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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you have all received your invitations to the OALT/ABO — Huronia Christmas Social & even more so I hope you plan to attend. If tradition holds true it will be a very enjoyable evening.

Our attempts to provide an interesting workshops opportunity in October ended with very disappointing results. At the business meeting on December 2nd we will be discussing a survey or some other effort to find out what the membership wants in terms of workshops, meetings, dates, times, costs, etc. I hope you will all take the time to help us determine your needs as far as the association goes and how we can boost membership and attendance. I would really prefer to wish you a Happy Holiday in person on December 2nd, but if you can't be there I hope you have a bountiful New Year.

Chris



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Submissions requested for the next issue. Please send them by January 25, 1993

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIES

Collingwood Public Library

New Librarian at Collingwood Public Library

Kerri Robinson started work as the new Chief Librarian of the Collingwood Public Library on December 16, 1991. She was born in Woodstock, Ontario but lived in other provinces and countries as a result of the lifestyle afforded her family through the department of National Defence. (army brat)

Kerri graduated from the University of Waterloo with a four year Bachelor of Arts degree and from the University of British Columbia with a two year MLS degree.

Prior to the Collingwood position, she worked for six years at York Regional Library in New Brunswick (one and half hears as Chief Librarian of the Oromocto Public Library and four and one half years as Supervising Librarian responsible for six libraries, one bookmobile and offices from Nackawic to Plaster Rock, New Brunswick).

Kerri is very happy to be back in Ontario and is enjoying Collingwood immensely. The staff isn't half bad either ... Library holding semi-formal for family health collection

(excerpts from article in Owen Sound Sun-Times Oct. 6, 1992)

The Collingwood Library has come up with a creative way to raise money for its family health collection.

It's holding a semi-formal dinner and dance at

the Leisure Time Club on Friday Oct. 23.



"It will give people a

chance to kick up their heels before they get burdened down with the Christmas season," said librarian Kerri Robinson.

Local author Dan Needles will be the guest speaker. During dinner a pianist, a vocal soloist, and flautists from local public schools will perform. Afterwards there will be dancing until 2 a.m.

Robinson said the event will allow the library to buy the material people have been asking for. ... She wants to make the gala an annual event. "There will always be holes in our collection," she said.

There are 150 tickets available. The cost is \$50 each, but tax receipts for \$35 each will be issued upon request.

Let us know how successful this venture was.

Is your library doing any special fund raising? Share what you are doing? Do you have a Friends of the library group or something similar? How are you coping with a restricted budget?

BOOKS

What do we, as a nation, care about books? How much do you think we spend altogether on our libraries, public or private, as compared with what we spend on our horses?

John Ruskin (1819-1900) English critic Microsoft Bookshelf © 1987 - 1992 Microsoft Corp.

Have things really changed since Ruskin made this comment? I recently heard a town clerk say that when she took the position as clerk, the library received little support in comparison to the arena and sports activities in her community. She said that people who go to arenas are used to shouting for what they want but those who go to libraries are used to whispering and don't make their views so vocally known. She says that in her community library support has improved over the last few years. Do you agree with her comment?

OWEN SOUND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Owen Sound Public Library has recently become full members of the Ontario Library Consortium This is a group of libraries - medium, small and county libraries that have joined together for automation purposes. The members have built a union catalogue of their libraries holdings which is on CD-ROM. It is this CD-ROM that the OSPL will use to build its database. The Ontario Library Consortium has recently signed a contract with *MultiLIS*TM to install its integrated automated system in their libraries. Installations have begun but no libraries are up and running yet. It may be the new year before OSPL starts entering items into the database. In the mean time we weed, weed, weed.

Another successful book sale was held November 5th to 8th.

LIBRARIES

Every library should try to be complete on something, if it were only the history of pinheads.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894) American writer, physician Microsoft Bookshelf © 1987 - 1992 Microsoft Corp.

CONGRATULATIONS



Yvonne Wilson and Mary McAlpine are recent graduates of the Library and Information Technician Programme at Georgian College.

OTHER GEORGIAN COLLEGE NEWS

A new course is being developed that may also be of interest to graduates and others working in libraries. This is **Readers' Advisory**. Catherine Wallis, sister to Elaine Wallis, is preparing the course outline which will be brought to the spring advisory committee meeting. This course will replace *Introduction to Information and Automated Systems* which was redundant because of so much overlap with other courses.

As the OALT/ABO representative on the committee please forward any concerns or suggestions you may have about the programme to me. This is my last year on the committee and once again I am chairing the committee.

At the gathering of the Board of Governors and the Advisory Committee Chairs in September I spoke briefly about the programme and what a graduate library technician may be expected to do. I used my own job as an example. Afterwards, I had several comment that they had not realized the variety of work done by library technicians.

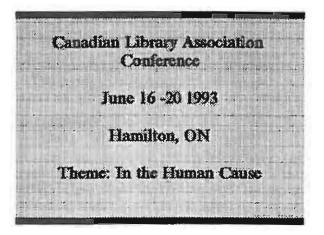
DATES TO MARK ON YOUR 1993 CALENDAR



OALT/ABO 1993 CONFERENCE

MAY 10-14 1993 OTTAWA, ONTARIO





OALT/ABO MEMBERSHIP

The enclosed list of members is up to date as of October 31st. If you do not see a Library Technician you know not listed, perhaps you might want to invite them to join. Remember this year's membership goes to September 1993.

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