



## Workshops

I attended some very interesting workshops Marketing Books in the Library - Judy Sarick, Children's Book Store, Toronto - geared her talk to school libraries and children's departments. Some of the ideas could also be used in adult sections. There was nothing really new in this presentation.

### Words, Words leap out of my heart - Laura Sims

This workshop by a superb storyteller kept the audience spellbound as she demonstrated different stories. Good ideas were given on how to choose a story and learn it.

### Connections: Bringing Young People & Books together - Fay Blostein.

This was a preview of her soon to be released book Connections. It is a thematic approach to paperbacks - ideas to bring books into lives of young people.

Large Print Books ... More than meets the eyes by Dr. Frederick Thorpe - founder of Ulverscroft large print books. This charming gentleman told the development of large print books and how a search was made to get the right size of print, the blackest ink possible and an opaque paper that would be lighter than most paper - a fascinating presentation.

### New Directions: The changing role and education of Library Technicians

- Frances Davidson Arnott spoke on the work of the Task force on the roles of librarians and library technicians.
- Anne Galler told of the mandate of the CLA task force to study the idea of professional review of library technician programmes
- Jocelyne le Bel gave information on the library assistant programme in New Brunswick.

Notes available on any of the workshops upon request

In addition to social activities and workshops, I spent some time in meetings.

- CAPL (Canadian Association of Public Libraries)
- Committee on library technicians annual business meeting - little business
- heard about the new programme at the Lakehead
- Library Technicians - The Maritime experience (Library technician interest group) - looked at education and work opportunities in different parts of Canada
- Atlantic Provinces Library Association - Library Technician Interest group - this is to date a very small group - library technicians are a new breed in the Maritimes.

- Canadian Library Association Annual General Meeting

- good discussion

- fees will go up over the next three years

- CLA Task Force on the Roles and Responsibilities of Librarians and Library Technicians

The report has gone to CLA council where it was accepted with minor revisions. A discussion was held after background information and highlights of sections were given.

Some points that came out during discussion:

- format changes - perhaps key points from the introduction to each section be put at the beginning
- some felt that some library technician tasks were in fact clerical
- in determining tasks, responsibilities - the bottom line was where does the buck stop
- consultative management assumed
- since the draft - the introductions have been greatly expanded and are very important - many key ideas are expressed

I have a copy of the report as it was presented to CLA council. Let me know if you wish to read it. It is a lengthy document so it would be costly to reprint for the newsletter.

# CONFERENCE NEWS

## HELP WANTED

### Conference Planning Committee Secretary

Duties: record the minutes of Planning Committee and to circulate these minutes to all members of the other committees, as soon as is humanly possible after each meeting, remind members of upcoming meetings

Access to typewriter and copy machine a must.

Term: To June 1990

Apply to Nancy Bradley or Janet Iles by September 18, 1988.

# from the Director

*Keeping You  
Informed*

June 1988

I attended the Fifteenth Annual Conference in Thunder Bay, nearly 175 attended. I had a marvellous time, each year I meet new friends and renew old friendships. The hospitality shown to us by Thunder Bay was great.

The annual business meeting was well run but poorly attended. A motion was made and passed that we finally close the books on the London Region. All monies now held by the Provincial will be turned over to the Lohonia Branch.

All executive positions were filled without too much difficulty. I declined the Vice President position.

The new executive are:

President: Maggie Hotchkiss

member of TALTA

employed at Longbranch Public Library Etobicoke

Vice President: Susan Morley

member of TALTA

employed with Canadian Standards Association

Secretary: Betty Gore

member of SUDBURY

employed at Capreol High School

Treasurer: Sharon Wigney

member of SUDBURY

Public Relations: Pat Graham

member of OTTAWA

employed with CBC Northern Service

Our new provincial president was employed at Barrie Public Library for four years as a Page. Her father still lives in Barrie. Maggie will make a fine and devoted President.

KALEIDOSCOPE '89 (16th. Annual Conference OALT/ABO) will be held at McMaster University Hamilton June 1-4 1989

**Director**

**OALT/ABO Huronia Branch.**

*Louise*



## JOANNE WANTS YOUR BOOKS BACK!

*Joanne Comper, library assistant at the Barrie Public Library, is giving all library borrowers who are hiding overdue books at home a week of grace. This week (April 18 -23) has been de-*

*clared Fine Free Week at the library, during which time books, no matter how overdue, can be returned with no fine and no questions asked.*

EXAMINER: DONNA SHOEMAKER

Joanne is now Head of Circulation  
Barrie Public Library

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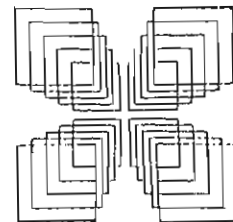
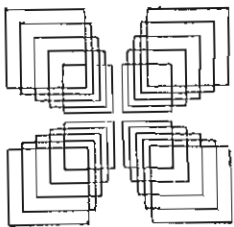
What do other libraries call their "circulation department"? I'm looking for ideas. At present we are called the Materials Control Department. This title does not convey the important role played by those in this department in dealing with the public. Staff in this area also deal with circulation of children's and adult materials, act as receptionist, look after all serials, overdues and the materials in the "adult and young adult" sections". Any suggestions???

Janet Iles

Lohania Regional Branch  
Presents

KALEIDOSCOPE '89

(16th Annual Conference - OALT/ABO)  
at  
McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario  
June 1-4, 1989



Like the children's toy of the same name, the library technician field is a swiftly changing scene. Join us in Hamilton in '89 and explore the possibilities!

PROPOSED WORKSHOPS:

Alternative Career Paths  
CD-ROM  
Copyright  
Handicapped Services  
Interpersonal Skills  
Literacy  
Mandarin  
Presenting Proposals  
Stress Management

Archives & Special Collections  
Freelancing  
How to Buy a Computer  
LTs and Librarians: Changing Roles  
Pornography & Censorship  
Reference Services  
Supervisory Skills

Weeding

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PRE-REGISTRATION:

For a fee of \$50.00, the first twenty-five (25) pre-registered delegates will be guaranteed their choice of workshops at KALEIDOSCOPE '89. Refunds will be available if you are unable to attend.

Pre-registration will be available at Rendezvous '88 or by writing to:

KALEIDOSCOPE '89  
c/o Lohania Regional Branch  
OALT/ABO  
P.O. Box 611  
Niagara Falls L2E 6V5

Cheques should be made payable to KALEIDOSCOPE '89.

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# Have a read

## The library is busy

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there's plenty of the two most popular cola brands.

The drinks are not bottled here, so there has been some difficulty meeting demand during the past week to 10 days, said Cunningham. All canned soft drinks come out of Toronto, he said.

"What happens is we receive a certain ration of what's available."

During the heat wave, sizzling heat, glaring sun and sticky humidity, one place that seems an obvious refuge is the cool darkness of the movie theatre, but Owen Sound Cinemas manager Kathy Morris said there hasn't been a marked increase in customers at the air-conditioned theatre complex.

"My matinees are not doing

well at all," she said. "The best days we have are rainy days. I don't know why people aren't coming out in the heat, I guess they just don't want to move."

But Owen Sound's library, which is air-conditioned, has been "packed morning to night," said chief librarian Andrew Armitage. "The public library during the depression was a place to get away from the cold. Now it's become a place to get away from the heat."

Circulation clerk Sally Carruthers said she noticed more parents are bringing their children to the library. The older people who usually come to read "seem to be taking a lot longer over their newspapers," she said with a laugh.

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