

APROPOS

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Spring is well on its way and OALT/ABO - Sudbury Branch is too! A new year is about to begin, filled with vigor and enthusiasm...

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we approach the end of April, I realize that our new fiscal year is about to begin. A new executive will be getting a taste of what OALT/ABO is really all about.

To our regret, Denise Denomme, our past president/director announced her resignation at the meeting of February 18, 1981. OALT/ABO is grateful for Denise's initiative and dedication to Apropos, our own newsletter which she created in 1979.

Our new executive as voted on by the nine members which were in attendance at the meeting is as follows:

President/Director -
Monique Fuchs,
Secretary/Treasurer -
Judy Laplante,
Information Coordinators -
Linda Davis
Marie St. Pierre,
Newsletter Editor -
Denise Denomme

As your new president, I would like to propose our membership aim for the the following goals:

1) To schedule and promote at least one major workshop annually. Participation by all members in organizing and attending these workshops will determine their success.

2) To utilize Apropos to its fullest potential, i.e. by listing new members, including French language articles whenever possible,

soliciting input from new and prospective members, and announcing upcoming conferences, events, etc. which might interest the membership.

3) To increase our regional membership, i.e. by producing membership packages, making personal contact with prospective members and continuing to inform all technicians in our area of our activities.

As your director, I will keep you informed of all activities which occur at the provincial level. My responsibility is simply to report your wishes and demands to the Board of Directors.

I will act as your representative and spokesperson. It is for this reason that I want to hear about your concerns, questions or suggestions. You may contact me:

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SUDBURY, Ontario
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Long distance:1-800-461-0183

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GARSON, Ontario
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REMEMBER, OALT/ABO IS YOU!

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Since the last Apropos, there have been two provincial meetings - February 7th, 1981 and March 28th, 1981.

The highlights of the February 7th meeting are as follows:

A new publication list is being compiled. Orange membership cards are to be used for the period of May 1/81 to April 30/82. Any new members submitting their fees after Dec. 15/81 are to send them directly to the provincial, paying only provincial fees.

The provincial public relations coordinator received the OK to print 10,000 bookmarks. They are now available at the regional level.

OALT/ABO has applied for an ISSN for the provincial newsletter.

The proceedings of the 6th annual convention have been compiled and are available for \$6.00 prepaaid from:

Publications OALT/ABO
P.O. Box 682
OAKVILLE, Ont.
L6J 5C1

A board policy stating that highlights of future convention proceedings will appear in the issue of the provincial newsletter following the convention, was decided.

It was also agreed upon that the outgoing provincial executive submit to the incoming executive all documentation and records immediately following the annual business meeting.

At the March 28 meeting, all annual reports were submitted.

No nomination forms for provincial positions were received.

The CLA conference is June 10-16 in Hamilton.

Slide tape submissions for the provincial presentation were received from Huronia, Ottawa and Niagara. Regions were to contact Nancy Mack regarding their available materials for the package by April 15, 1980.

The provincial audit is to be ready as of April 30, 1981, with copies to be included in the convention kit.

The public relations coordinator prepared and submitted a list of possible sponsors for the newsletter.

The provincial archivist now has a safety deposit box at his disposal and is looking into the possibility and expense of joining an archivists' organization. This will be discussed at the May 2 meeting.

The delay with vol.5, no.3 of the provincial newsletter is due to problems with the word processor. Directors recommended that we solicit advertisers to subsidize the cost of the newsletter. Janet Fear will investigate rates and will report on May 2. Directors are to vote on findings.

Feedback: At the March 28, 1981 meeting, Janet Fear and Dorothy Kew resigned as newsletter editors. They recommended that production of the provincial newsletter be rotated, with one region to be in charge of a volume, that is three issues. Your director needs to know how you feel about this, for the next meeting. The region's membership would be those doing the work. If you are opposed, phone Monique Fuchs, your director.

The London Regional Branch requested and received consent to suspend its membership as of May 1, 1981. All of the London monies are to be turned over to the Provincial Treasury, with \$500 to be placed in a term deposit in London's name, should they decide to regroup as a region.

The afternoon of March 28 was dedicated to the discussion of Proposal for Change, a submission on changes to the structure and certain functions of OALT/ABO prepared by Bette Heard and Paulette Thibault. The presentation was made by Paul Brokenshire, Sudbury Visitors and Convention Bureau, who also helped with the proposal. Proposal for Change will be on the agenda of the annual convention. If a yes vote is the concensus for its adoption, it will result in many changes to OALT/ABO.

Feedback: Because OALT/ABO is an organization set up for you, you should be aware of its future directions. Proposal for Change may be one of them. If you are

interested in knowing more about this submission, contact Monique Fuchs for a copy. Make it soon, as it will be voted on mid-May.

The next provincial meeting and board of directors' meeting is to be held Saturday, May 2, 1981 at Northern District Library, 40 Orchardview blvd., Toronto, Ont. All members welcome! Your new director is Monique Fuchs, Ministry of Education.

