

# NETWORKS

HURONIA REGIONAL BRANCH OALT/ABO VOL. 3, NO. 4



## REGIONAL MEETING

Eight Huronia Regional Branch members and two guests enjoyed an outdoor evening meeting at Janet Scheibler's home in Orangeville on June 26th. Janet is busy moving but still found time to put together a terrific barbeque. After everyone had their fill of hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, fruit and wine the meeting got down to business.

Louise LaFleur brought along the buttons which she had made up with the OALT/ABO logo and Huronia Regional Branch. Janet Iles brought the pens which can be purchased to support the Regional Branch.

Mary Davie reported that seven members attended the annual conference in Thunder Bay. A good time was had by all! (See separate section in this newsletter for more information)

Mary attended the June 19th meeting of Provincial Executive and Board of Directors which was held at the Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto. Business arising from that meeting includes the following:

-The money from London Regional Branch which folded last year has been turned over to the Provincial Treasurer. Five hundred dollars has been set aside in trust for the Branch if it should reform.

-Profits (approximately \$3500.00) from the 8th annual conference will be transferred to the Provincial Treasurer.

-Huronia suggested that an excess of paper is being distributed among the regions. For example, copies of newsletters are going to each region and to each Board of Directors representative. Huronia finds it hard to pay for all copies required and was concerned that perhaps all copies aren't necessary. The other regions do not find this a problem and nothing was resolved.

-Publication of the OALT/ABO Directory for 1982/83 has been delayed because most branches have not yet turned over money or membership applications. Huronia is up-to-date.

-The job survey has been approved and will be distributed to the companies in each area according to the lists previously submitted.

-The association would like to cover as many secondary schools as possible in Career Week so that the image of Library Technicians will have a higher profile among teachers, students and guidance counsellors. If you are able to attend a school in your area please contact an executive member in your area.

-A new brochure about Library Technicians is in production and should be available for use in time for the above events.

-Nancy Carlucci, Public Relations Coordinator, attended the CLA Conference in Alberta. She found it most interesting and informative. Nancy was the most easterly representative of library technicians. She felt that there should be more liason among the Presidents of the existing Provincial Library Technician Associations with a view to having a national organization in the future.

-The dates for upcoming Board of Directors and Provincial Executive meetings are Sept. 18th, Nov. 13th, Jan. 15th, Feb. 26th and April 2nd. If anyone would like to attend any of these meetings as an observer please contact Mary Davie.

Mary Davie also reported on the latest news about the Library Technician course at Georgian. (For more information see section following)

There will be a fall workshop. More details will be in the next issue of this newsletter. If you have any suggestions for workshops please contact a member of the Executive.

Many thanks to Janet for hosting such an enjoyable barbeque and meeting.

## LIBRARY TECHNICIAN COURSE

We are still pursuing this matter diligently. I had a meeting with Thomas P. Owens, Dean, Manpower Training and Extension Division, Georgian College on June 21st, to discuss the status of the course. A letter outlining the whole situation, as we see it, has been sent to Mr. Owens with copies going to other interested parties, depending on the reply received from the College by the end of July. Louise LaFleur and others from the Simcoe County Library discussed the subject with Mr. Wayne Busch, President, Georgian College, recently when he visited the County Municipal building for a promotional meeting. We must keep the pressure on and if your library has not written a letter recently supporting this program please have them do so. A copy of my letter is available on request. Following are a few excerpts:

It is my understanding that as things stand now:

- a) An initial course may be given this fall, and,
- b) it will be a course which will be of immediate benefit technically to those taking it and to the libraries they either run or in which they are employed
- c) That some thought will be given to using innovative methods in teaching this programme (video-taping, use of existing university programmes in local communities, etc.) so that use might be made of all or part of the programme in other isolated areas of the province.
- d), That some liason be established with the Ministry of Culture and Recreation whereby untrained library personnel (who may require future certification under possible new regulations for public libraries) could be required to take a number (4?) of courses for certification or all the courses for a Library Techniques Diploma. This could be one possible way to defray some of the costs of running such a programme and could tie in with (c) above.

Watch for futher news on this subject (Good news, I hope!)

