Sheppard Avenue East

Toronto, Ontario M2K 1E2

On Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting a motion was brought forward and carried that a special conference of the membership of the Association would be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014 to discuss the future of the Association in relation to:

1. Remaining unaltered.
2. Reorganize and restructure within a set time frame.
3. Amalgamate with another organization.
4. Dissolving.

The special conference will offer a platform for members to gain information and to discuss the four possible trajectories for the Association. The special conference is not empowered to hold a vote.

Those who wish to attend the special conference are asked to register their intentions by **October 15 2014** emailing **info@oaltabo.on.ca** or through the Facebook event.

Those unable to attend the special conference can take part in the discussion on the future of the Association by:

- Posting comments, questions, of discussing on social media; Linked In, Facebook, and Twitter.
- Submitting articles for publishing in the *NewsLETTER/NouvELLES*.
- Attending the Holiday Social.

# The 2014/2015 Board of Directors:

## **President: Jessica Reeve**



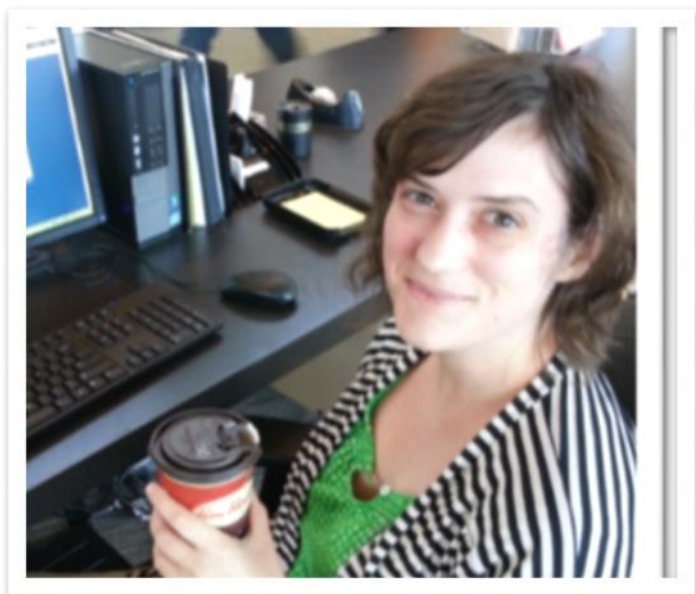
Jessica Reeve is the current president. She works at St. Lawrence College as Copyright/Library technician. She graduated from the Algonquin LIT in 2011 and was awarded the OALT/ABO Student Award. She is currently working towards a Bachelors of Information Studies through Charles Sturt University. She started out on the Ottawa Chapter Executive first as Vice-President and then as President. Outside the library world she also volunteers with Girl Guides of Canada in a Spark and Brownie unit. She also enjoys traveling and is trying to improve her sewing skills having made two baby quilts recently

## **Membership Coordinator: Jillann Rothwell**



I have been working on my online Library Technician diploma through Mohawk College for four years. Happily, I'm one field placement away from finishing. I'm fortunate to work half-time at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library as a Library Assistant where I enjoy helping patrons and talking about books. If I'm not ferrying my kids around to their activities, I can be found reading!

## Internal Communications Coordinator:



I am a Library Technician who is employed at Georgian College and the Barrie Public Library. I spend my time drinking coffee and acting as a guide. When I am not working in the academic or public library I can usually be found sleeping. Coffee is always welcome and appreciated in my life these days and I've never had a pinacolada's but I do enjoy getting caught in the rain for about five minutes.

I am excited and happy to still be your Internal Communications Coordinator and I think we have an exciting year ahead.

## Members of the Board Not Pictured

### External Communications Coordinator:

Dana Schwarz

**Treasurer:** Lori O'Connor

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There are still positions available on the Board and we would love to have you.

Email: [info@oaltabo.on.ca](mailto:info@oaltabo.on.ca)

for more information



# LIT Program Updates

## Algonquin College Update

We're starting off the new academic year, at Algonquin College, with a new President, Cheryl Jensen and looking towards the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Algonquin, in 2017. It has been an exciting year of many changes and improvements for the Library Technician program.

### Staff changes

Professor Mac Nason, is on sabbatical leave of the 2014-2015 academic year. Filling in for Mac, is Natalie Meggison, Librarian from Heritage College. In addition, new hires and former graduates will be teaching in the program, Jo-Ann Nash O'Brien, Acquisitions Coordinator from the Ottawa Public Library, Cynthia Hubbertz, retired from Library of Parliament, and Claude Bidal from Industry Canada will be joining the teaching faculty this year. Jo-ann and Claude are alumni of the program.