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OALT/ABO - SUDBURY BRANCH MEETING

The most recent meeting of OALT/ABO - Sudbury Branch was held Wednesday, February 25th at Cambrian College and took the form of a wine and cheese get-together.

Although our turnout was small, a number of issues were discussed and decisions were made. The executive for the coming year was formed by volunteers who were present at the meeting.

Monique Fuchs, our incoming president, spoke for all of us when she thanked Denise Denomme for the enthusiasm and support she has shown as president of our group over the past years.

Many opinions were expressed regarding Cambrian College's proposal to suspend or cancel the Library Technician Program. Although our members recognize the realities of the job market, it was felt that with a strong commitment from those involved, the program remains viable. As a result of the consensus, it was agreed that three of our members would write a brief expressing our concerns and offering suggestions for ways in which the program could be improved. Copies of the brief would be sent to the Chairman and Dean of the program at Cambrian, the Advisory Committee Chairman and the President of OALT.

Paulette Thibault reported on happenings at the provincial level, and also provided us with additional

information on the upcoming convention. It will be held in Ste. Catharines at Brock University this year and the workshops promise to be varied and informative. Several members of our local group plan to attend.

Set aside Wednesday, April 29th for the next get-together of library technicians in the Sudbury area. All potential members will be contacted regarding the location and time of this meeting.

Come out and join us!

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CAMBRIAN'S LITN PROGRAM SUSPENDED

April, 1981, the library technicians' program is no longer in existence at Cambrian College. The decision was made and the people most involved - the library technicians and the library technician students - were hardly consulted. We all realize that the program had its ups and downs, but where does the fault for this lie? Certainly not with the students and graduates of the program. For many years now the program has been allowed to drift, teachers were not always the best and any student who applied for the program was allowed in. In both instances, no weeding was done, consequently, we had some bad students being taught by some bad teachers.

In early March, 1981, Linda Davis, Monique Fuchs and I sat down at Cambrian and tried to draw up some concrete plans and suggestions for the program which we submitted to the College. We feel our recommendations were valid but not one of us received any positive or negative feedback from the management of the College. The only person who appeared interested in our suggestions was Vicki Skelton.

I would like to thank Vicki for all the help, guidance, and hardwork that she has done for technicians during her employment at the College. Vicki, for the last few years has pretty well held the program together. She has implemented new ideas and has been responsible for the cataloging teachers that we have had at the College.

I feel sad to see the passing of the program and wonder what the future holds for area technicians. I wonder about our visibility in the community - the program through the Advisory Committee, kept technicians involved with employers. Most area technicians are not involved with the Ont. Library Technician Association making it difficult to keep us in a higher profile. So what will happen to us, the "good" technicians? Hopefully that will be enough to keep us a viable group, but I doubt it.

Linda, Monique and I did what we could when we wrote the brief to the College, but it was too late. Even worse, it is too late for the 20 or so people who applied for the LITN program for the fall of 1981

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Georgian College (Barrie) will begin a four year part-time program in Library Techniques in 1981.

- Cambrian College has suspended the Library Techniques program as of the fall of 1981.

-there is a Canadian Library Association (CLA) Committee on Library Technicians (Role and Education)

- the new president of the CLA is Alan MacDonald (Chief Librarian, University of Calgary. He replaces Erik Spicer, Parliamentary Librarian)

- John Marshall started the Library Technician program survey which Jean Weihs took over in 1977. This annual survey is published in the Canadian Library Journal

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TOY LENDING

There is a new pamphlet that has

been published by the Canadian Association of Toy Libraries entitled Toy Libraries 2: the many uses of toy lending. It consists of 15 articles on various aspects of toy lending, the therapeutic and educational values of toys and criteria for toy selection. For further information, see In Review: Canadian Books for Young People, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 22-23.

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CROSS COUNTRY TECH CHECK

Library Tech in Quebec

Marcelle Sarrazin, a French library technician from the secondary school "Antoine-Brossard" in Brossard, Quebec has initiated a literary club to promote the library's services. She and a French language teacher organized students in a gamut of activities which included poetry writing and reading, book displays and video presentations on popular writers, organizing a visit by a poet and many others. The project was a great success and will continue next year. Just another ambitious undertaking by a capable library technician!

Taken from Vie pédagogique, December 1980)

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Recent publication

LeBlanc, Diane. Library Technician Needs Surveyed. Edmonton: Grant MacEwan College, 1980.

The author, who is an instructional assistant in the library technician program at Grant MacEwan College and a graduate library technician, presents her study results in this report. She interviewed and surveyed people in school and public libraries to determine how library technician courses could best be tailored to meet the needs of people working in small rural or urban centres.

Available from: Staff Development Report, c/o Library Technician Program, Grant MacEwan College, 8020-118th Ave., EDMONTON, Alberta, T5B 0R8. Cost: \$5.00 (Feliciter, March 1981)

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PRIZE WINNING BOOKS

The two major American awards for children's books were recently announced.

