

from the President

As I prepare for my brief presentation on Huronia's history for the Library Technicians Interest Group's Annual Meeting at the Canadian Library Association Conference in Quebec City certain highlights stand out as I read through our newsletters and the minutes of our meetings.

Since February 17, 1979 when a small group of enthusiastic individuals met in Barrie and decided to form the Huronia Regional Branch of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians our group has grown from a group of individuals interested in forming a branch to group of friends who get along well, who work well together and who have had achievements of which we can be proud.

Some of these achievements are: our interesting and informative workshops, our newsletters, our members have held positions at the provincial level, our good times together, the efforts by our members to get a library technician programme at Georgian College and the 1984 annual conference.

Although hosting the 1984 Conference involved a lot of hard work and a strong commitment from all our members and especially the conference committee we did pull it off. The conference certainly lived up to its theme "Learning More in '84"

During the next year I hope we can build on the achievements of our past and that we can all work together to support the activities of our branch - attending meetings and workshops and contributing to Networks.

I wish for everyone a fantastic summer and I hope to see you all at our fall meeting. News about the Canadian Library Association Conference will appear in the next issue of Networks.

F.Y.I.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE LIBRARY TECHNICIAN COURSE

Judy Koenig and Janet Iles attend the May 14, 1986 meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the Library Technician Programme.

Things seem to be finally under control. Course curriculum outlines for the library related courses have been completed and approved by the College Programme Review Committee. A proposed time courses has been presented with Spring 1988 as the target graduation date for students who have taken all the courses since the programme's inception and who have also completed all the required general education courses.

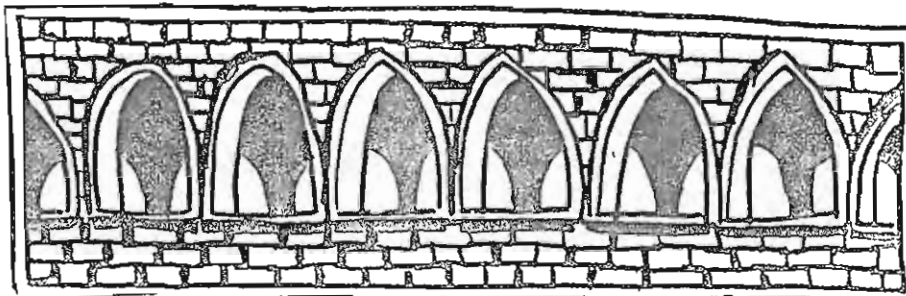
Courses offered earlier are going to be offered again for those who missed taking them the first time.

Lynn Stevenson, programme supervisor is presently determining the status of all students who have ever taken any of the courses - what courses have been completed, whether they plan to continue taking all or some of the courses or whether they have dropped out completely. (If you have received a letter and have not as yet sent your reply, you're encouraged to do so in order that the college knows the interest of those surveys.)

The wording for the Library Technician Programme brochure was gone over at this meeting, so the brochure with the course descriptions, entrance requirements, etc. should be available by the fall.

The programme has received full accreditation from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. The programme follows the provincial competency guidelines for library technician training as well as those established by the Canadian Library Association.

This committee has been, up to now, only an ad hoc committee but it is now time for it to become a fully recognized college committee. Janet and Judy have indicated that they are willing to be members for a two-year term. Committee members are appointed by the College Board of Governors.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARIES LIS 7101

The aims, functions, organization and services of the various types of libraries, past and present, are studied. The role and responsibilities of the library technician and a general overview of the impact of technology on libraries is given. Field trips to local libraries are included.

CATALOGUING I (Descriptive Cataloguing) LIS 7103

This course is an introduction to book cataloguing based on the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, second edition. It will be an introduction to the Dewey classification system and Sears Subject Headings. Principles of authority files, descriptive cataloguing and bibliographic sources for cataloguing are included.

INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS LIS 7102

The development of the information industry, its present functions, structure and organization are covered. Beginning with the historical perspective on information storage and retrieval, including some history on libraries as information resources, the course will introduce the student to the merging of computer and communications technologies in applications such as videotext, electronic mail, paperless publications, etc. The student will acquire knowledge of terminology and concepts related to information handling and gain a background for understanding and working with automated information systems.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CSC 7101

This course will provide students with an introduction to programming on a microcomputer with specific library applications and with an appreciation of the role of the programmer and an idea of what can and cannot be done through actual programming exercises.

