

# APROPOS

vol. 2 no. 1

Welcome to Volume 2 of APROPOS. It is now one year old and hopefully APROPOS will celebrate many more birthdays. In this issue, there will be information regarding membership fees, the 1980 Conference, the director's report, the date of the next general meeting and much more. Keep on reading!

BREAKDOWN of membership for the Sudbury Region as of April 28, 1980:

Students	12
Graduates	19
Associate	6
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	37 members

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees for our 1980/81 fiscal year are now due:

Student	\$ 5.00
Graduate	\$20.00
Associate	\$15.00

Make cheque payable to:

Sudbury Regional Branch,  
OALT/ABO

A receipt and membership card will be sent to you.

By now you should have received a renewal notice. Those who have not renewed their membership, please do so before the end of April so that your name will be included in the membership directory coming out in June.

Please contact:

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or write to:

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(We would also like to remind you that for those who will not be renewing their membership for 1980, this will be the last issue of APROPOS you will be receiving.)

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## NEW MEMBERS - GREETINGS!!

Welcome to Jennifer Crema, Linda Headrick, Lillian Lamming and Olesia Witiw - they all work at Sault College Library in Sault Ste Marie.

Also, May Gray - who is presently working in a high school library. She graduated from Cambrian in 1973.

Along with, Ruth Paterson, who also graduated from Cambrian in 1974.

Glad you were able to join us!

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## JUST A REMINDER

OALT/ABO is officially incorporated. This means that you can claim your membership dues on your income tax.

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Since our last newsletter, I attended two Executive and Board of Directors' meetings. Here's what's new:

1. OALT/ABO is participating in updating the guidelines for the education of Library Technicians. A committee of which there will be library technician representation has been set up to work with the Ministry of Education to review the Library Techniques programmes across Ontario.

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2. Ray Hickman is stepping down as archivist in May. Andrew Porteus, past-president of Niagara Regional Branch, has volunteered to replace him. One of the objectives this coming year is to publicize the existence of the OALT/ABC Archives and how it can be used effectively.
3. The next issue of the Provincial newsletter should be out soon. An up-dated copy of the constitution will be included. You will probably need it if you attend the business meeting at the Conference.
4. 1980 membership directory will be published in June, with a supplement in November.
5. OALT/ABC is looking for Newsletter Editor(s). Please contact us if you know of someone who would be interested in the job.
6. Eleanor Irwin, President for 80/81 from the London Regional Branch has offered to index the first five years of the Provincial Newsletter.
7. OALT/ABC has now 525 members.
8. The next Executive and Board of Directors' meeting is on May 9, 1980 at the Conference. If there is anything that you would like me to bring up at this meeting, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Paulette Thibault  
Director 79/80

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**IT'S HERE!**

INFORMATION 1980 - the OALT/ABC Conference this year is held in Ottawa May 8-9-10. For further information, please contact:

Danielle Anct (613) 995-2441  
at work

Please note: Members who will be attending the conference ----- your BEIGE 1980 membership card will have to be presented at the annual business meeting.

Don't forget to take it with you!

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**ELECTIONS 1980**

" Elections " is always an unpleasant word. It means a general meeting, people sitting back and hoping that they are inconspicuous enough to be overlooked when the nominations begin. But it is a necessary evil. Other individuals have put time and effort into the running of the organization. A transfusion of new blood, new ideas, new people is needed. Get involved!

Here are the executive positions to be filled:

- 1) President
- 2) Secretary/Treasurer
- 3) Information Co-ordinator

and a Regional Director to attend provincial meetings will be appointed by the new executive. For a description of the duties of the executive, see APRCPCS Vol. 1, no. 2. Elections will be held at the next general meeting, Tuesday May 6, 1980. Please make an effort to attend.

Next general meeting?

**WHEN :** Tuesday May 6, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE :** Cambrian College, Library  
Technician Lab

**WHY :** to discuss i) the upcoming conference  
ii) election of new executive  
iii) events & objectives for the coming year

Denise Denomme  
President 79/80

Report on talk with LITN students at  
Cambrian College

On Tuesday November 6, 1979, Paulette Thibault, Judy Laplante and I went to Cambrian College to speak to the second year Library Technician class.

