

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

The new editors of NETWORKS are Janet Iles, Bette Hutton, Pat Frook and Irene Gelyk all located at the Owen Sound Public Library. In the future, please forward all submissions or suggestions for the newsletter to Irene Gelyk at O.S.P.L. We hope that we will be able to maintain the excellence that Jackie Druery, our past editor, has established.

Much has happened over the past year. Our region successfully hosted the 11th annual conference, OALT/ABO, at Geneva Park, Orillia. Much thanks goes out to everyone who helped, and an extra-special thanks goes out to the conference executive and the person who held us all together -- Jackie Druery, Conference Co-ordinator.

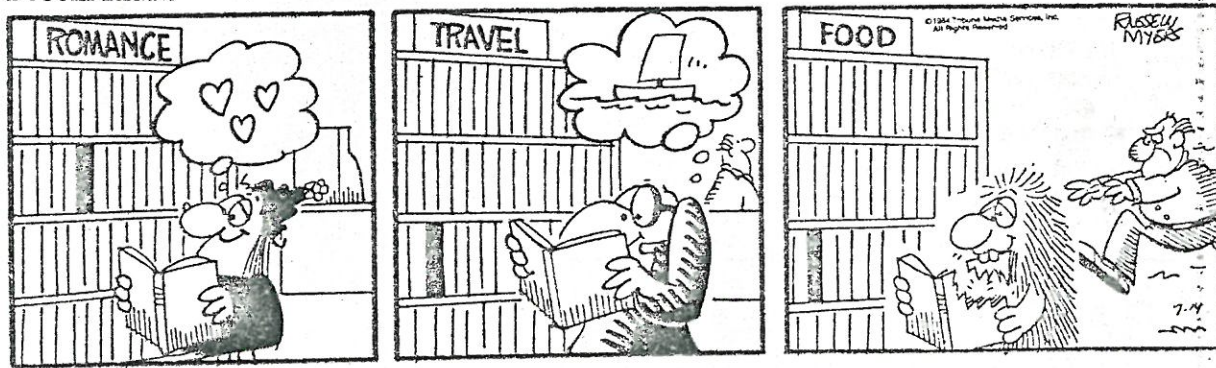
Let's hope that the future brings our region more of the activities which has made this region the best.

WEINER'S LAW OF LIBRARIES:

-- There are no answers, only cross-references.

(From Murphy's Law, Book 3 / Arthur Bloch)

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CONGRATULATIONS ADRIENNE PRICE ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR DAUGHTER CORINNE -- APRIL 18, 1984.

WHO'S WHO IN HURONIA REGION:

Bette Hutton:

I was born and raised in the city of Owen Sound and have been employed for eight years at the Owen Sound Public Library where I am the accountant and interlibrary loan co-ordinator. Before coming to the library, I worked for over a decade in the secretarial and bookkeeping field. At the present time, I am enrolled in the Library Technician program at Georgian College in Barrie.

Janet Iles:

Since graduating in 1974 from Sheridan College with a Library Techniques diploma I've worked at the Owen Sound Public Library -- 6 1/2 years in Children's Services and the rest in Materials Control (also known as circulation) as the co-ordinator. I still do puppet shows and have a French club for school age children. In addition, I catalogue children's and local history materials.

Prior to library work I was an elementary school teacher for 2 years, specializing in teaching French. Unfortunately it proved to be a negative experience so I decided to make a career change.

Interests outside work are varied: French language study, Sunday School teacher of young children, 2 foster children -- boy in Egypt and a girl in Honduras, and to top it all off an aunt of 5 boys and 1 girl.

I have held various executive positions at the regional level of our association and will be on the essay committee at the provincial level next year.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?????

KNOW OF ANY JOBS??????

Your regional job liason person is Irene Gelyk. Please feel free to contact me in regards to jobs wanted and jobs available. Write to or phone: Irene Gelyk, P.O. Box 1088, Meaford, Ontario. Work no.: (519) 376-6623 or 6627.

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Reading Habits Change with Age, Survey Notes

In the April 14, 1984 issue of the Globe & Mail, highlights of an American survey of reading habits commissioned by the Book Industry Study Group were revealed. Some interesting findings regarding reading habits and age were presented.

FINDINGS: Book reading by Americans under the age of 21 dropped from 75% of the group in 1978 to 63% in 1983. The percentage of adult book readers remained constant since 1978, but there has been a marked drop in book reading among the over 65 group.

The average American spends 11.7 hrs. each week on all forms of reading, but 16.3 hrs. on watching TV. Book readers spend 25.7 hrs. a week reading, of which 11.6 hrs. in reading books. 35% of readers are frequent readers. Frequent readers account for 75% of all books read and 55% of all money spent on books.

Statistics back the belief that parental attitudes are the major factor in determining a child's reading habits. Book reading is highest among children whose parents value reading for both the pleasure it affords and as a key to achievement. Children who read a great deal were regularly read to by their parents.

In addition to the decline in reading by youngsters, the study discovered that there has been a shift among young people from book reading to magazines and newspapers.

