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Last Meeting:

Date: October 26, 1976.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Sue Williamson's

Attendance: 18 present with a quorum.

Student Get-together:

Our last meeting was in an informal mood. There was a short business meeting during which Sue Williamson gave a brief explanation on the forming of the OALT/ABO and our own branch.

After the meeting we had a slide presentation about the Gogama Library. This was an endeavour by the Library Technicians from Cambrian College to build and run a library for a small northern community. They received books from many sources and the CNR donated an old instruction car to house the library. The students spent their summer taking care of the library and in the fall, left the library in the capable hands of three ladies from Gogama. The film was very enjoyable and interesting in that a library was built from "nothing" in such a remote area.

This presentation was followed by a lunch made up of punch (spiked of course), cheese, crackers and fruit.

We were extremely pleased to see so many students out to this meeting and hope they will continue to meet with us.

London Regional Branch Workshops:

On September 25, 1976 the LRB held its first workshops. The two sessions that we had were well attended by people from the association, school libraries, public libraries, S.L.I.S., St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital and Library Technician students.

Jean Weihs spoke to us about non-book materials and gave us an insight into some of the up-coming changes in the cataloguing rules. She also held a question and answer period. Mrs. Weihs is Course Co-ordinator of the Library Techniques Course at Seneca College.

Dr. Rita Blocher from Althouse College of Education told us about Bibliotherapy - helping people through the use of books. Everyone was very interested in what Dr. Blocher had to say and expressed an interest in more workshops of this kind.

If anyone has ideas for future topics please let us know.

Recent Publications:

Bibliography of Library Technology. A Provincial publication on articles by and about Library Technicians. Compiled by Ingeborg Rakovszky. Published by Thunder Bay Regional Branch of the OALT/ABO, March 1976. 14 pages. The price for this publication is \$3.00.

Emergency Librarian, Volume 4, Number 1, September/October, 1976. This issue is about Library Technicians and Library Assistants. One of the articles in the issue is by Jennifer Singh, Director, Toronto Area Library Technician Association. The price for this issue is \$1.50.

If you would like copies of either or both of these publications please phone Sue Williamson at 679-2858 between 9 and 5.

(President's) Committee to Look into the Structure of OALT/ABO:

Kathy Scott, our representative from London Regional Branch, attended the first meeting of the "Committee Looking into the Structure of OALT/ABO" on October 16, 1976 in Toronto. Two interim reports must be made; one in December and one in February, with a final report to be submitted next April.

Ontario Library Association Conference:

Sue Williamson attended the 1976 Ontario Library Association Conference held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, October 28-31, 1976. Thursday evening, Raymond Moriyama, the architect for London's new Art Gallery, was the guest speaker. He has also recently designed the new Metro Toronto Library. He feels that library buildings should be approachable.

On Friday, I attended a session on OLA's Statement on Intellectual Freedom. This group was mostly oriented toward school and public librarians, and the general feeling seemed to be that the librarian should select books with the assistance of the Board. They felt that each library should make its own selection policy.

Margaret Beckman, Chief Librarian from the University of Guelph spoke on the future in the library field. She felt that more emphasis will be placed on continuing education for library staff - librarians and technicians alike. She also felt that the staff would have to become more specialized. Libraries will become more dependant on computers for ordering, circulation and links with other libraries for materials.

The sessions on community services were also quite interesting. Many libraries seem to be getting involved in disseminating information about community services that people do not know how to locate.

It was also felt by some, that more technician and non-librarian staff should join OLA because it is not an association for librarians - it is for anyone working in or interested in libraries.

Fourth Annual Conference of the OALT/ABO:

Letters have been sent to people requesting them to put on workshops at our spring Conference. At our next meeting we would like to get people to sit on committees to help with the Conference. Please plan to attend. If, for some reason, you can not come but would like to help with the Conference, feel free to call Eleanor Irwin at 679-3542 during the day.

Book Mending Workshop:

Nancy McCormick attended a Book Mending workshop on November 4, sponsored by the London Public Library and the Separate School Board. Dr. Brandies from Huron College showed those in attendance how books were made, how to mend corners with cloth tape, how to fix spines and mend pages. He also gave them lists of suppliers and names of the tapes used in book mending. He showed them how to sew books but said if the book was worth saving, it would be worth sending away to have professionally bound.

Next Meeting:

Stereotypes in Children's Literature

Ms. Carol Corcoran, a librarian from St. Mark's Separate School will be talking about stereotypes in children's books. She will be bringing some examples of this material.

This meeting will be held on Monday, November 29, 1976 at Fanshawe College, Room A1040, at 7:30 p.m.

* Please plan to attend. *

Survey:

One of our past members is interested in doing a survey in Ontario to find out how many graduate technicians do get hired for jobs advertised as technician positions. The membership at our last meeting thought that this undertaking was more suited to the Provincial to attempt so it will be mentioned at the next Board of Director's Meeting. If anyone has any ideas on how to go about this survey please call Linda Read at 679-8895.