### Curriculum changes

We undertook a Program Quality Review process last term, to ensure that the program meets the needs of students and employers. A number of recommendations came out of this process which we will be working on implementing over the next couple of years.

### Proposed program with Carleton University

At the Canadian Library Association, Emma Cross from Carleton University Library and Helena Merriam, co-presented a poster, outlining a proposed new program of study, the Bachelor of Information Technology – Information Resource Management. This would be a joint program, where students would graduate with both a bachelor's degree and the Library technician diploma over a four year period. This program is subject to the approval process, but at the conference we were able to get a lot of useful feedback to help with the future program development.

### Award winner

The 2014 winner of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians Faculty Recognition Award is Timothy Yale. Tim Yale is a full time student in the Library and Information Technician program at Algonquin College and is an exceptional student who goes above and beyond in assisting his fellow classmates and the Algonquin community. In May of 2013 Tim presented at the OALT conference for one of the student lead sessions, on the topic of RDA. He was the recipient of the Algonquin College Dedication and Involvement Volunteer Award in 2014 and volunteered with Librarians without Borders for a community service project in Guatemala.

### CBC Radio

Helena Merriam was invited to speak on the local radio program of CBC, Ottawa Morning, about the main branch of the Ottawa Public Library, and about the need for a new central branch. If interested you can tune in to listen here: <http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Local+Shows/Ontario/Ottawa+Morning/ID/2471767537/>

## Mohawk College Update

Faculty and students involved with the library and information technician program at Mohawk College have wrapped up winter term and begun spring term courses, which run from May until August. Ours is the only library technician program in Ontario that is taught entirely online. We are the host college for library technician courses offered through the OntarioLearn consortium, which means that other colleges can also choose to offer our distance education courses. Our program is intended primarily for people who are working in libraries but have no formal library education. Our courses also work well for

graduate library technicians or librarians who want to take a course to update their skills or learn more about a new area of library work. More information about our program can be found at <http://ce.mohawkcollege.ca/library>

In the last few years we have updated the curriculum in our program, adding courses such as Resource Description and Access, which covers the new RDA cataloguing guidelines, and Information Technology for Library Technicians, which examines the use of mobile devices and other technologies in libraries.

The library and information technician diploma and records and information management certificate programs have both successfully completed the program review process at Mohawk College in the past two years. Program review is an internal quality control process in which the curriculum, program quality and strategic initiatives are studied. This is done through gathering data from stakeholders and completing an environmental scan. We are pleased that both of these programs received extremely positive reviews.

One interesting initiative that we are currently pursuing is the possibility of a post-graduate certificate for library technicians, to be offered online. More information will be made available here as this opportunity develops.

OALT/ABO members may want to check out our web site in late July, under the "Program of Studies" heading, for a listing of fall term courses. Fall term registration will open on August 5, and courses will run from Sept. 9 to Dec. 16/14.

Dolores Harms Penner  
Program Manager  
Library and Information Technician Program  
Mohawk College



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Send your submissions (1500 words or less) to [oaltabonewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:oaltabonewsletter@gmail.com)

# Meeting the OALT/ABO

## Ottawa chapter /Section d'Ottawa

### President: Vincent Elit



I was first introduced to OALT/ABO at the 2009 Wine and Cheese event at Algonquin College, as a second year student in the Library and In-

formation Technician Program. Since graduating in 2010, I have been a member of OALT/ABO and the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa.

I first joined the Executive of the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa in 2012, becoming Secretary, and later volunteering for the role as Chapter Archivist. In 2013, I took on the role of Secretary and Chapter Archivist. Late in the year, I took on the role of Acting Treasurer, as this position was vacant. I was also part of the Communications team, who worked extremely hard to update our website, for its re-launch in early 2014.

In 2014, I became the Chapter President of the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa, while maintaining the role of Chapter Archivist, and also assisting with our Communications team.

Since 2010, I have been working with the Federal Government, in special libraries, firstly with the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and most recently with the Courts Administration Service, where I have been employed for the last three years.

In my personal life, I am an avid mystery reader, and runner. I also am a huge follower of information technology and website development; stemming from the e-Publishing graduate certificate that I completed after my LIT diploma.