Katherine Paterson will receive the Newbery Medal for her novel Jacob Have I Loved (Crowell, 1980). Set in the 1940's, it paints a stirring portrait of a young girl's attempts to cope with her feelings of inadequacy in the shadow of her favored twin sister. This is Paterson's second Newbery, having won in 1978 for Bridge to Terabithia.

The Caldecott Medal will be given to Arnold Lobel for this attractively presented picture book Fables (Harper, 1980). Lobel is well known for his popular and highly regarded series of easy-reading books about Frog and Toad.

See the March 1981 issue of School Library Journal for the names of the Honor Books in each category, and the 1980 Notable Children's Books List compiled by the Association for Library Service to Children.

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LIBRARY TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATIONS

ACROSS CANADA

Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT)
Box 700
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2L4

Founding date: Feb. 21, 1975

British Columbia Organization of Library Technicians (BCOLT)
P.O. Box 67515
Station 0
VANCOUVER, B.C.
V5W 3T9

Founding date: January, 1975

Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT)
P.O. Box 1872
WINNIPEG, Manitoba
R3C 1R1

Founding date: March, 1971

Ontario Association of Library Technicians/
Association des bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario (OALT/ABO)
P.O. Box 682
OAKVILLE, Ontario
L6J 5C1

Founding date: October, 1973

Saskatchewan Association of Library Technicians (SALT) (A division of the Saskatchewan Library Association)
2233 McKinnon Ave.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7J 1N5

Information taken from:

National Library of Canada. Directory of Library Associations in Canada/ Répertoire des associations de bibliothèques au Canada. 5th ed. 1979.

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1981 CONFERENCE PRESS RELEASE

The provincial public relations coordinator for OALT/ABO has included a brief outline of the events which will be taking place in Ste. Catharines from May 14-16, 1981. See the attached sheet at the end of newsletter.

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QUOTE

"In all societies, a voluntary organization primarily attracts only those people who are most interested in its objectives and policies"

(Khan, p.77)

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"In two days I'll owe '3,000.00 on a library book I haven't even read."

WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MEMBERSHIP?

In the March 1981 issue of OALT/ABO's Newsletter/Nouvelles, the editor listed those items which one is entitled to as a member of OALT/ABO. Here is a list of these:

- subscription to the Newsletter/Nouvelles and our own regional newsletter Andros
- an annual membership directory and our regional membership list (next issue of Andros)
- a 10% discount on all OALT/ABO publications
- reduced registration fees to the Annual Convention.

The objectives and policies of OALT/ABO are those of the membership. These are basically:

- "To define clearly the role of the library technician, and to make this definition widely known,
- "To publicize the value of library technicians and promote wider understanding and acceptance of their status..."

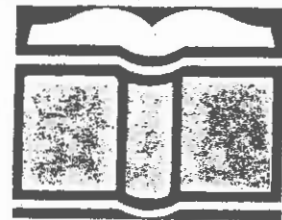
If one attends the meetings at the regional level, he/she is kept informed of job openings and all happenings in and around the Sudbury area. One is in contact with other library technicians and feels like he/she belongs and IS A SOMEBODY!

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Fill in the membership form at the back of the newsletter and send your cheque to the proper address.

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

The Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario (OALT/ABO) is holding their 8th annual convention at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, May 14-16, 1981. The theme of this year's convention is "Branching Out".

Each successive convention has been bigger and better than the last. Niagara Regional Branch, the hosting region, is continuing this excellent trend with workshops and seminars of interest to all levels of library employees, such as handicapped services; AACR II - questions and answers; AV care and maintenance - hardware and software; Government documents - provincial and municipal; DOBIS - Bibliocentre style; Supervisory skills (LT and management); French high school service and the library technician (in French). Irving Layton, Canadian author and poet, will be the guest speaker at the closing banquet.

For a complete list of times, activities, social events and costs, contact

Andrew Porteus
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OALT/ABO
Niagara Regional Branch
Box 611
Niagara Falls, Ontario
L2E 6V5

Come and learn the fun way - Branch Out with OALT/ABO.

Submitted by: Bette Heard
Public Relations
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CALT/ABO MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME:

Surname First name Maiden name

HOME ADDRESS:

Street, Rural route Apartment no.

City, Town, Village Province

Postal code Telephone no.

JOB TITLE:

WORK ADDRESS:

City, Town, Village Province

Postal Code Telephone no.

CALT/ABO BRANCH JOINED: Sudbury Regional Branch

Full member _____ Associate member _____ L.T.Student/L.T. Senior _____
Citizen member _____

Year paid for: _____ 19 _____ to _____ 19 _____
Month Month

Executive and/or Board of Directors positions held at local and/or provincial level(s):

Graduated/Graduating from:

Year of Graduation:

Other Library Association memberships held (Please specify):

Is there any area in which you could contribute to a workshop (Please specify):

Publications (done alone or jointly)

FEE STRUCTURE:

Full Membership	()	Full-time student	7.00
	()	Graduate	25.00
Associate Membership	()	Individual	20.00
	()	Institution	20.00

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