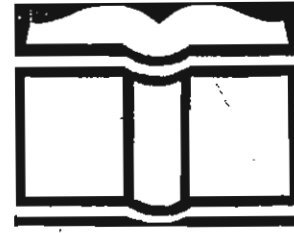


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March 1988

HURONIA REGIONAL BRANCH  
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1987- 1988.

I have enjoyed serving my second year as President of Huronia Regional Branch. I chaired general membership meetings on June 22, August 17, November 4, 1987 and February 20, 1988, and executive meetings on May 4, September 13, 1987 January 3, and February 20, 1988. There was very good response to the two summer meetings. No meetings were held from mid-November until the annual meeting in February in order to avoid winter travel. The annual meeting was scheduled early so as not to conflict with the directors meeting and the library technician courses at Georgian College. Thank you to all those who have hosted meetings.

Georgian College offered the Introduction to Libraries course in Owen Sound with Nancy Bradley as the instructor. Nancy invited me to speak to the class about the Ontario Association of Library Technicians and Huronia Regional Branch -- its history and the benefits of being a member of our organization.

Since last year's annual meeting when we decided to host the 1990 conference, approval has been received and a contract was signed with Geneva Park to hold the conference there. During the next two years there will be many opportunities for members of Huronia to work together to present once again a successful conference.

It has been a pleasure working with the executive. Thank you to Judy Koenig, Vice-President, Louise Campbell, Director, Janet Scheibler, Treasurer/Membership and Carol McNabb, Secretary who was replaced by Joanne Comper part way through the year.

Thank you also to Carol Ann McNabb our archivist and to Pat Frook editor of our newsletter Networks.

Submitted by  
*Janet Iles*  
Janet Iles  
President

HURONIA REGION OALT/ABO

Annual Report 1987/88

Vice-President

Our first meeting for the 1987/88 year was a potluck social meeting at the home of Louise Campbell in Barrie.

As an experiment we scheduled a meeting for mid-summer(August 17). SUCCESS, as seventeen members and guests "brown bagged" it for Pat Henry's tour of the Simcoe County Law Association Library in Barrie.

After a postponement and change of venue, our Fall meeting was held at the Collingwood Public Library. Guest speaker for the evening was Marie Prout who spoke about the "Leading to Reading" program at Owen Sound Public Library.

The 1987/88 Annual Meeting is being held in Orangeville where we will hear from hostess Janet Scheibler about the rewards and hazards of renovations/expansions.

As job placement liason I have informed various of our members seeking employment about job openings in the area. At present we have, to my knowledge, no members seeking employment.

A hearty thank you to all members who have helped to plan, organize, and host our meetings and tours this year. Attached is a list of members' suggestions for future meetings to be passed on to the new vice-president.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Koenig*  
Judith Koenig  
Vice-president

ANNUAL REPORT - SECRETARY

I assumed the duties of secretary last August. In the past six months I have attended a general meeting in November and an executive meeting in January in Collingwood.

My responsibilities have primarily consisted of sending out minutes and notices of meetings and making copies of the constitution.

The next two years promise to be busy and exciting with the planning and carrying out of the annual OALT meeting at Geneva Park in 1990.

I have really enjoyed being secretary and wish to thank the rest of the executive for their help and patience with me while learning the ropes.

Secretary :  
Joanne Comper

OALT/ABO - HURONIA BRANCH

Treasurer's Annual Report  
February 20, 1988

INCOME:

Balance forward from 1986/87	\$ 919.60		
Fees	884.00*		
Interest	<u>25.62</u>		
Total	\$1829.22	\$1829.22	

EXPENSES:

Provincial fees	\$ 520.00		
Deposit to Geneva Park	100.00		
Postage	8.64		
1987 ABM expenses	39.60		
Telephone	19.25		
Honorarium	25.00		
Rental of slide presentation	36.50		
Miscellaneous	<u>54.47</u>		
Total	\$ 803.46	803.46	
Balance		<u>\$1025.76</u>	

\* Of this figure \$84.00 (7 x \$12.00) must go to the Provincial Treasurer for student fees for 1988/89.