OPERATION SYSTEMS IN LIBRARIES CSC 7102

Prerequisites: Cataloguing I and Introduction to Information Systems

Data processing applications in various areas of libraries will be reviewed. Emphasis will be placed on automated cataloguing support systems, circulation systems and acquisitions and on-line reference systems. Comparisons of manual and automated systems will be included in this course.

CATALOGUING II LIS 7105

An introduction to Library of Congress classification and subject headings. An introduction to cataloguing for non book materials such as films, videos, maps, etc.

REFERENCE I

Introduction to reference work and the effective use of materials, catalogues and other sources of information. Students will be instructed in the use of basic reference books and in techniques of reference service. The role of library technicians in various reference situations will be discussed.

BUSINESS PROCEDURES AND FUNDAMENTALS OF SUPERVISION BUS 7101

Supervisory fundamentals are covered, including motivation, leadership, group process and inter-personal communication. Business procedures include budgeting and basic bookkeeping.

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT & METHODS LIS 7106

Provides students with a working knowledge of the operation, uses and routine maintenance of audio visual equipment. The storage, organization and circulation of equipment will also be covered. Basic graphic art skills are included.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT LIS 7108

The various methods and principles used to develop collections of any type of materials will be covered including selection, acquisitions, processing and collection weeding.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & PROGRAMMING LIS 7109

Covers organizing, selection and handling of such specialized collections as government publications, young adults, children, etc. Particular emphasis will be placed on audio-visual software materials. Will also gain programming skills.

SERIALS MANAGEMENT LIS 7110

Manual and automated systems of periodicals, serials and microform acquisitions and management will be covered.

PUBLIC RELATIONS LIS 7111

The techniques of public relations and how they can be used to promote library collections and services.

REFERENCE II LIS 7107

Prerequisite: Reference I

A continuation of reference materials and skills begun in Reference I. Special topics include the reference interview and developments in computerized information services.

There will also be field work.

3 mandatory general education courses
Communications
Canadian Politics
Twentieth Century Technology

7 general education courses
at least 1 from each of humanities, business, social science and pure science.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Fall 1986 -

LLS7101	Introduction to Libraries	(5)
LLS7107	Reference 2	(5)
CSC7101	Introduction to Computer Programming	

Winter 1987 - General Elective and or
Field Placement 1

Spring 1987 -

LLS7102	Intro. to Information & Automated Systems	new
LLS7108	Collection Development Aquisitions	All
LLS7110	Serials Management	Old

Summer 1987 - Cataloguing I Seneca

Fall 1987

CSC7102	Operation Systems in Libraries
CIS7109	Special Collections

Winter 1988 - Field Placement 2

Spring 1988 -

LLS7111	Public Relations	All
7105	Reference 1	



Job Update

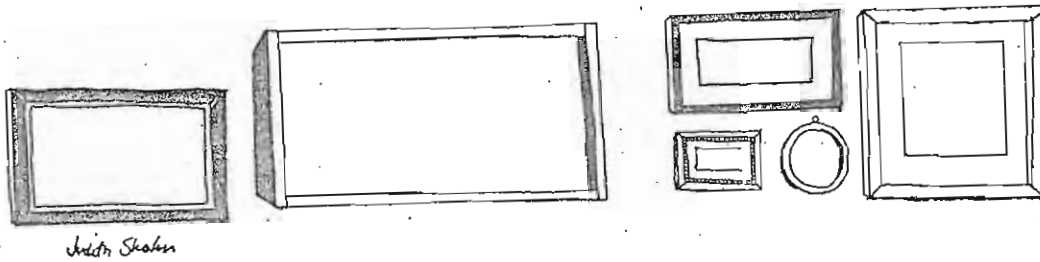
Have you been looking for a job with no results? Try the OLA Hotline, 416-363-3380. The job bulletins are for every level of library staffing, and usually a large percentage of them are for technicians. If your library is planning to hire any staff, from clerks up to professional librarians, the OLA Hotline is also the place to advertise. Job listings change on a regular basis, so phoning every two or three weeks to look for new listings would be about right.

