

NETWORKS

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



BRANCH NEWS!

Huronian Regional Branch was given official permission to host the 1984 OALT/ABO Annual Conference at the Business Meeting in Sudbury. Following is the list of people who will be heading up the committees to organize the conference:

Chairperson: Jackie Druery
Workshops: Jackie Druery/Patricia Richards
Publicity & Printing: Nancy Mack
Registration & Treasurer: Janet Scheibler
Exhibits: Judy Koenig
Conference Kits & Sales: Louise LaFleur
Social Activities: Irene Gelyk
Secretary/Correspondence: Cherry Downer
Transportation Arrangements: Sherry Douglas
French Translations: Janet Iles

If you would like to volunteer your time and energy to help organize the conference in any capacity you wish please contact any of the people on the above list. Also if you have any ideas for workshops, exhibitors, kits or sales, etc. please pass them along.

Pre-registration was held at the Sudbury conference for the 1984 conference. We had thirty one people sign up. A very successful endeavour!

Louise LaFleur and Jackie Druery have been to see Marc Duvall at the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation office in Barrie about applying for a Wintario grant to help finance the workshops. We are presently waiting for the new guidelines to be published for applying as the government is changing them to accomodate Ontario's Bicentennial Celebrations in 1984.

The theme of the conference will be Learning more in '84/Apprenons plus en '84. A logo has been designed by Asher Sadah, a graphics instructor at Georgian College in Barrie. Barry Belchamber has been booked to present his one-man show on Stephen Leacock at the Friday evening banquet. A tour of Stephen Leacock's home and Brewery Bay will also be arranged.

Other Region news:

-A meeting of Huronia Regional Branch was held May 25th at Louise LaFleur's home. Eleven members enjoyed a superb buffet dinner. Thank you Louise! Nancy Mack reported on the meeting of the Georgian College Library Techniques Advisory Committee. Due to the small number of people present who were not affiliated with the college, no chairperson was elected. Joanne Rolland, who has been appointed coordinator of the program, will be drawing up course descriptions and requirements. Treasurer Judy Koenig reported a bank balance of \$101,63 at this meeting.

-Members have been asked to study their copy of Huronia Regional Branch's Constitution for possible changes and send their suggestions to Nancy Mack.

OALT/ABO'S 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 10th Annual Conference, "Decade One", of OALT/ABO was held at Laurentian University, Sudbury, from May 5th-7th. The nineteen different workshops covered a multitude of topics ranging from freelancing to newsletter editing. The workshops offered an insight to the library technician's multi-faceted role in today's information society.

The election of the 1983/84 Executive took place at the Annual Business Meeting. Elected were: Loretta Taylor (Ottawa) President; Barbara Cope (Ottawa) Vice President; Donna Fossum (Thunder Bay) Secretary; Ron Cheney (Halton/Peel) Treasurer; Alicia Friese (Toronto) Public Relations Coordinator; Andrew Porteus (Niagara) Archivist; Marg Bushell (Niagara) and Marian Doucette (Niagara) Newsletter Editors.

In keeping with the conference's theme "Decade One", certificates of recognition were awarded to those who have been members for ten consecutive years.

The eloquent Stephen Lewis, former NDP leader, spoke at the Annual Banquet which was held on May 7th.

Huronian Region has requested the honour of hosting the 11th Annual Conference. It will be held on May 30-June 2, 1984 at the Geneva Park YMCA Conference Centre in Orillia.

Alicia Friese
Public Relations Coordinator
OALT/ABO

Editors Notes: Fourteen out of Huronia Regional Branch's nineteen members were present at the Conference in Sudbury. This fact earned our branch special mention at the Annual Business Meeting by then OALT/ABO President Danielle Amat. Terrific showing! Let's keep it up!

Sudbury Regional Branch reports that they have many nightshirts left over from the conference sales items. Their members are trying to sell them to co-workers and friends. They would appreciate the support of other regions in trying to reduce their losses on these items. The nightshirts are Canadian-made, polyester cotton, imprinted with "ON RESERVE". Available in blue (small, med., large), pink (small, med., large), or burgundy (small, med.), at \$15.00 prepaid. Orders will be mailed to purchaser's home address at no extra charge. If interested contact: Linda Davis, Library Ministry of Education, 199 Larch St., Sudbury, Ont. P3E 5P9 or call (705) 675-4427 (work), (705) 566-9374 (home).

