



# from the President

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

1985-86

The past year, for the most part, has been a successful time for Huronia Regional Branch.

The 1985/86 executive, Janet Iles, Judy Koenig, Janet Scheibler and Jane Thompson have been enthusiastic and hardworking. It has been a pleasure working with them, as it has been in all past endeavours. Thanks to Pat Frook and Bette Hutton, who with Janet Iles, have produced informative and timely newsletters. Thanks also to Carol Ann McNabb, Archivist, for organizing and making some sense of our history.

I have enjoyed my year as President. I feel some frustration at not being able to generate more member interest in attending meetings, contributing to the newsletter, etc. Perhaps what is needed at this point is a membership campaign to increase our numbers and bring new people with new ideas to our Branch. Possible food for thought for the new executive.

Best wishes to the new executive for a successful year in 1986/87.

Respectfully submitted:  
President  
Jackie Druery

VICE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

1985-86

As part of my responsibilities for planning non-business aspects of meetings, I arranged to have: a "barbecue" supper at Pat Froom's and a tour of the Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital Library conducted by Jane Thompson for the June meeting; acted as liason with Anita Sikma, Susan West and Adrienne Price who made arrangements for our workshop "The how-to of presentations" led by Sharon Sinclair in October and acted as liason with Judy Koenig who made arrangements for our annual meeting in April. Thank you to Pat, Jane, Anita, Susan, Adrienne and Judy for making my job much easier. I looked after advertising these events.

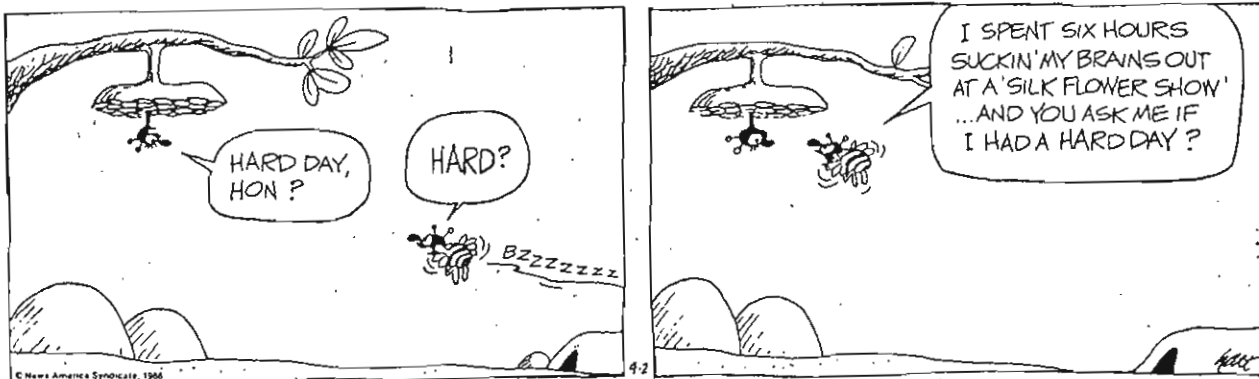
As job contact person for our region I received word of several job openings in our region and I also passed on information regarding job openings that I became aware of via word of mouth or newspaper advertisements when a member was seeking a position.

I assisted Jane Thompson with some of her duties as secretary.

Members can assist the vice-president in several ways. Let her know what activities you would like to have at meetings, volunteer to host a workshop or meeting, keep her informed of job openings and if you are looking for employment give details of type of position and locality you would be interested in.

I have enjoyed being vice-president this year.

Submitted by:  
Janet Iles  
Vice-President



## DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

1985-86

This past year the Board of Directors met five (5) times. I attended four (4) of those meetings.

Our major accomplishment this year was the completion of the A-V presentation which I hope you will enjoy seeing today.

Another major accomplishment is the re-birth of Newsletter/Nouvelles. Vol. 10, #1 came out in January and we should see Vol. 10 #2 in April with #3 to come in the fall.

Sadly, the Board of Directors voted to discontinue the essay contest until such time as we can fulfill our obligation to the winners and publish their essays.

We have 2 representatives sitting on the OLA/OPLAC Task Force on Certification of Library Employees. They are addressing the question of certification of personnel in public libraries, large or small.

I thank Huronia for this opportunity to represent your interests on the Board and I offer my assistance to my successor. I hope that she will enjoy the experience as I have.

Respectfully submitted:  
Janet Scheibler, Director-Hurononia

## NEWSLETTER EDITORS ANNUAL REPORT

1985-86

Three issues of volume 6 of Networks have been published. The fourth issue will be available in April after the annual meeting. Because the provincial newsletter Newsletter/Nouvelles was suspended this past year copies of our newsletters were given to the other regions.

The editors request input from all members. Let us know about your new job, or special events in your life. Do you have an article an opinion, a joke or cartoon you wish to share? If you do, send it to the editors. NETWORKS is YOUR communication link with other members.