### Vincent Elit

Chapter President and Archivist | Président et Archiviste de la Section

Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa

### President Elect: Krystal Benn



I was first introduced to OALT/ABO about 3 years ago at the Algonquin College Student Meet and Greet. After imploring Ann for volunteer opportunities she suggested I join as Vice-President of the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa, a position I have retained the past 2 years. My

working experience in libraries has been short but sweet, with a few contracts at a federal government library and some dabbling in the world of Access to Information and Privacy legislation. I am finishing up a certificate in Records and Archives Management with Algonquin College, and look forward to starting a contract in information management with the federal government in the near future.

In my downtime I enjoy gardening, reading, cooking/baking, canoe camping and taking my dog and toddler for nature walks.



## Website Coordinator:

### Linda Landreville

I was introduced to OALT/ABO in 1974 as a second-year student in the "Library Technician" Program at Algonquin College. Since graduation, I

have remained active in the Association for the past 40 years.

My committee positions have been varied. In 1976 I was Provincial PR Coordinator and then over the decades my roles have included: Regional Vice President and Director, Secretary and for a little more than 20 years I filled the role of Regional-then-Chapter Newsletter Committee Chairperson. In 2010, I was incredibly honoured to receive the OALT/ABO Presidential Award. In 2012, following the folding of our "tête-à-tête" into Ottawa's website, I have been involved with helping to keep our Blog and website updated.

In 2010, I retired from the Federal Government after 35 years. My Public Service Career, also, was diverse. For example, I ran a small Reference Centre, I managed electronic Reference Searches and I performed database management tasks. In 1995, I morphed my job into the information technology area and eventually developed the interest and skills for Technical Writing.

My personal life has never stopped being very busy. For instance, I have spent 40 years volunteering with Girl Guides of Canada. Keeping up with the kids certainly has kept me young and out of mischief. I also love camping, reading, caring for cats and dogs and doing Genealogy research.

Linda Landreville,  
Website Coordinator  
Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa



## Treasurer: Ann Censner

My membership in OALT/ABO began so long ago that I do not remember the precise year, but at some point in the early 1990's I was persuaded by a good friend to sit in on an Executive

meeting and by the end of it I was sitting on the Board of Directors as the Ottawa Regional Branch representative. Since then I have served continually (with the exception of 2013) on the local executive in one way or another; over the years covering almost every position at least once but spending the longest time as Membership Co-ordinator. This is, however, my first time as Treasurer, although I have participated in a few audits over the years. In my working life, I **just** received my 25 year service award for the Public Service, most of which I have spent with Library and Archives Canada (formerly National Library). Although working at numerous jobs over my years at LAC my personal focus has been, whenever possible, to support improved services and materials for the print-disabled. An area that has much potential in this brave new world of adaptive technology.

As to my personal time, I am a bit of a film buff, generally attending at least one movie a week. But I also have a keen interest in photography and have more recently started to dabble in making jewellery. And of course, as many in this field are, I am also an avid reader.





# Updates from the Ottawa Chapter/ Section d'Ottawa

Since our last update in the Spring issue of NEWSletter/ NouVELLES, the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa has hosted and is planning a number of events for Chapter members.

## **40<sup>th</sup> Year of the Chapter**

October 2014 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chapter. In 1974, we ratified our first Constitution and By-laws and we were established as the Ottawa Regional Branch / Section régionale d'Ottawa. We then became the Ottawa Chapter/ Section d'Ottawa in November 2003.

We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year at our annual Student Meet and Greet event on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. See details below.

## Canadian Copyright: An Information Session

On Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, we had Jessica Reeve, the current OALT/ABO President and Copyright Technician at St. Lawrence College present an information session for members about Canadian Copyright. Her presentation is available on our website's Event page at: <http://ottawa-oaltabo.comze.com/chapter-events/>

## **2014 Summer Social**

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa Executive held its annual Summer Social event at Mill Street Brew Pub, where we welcomed 8 members. We had an enjoyable evening, catching up with everyone and network

## **Call for members for the 2015 Executive Team**

The Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa is looking for committed and enthusiastic people from the information community, who are interested in serving on either the Executive or Committees. The Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa

is made up of library technicians and support staff who want to make a difference in the library community.

Positions available for the upcoming year include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Website/Communications
- Translation

Details on each position can be found on our website at: <http://ottawa-oaltabo.comze.com/about-us/constitution-and-by-laws/>

## **Annual Student Meet and Greet**

### **& 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The Executive and Committees of the Ottawa Chapter/ Section d'Ottawa welcome all past, present and future members to our 2014 Annual Student Meet and Greet & celebrating 40 years as a Chapter.