We told them about the history of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians (OALT/ABC), the way the regions related to the whole, and the structure and workings of the Sudbury Region.

The students were surprised with some of the information we had. For example, the statement that OALT/ABC printed concerning the definition of a library technician (which the class had no knowledge of), the statement on ethics and professionalism, and the variety of positions library technicians were employed at (as exemplified in the Directory). We showed them copies of both the provincial and the regional newsletters and mentioned that they were tools of expressing their fears, their aspirations and their problems.

The talk then turned towards a problem the LITN program at Cambrian was having regarding the inadequacies in the teaching of one of the instructors (see minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting September 8, 1979).

We decided, rather than accept memberships at that time, we would have a membership drive in March, to coincide with our fiscal year. Paulette Thibault will keep you informed of the results.

Denise Denomme  
President 79/80

Sudbury Public Library. Here is the list:

Bibliographies

- Abortion - Donna Ladouceur
- Native Peoples of Canada - Carol Van Horn
- Women's Issues - Ursula Pitura
- Family Violence - Suzanne Lescault
- Engagement & Marriage - Glenda Henry
- Mentally Handicapped - Michele LaRoche
- Farming - Karen Oinkle
- Contraception - Bridget Power
- Multicultural resource Materials - Maysel Dag
- Children's Story Hours - Bill Land
- Erin Brown

Projects

- Vertical File Work for Cambrian College (Michele and Ursula)
- Instructional Media Centre Catalogue for Video Tapes (Erin and Suzanne)
- Acquisition, Organization and Circulation System for the Women's Centre Collection (Donna Ladouceur)
- Organization and Circulation System for Career Planning Library (Karen, Maysel, Glenda, Bridget)
- Canadian Authors for Sudbury Public Library (Carol Van Horn)
- A Children's Story Hour Guidebook (Bill Land)

Judy Laplante

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Cambrian's second year Library Technician students have been working on an interesting array of special projects this past semester. They worked on bibliographies covering abortion, farming, multicultural resources and many others. They have also worked on special projects for Cambrian College, Cambrian's Women's Centre and the

SHOW YOUR ATTITUDE

In the North Central Regional Library System 100% of the librarians are members of at least one professional association. 5% (yes, none) of the library technicians at NORLS are members of ANY professional association.

According to one dictionary definition, a professional is " a person who is expert

at his or her work ". How you decide the following:

Which of the above two groups is most likely to fit this definition?

Which group gives the impression of a "sense of self", of identity, of importance?

Which group is the better informed about the library field?

Thank goodness there are at least 500 library technicians in the province of Ontario who are interested in developing a professional attitude. Many are contented to be members who are updated in their line of work through conferences and newsletters. Some of these 500 are actively involved as workshop and activity organizers, executive or committee members, Board of Director representatives, newsletter workers. These are people who create the best impressions on job applications, and help to improve the image of library technicians generally. Hopefully it is only a matter of time before the rest of our kind develops the same attitude.

After all, who would prefer to have a house built, a major car repair done, or a broken bone fixed by an amateur if a professional (according to the dictionary definition) is available for the same rate of pay?

Bette Heard

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

... OCM stands for Computer Output Microfilm and comes in three reduction sizes:

- 24 x 124 pages on a fiche
- 42 x 400 pages on a fiche
- 48 x 538 pages on a fiche

... Canadian News Facts updates governmental changes before Parliamentary Guide

... in the March 1980 issue of the Ontario Library Review, V. 64, no. 1, p. 38-43, there is an excellent ar-

ticle on library technicians written by a library technician - Dorothy Kew, (Vice-President, CALT/ADO for 79/80). It is entitled "Library Technicians in Ontario: They've Come a Long Way."

... the Ontario Legislative Library has compiled and published this year a 74-page document entitled "Ontario Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry 1887-1978: a checklist of reports." Cost \$2.00

ARE YOU MOVING???

Any changes in names and/or addresses should be directed to our mailing address:

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We would not want you to miss out on anything!!

This newsletter is published four times a year by the Sudbury Regional Branch of CALT/ABC. Issues come out in March, June, September and December.

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

That's all for now folks!

Judy, Denise, Paulette