MEMBER PROFILES

In an effort for all of us to get to know each other better, this and future newsletters will feature profiles of some of our members. This issue's short biographies are from Nancy Mack, Janet Scheibler and Irene Gelyk.

Nancy Mack:

I graduated from Seneca College in May of 1971 with Honors in the Library Techniques programme. I then worked at the New Westminster, British Columbia campus of Douglas Campus for four months before returning to Ontario. I then worked for the Technical Services Department of the Etobicoke Public Library for four months. I then went back to work at the Bell Canada Library in Toronto. I left my job at Bell Canada when I moved to Thornton. I stayed at home with my two children for three and a half years before returning to work. I got a job at the Georgian College Learning Resource Centre in Barrie. I have enjoyed working there - watching and being a part of its growth - for the last six and a half years. Because of my commitment to my career I became involved with OALT/ABO in 1977 as Public Relations Coordinator. I held that position for two years. I then served as interim Vice-President for one year, as well as being the CLA representative. I have also been involved with the community college User's Advisory Group as Chairperson of the Cataloguing Sub-Committee, and a member of the COM Sub-Committee and the Technical Services Group. I have enjoyed living and working in Barrie. The accepting of the nomination for President/Director of the Region was a family affair as well as a personal decision. I have decreased my involvement in OALT/ABO of late because of work and family commitments, but I feel that now is the time to take the plunge again. I spend my leisure time reading, flying, stamp collecting and am also involved with the Women and Children's Crisis Centre in Barrie.

Janet Scheibler:

I was born in Dryden, Ontario where I lived and raised a family until my husband changed careers in 1967. We moved to Timmins, then to Oakville then back to Timmins, and once again back to Oakville. In 1972 we bought a house in Orangeville where we have lived ever since. After three years of volunteer work in the library of the public school where my children attended, I was so hooked on libraries I enrolled in the Library Techniques program at Sheridan College in 1976. Even though it meant a ninety mile round trip each day for two years my enthusiasm for the course never waned. I graduated in 1978 after having won the Gulf Canada Award presented to the first year student with the highest marks. I was also runner-up for the gold medal upon graduation. During my second year at Sheridan College I was hired by the Orangeville Public Library as a part-time cataloguer. I continue in that job today on a full-time basis. In 1982 my husband and I and our three teenage children built a house just outside of Orangeville in the scenic hills of Mono Township.

Irene Gelyk:

Presently, I am the Coordinator of the Technical Services Department of the Owen Sound Public Library (2 years). I grew up near Owen Sound, near a small town called Paisley. I graduated from Chesley District High School, where I was an avid member of the Library Club for five years. My Technician certificate was obtained from the Library Arts programme of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in 1977. Upon graduation, I accepted a contract position with George Brown College. From there I went directly to Ryerson's Counselling Department and organized their Career Counselling Resource Centre. This was only a one year contract and when this position ended I joined the Technical Services Staff (cataloguing department) of Toronto Public Library. I stuck this out for

three years. For a brief time before I accepted the job at Owen Sound I was the coordinator of the YWCA of Canada's Women's Resource Centre. Here I was responsible for compiling the monthly Canada-wide newsletter, along with organizing the collection, answering reference questions and daily shipping out of "YW" publications and films,

At Owen Sound I am in charge of acquisitions, cataloguing, and processing of all materials purchased for the library, along with part-time duty in the Kid's department. My special interests are the Library Technicians Association, Big Sisters of Owen Sound, and generally having a good time,

MEMBERSHIP STATS!

Provincial membership statistics as of June 10, 1983:

| | GRAD | STUDENT | INST. | ASSOC. | SR. CIT. | TOTAL |
|-------------|------|---------|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| Halton/Peel | 47 | 17 | | 2 | | 64 |
| Huronia | 9 | 7 | | 2 | | 18 |
| Niagara | 9 | 2 | | 2 | | 13 |
| Ottawa | 21 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 28 |
| Sudbury | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 20 |
| Thunder Bay | 11 | 3 | | 3 | | 17 |
| TALTA | 82 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 108 |
| Provincial | 2 | 10 | | | | 12 |
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| TOTAL | 198 | 63 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 280 |

CLA CONFERENCE, JUNE 17-21, 1983

The following workshops were presented at the CLA Conference in Winnipeg:

The Role of the School Library Technician

The 2nd draft of the CSLA Document on School Library Technicians was distributed at this session. The purpose of the session was a discussion of the reactions to the document. If anyone is interested in seeing the 2nd draft of this report please contact the editor and it will be sent to you.