This event is scheduled for Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Algonquin College Salon D (D Building / Cafeteria).

RSVP and additional information is available on our website at <http://ottawa-oaltabo.comze.com/chapter-events/2014-meet-and-greet/>

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# Rediscovering Children's Literature

by Shannon Matthews

One of the best things about parenthood is revisiting some old favourites, mostly books and board games, which in turn creates a positive shared experience between my son and I. Having a 3 year old son who loves books has truly reinvigorated my interest in reading, as well as provided me the opportunity to nurture his creativity and imagination. It's funny how a book can mean something different now, with my adult perspective, but they are just as good now as they were 3 decades ago.



Declan at a much younger age, enjoying books, he is clearly the son of a library professional

In my humble opinion, the world in which children's literature thrives is an amazing space of illuminating horizons and uncharted territories, that allow a child or an adult re-discovering the genre to circumvent reality for worlds full of innocence, self-discovering phases, adventures of grand proportions, curiosities and imaginative explorations, all wrapped up in the understanding that comes to us during childhood. The books under this branch of literature endeavour to give children of all ages something worth contemplating and to give even the youngest readers something positive to reflect upon.

The hidden gems of this broad spectrum of the genre include: early/new reader books, picture books, chapter books, board books, juvenile fiction, young adult fiction, and various sub-headings of which I am sure I am not even aware. This is the ultimate undiscovered frontier whereupon a reader of any age can pick up where they first left off and jettison back into the age of childhood adventure and enable them to pass on what they find to anyone who appreciates the quality of story mixed with the exuberance of our growing years. Literacy is a lifelong pursuit which blissfully can begin at any chapter of our living years.

Here are a few of our must-reads (as in 'must read at least twice before I will go to sleep mommy'):

If I Ran the Zoo - Dr. Seuss

Oh, the Things You Can Think! – Dr Seuss

Barnyard Dance - Sandra Boynton

Moo, Baa, La La La! - Sandra Boynton

Sometimes I Like to Curl Up in a Ball – Vicki Churchill

Best Word Book Ever - Richard Scarry

Clifford the Big Red Dog & the Little Red Sled – Norman Bridwell

## Metadata & Mind Palaces

Submitted by: Serena McGovern

The BBC television show Sherlock is an excellent example of metadata used well. No I'm not talking about the way Sherlock catalogues his book or the way Watson neatly arranges his outfits. Though I am sure they are both done expertly but I am talking about Sherlock's mind palace.

Yes Sherlock organized his brain.

In fact he organized it so and efficiently that being a library professional I was immediately intrigued by which format he uses to retain the information he does? is it Dublin Core? or something else entirely. I was amazed by how quickly Sherlock is able to limit and sort the material he needs.

Yet I knew his method was not perfect, it was open to his interpretation of what he deemed was important (clearly the earth rotating around the sun was not). Which reminded me of my days learning how to make call numbers and the science and art form it can be. In the end I guess the most important thing when deciding to shelve a material is to think in the end "Where will it circulate best?". There you have your answer.

Sherlock's mind palace is an extraordinary cataloguing example and in Season 3 we are reminded about when good cataloguers turn evil and the power that one holds when one is able to catalogue all sorts of different material. (trying not to give away spoilers here). Watching the series reminded me that cataloguing and the organization of information is so important that it can not only solve crimes but it can save lives.

## Milestone Anniversaries

### **Members** **Celebrating 40 Years**

Talsma, Theresa

Cheney, Ronn

Henry, Pat

Landreville, Linda

### **Members** **Celebrating 35 Years**

Froud, Margot

### **Members** **Celebrating 30 Years**

Daunt, Maria

### **Members** **Celebrating 25 Years**

Barten, Valerie

### **Members** **Celebrating 20 Years**

Censner, Ann

### **Members** **Celebrating 15 Years**

Ziebell, Theresa

Suffoletta, Kathryn

### **Members** **Celebrating 10 Years**

Reid, Ene-Pia

Matthews, Shannon

Murray-Bannister, Beth

Knapp, Cassandra

Hunt, Donna

Avery, Debbie

Liu, Denise

Villaruz, Albert

### **Members** **Celebrating 5 Years**

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Clark-Mills, Sally

Gick, Sheila

Wong, Cindy

Muth, Ethel



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