



# NRB NEWS

## Niagara Regional Branch OALT/ABO

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fall has been very quiet in the Branch and rather discouraging. It feels as if there are only about a half - dozen members of NRB -- or less. I know that there are only about that many that attend our functions. I have a feeling that the executive is working in a vacuum. We have tried many things - different days, different locations, and a wide range of activities. However, the response to these has been disappointing in regards to numbers of people attending. At least those who do come out show enthusiasm. We have not received any ideas, suggestions, etc., from the general membership - HELP!! - we are becoming stale, running out of ideas, disillusioned. At the Provincial level, in some quarters, Niagara Regional Branch is known as 'The Liz and Andy Show.'

At this point, I will quote from a recent issue of Tete-a-Tete (June 1981: vol. 3, no.1), the Ottawa Regional Branch Newsletter. It is appropriate, and presents valid points which should be of concern to us.

### TWELVE WAYS TO DESTROY AN ASSOCIATION

- \* 1. Do not attend meetings.
2. If you wish to attend, arrive late.
3. Criticize work accomplished by leaders and members.
- \* 4. Never accept nominations for positions, it's far easier to criticize than to achieve.
5. Exhibit irritation if you are not part of a committee, and if you are, never surrender your suggestions.
- \* 6. If the president asks for your opinion, reply "no comments." After the meeting, make known publicly what should have been done.
- \* 7. Keep your input to a strict minimum. If your colleagues are giving it all they've got, accuse them of being part of a clique.
8. Delay your membership fees.
- \* 9. Do not concern yourself with enrolling new members.
10. Complain when nothing is published concerning your activities.
11. Do not read the newsletters or publications sent to you regularly.
12. Solidarity is too good to be true. BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

\* Indicates points which I am especially concerned with.

As for the New Year, we have, I believe, a couple of interesting and informative functions planned. On Saturday, January 16, 1982 we will be hosting a workshop on "How to Repair Books Well and Inexpensively." It will be an all day, hands - on session. Secondly, on Monday, January 25, 1982, Mrs. MacKay of the Niagara Regional Detention Centre Library should provide a fascinating session on jail libraries. Recently, as a member of the Public Institutions Panel for Hamilton-Wentworth, I toured the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre, including the library. It was certainly a different place to work. The clientele are not your regular

everyday patrons. I am looking forward to hearing Mrs. MacKay speak about her experiences, the problems of a jail librarian, and procedures used in a jail library.

COME OUT AND PROVE TO US YOU ARE STILL ALIVE! WE ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER!

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As I indicated in the last newsletter, the Niagara Regional Branch has agreed to edit the Convention issue of the OALT/ABO Newsletter/Nouvelles. We are well underway. Much of the copy for the newsletter has already been produced. We are still awaiting short (3-4 lines) blurbs on some of the workshops. Once translated, we will be preparing the newsletter for printing. There is quite a bit of work to be done - cutting, pasting, typing, mailing, for example. We would appreciate help from anyone to do these jobs. Contact myself, at 389-7814, or Andrew Porteus at 357-4570.

Currently, the Board of Directors and Provincial Executive has many activities on the go. The Funding Committee is active and is investigating advertisements in the Provincial Newsletter. A pamphlet is being prepared to send to prospective employers, especially those who may not be aware of library technicians and the services they provide. As well as businesses, other possible employers include law offices (where two of last year's grads found employment), and medical practices. Many letters have been sent out by the Essay Contest Committee announcing our contest. Now, we are just awaiting essays from library technicians, and student library technicians. Two colleges have informed us that entering an essay in this contest will become a new part of the course requirements. The Proposal for Change Committee held its first meeting on November 28. Andrew Porteus (again) is our representative on this committee. He would appreciate hearing your opinions on constitutional and by - laws changes, at the Provincial level (see earlier edition of newsletter for details). Danielle Amat (President, OALT/ABO) and Nancy Carlucci (Public Relations, OALT/ABO) visited the students in the Library Science Programme at Western University, and first year students in the Library Technician Programme at Fanshawe College recently. They had a very favourable reception from the students at both of these Institutions. At Fanshawe, the students were so enthusiastic about the association that almost all of them joined the association, including six new members for Niagara. Thanks Danielle and Nancy. They are planning to visit students in the Library Sciences Programmes at the University of Toronto and at McGill University in the new year. To our regret Francine LaCasse, the Provincial Secretary, and an enthusiastic OALT/ABO supporter, has resigned her position and will be moving to Alberta very shortly. We are sorry to lose this hard working member of OALT/ABO, but wish her luck in her future endeavours. Helen Luoma (TALTA) will be the Interim Secretary.

If there are any comments, suggestions, etc. that you wish to input to any of the Provincial committees or if you have any brainstorm for the Provincial Executive and Board of Directors, please contact me at 389-7814.

- Liz Aldrey.