Carol Ann McNabb

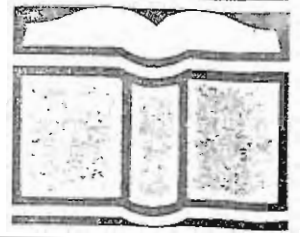
Who's who

I was born in Windsor, Ontario and moved to Brampton at the age of three where my mother still resides. I attended Northwood Public School and then graduated from grade thirteen from Brampton Centennial Secondary School. I then attended Sheridan College and graduated from the Library Techniques Program, Health Sciences Option (the health sciences option has since been discontinued). Upon graduation I started working in the Medical Library at Women's College Hospital in Toronto where I worked for 3½ years. I found this to be an excellent working experience since it was a small but extremely busy library and the staff had to know everything about all of the library routines. While working there, I commuted from Brampton to Toronto. I relocated to the Barrie area after marrying a "local fellow" who farms with his family outside Minesing. We raise pigs and beef cattle and also grow hay, wheat, grain, corn and canola (a cash crop). I was very fortunate to have been offered a position at Barrie Public Library as Head of Technical Services shortly after moving to the area. My husband was thrilled since I was spending 12-14 hours a day commuting to and working in Toronto. I really enjoyed my job at B.P.L. and was there for a year and half until I had my first child -- his name is John Duncan -- and his was born on July 27, 1985. While I was on maternity leave, a position became open at the library at Georgian College in Technical Services which I applied for and was offered, as a result I returned to work when our baby was only 7 weeks old. I'm enjoying my job at the college and the staff are really friendly. This year should prove to be an interesting one since we have several staff changes (temporary) while various staff are on sabbatical and/or taking courses. In February John and I are expecting our second child so it will be a busy year for us again, running the farm, working and preparing another room for the "second addition". I like to read, crochet and knit (for which I seem to find little time).

on the lighter side



PLEASE WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FALL MEETING



OALT/ABO HURONIA REGIONAL BRANCH

June 2, 1986 Meeting, Owen Sound

M I N U T E S

Members arrived between 6-7 o'clock p.m. with dinner commencing at 7:00p.m. at the home of Janet Iles. Though the weather was not favourable for swimming, we all enjoyed eating on Janet's porch. Hamburgers, salad and strawberry tarts were enjoyed by all! We should all thank Janet and the Owen Sound members for again hosting such a nice evening. Coffee, etc., was served in the family room and a brief business meeting was held commencing at 7:45 p.m.

Janet Iles began introductions for the benefit for our guests. In attendance were: Janet Iles, Janet Scheibler, Judy Koenig, Louise Campbell, Carol McNabb, Pat Frook, Bette Hutton, Louise Lafleur, Jackie Druery, Elaine Wallis, Gale Moreau, Sue Bouchard, and guests Pat Macmillan and Joanne Ashwin. It was nice seeing some new faces attending and to once again see Louise Lafleur! Janet Iles welcomed Pat and Joanne on behalf of the group.

Once introductions were completed, Janet asked for approval of the agenda which was accepted.

Janet Iles requested that an amendment be made to an item in the Annual Business Meeting Minutes which appeared in paragraph 7, Item 2, in the line "We do not agree with the constitution's proposed by-law". Janet felt we should make it clear which proposed amendment to the constitution was being proposed. The minutes will be amended to state that the group does not agree with the proposed amendment to Bylaw 1 in which applies to membership rates. The proposed change was to include "non-salaried library technicians" in the reduced rates now applied to senior citizens. The group did not feel they could not support the amendment as worded.

Reports were then made by the Executive members, the Newsletter Editors, and Archivist. Janet Iles made the above amendments to the annual business meeting minutes which were accepted and noted. Janet and Judy have made some changes in regards to the Georgian College course. Janet is going to give a list of the courses to the newsletter editors. Louise Campbell questioned the credibility of the courses but Judy and Janet assured the group that all the courses were outlined and approved by the Georgian College Board of Governors and are, therefore, ministry-approved courses (this does not mean per se that they are accredited) so they will be recognized. Janet is going to attend the CLA Annual Conference and will be speaking about the Huronia Regional Branch of the OALT/ABO and will also be presenting the OALT/ABO slide presentation.