Submitted by:

Pat Frook, Bette Hutton and Janet Iles  
Editors

TREASURER'S REPORT 1985 - 1986

HURONIA REGIONAL BRANCH

INCOME:

Balance forward from 84/85	\$ 298.48
1985/86 membership fees	745.00
Workshops	128.00
GIC interest	215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1386.48</b>

EXPENSES:

Provincial fees	\$ 535.00
Executive expenses	78.95
Bank charges	5.00
Workshop expenses	151.27
Miscellaneous	7.35
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 777.57</b>

BALANCE ON HAND INTO 86/87	\$ 608.91
+ 1985 check never through account	8.62
<b>CHECK BOOK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 617.43</b>

# Librarians are wild!

Not too long ago, Liz Braun, one of our entertainment writers, was hanging about the *Sun* library, waiting for a file or some such to be found. My desk, as it happens, is hard by the library, so I got to overhear the ensuing conversation.

You should know that Ms. Braun, as a general rule, is rather casually attired at the office, but this day, was wearing a tasteful skirt and blouse, and looked (and it pains me to say this) even more smashing than normal.

She looked, in fact, so swell that one of my colleagues was moved to shout, "Hey Liz! Love your skirt! You look great!" to which Ms. Braun replied, in her self-deprecating way, "Yeah! Just like a librarian."

Now I know what Ms. Braun meant (which is, that she was dressed in an unnaturally neat manner), but the women in the library went into a rage about it, and later, one of them came over to my desk, bearing in her hand a clipping. It was an ad from a Sunday paper for a book called *Ladies' Own Erotica*, a book alleged to contain the secret fantasies of, the ad said, "housewives, mothers, grandmothers, even a librarian."

## Insidious stereotyping

"See," cried my librarian friend, "more librarian stereotyping!" And in the background, her fellow librarians were mumbling bitterly about the same thing. My friend then whispered, "Your mission, Blatchford, should you choose to accept it, is to bring a measure of disrepute to the profession." I chose to accept it, and not just because she was holding me at gunpoint, either.

Frankly, I have been concerned for some time about anti-librarianism and the insidious kind of librarian stereotyping that is increasingly popular, and I aim to do something about it, to wit, smash the myths about librarians:

■ Librarians wear glasses and their hair in buns: No, they don't. Some have short, punky cuts, and some have long, waist-length hair, and some wear glasses, and some don't. And you know what? Librarians are just like everyone else: They eat buns, they don't wear them, so lay off, okay?

■ Librarians go around saying "ssshhhh" all the time: I have worked at the *Sun* for almost four years now, and I have never *once* heard one of our librarians say "sssh," except as the first part of a short word that ends in "it." And you know what else? The suckers are loud! Sometimes, you can hardly hear yourself think for all the snorting and guffawing that emanates from the library! Talk about party down! Yes!

Toronto Sun March '86

Christie Blatchford

## Swear all the time

■ Librarians are of the prim, old-maidish variety: Ha, ha, ha, ha. People who believe this have never met our librarians, that's all I can say. They're bad, as in *bad*, and they swear all the time, and spend half their days talking about sex and stuff. I mean, sometimes, you go to the library for a file or something and you have to wait forever until they've finished rolling about at a dirty story and slapping each other's backs. Really! Plus, they sneak into the head librarian's office sometimes, and I don't know what they do in there, but I have noticed that it usually involves corralling therein this new cute guy who works in the library, and I must say, I don't blame them, ha, ha.

■ Librarians are all the time making moral judgments about other people: All I am going to say about this is that ours don't do that, and good thing, because they're not in a position to, if you know what I mean, ha, ha.

■ Librarians wear boring, safe clothes: Uh uh. The ones in our library sometimes wear jeans and sweaters, and sometimes, they wear miniskirts, and besides, when they do wear boring clothes, it's just because they're trying to restrain their rampant sexualities. Yes! It's true!

Anyway, the point is, librarians are not the quiet mice they're made out to be, and they're not like the librarians of old, who used to yell at you and slap your knuckles if you brought a book back late. I mean, librarians are downright wild, and if I were to pick a second career, I know I'd sure want to be a librarian. Stamp out anti-librarianism now! Buy your local librarian a drink! Yes!

I think I've accomplished my mission. Well, I know I've done something right because that woman from our library has put away her gun.

## The Library Technician

There ought to be an annual week  
For library technicians.  
Without them, we would wallow deep  
In critical omissions.

Like where is this, and where is that,  
And did we get a book back?  
And can you help me find my hat?  
I don't know where to look at!

They patch our grammar, patch the  
books,  
You'll never find them moping.  
They improvise in crowded nooks,  
A thousand ways of coping.

They always answer with a smile  
When patrons need attention.  
They gladly go the "extra mile,"  
Of this we must make mention.

They marshal journals as they go,  
They line up every border.  
They wield a devastating blow  
To alpha-num disorder!

They bind the journals, feed the cats,  
They translate with acumen  
Whatever comes in strange formats.  
(I wonder if they're human!)

We ought to have a day, at least,  
To heap them high with honors,  
With fireworks and gourmet feasts,  
Without them, we are "goners"!

—Connie Baker, Chief, Library  
Serv., VA Medical Center, San Diego

# LATE BREAKING NEWS

## from the Editors

As all of you who were at the Annual Meeting will remember that we had two positions that couldn't be filled that day... well guess what after a great deal of deliberation Louise Campbell will be our representative on the Board of Directors and Janet Scheibler is the new treasurer.

Many thanks to Louise and Janet for filling these positions.