

Even though it's closer to Hallowe'en than it is to Labour Day, this is the September issue of Apropos.

Apropos was conceived to fulfill a purpose - that of informing, amusing and sharing. In all our issues, we hope to do this.

If you have any suggestions, questions or topics you wish to discuss with other technicians, let Apropos be the medium.

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## 1980 - The year of "INFORAMA"

The 7th annual OALT/ABO conference INFORAMA 1980 is in gear. OALT/ABO Ottawa Regional Branch invites you to it, May 7th to 11th, 1980, at Ottawa University. For further information please write to: Inforama 1980  
OALT/ABO - ORB/SRO  
P.O. Box 5182  
Station F  
Ottawa, Ont. K2C 3H4  
or contact Danielle Amat (613)  
995-2441 (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

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## STATEMENT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE as approved at the Annual Meeting May 27, 1977

### Definition

A Library Technician is a graduate of a two-year programme of Library Techniques or Library Arts.

### Role of a Library Technician

According to the Canadian Classification and Dictionary of Occupations, 1971, produced by Canada Manpower, a Library Technician has acquired a specialized knowledge of library systems and methods to assist in developing, organizing, and maintaining a collection of library material. A Library Technician carries out functions in any area of the library with little

in-service training, and can be expected to direct the work of other technicians, clerical staff and pages.

### Duties of a Library Technician Public service duties

1. Reference services, which include:
  - a) giving reference and directional information
  - b) locating bibliographical information
  - c) literature searching
  - d) maintaining information files
2. Organizing and using government documents.
3. Management of:
  - a) circulation procedures
  - b) audio-visual materials and equipment
  - c) periodicals
  - d) inter-library loans
4. Preparation of materials for display and publicity purposes.
5. Special services programmes, e.g. children's programmes, bookmobiles.

### Technical services duties

1. Bibliographical searching.
2. Acquisitions:
  - a) ordering
  - b) receiving
  - c) cost management
3. Cataloguing and classification.
4. Maintenance of catalogue files.
5. Computer oriented procedures.
6. All aspects of periodical control.

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### Library Technician Program Advisory Committee

Advisory Committees are appointed by the Board of Governors for each program of instruction offered by a community college. In the case of the Library Techniques Program, an advisory committee is also required by the Canadian Library

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Association (CLA) based on the CLA and Provincial Consultative Committee (PCC) Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians.

The purposes of the advisory committee are as follows:

1. Carry out a thorough survey of the potential regional market for graduate library technicians prior to the start of a Library Techniques Program.
2. Advise the program coordinator on curriculum which will best serve the libraries of the area, based on the CLA Guidelines.
3. Provide a continuing liaison between the college and employers for ease of feedback.
4. Cooperate with the coordinator in arranging such matters as field practice, visits to libraries, the provision of guest speakers, etc.
5. Ensure that recommended CLA standards for the college library, program facilities, the qualifications of the program director (coordinator) and instructional staff, and program of instruction, are observed.
6. Assist in obtaining scholarships and bursaries.
7. Assist in the placement of students for suitable summer employment and in the placement of graduates.

Advisory Committees should meet twice a year and be composed of the following: representatives from employers in the area, professional organizations, other educational institutions, social and government agencies and the like, and recent graduates of the college.

There is much to be done by an advisory committee in order to meet the requirements and fulfill their purposes as listed above. Unfortunately, most of the time at an advisory committee meeting is spent on course content, with little to no time left to devote to the other purposes. Hopefully, as Cambrian's program settles into a smoothly-run system, these other areas will be covered.

Submitted by: Bette Heard

Sudbury Regional Branch - Director's Report for Sept. 8, 1979

As of September 1st, 1979, we have 33 members. A few transfers will have to be made because these members have moved to another region. Notification will be sent out shortly according to Board Policy.

Three Executive meetings were held during the summer (June 7, June 18, and August 20).

The second issue of our Newsletter Apropos was sent out in July. Our next issue should be coming out in the middle of September.

A general meeting will be held at the end of September but no date has been set.