Guidelines for work: technician training & workplace needs

This session consisted of a panel of Library Technician employers. The CLA guidelines were discussed in relation to the employers expectations of job performance as the Library Techniques programmes are measured against these guidelines. It was agreed that the guidelines have produced extremely competent LTs. Because of this, LTs are being exploited - expected to do the work of librarians but not being paid for it. Because of space restrictions the full text of this workshop cannot be printed here. However, if anyone would like a copy please contact the editor. It is quite interesting!

Committee on Library Technicians (Role and Education) Annual Meeting

The Committee has shifted to a Western focus after being in the East for several years. Committee will still consist of two LTs, 2 LT instructors, and 2 LT employers who will all come from Western provinces. Ryerson's new Information Studies Certificate program begins in January.

It will be offered in the evenings for twelve to thirteen weeks, three hours each week. Detailed information will be published in the 1983/84 Ryerson calendar.

Diane Wheatley and Jean Weihs met with the President of the Granton Institute to discuss the course that they are offering. The course is based on a text published in the early '70's and there is no librarian associated with the course. There is a consultant available - an employee of the Toronto Public Library. The President did agree to change the course name to Library Clerk.

The idea of a Library Technician Association interest group was discussed. Margot Montgomery regards the idea as very positive as there is currently no national association or forum for LTs. The purpose of the group would be to exchange ideas and developments among the different LT associations.

NEW NAME FOR NIAGARA REGIONAL BRANCH

Niagara Regional Branch have changed their name to LOHANIA Regional Branch. The names of the former Regional Branches of London and Hamilton have been combined with Niagara to form the name LOHANIA. Their choice of LOHANIA is not intended to indicate their lack of optimism in regards to London reforming or lack of support for London when they do reform. Their post office box address will remain the same.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinburg requires a library assistant for a twenty-six week contract. Duties to include cataloguing and processing of books and setting up a retrieval system for archival holdings.

The candidate should have training in library techniques and be a competent typist. The ability to work accurately and to concentrate on fine detail for extended periods is essential.

The contract period is from September 6, 1983 to March 2, 1984. The salary will be up to \$280 per week depending upon qualifications. Because the position is made available by a government grant the following criteria must be met: be legally entitled to work in Canada; be unemployed; have the skills required; have exhausted all entitlement to unemployment insurance benefits.

By August 19 contact: Grace Ryan, Librarian/Archivist, The McMichael Canadian Collection, Kleinburg, Ont. L0J 1C0 (416) 893-1121.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Kathryn Kern, a Library Technician now living in Manitoba, would like to relocate anywhere in Southern Ontario. She would appreciate notification of any available jobs. Contact her at the following address if you can help: 4-165 Canora Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 1T1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Enclosed with this newsletter is information about Huronia Regional Branch's Fall Workshop. The workshops will be held on September 17th at the Owen Sound Public Library. Janet Iles and Irene Gelyk have done another super job in organizing this day so lets all go out and show them we appreciate the work they've done!

LOHANIA REGIONAL BRANCH will be holding an all day meeting on September 10th. The meeting will be in the afternoon followed by a country supper and a trip to the Blyth summer theatre to see the play Tomorrow Box By Anne Chislett. If interested contact Marian Doucette at (519) 482-3348.

INTERESTING READS

Why books will survive by Lane Jennings. The Futurist, volume XVII, no. 2, April 1983.

An interesting article in which the author upholds the premise that even though high prices, paper that self-destructs, and competition from computers and video forms may mean hard times ahead for books, the experience they provide will ensure their survival. Lane Jennings believes that "the factor most likely to assure the survival of books into the future is (that there is) simply no experience in life that matches silent reading". Lane Jennings is the World Future Society's research director and editor of the WFS Bulletin. He denies that he would sell his firstborn child to support his book-buying habit, but admits that the thought has crossed his mind. A good read!

Highly academic; the University of Toronto has surprised even itself with its successful entry into the data service industry by Gordon Peckover. Business Journal, November 1982.

An interesting article about the development and success of the University of Toronto Library Automation Systems (UTLAS).

REMINDERS...REMINDERS...

WORKSHOPS...SEPTEMBER 17th...OWEN SOUND PUBLIC LIBRARY...GENEALOGY...LITERACY AND YOUR COMMUNITY...PUBLICITY IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY...SEE YOU THERE!

The next issue of this newsletter will be published November 15th. Please send along your submissions by November 1st to Jackie Druery, RR#1 Stroud, Ont. L0L 2M0.