Judy Koenig has little to report to date. However, Gale Moreau has volunteered to do our fall meeting on the locality studies done by Simcoe County. Gale works for the Simcoe County Board of Education and has suggested that perhaps Peter Moran of the Simcoe County Museum would speak about the studies. Gale could also hopefully demonstrate her automated booking system (which she hopes to be operational by then!). Carol McNabb is enquiring about the possibility of a workshop in the A/V Department of Georgian

College.

At this time Judy presented a plaque to Jackie Bruery for all her work and contributions to the group. Jackie seemed quite pleased (and surprised!) and assured us that she'd "be back". We certainly wish Jackie the best of luck with her studies--she has taken a sabbatical from work and is returning to university to continue her studies.

As Secretary, Carol McNabb had nothing to report to date. As archivist, she is requesting that any items sent for inclusion in the Archives be dated. Dating the items would give us an idea when items were included, when certain events occurred, etc.

Janet Scheibler (Treasurer) reported that to date there are seventeen paid members in our branch of the OALT/ABO. Janet noted that some old members have renewed and we have some new members. Janet could not report on the bank balance at this time. She will be forwarding an updated membership listing to Judy who will then forward it to Pat Frook for inclusion in the next newsletter. Since Janet was not able to attend the last Director's Meeting (her last in that capacity), there is nothing to report on that meeting at present.

Pat Frook desperately needs contributions for the newsletter. At this time, Janet Iles noted that Judy Koenig was recently quoted in an article which appeared in the Canadian Library Journal. We will include a copy of the original article in the Archives.

Janet Scheibler reported on the OALT/ABO Annual Conference which was held in Ottawa. A total of five members of our branch attended the meeting. Business of interest which arose at the annual business meeting included the slide presentation: John Fowler was at the meeting to take more pictures for the presentation. Under new business: the motion to amend bylaw 1 and include "non-salaried library technicians" in the fee structure was defeated. Carolyn Boardman reported on what OPLAC has been doing; an article also appears on this topic in the latest edition of Focus. All branches were informed that if they wish to purchase a copy of the slide presentation, they can do so but there will be a charge of \$120.00/copy. The OLA job hotline was discussed. This hotline will be split to form two lines: one for positions for librarians; the other for positions for library technicians. No "800" line has been established yet. OLA is offering financial assistance in workshop costs if OALT/ABO will do a workshop at their conference. They will pay up to \$250.00 for a speaker, \$50.00 if that speaker is a member of our group. They will also pay for equipment needed. On the basis of this, it has been decided that OALT/ABO should do a workshop. The theme of the OLA conference is "Excellence in Leadership"--suggestions are welcome from all members. It has been decided that Newsletter/Nouvelles will continue to be in English and French in regards to the provincial; others will be in the language of submission only. The Government turned down the request for funding to translate. Regarding provincial news: Moira Camin will empty the provincial mailbox for Halton/Peel to ensure that it is checked regularly (this resulted after one member didn't get a reply after sending to the postal office box; the member will nevertheless get a reduced rate at the next conference). The next conference is to be held at Erindale College by the Halton/Peel branch. No date or theme has as yet been set. The following is the new provincial Executive:

President: Roberta Tripp
Vice-Pres.: Pat Patruga
Secretary: Janna Punkittrick
Treasurer: Katherine Grime
Public Relations: Carolyn Boardman
Newsletter Ed.'s: Allan Devine, Jeanette

Sue Lever from London received the presidential award. Eleven members received 10-yr. memberships. Janet reported that as usual some workshops were excellent, others "so-so"; the speaker Maude Barlow was very good and a dynamic speaker. According to the Treasurer, there is a current bank balance of \$2401.00 but IALTA has yet to forward their conference

funds to the province. -

A discussion regarding future meetings followed. Any suggestions, ideas, etc., are welcomed by Judy. Judy would also be interested in knowing when members prefer meetings to be held. It was decided that should Gale Moreau be able to organize the fall meeting, a good date would be on a Monday evening after September 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting and it a pleasure to see so many people attend!