Paulette Thibault, Director, received from the University of Toronto Press a questionnaire to complete regarding OALT/ABO. They requested this information so that it could be included in the fourth edition 1979-80 of their "Directory of Associations in Canada". A list of branches, with addresses, along with names of the current President was also requested. With Sue Williamson's permission, the questionnaire was filled out and returned by Paulette. Two copies were made for the Provincial files - I hope that all the information was accurate and up-to-date. If not, corrections can be made for next year.

On behalf of the Sudbury Regional Branch of OALT/ABO, a letter was sent on July 26/79 to Mr. Alcide Gour, Dean of French Programmes and Services concerning the qualifications of a newly hired instructor for the Programme en Bibliotechniques. A reply followed. Details concerning this matter will be brought up by Denise Denomme under New Business.

As of yet, no date has been set to talk to the Cambrian Library Technician students.

Because the present Secretary/Treasurer, Madeleine Landry, is leaving the Sudbury Region, Paulette Thibault has agreed to take over the books once more.

New Manager at Cambrian

August 1979 brought a change in management for Cambrian College Library. Lee Collins, after working 11 years, retired, and Bernard Bregaint stepped in.

Mr. Bregaint has worked as a librarian at the CBC, the National Library and the Public Archives. He was born and educated in France but received his library training from UBC. We would like to welcome Bernard to Sudbury and hope he spends many happy years here.

Lee's Departure

Lee Collins has officially retired but now plans to help Miss Isminger on a volunteer basis. She is also taking piano lessons and is presently enjoying a holiday at the house in Chester, N.S. We hope Miss Collins has many happy years doing all those things she's always wanted to do but never had the time to.

Who's Where

JUDY LAPLANTE - 1975 - Judy works in the library at Cambrian. She finally completed her B.A. and is now working on a B.S.W.

HELENE FORLIER (Huot) - 1975 - Helene works at Canadore College in North Bay. She married Noel in 1977 and they live in the BAY. Presently, they are looking for some land to build a house.

MONIQUE DUBREUIL - 1976 - Monique has had big happenings in her life this summer. She had a baby girl in Aug. 1979, built and moved into a new house and is now resting before returning to work at Cambrian.

NANCY BOLDUC - 1979 - Nancy returned home to Thunder Bay and now has a job at Thunder Bay Public in the audio-visual department.

SYLVIA PELLETIER - 1979 - Sylvia has just got a permanent job at the North-eastern Regional Library System in Kirkland Lake. She begins her new job Oct. 22/79. Oh yeah, Sylvia heard about the job from the Cambrian Employment

Office.

Employment Bureau

1979 LIBRARY TECH GRADUATES - Still unemployed? Check in with the Employment Office at Cambrian. They've had a few Library Tech jobs in the last month.

OALT/ABO Publications

The following are available from:

OALT/ABO  
P.O. Box 682  
Oakville, Ontario  
L6J 1C5

Rakovszky, Ingeborg. \$3.00

Bibliography of library technology. Oakville, Ont., OALT/ABO, 1976.

Sinclair, Meg. \$1.00

Graduate library schools and the library technician in Ontario: report of a survey conducted Jan.-April, 1976. Oakville, Ont., OALT/ABO, 1977.  
(10% discount to members)

Proceedings of the second annual \$3.00 conference of the OALT, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont. August 21-23, 1975.  
(Bilingual)

Proceedings of the third annual \$5.00 conference of the OALT/ABO. Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ont. May 13-15, 1976.  
(Bilingual)

Proceedings of the fourth annual \$5.00 conference of the OALT/ABO. Huron College, London, Ont. May 26-28, 1977.  
(Bilingual)

OALT/ABO newsletter/nouvelles. \$2.00  
Oakville, Ont., OALT/ABO.  
Three times yearly, irregular.  
\$5/yr.; \$2/issue. Free to members.