#### NEW VIEW IN '82

The 9th Annual Conference of OALT/ABO will be held May 13 - 15, 1982 at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The theme of the Conference is "The New View In '82," with a proposed slate of 15 different workshops. For further information and registration forms please contact:

LaRea Moody  
Conference Chairperson  
Thunder Bay Regional Branch, OALT/ABO  
P.O. Box 3332  
Thunder Bay, Ontario  
P7B 5J8

#### ESSAY CONTEST

OALT/ABO is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring an annual research essay contest to encourage and promote continuing dialog between library technicians and other related professions. The judging panel consists of librarians, library technicians, and English and French language specialists who are recognized authorities in their fields. Essays may be submitted in either English or French, and will be judged in language of submission. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and three runners - up. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

NEWS FROM NIAGARA COLLEGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The keypunch course has been replaced by a course in BASIC. The new course will be taught in term III.

Field practice has been studied in depth by the Advisory Committee, and new evaluation forms have been created which will improve the evaluation process.

The programme is being advertized in schools & public libraries throughout the Peninsula. Brochures, bookmarks, and posters have been distributed.

1981 GRADUATES

Twelve of 14 graduated and have found work as follows:

Hamilton Public Library	3
St. Catharines Public Library	1
ACRES Consulting Services Library	1
Brant County Separate School Board	1
Lincoln County Separate School Board	1
NOVA Corp. Library (Calgary)	1
Lang, Michener Law Library	1
Lincoln Law Library/London Monenco Library	1
Continuing studies	1
Not employed in libraries	1
Percentage employed in libraries	91%

- Barb Murphy.  
NRB rep. to Advisory Committee

CALENDARS

So that we could promote ourselves, it was decided at a recent meeting to order printed calendars to send out to libraries in the area, our present members, former members, and prospective members. If you know of an prospective member who did not receive one, please let either Liz (389-7814), or Andrew (357-4570), know, and we will attempt to rectify the situation. Supplies are limited.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of NRB will be held January 25, 1982, at the St. Catharines Collegiate. The room number will be posted. Mrs. MacKay from the Niagara Regional Detention Centre will speak on problems of a jail librarian, and the procedures used in a jail library. The meeting will start at 7:30. Both members and non-members are welcome.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The ABM of Niagara Regional Branch will be held on February 22, 1982, in the Board Room of the old Community Resources Building on Victoria Ave. in Niagara Falls. The meeting will start at 7:30 sharp, so be on time. YOU ARE NEEDED TO RUN FOR OFFICE!!!

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

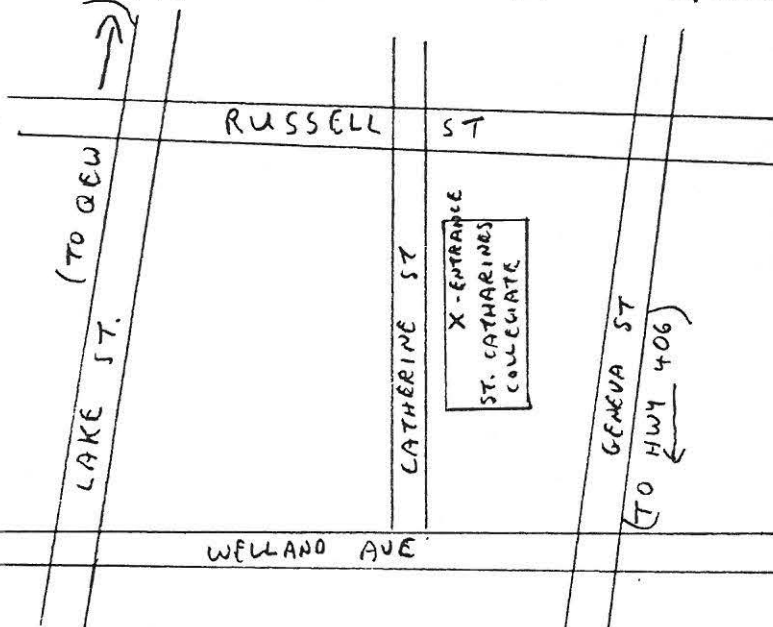
Membership forms are being distributed with this newsletter. We urge all members to renew as soon as possible, and the various institutions receiving this newsletter to consider becoming an Institutional Member. Benefits of membership are : Discounts on publications, discounts on conference fees, access to OALT/ABO job placement assistance service, both Provincial & NRB newsletters, and many others. Fees are:

Graduate	\$25.00
Student in L.T. Programme	8.00
Associate (not a graduate of an L.T. Programme)	20.00
Institutional	50.00