-Mary Davie

## CLA COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY TECHNICIANS (ROLE AND EDUCATION)

Nancy Mack has forwarded material from the CLA Committee on Library Technicians (Role and Education). Unfortunately, space does not allow it to be printed in this newsletter. However, in view of what is happening in Huronia in regards to the course at Georgian College, a brief outline of the Brief to the Ontario Public Library Review Board from the Ontario Association of Library Technician Instructors follows:

The Brief outlines Statistics, Suitability of programs in regard to Library Technicians employed in public libraries in Ontario, and, the problems of staffing libraries that are distant from existing Library Technician programmes. Attempts made by Lakehead University, Algonquin College and several Alberta colleges to offer distance education are outlined. The results of Seneca College's investigation into the feasibility of offering their course through correspondence are discussed.

In conclusion OALTI propose:

1. That a meeting be held to include Library Technicians' instructors and appropriate administrative officers, representatives from the public libraries, and especially from the group comprising the Ad Hoc Committee of Regional Library Consultants, the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, and the College Affairs Branch of the Ministry of College and Universities, to look into the feasibility of co-operation between the Colleges, public libraries and the government in offering a suitable distance education program in library techniques in areas not served by an existing program.
2. That this meeting establish a possible division of responsibility and that either or both of the Ministries above underwrite the cost of a pilot program of distance education.
3. That the public libraries of the regions not served by a program undertake an inventory of reference and technical services collections already available and that they accept responsibility for such supplementary materials as are sent by the college(s) as part of the pilot program.
4. That the public libraries market the pilot program, in particular ensure that sufficient numbers of students avail themselves of the opportunity in the locations in which it is to be offered.
5. That the programs undertake the work of developing their existing courses on a distance education basis, with suitable government funding for the development and testing period.
6. That TV Ontario as an agency of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, be approached to provide technical advice and assistance in the delivery of the pilot program.

If anyone would like to have a copy of the Brief contact the editor and one will be sent.

Nancy has also sent a copy of the 'Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians' which was prepared by the Committee on Library Technicians (Role and Education). If anyone would like to see the guidelines contact the editor and a copy will be sent.

Nancy's term of office on this committee has ended. We extend our thanks to her for the information she has supplied. The committee is moving west but since Danielle Amat, President, OALT/ABO will be receiving all minutes of the committee hopefully, we will continue to be informed. Thanks again, Nancy.

## "A NEW VIEW IN '82"

The 9th annual conference, "A NEW VIEW IN '82", of OALT/ABO was held at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay from May 13-15th. The workshops provided a fresh perception of the Library Technician's capabilities in today's information society. Sixteen different workshops provided insight and hands-on experience with this new technology.

The wit and whimsy of Arthur Black, the guest speaker at the banquet, delighted everyone. Those who attended "The Most Happy Fella" put on by the Lakehead Choral Group were most impressed by the calibre of the performance.

Huronian Regional Branch was well represented as usual, with members Janet Iles, Janet Scheibler, Judy Koenig, Louise LaFleur, Rosemary Marchand, Mary Davie and Jackie Druery attending. Despite poor weather conditions (rain, rain, rain) everyone found the conference interesting, informative and fun. Some members of Huronia Regional Branch rented a car after the workshops were finished on Saturday and toured some of the local sites including Kakabeka Falls.

The main item of business at the Annual Business Meeting was, of course, the Proposal for Change. Most of the constitutional changes passed without too much controversy, thanks to the hard work of the Committee on Proposal for Change, which ironed many of the problems beforehand. Janet Iles and Janet Scheibler both worked hard for Huronia Regional Branch on this committee. Some of the constitutional changes that were made are as follows:

- Sec. 4(b) Membership fees shall be standard throughout OALT/ABO - This motion was defeated.
- Sec. 13(b) Three members of the Provincial Executive shall have signing authority with only one signature necessary for each transaction. Carried but Huronia voted against.
- Sec. 13(c) Added: In the event that the Treasurer becomes unable to carry out his/her duties the monies shall be frozen and the books audited immediately.
- Sec. 14(b) Full membership will be given to students enrolled in a recognized Library Technician programme (for a two year limit). At that time they will be allowed to pay graduate fees and be granted full membership.
- Sec. 23(b) The President shall chair the Annual Business Meeting.

The 1982/83 Executive were elected at the Annual Business Meeting. The new executive is as follows: Danielle Amat (Ottawa) President; Barbara Cope (Ottawa) Vice-President; Helen Luoma (TALTA) Secretary; Pat Buczkowski (TALTA) Treasurer; Nancy Carlucci (TALTA) Public Relations Coordinator. Two positions were officially added to the administration of OALT/ABO: Archivist - Andrew Porteus (Niagara) and Newsletter Editor(s) - Marg Bushell and Marion Doucette.