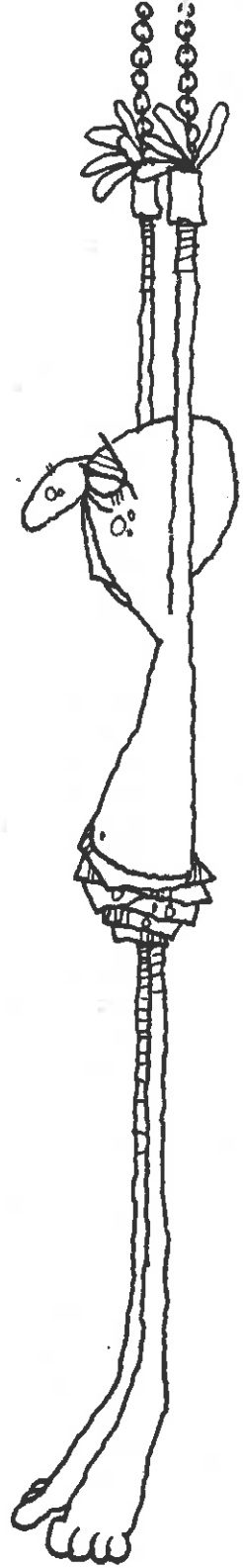
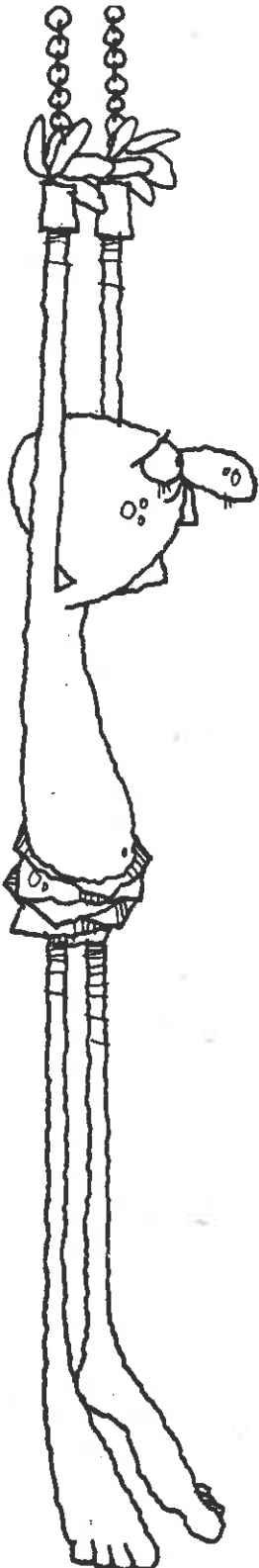
OALT/ABO constitution and by-laws FREE  
1977-1978. Oakville, Ont.,  
OALT/ABO, 1977.  
(Available in French)

Statement of the standards committee. Oakville, Ont., OALT/ABO, 1977. FREE

Gogama: the birth of a library. Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology, Sudbury, Ont., 1972. (Sound Filmstrip) (Rental only - approx. \$5.00)

Did you know that:

- ...the National Library of Canada is adopting the 19th edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification system as of Jan. 1980. This ed. will be available from Forest Press, Albany, New York.
- ...Wolfe's Book Store (Sudbury) is an authorized bookstore agent of Printing and Publishing Supply and Services Canada.
- ...there were approximately 1,500 Library Technicians employed in Ontario public libraries in 1977.
- ..."...the publisher of a book published in Canada, shall at his own expense and within one week from the date of publication, send two copies of the book to the National Librarian who shall give to the publisher a written receipt for the book" and that "'book' means library matter of every kind, nature and description and includes any document, paper, record, tape or other thing published by a publisher, on or in which information is written, recorded, stored or reproduced". Revised National Library Act, 1969.
- ...a list of ISBN (International Standard Book Number) assignments can be found in National Library News/Nouvelles de la bibliotheque nationale.
- ...Laurentian University has full-depository status for federal publications.



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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 8, 1979  
 Time 7:00 p.m.  
 Place Cambrian College  
 Barrydowne Cam  
 Lib. Tech. Lab

"How many days late were you in returning that library book anyway?"

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