

December 1987

# from the President

December 2, 1987

Today the new 1988 roomrates for Geneva Park arrived. It reminds me that before we know it, it will be time to begin planning the 1990 conference. Does anyone have any ideas for a possible theme?

Mark February 27, 1988 on your calendar - the date for Huronia's annual meeting. Location will be announced at the beginning of February.

The snow is falling outside. Houses are looking festive with Christmas lights. Schedules are becoming more hectic with special events and shopping. Christmas is now not farr off. I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Janet Iles  
President



# Who's who

Susan West formerly of Bradford Public Library is now employed at Gallanough Memeorial Branch, Vaughan Public Library in Thornhill. Susan is Assistant Branch Head and is working with young adults.

It was also reported from Brandford that construction has begun, at least staff report that "the hole" is there.

Adrienne Price is working hard on learning all about wage equity. Maybe at our next meeting Adrienne might give us some points on the subject. I know we all want more ...

# Jobs

Ontario Library Services - Saugeen has a job opening : Interlibrary Loan Technician. This is a part-time position responsible for the processisng of interlibrary loan requests on an automated system. Knowledge of public libraries and computer skills is an asset. Library Technician dipolma or equivilent is preferred.

## THE LAST LAUGH\_\_\_\_\_

A librarian admitted to the hospital for surgery got this card from her associates: "If they take anything out, make sure they sign for it!"

## NEWSLETTER FOR LIBRARY CATS

Phyllis Lahti, librarian of Bryant Library, has started an informal newsletter for libraries with cat or cats-in-residence. The first issue this July shows a logo for the Library Cat Club of America and describes Bryant's cat, dubbed "Regal Reggie." The next issue promises a story about those well-known cats, Baker and Taylor. Lahti says: "Help us give homage to the cats in our libraries - may their numbers increase!" Contact her at 430 Main Street, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.

# Up and coming

## TECHNICAN COURSES - OWEN SOUND

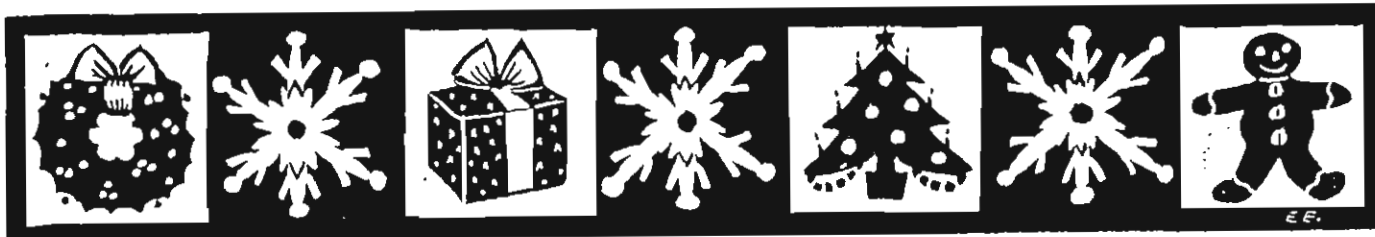
Nancy Bradley has been teaching "Introduction to Libraries" at the Owen Sound campus this fall. There were 20+ people registered for this course. It was hoped that "Reference 1" would be held over the winter months but due to lack of registration this course will be held in the spring. At this point there are only 12 who have indicated an interest in continuing with the courses, 18 must register for this course for it to go in April. **ANYONE WANT TO SPEND A FEW MONDAY NIGHTS** brushing up on their reference skills, watch for the spring calendar from Georgian College.



# NEWS AND VIEWS

## SUGGESTED READING

Bunge, Charles "Stress in the library". Library Journal September 15, 1987 p.47-51.



September 1987 saw the beginning of a new library related programme. The course, EXCEL : A Certificate Program in Small Library Mangement, is being offered through the assistance of The Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, and is being administered by Ontario Library Services.

The course offers a certificate to person who have completed 10 mandatory courses and 6 elective courses. The programs criteria is specifically aimed at persons with no formal library education, working in libraries serving less than 5,000 patrons.

Each course lasts 14 weeks, with the student having to successfully complete 7 "modules" followed by an examination. Every assignment is graded either pass or fail with one chance to re-write a failed assignment.

I'm a telephone tutor, which means that I call each of my 7 students on Weeks 1, 3, 5, etc., and ask questions about that weeks' module, which is to have been read beforehand. On weeks 2, 4, 6, etc., I mark and return their assignments.

Almost all of my students have commented on how much they're enjoying the course. This first one is an Introduction to Libraries, and the students feel that they are learning a great deal about the basics of the library world.

As most of these Library Supervisors come from non-library backgrounds, almost everything entailed in this course is new to them.

It remains to be seen how well the first graduates from the EXCEL program, three years down the road, will be received by the library community. My personal feeling is that these certified people will help bridge the gap inbetween professional and non-professional library staff, and that their new-found knowledge can only assist the library in giving better service to patrons no matter where they live.