



LONDON REGIONAL BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

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Our last meeting was held January 23, 1978 at Fanshawe College Room A2025.4. Due to rampaging viruses, only nine members attended. We hope all those who were laid low are feeling better now and we look forward to seeing you on the 20th of February.

Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately considering the attendance) Brent Germaine was not able to present his audiovisual workshop as he was unavoidably called away on business at the last minute. We will try to reschedule this workshop for a future meeting, to be announced.
BUSINESS DISCUSSED

--Bursery for students--

Back in October, it was decided by vote of members in attendance to present some form of bursery to the Library Technician students at Fanshawe on an annual basis. The Provincial Board of Directors were planning to establish guidelines for this. Our Regional Branch would then decide how much and to whom the bursery would be presented, based on the provincial guidelines. Our director Jacquie Jessup reported back in November that the Board of Directors had decided to leave this matter entirely up to the Branches. The matter was to be considered and discussed further at the January meeting. The student representative, Darlene Carnochan discussed this subject with the students at length. The consensus of the Library Technician students was that they felt a presentation should be made to the class as a whole, rather than just one or two recipients. They did not feel there was any fair method to single out one or two people. They would rather see a needed tool, a Dewey set or perhaps a reference book presented. The Executive has discussed this matter and are in agreement with the views of the students.

So, this how the matter of the presentation of a bursery stands at present. It will be brought up for further discussion and a vote at the February meeting. What are your views? Let us know.

--Nominating Committee--

This year's nominating committee has been appointed. It is chaired by Ron Cheney, advisor from past executive, and consists of Susan Williamson, Eleanor Irwin and Jean Pierce. If you wish to volunteer for a position or suggest someone, call any to the committee members and your assistance will be appreciated. Nominees will be announced at the February meeting.

--Finances--

To balance the books for the end of the fiscal year, please turn in any receipts you may have, if you were given money in advance.

--Proceedings--

The Proceedings of the 1977 Conferences are completed and being checked. It is hoped they will be distributed by the end of February.
--Odds and ends--We realize that the newsletter has been getting thinner for some time now. Before you grumble and complain, may we remind you that this is your newsletter. What have you been up to at work or at play? Have you seen or heard of something you found interesting? Won't you share it with the rest of us? Call Marlene Forrest or Mary Brennan or send your contribution to the Branch address. Help us out!

Some brainstorming went on at the last meeting as well. Do you have an interest in a Saturday or evening trip to somewhere different, interesting, and maybe library-oriented. Do you have an idea of where to go: Toronto--Thomas Fisher Rare Books, Metro Public or in London area--Cross-cultural learning Centre or anywhere. Ideas, we need ideas. More on this to come.

Report The 1977 O.L.A. Conference was held in November in Niagara Falls, Ont. and Niagara Falls, New York.

We spent a lot of our time in New York, because Eleanor had set up an OALT/ABO exhibit in the Convention Centre, where all Canadian and American exhibitors were. This turned out to be a great place to meet people. We had a lot of librarians from both sides of the border interested in Library Technicians, as well as L.T.'s from Canada and Library Media/Technical Assistants from the States. As a result, we are getting many inquiries for membership.

The Friday night a party was held for the exhibitors. There was a band and a dance floor, as well as free drinks. This get-together also provided a great opportunity to tell people about L.T.'s.

There was one workshop pertaining to L.T.'s regarding Library Technicians as Supervisors. It was estimated that 200 people attended this workshop.

O.L.A.'s workshops are not as practical and "hands-on" as are the workshops which are held at our conferences.

We had a really great time, and met dozens of people, and had many discussions with various interesting people about the value of Library Technicians in the library world. We talked to numerous people who had never heard of L.T.'s.

Also, if you ever need a set of encyclopedia... call Grolier. (They had the booths across the isle from us for the duration of the conference and kept us entertained.

