

APPROPOS

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OALT

We offer you a membership
 So you can make the most of it
 And we try to give you, without fault,
 All the benefits of OALT.

"But what can you do for me?" you say.
 "I want a job. I need one - today!
 I went to college to be trained for
 this task.
 The chance to use it is all that I ask."

Yes jobs are scarce - too scarce we all
 know.
 The employment field - we must help it
 to grow.
 So through our contacts and employment
 people
 We hope to reduce the size of that
 steeples.

Job security we're incapable of giving
 But, if you will help, we can perhaps
 make a living.
 We need you to contact prospective
 bosses
 And keep those we have - not increase
 our losses.

We're versatile, useful and capable
 technicians.
 The larger our numbers, the more likely
 recognition.
 We offer you people to talk to, and
 discuss
 Matters of primary importance to us.

Meetings and workshops, conferences too,
 Just for our people we offer to you.
 Publications by us - OALT has quite a
 few.
 Come to our meetings and discover what's
 new.

Bette Heard

The Sudbury Regional Branch of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario is people. People who have received the training necessary to cope and excel in varied fields.

As a result of our various niches in the community, the need for communication between us is great. We need to have a place to voice our opinions, compare our situations, with their advantages and disadvantages. We would like the regional branch to fill that need in order to help each other grow stronger and better.

Communication is the key. The Sudbury Regional Branch of OALT/ABO is a way.

Cambrian College is one of the many institutions offering the Library Techniques two-year program. Students entering the program are provided with a knowledge of the various skills involved in library work. Great emphasis is placed on the development, organization and maintenance of a collection of library materials. This extensive training should prepare the students for future employment, but does it really?

Each and every student should be able to function efficiently in any library setting upon receiving his/her diploma from the program. However, the qualifications of any library technician could be applied to many other environments, aside from the library. But, we are not aware of exactly how and where we may offer our services to other organizations besides our obvious related field of work.

The OALT/ABO has suggested to the students that other library techs,

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currently employed in the Sudbury district, come and state their job descriptions so that we may enrich our knowledge of our future. By knowing in advance what we can expect, we could be one step ahead of our prospective employers. With the job situation as it is, we could use every bit of help we can get. The graduating students want jobs and we want to give it our best shot so, with this type of preparation, we aim to succeed with our careers.

Helen Luoma

SPECIAL PROJECTS

This semester, the graduating Library Technician students at Cambrian College are working on a number of special projects, which involve in-depth studies of various topics. The resulting bibliographies and information packages will represent a broad spectrum of interest.

Some of the areas being researched are:

- publishing
- Canadian folk legends
- autistic children
- career planning
- law and criminology
- personal experiences in prisons
- the physically disabled
- health services
- history of libraries in the Sudbury region
- orientation information for international students
- the International Year of the Child, including such themes as the exceptional child, the child as learner and worker, children in the media and the child as citizen.

For additional information on any of these projects, contact Vicki Skelton or Adolphe Amadi at Cambrian College, 566-8101.

Linda Davis

The sixth annual OALT/ABO Conference will be held at the University of Toronto, St. George's Campus (downtown), May 24-26, 1979. The theme of the conference is DIMENSIONS. There will be 28 workshops offering 12 different themes.

Some of the workshops included are Alternatives for Library Technicians; Children's Services; and Automation.

It may also interest you to know that John Robert Columbo will be the guest speaker at the Saturday noon banquet. Our Lieutenant-Governor, Pauline McGibbon will be hostessing a tea party for 80 of us on Thursday afternoon on a first come basis.

If you are planning to attend and you would like more information, please feel free to contact:

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WHAT: Meeting of the Sudbury Regional Branch of OALT/ABO

WHEN: Tuesday, March 13, 1979 at 5:30.

WHERE: Cambrian College
Barrydowne Campus
Room 1015

Cafeteria facilities will be available.

Meetings may not be very frequent, but they should definitely be quite interesting. Guests are being lined up for a drama workshop and to discuss negotiating procedures. Other suggestions are always welcome. please give your

ideas to Paulette Thibault at:
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Those of us who are producing this newsletter are hoping that future issues of APROPOS will contain some French articles. Assistance with translation will be greatly appreciated. Contributions (in French or English) and suggestions for APROPOS can also be sent to Paulette Thibault at the above address.

Did you know that:

- ...the minimum wage of a qualified technician (graduate of a two-year program at a CAAT) at the Sudbury Board of Education is \$9,504/yr.
- ...there is a bibliography on Library Technology and its technicians called Bibliography of Library Technology compiled by Ingeborg Rakovszky, OALT/ABC Thunder Bay Regional Branch, 1976.
- ...two slide/tape presentations on "What is a Library Technician?" were produced by second year Cambrian Library Technicians and Bibliotechniciennes for Dick Pentney's class.
- ...according to an article in the April, 1978 issue of Canadian Library Journal "...general formal recognition of the library technician as a legitimate and valuable member of the library staff is still to come." (p. 77).
- ...an Educational Resource Technician is a graduate of a two-year program that "provides a solid base of social service, audio visual and media skills..." and "...openings may be found from the sophisticated resource centres of universities and colleges

through to primary schools" (Loyalist College Calendar, 1979/80, p. 44), and that they have courses in library skills.

"ODE TO A LIBRARY COURSE"
OR
"DIVIDE LIKE..."

I think that I shall never see
A cataloger tired as me.
I'm up so very late at night,
Doing homework is my plight.
My class, it starts at 12 three O,
That's P.M. friends, I ought to know.
At that same time in early morn,
I'm sweating over standard form.
At 3 A.M., I wouldn't lie,
I'm learning how to classify.
I ponder over Dewey's books,
Until it's hard to stand their looks.
And then to culminate my fears,
Enter in a book called Sears.
With bloodshot eyes and fingers sore,
I type my cards up by the score,
With hopes they're done in proper style
With numbers that aren't off a mile.
But I don't care, I'll do my best
To graduate with all the rest.
And if this course I fail to pass,
I'll blame it all on Cat. and Class.

James R. Shores in Library Resources
and Technical Services, 14:2, Spring
1970, p. 297.

THE PERFECT LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

- inquisitive
- enthusiastic
- well dressed
- easy to talk to
- patient
- serene
- mature
- good sense of humour
- neat
- sociable
- intelligent
- charming
- friendly

BETTER HURRY!!

YOUR TIME IS UP!!

A friendly reminder that new memberships and renewals of membership to the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario - Sudbury Regional Branch/Filiale Regionale de Sudbury will be due by MARCH 31st, 1979.

YES, I would like to become a member.

YES, I wish to renew my membership for 1979/80.

NO, I do not wish to renew or become a member.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Our fees are as follows:

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| A. Full Membership | { | Full-time Student | \$ 5.00 |
| | } | Graduate | \$20.00 |
| B. Associate Membership (all privileges except voting) | | | |
| | { | Individual | \$15.00 |
| | } | Institution | \$25.00 |

May we remind you that our fiscal year is from APRIL 1st to MARCH 31st of the following year. Therefore, it will be greatly appreciated if you could return this form as soon as possible.

Please send completed form to:

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