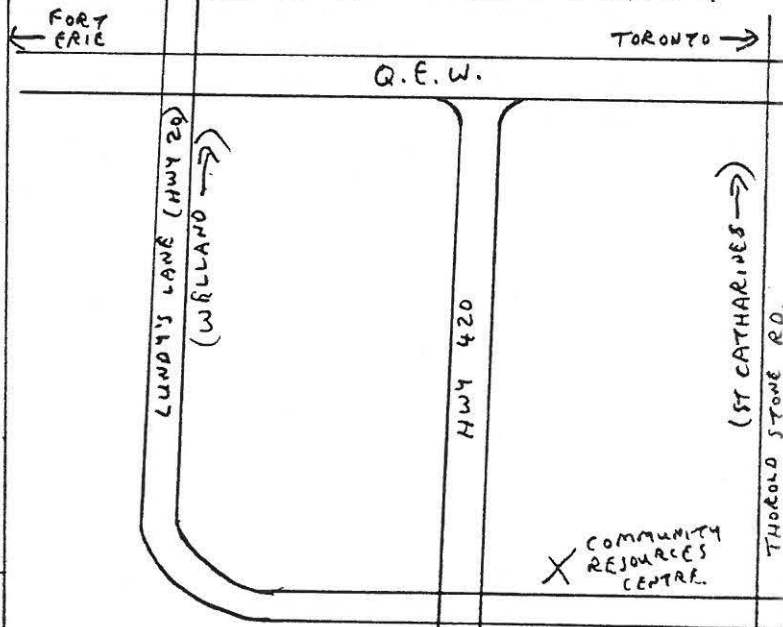
Please return your completed membership form and a cheque made out to: Niagara Regional Branch - OALT/ABO in the enclosed envelope.

SEE YOU AT THE JANUARY MEETING OF NRB

MAP FOR 'JAIL TALK' - JANUARY 25, 1982.



MAP FOR ABM - FEBRUARY 22, 1982.



## GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING ESSAYS

Essays will be judged based on the following criteria.

1. Content - is the information being presented relative to the topic selected?
2. Presentation/Organization - is the essay set up as specified in the rules?  
- is the essay well set up, logical?
3. Style - is the essay well written? fluent? grammatical?  
- how is spelling? footnoting? referencing? quoting?
4. Research - was the essay well researched and thorough?  
- were the sources valid? i.e. - was current material used where applicable?

## ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. Open to all library technicians and library technician students; both members and non-members of OALT/ABO. Not open to the Board of Directors and Provincial Executive of OALT/ABO, members of the Essay Contest Committee, or their immediate family.
2. Topic can be any aspect of library or library-related work, preferably dealing with the library technician in some way.
3. Essays are to be typed, double-spaced, with 1½" side margins, 1½" top margins, and 1" bottom margins.
4. Essays should have a title page stating the title of the paper and the name of the author. Pages are to be numbered in the top right hand corner.
5. Essays should be between 2,000 and 5,000 words long, and be fully referenced and footnoted at the end of the paper.
6. A brief biography of the author should be included on a separate sheet of paper including name, address, telephone number, where the author is employed or attending school, the school graduated from and the year of graduation.
7. A brief outline/abstract should be included on a separate sheet of paper stating the aims and objectives of the essay.
8. Essays may be submitted in English or French, and will be judged in the language of submission.
9. Essays will be judged anonymously.
10. Prizes are:

1st prize	\$100.00
2nd prize	\$ 50.00
3rd prize	\$ 25.00
Runners-up	\$ 5.00 (maximum of 3 runners-up)
11. In case of ties, the prize money for the two positions tied for will be split evenly by the winners.
12. Prizes will be awarded only if essays meet standards set by the Committee. Not all prizes need necessarily be awarded.
13. Decision of the Committee is final.
14. All essays become the property of OALT/ABO and may be published in the OALT/ABO newsletter or other publication. All other publication in whole or in part is forbidden without the written permission of OALT/ABO.
15. By entering the contest, participants agree to abide by the contest rules.
16. Winners will be announced in the OALT/ABO newsletter and other library publications.
17. Essays should be submitted by April 30, 1982 to:

Andrew Porteus  
Chairman  
OALT/ABO Essay Contest  
P.O. Box 611  
Niagara Falls, Ontario  
L2E 6V5

# Hands-on Workshop

## Book Repair & Binding

Given by John Van Huizen  
Plus a demonstration of marbling Endpapers

Saturday January 16, 1982  
9:30am - 5:30 p.m.

Bring a book that needs repairing. (not in too bad condition, or you will have no time to finish it.)

Cost: \$10.00 - Members } Paid in advance or at the door.  
\$15.00 - Non-members }  
Plus materials - maximum of \$5.00 - at end of workshop.  
Please return form in either case.

Workshop will be held either at Mr. Van Huizen's workshop or at another location in St. Catharines depending on the number of registrations received.

You will be notified.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please return the form below to: OALT-ABO Niagara Regional B  
P.O. Box 611  
Niagara Falls, Ont  
L2E 6V5

Registration must be returned  
by January 9, 1982

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Yes I will attend the workshop

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Member  Non-Member  Fee Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_