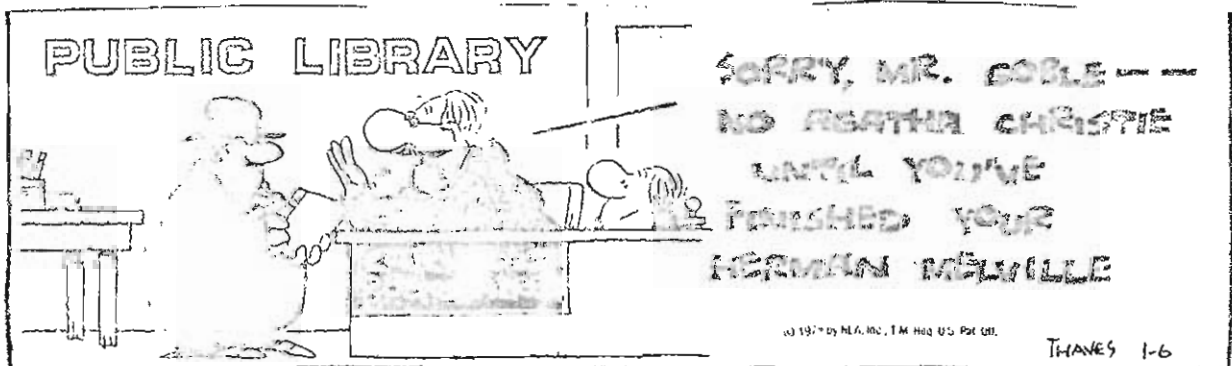
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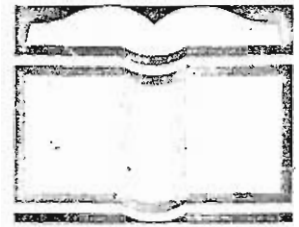
UPCOMING MEETING:

February 20, 1978
7:30 p.m.
Fanshawe College, Room 1031

Featuring: Rosaline Romhild of the London Regional Children's Museum, located in City Centre. Speaking on the organization, history and functions of the Museum and showing special materials used for multi-media communications.

SEE YOU THERE!





Held at Sheridan College, December 3, 1977.
Chaired by Janet Fear, Recorded by Gail Darby.

Attendance:	<u>Regional Directors</u>	<u>Provincial Executive</u>	
Halton Peel	Dorothy Kew	President	Janet Fear
London	Jacquie Jessup	Vice President	absent
Ottawa	Linda Landreville	Secretary	Gail Darby
Sudbury	absent	Treasurer	absent
TALTA	Linda Peppiatt	Publicity	Eleanor Irwin
Thunder Bay	LaRea Moody	Newsletter	Femmy Swytink
Niagara	Andrew Porteus	Membership	absent

Minutes were passed as corrected.

Andrew Porteus was present at the meeting representing Niagara area library technicians who are reviving the local LT association branch. The Board of Directors granted provisional acceptance. A petition with 56 names (35 students) was presented as showing an interest in the association.

Publicity Report - a colloquium kit was given to each director. A membership brochure has been printed for distribution to those interested in membership in the association. New letterhead has been printed. (This is a sample.) Posters have been printed and each director has one.

Conference Report - Workshops: Assertiveness Training, CISTI, Public Relations and Publicity, computerized cataloguing, reference, supervisory skills
ISBD, children's programming.

New Business: A publication on Salary Schedules in Toronto (1975) has been printed and is available from Bette Wilson, 568 Greenbriar Dr. Apt. 421, Sudbury, P3B 3X5

Meeting of February 4, 1978 - Held at Sheridan College.

Attendance as above except for the following changes: Halton-Peel - Gisela Smithson
Thunder Bay - Peter Morgan, Sudbury - Paulette Thibault, Treasurer - Chris Campbell.
TALTA - Pat Boon

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Treasurer Report: Guidelines for local treasurers were distributed to the directors. Books will be closed after April 30, 1978 all receipts must be submitted by then.

Incorporation Report - A \$ 300. retainer fee has been requested by the lawyer.

Conference Report - any additions to the mailing list for the conference should be sent to: Halton-Peel Regional Branch, Box 464, Brampton, Ont. L64 2L4.

Registration material is being sent at the end of this month. If not mailed due to strike the Directors will receive the material by courier.

Workshops of interest: Education of Library Technicians - Ryerson, Feb. 16, 7:30 pm (TALTA)
CASLIS/SLA Payment for Love or Money - New Metro Library, Apr. 20, 7:30

Nomination Forms for the Provincial Executive are available from the Director. Do you have anyone in mind?