Bank balance, Feb.19/88 \$1025.76

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PETTY CASH RECONCILIATION

INCOME:

Proceeds from Dec. 1986 workshop forwarded in March 1987	\$10.00
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EXPENSES:

Postage	\$8.62		
Photocopying	<u>5.00</u>	<u>13.62</u>	
		-\$ 3.62	-\$3.62

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Huronias Branch also holds a Guaranteed Savings Certificate for \$2000.00 with the Royal Bank to mature Feb. 20, 1989.

# from the Director

Huronian Branch OALT/ABO

Directors Report 1987/88

As your Director on the Provincial executive I have attended the scheduled meetings in Toronto and I also attended the annual conference at Erindale College in May of 1987.

The emphasis for the current year has been on publicity, making our Association more focal provincially. With this objective we have begun advertising in Canadian Business and some of the larger newspapers in the province. Business cards have been printed and distributed to the regions through their Directors. A salary survey is now underway, and questionnaires have been sent out, the results will be published later this year.

The preliminary draft of the Roles of Librarians and Library Technicians have been by our Association and we have returned our written response. The final draft will be tabled and presented at the annual CLA Conference in June in Halifax, we will have representation at the Conference.

Financially, we are in very good condition \$10,000.00 has been placed in a savings account and our working budget is nearly \$8,000.00.

New membership forms are being printed. I will be attending the Annual conference in Thunder Bay . Working with this years Provincial executive has been challenging due to the enthusiasm and new ideas that they have brought into the Association.

Respectfully submitted.,

*Louise Campbell*  
Director.

OALT/ABO

HURONIA REGIONAL BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT 1987/1988

ARCHIVIST

This year did not witness any extensive expansion or weeding in the Archives for the branch. The Archives have been maintained according to recommendations made by the branch members which emphasize those documents generated by our own branch, those of the Provincial Executive, and any items pertinent to us. Copies of all meeting minutes, newsletters, etc., of the 1987/1988 year have been added to the files.

Setting up files and weeding duplicated items from the "Learning More in '84" annual OALT/ABO conference which Huronia hosted makes me realize the amount of work ahead of us for 1990. The Archives will no doubt prove useful to the branch members as we prepare for the 1990 conference.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol A. McNabb*

Carol A. McNabb  
88/02/20

HURONIA REGIONAL BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT 1987/88

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

During the past year we have produced three newsletters. I wish to thank members for their submissions and hope that everyone will help contribute to the newsletter during the coming year. Remember, it's YOUR newsletter, too.

Submitted by

Pat Frook

# Have a read

## BOOKDROP - The Library Cat

Of the many famous cats which inhabit the libraries throughout the country, few can match the lean black and white kitten which came to Owen Sound in September 1985.

She arrived one night in the most unusual way - thrown down the bookdrop - hence her name "Bookdrop" or Bookie as she soon came to be known. A terrified, hungry and bruised kitten spent her first night in the staff room. By the next morning she felt quite at home, curled up and purring on the best staff chair.

Since the library cannot keep a cat on a permanent basis we needed to find a home. I just couldn't say no so off she went to a family of two dogs and one other cat. After introductions were made - another bowl of food set out - she once again made herself at home but this time she fell asleep on my lap.

As the months passed Bookie let her presence in the neighbourhood be known managing to convince at least three neighbours that she was a poor stray who was always hungry. After breakfast at home, the never to get fat cat would start her daily trek to milk and food at all the "surrogate" families. She always managed to be home for lunch and back again by six to spend the night on the waterbed.

Bookie was a curious cat, always looking for an adventure. Her favourite game was to stalk the dogs right down to the pounce! She knew no bounds and more than once we would get a phone call asking if she was lost (although she never missed a night at home).

Just over a year after we took her home Bookie was heading home at lunch when she darted in front of a car. We buried her underneath a big maple in our backyard. Although we had Bookdrop only a short time, she had wriggled her way into our hearts and even today, we greatly miss her little masked face.