Following are accounts of some of the workshops attended by Huronia Regional Branch members:

### PUPPETRY

Presented by Bev Fisher, Margaret Hall and Cathy Heyder, Library Technicians, Thunder Bay Public Library.

This workshop based on hands on experience included performing a skit with a variety of puppets and props, and, making a soft sculptured puppet head with knee-highs and quilt stuffing. A very informative and fun workshop!

## ON-LINE SEARCHING II

Presented by Eleanor Irwin, Library Technician, School of Library & Information Science, University of Western Ontario.

This workshop was an examination of the DIALOG Information Retrieval System which is available from Lockheed Missiles & Space Company, Lockheed Information Systems Division. The system was developed in 1969 with one database and now has one hundred and twenty databases.

Advantages of On-line searching:

- Access to a greater range of subjects and a greater amount of information within a subject area.
- Ability to conduct a more thorough search than is possible manually.
- Updated monthly, weekly or daily depending on database.
- Flexible - It is now possible to conduct search and order material at the same time.
- Much faster than manual searching.

Disadvantages of On-line searching:

- Expensive - Costs range from \$25-\$300/hour depending on database accessed. However, must consider personnel time to do manual search vs. cost of on-line searching.
- Cannot access information prior to 1970.
- Puts strain on resources of libraries because it increases interlibrary loan and reference inquiries.

Manual searching vs. On-line searching:

Because online searching is expensive you must conduct an indepth interview with the person before starting the search. Be aware of the following:

- Know exactly what the person wants ie. is there language limitations? Do they want information published within a certain time frame? How many citations do they need? Are there other terms or subject areas that could be searched? Are there hard copy sources that would answer the question without on-line searching?
- Accept that not finding any references is sometimes an acceptable answer.
- Know when to use on-line searching and when to use hard copy references. This comes with experience. Knowing the correct database to access also comes with experience.

This workshop was supplemented with a videotape explaining the development and use of DIALOG and a slide tape show demonstrating the actual steps followed when doing a search in the Library. We then learned the actual process of searching, ie. the commands to use. We then had time to do several subjects searches at the terminals.

## AUTOMATED CIRCULATION

Presented by Helen Heerema, Library Technician at Confederation College of Applied Arts & Technology, Thunder Bay.

This workshop was an examination of the automated circulation system in use at Confederation College. The system was developed by the Computer Center at the College for use in the Library. The system is very easy to use because all instructions are on the screen. This makes the training of new personnel easier.

The system can be accessed through the following points:

- By Author
- By Title
- By LC Number
- By Borrowers Number - In the case of Confederation College this number is also the Student Number. Community users, faculty and staff are assigned a number automatically by the computer.
- By Borrowers Name - Will give a listing of all books signed out by that user.
- By Accession Number

Other Features:

- Indicates the total number of times a book or piece of software has circulated. A print out can then be obtained of this to be used when weeding.
- When you enter a borrower's number, if that person has overdue books, the system will automatically enter delinquent borrower and no books can be signed out to that borrower until the material is returned.
- Overdue notices are automatically printed once a week.
- When a book is returned if it has been reserved by someone else the system will give the borrowers number.
- All the books, not just those that have been signed out, that are in the library are on the database. Therefore, the system can also be used as a reference tool.

After the initial introduction to the system we had time to sign books out, sign ourselves on as users, reserve books, return books, etc.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Presented by Carole Aitken, Children's Librarian, Thunder Bay Public Library.

Carole Aitken provided a thorough coverage of the topic of children's programming. In addition to giving out many handouts (I love handouts - my suitcase was heavier as a result) Carole explained the programmes which are offered by the Thunder Bay Public Library. An example of material displayed was Carole's storytelling skirt. It was made of brightly colored material attached to a hula-hoop at the bottom. The drawstring style waist allows the skirt to be worn by different storytellers. Large pockets could contain puppets, books or other surprises.

Carole outlined programmes pertaining to those from pre-schoolers to pre-adolescents. Of particular interest were those programmes which related to books and reading, since, I believe that for libraries this must be our prime target area. Books for Babies consists of two - one hour sessions for parents of young children. The parents can then introduce books to their children. Reading Rendezvous is a summer reading programme to give extra reading practice to those children who require it. Each child is paired with a volunteer to read and play reading games.

This was most certainly an excellent workshop. If anyone would like to see any of the handouts please contact Janet Iles at the Owen Sound Public Library.