Many elderly people who do not read books have lower levels of education than the total adult population.

Readers, more than non-readers, are more likely to be involved in cultural, social and sporting activities. They also devote a significant amount of time to television and radio, although not as much as non-book readers. What is the typical reader like? The typical reader has some college education, is white, female, married with 1 to 3 children, or single, affluent and, if employed, a white-collar worker.

REFLECTIONS: Have you found these reading patterns to be true in your library setting or community? Is there anything that can be done to reverse this trend -- to increase the number of readers and increase the time spent in reading? Have you noticed an increase in magazine borrowing in your Library? Is this due to the economy or are more people reading magazines instead of books?

Article reviewed by Janet Iles. Comments would be appreciated for the next issue of NETWORKS.

ORILLIA PACKET -- May 23, 1984

170 library technicians for conference

Packet May 23/84

More than 170 Library Technicians are gathering at Geneva Park near Orillia on May 30 for the annual conference of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario.

This is the OALT/ABO's 11th such conference, and for the first time, the event is being hosted by the Huronia Regional Branch. Nancy Mack, President of the Huronia Regional Branch, and a Library Technician in the Georgian College Learning Resource Centre, says this year's theme "Learning More in '84" reflects the need for technicians to keep their skills up-to-date.

"Today's Libraries require a range of skills beyond the cataloguing and bookshelving skills the public normally associates with the service. The introduction of computer technology in particular is affecting the role of the Library Technician", Mack said.

Workshops offered during the four-day con-

ference include Computer Literacy, Setting up a Software Library, and Software for Microcomputers. Participants will also be able to enhance their skills in such traditional areas as Puppetry and Storytelling.

One highlight of the conference is a performance of "Leacock at Leisure" at the Leacock Home in Orillia, on Thurs. May 31. Actor Rick Wellwood will be portraying the famous local humorist. Wellwood, an accomplished director, producer, writer and actor, has won critical acclaim in this role in performances at Toronto's Harbourfront Theatre, and Hamilton Place.

Participants are coming from as far away as Quebec, the Northwest Territories, and the United States.

"We are thrilled with the response", says Mack. "We are looking forward to a productive and successful conference."

COMING EVENTS

HURONIA REGION

Reserve these dates now!!! Plan to attend!!!

October 16, 1984 -- 7 p.m. -- General Membership Meeting with Special guest -- Valerie Wingfield-Digby, Chief Librarian of Orangeville Public Library, will show slides and talk of her experience as a CUSO worker in a library in Nigeria.

PLUS

Business Meeting

at

Orangeville Public Library,
Lower Hall Meeting Room, 144
Broadway.

December 15, 1984 -- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. -- WORKSHOPS
Tentative topics - TEEN LITERATURE and
HOW TO ORGANIZE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

1 p.m. -- BUFFET

2 p.m. -- Short business meeting

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

March 2, 1985 -- 10 a.m. -- ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

- elections, reports, etc.
- membership renewal

PLUS

Tour and/or speaker and lunch out

Tentative location -- WASAGA BEACH

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION -- ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 25-October 28, 1984
Ottawa, Ontario

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS/ABO - ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

May 1-May 4, 1985,
Carlton Place Inn
Toronto, Ontario

OALT/ABO HURONIA REGION
Survey September 1984

INTRODUCTION

In order to assist the executive plan activities for our region we invite members and non-members to voice your needs and opinions in regards to the following questions.

Please return the completed questionnaire to

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or bring it to the October 16th meeting.

GENERAL:

1. Are you currently employed in a library? _____
 As a library technician? _____
 Type of library: Public _____ Special _____
 School _____ Other _____
 Academic _____
2. Are you a current member of OALT/ABO - Huronia? _____

MEETINGS:

3. What day would you prefer the Huronia Branch meetings to be held?
 Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____
 Friday _____ rotate evenings _____ or Saturday _____
 or rotate between weekdays and Saturdays _____
4. For evening meetings what time would you like the meetings to begin?
 6:00 p.m. _____ 6:30 p.m. _____ 7:00 p.m. _____ 7:30 p.m. _____
 or _____
5. General membership meetings can also include, in addition to the business meeting, special activities such as tours and speakers. Do you have any suggestions for tours?
 a) _____
 b) _____
 c) _____
- for speakers?
 a) _____
 b) _____
 c) _____

WORKSHOPS:

Workshops are offered once or twice a year. Non-members are also welcome to attend.

6. Workshops and general membership meetings have been rotated around our region. Do you have a preference of location?
 Owen Sound _____ Orangeville _____ Collingwood _____
 Wasaga Beach _____ Barrie _____ other, please name _____
 does not matter _____
 Other comments _____

7. What topics would you suggest for future workshops?

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

8. Would you be willing to assist with the organization of such workshops sponsored by our region? _____

Your name _____

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9. What topics would you like to see covered in future issues of Networks

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

10. Comments _____

OPTIONAL:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: Work _____

Home _____

Place of Employment _____