Beth Hall

Owen Sound Public Library

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST EXECUTIVE

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# Books open world for shut-ins

BY DONNA SHOEMAKER  
Of The Examiner

Katherine Robb is a shut-in and yet from her apartment she enters the worlds of famous sports figures or mounts an expedition to the Antarctic simply by turning the pages of her favorite novel.

Robb is just one of many people who either through illness or simply old age can't manage a trip to the Barrie Public Library so, the library comes to them.

Since 1973 the Barrie Public Library has been operating a visiting library service however Katherine Wallis, community service librarian, feels that the service has a long way to go before it reaches its full potential.

"The visiting library service has been in operation since 1973 in various forms. It has sort of had an uneven history and has even been unused at times. It has been low profile but as Barrie grows we can see the need for this service growing as well," said Wallis.

This service is available to anyone confined to their home or in a health care institution either long term or short term. Wallis feels that this service is especially suited for seniors who are living at home and who do not have any relatives or close friends who are able to get library material for them.

When the situation calls for an outsider to collect such material for people Joanne Comper, library assistant, is ready and willing to search and find interesting pieces of literature to brighten their days. Comper is also willing to stop and chat for a minute or two. She enjoys sharing comments and criticisms on the newest books or why that person enjoys the works of a certain author so much.

Comper is a library assistant at the Barrie Public Library but as with the other five people delivering books she does it on a volunteer basis just for the love of sharing the written word.

"I feel good that I am doing this and I enjoy chatting with these people. They are all so interesting. Our patrons really enjoy getting the book and they love to read. One lady I visit all she does is read all day," she said.

## DEVOURS BOOKS

While Robb does more than read all day long reading is still a major part of her life. Robb can usually be found reading at least three books at a time. Her favorite books are biographies or autobiographies of sports figures. A good mystery is always enjoyed.

"I was always a great reader. I was brought up in a family of readers. I can still remember my grandfather, with his long white beard,

reading Scott of the Antarctic to us in the dead of winter. My family just devoured books," she said.

Robb said she would read just about anything except those steamy books her 'Aunt Minnie' would stay

library are subject to slight discrimination. We would like everyone to have access to the library and we are doing this by promoting this service," said Wallis.

Comper visits senior citizen homes

who would like to have books delivered to their home the Public Library need volunteers. Such volunteers would be required to take books to a person in need and return material to the library. Wallis said



EXAMINER/DONNA SHOEMAKER

Joanne Comper, library assistant, spends a few light moments with Katherine Robb. Robb is unable to get to the Barrie Public Library so Joanne brings her beloved books right to her door.

away from and of course science fiction. Every spring Robb can be found engrossed in Jim Bouto's biography.

"To me reading is a moment of calm in a crazy world. I am a shut-in but I am starting to crawl about. What would I do without reading? I would be entirely cut off from life," she said.

Robb remembers the first time she ever met Comper. It was a stormy winter day and to top it all off the elevator in her apartment building was out of order. Comper had to climb up five flights with an arm load of books to reach Robb.

"I felt so guilty about Joanne having to go through all that but at the same time I was so happy to get the books," said Robb.

Comper said that not only does she feel good about bringing book-lovers library material but very often she might be the only person they might see all day. For that reason she takes time to chat and get to know the person. After getting to know the person she then can determine what kind of books and which authors they might enjoy.

"The mandate of the library is to provide library service to everyone. People who can't make it to the li-

as well as private homes. The loan period is three to four weeks and the number of books Comper will bring depends on how many books the patron can read.

"We have a lot of problems in the past with this service basically because we didn't know how to promote. We are trying to correct that now," said Wallis.

To service the people in Barrie

that such a person would need the use of a vehicle and a few hours every three or four weeks to spare.

Comper said that it is only a small thing to do for someone but it means so much especially to those people whose only contact with world is the smiling face of the person bringing them the world via the written word.

For more information on the Visiting Library Service call Katherine Wallis at 728-1010.

## Who's who