CONGRATULATIONS THUNDER BAY ON HOSTING SUCH AN INFORMATIVE AND FUN CONFERENCE!

Sudbury has requested the honour of hosting the 10th Annual Conference. The dates will be May 5-7, 1983. Let's try for an even bigger turn out from Huronia Regional Branch.

-Conference information courtesy of Nancy Carlucci, Mary Davie, Janet Iles & Jackie Drucov

## WORKSHOPS

Hurononia Regional Branch hosted a day of workshops at the Owen Sound Public Library on April 24th.

Rose Morley, family resources librarian at the Owen Sound Public Library, spoke on children and literacy. Plans for a children's literacy program were outlined. Concrete ideas were put forward on ways to encourage children to read. Some of these ideas are now underway at the library. The bulletin board "Board for the Bored" has interesting articles for the children to read. The leading to read programme, which pairs a volunteer and a child begins shortly.

Irene Gelyk, technical services technician at the Owen Sound Public Library, conducted a cataloguing workshop. Participants took a step by step look at cataloguing. Implications of new catalogue filing rules were considered.

Liz Pybus, family resources assistant and Janet Iles, materials control technician, both members of the Owen Sound Public Library's puppet troupe, Kids' Company, led a workshop on puppetry in the library. Included in the workshop was a puppet show as well as ideas on the use of puppets in the library and hands on experience in puppet manipulation and construction.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Christine Jones, our only student member, graduated from Fanshaw College recently and has obtained employment as Assistant Circulation Technician with the Legislative Library, Queens Park. Congratulations, Christine and best wishes for the future.

## BOOK REVIEW

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S BOOKS: ESSAYS ON CHILDREN'S LITERATURE IN HONOR OF ZENA SUTHERLAND. Betsy Hearne & Marilyn Kaye, editors. Dothrop, Lee & Sheppard, 1981.

This book is an excellent overview of current children's literature, written, for the most part, by contemporary authors and illustrators. A must for people working in children's libraries, school libraries or those with an interest in the subject.

## NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of NETWORKS will be published in September. I hope to include a revised membership directory for Huronia Regional Branch. Please ensure that Janet Iles has your current address and place of employment. If you have any information to pass along for the September issue please send it to me at RR#1 Stroud, Ont. L0L 2M0. All contributions gratefully accepted!

This is the last issue of NETWORKS you will receive if you have not renewed your membership for 1982/83. OALT/ABO is an important association to all Library Technicians in Ontario. Please renew your membership and continue to give your support.

-Jackie Drucry

Membership Statistics as of March 31, 1982 / Statistiques des membres en date du 31 mars 1982

Please note these statistics are taken from the membership forms now in the possession of the Membership contact.  
 A noter que ces statistiques sont prises à partir des formulaires d'adhésion dans les filiales du Responsable Provincial.

<u>REGION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>GRAD.</u>	<u>STUDENT/ETUDIANT</u>	<u>ASSOCIATE/ASSOCIE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>
Halton Peel	106	52	51	3	0
Huron	18	9	3	6	0
Niagara	39	17	19	3	0
Ottawa	86	45	31	4	6
Windsor	20	11	5	3	1
Thunder Bay	55	32	10	11	2
TALTA	145	96	29	10	10
Provincial	25	14	10	1	0
<b>TOTAL/ABO</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>19</b>

Percentage of total Membership held by each Region/Pourcentage du total des membres détenus par région.

Halton Peel	22%	Huron	4%	Niagara	8%	Ottawa	17%
Windsor	4%	Thunder Bay	11%	TALTA	29%	Provincial	5%

Percentage of total Membership by type of membership/Pourcentage du total des membres par genre d'adhésion

Graduate/gradués	56%	Student/étudiant	32%	Associate/associé	8%	Institution	4%
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Region memberships broken down by percentage of total by type of membership  
 Pourcentage des membres par région et genre d'adhésion

<u>REGION</u>	<u>GRADUATE/GRADUE</u>	<u>STUDENT/ETUDIANT</u>	<u>ASSOCIATE/ASSOCIE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>
Halton Peel	49%	48%	3%	0%
Huron	50%	17%	33%	0%
Niagara	44%	49%	7%	0%
Ottawa	52%	36%	5%	7%
Windsor	55%	25%	15%	5%
Thunder Bay	58%	18%	20%	4%
TALTA	66%	20%	7%	7%
Provincial	56%	40%	4%	0%