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With summer comes sunshine and holidays. This issue of APPOPOS announces a short break for OALT/ABO's Sudbury Branch as it collects its ideas and energies for the fall.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was on March 4, 1982 that your somewhat "new" executive was "elected" by the nine members who were present.

1982-83 Executive

President: Monique Fuchs
Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Laplante
Public Relations: Jo-ann O'Connor
Newsletter Editor: Linda Davis
Directors: Monique Fuchs, Jo-ann O'Connor, Linda Davis, Judy Laplante, Paulette Thibault.

The most significant decision made by this same assembly was that of approving the past executive's proposal to host OALT/ABO's 1983 annual conference.

All members in attendance volunteered to take part in the conference planning. Monique Fuchs and Linda Davis agreed to act as co-conveners for the conference. Committee members will recruit others to assist us in each sub-committee. (A list of members on the conference planning committee appears under the heading CONFERENCE 1983)

The next general membership meeting was held at the Cedar Hut on April 27th, over a leisurely supper. The new executive members spoke briefly about plans for the upcoming year before the \$50 draw was to be made. This draw, to help a member pay for fees at the 1982 conference, was originally scheduled for March 4th. It was postponed as most members had not received replies from their employers regarding requests for financial assistance. No other name but my own was entered in the draw, thereby allowing me to make use of the fund. A motion was

made to enable me to attend the conference in Thunder Bay as Sudbury's official representative with an additional \$50 to pay for travelling expenses.

All other discussion at this meeting revolved around the plans for our conference DECADE ONE. It was rewarding to see such a large group (13 people) enjoying what proved to be an excellent meal and participating in the discussions to plan an important event in Sudbury.

You're probably asking yourself what Sudbury is going to do this year! If not, then you should be!

Our first **priority** will inevitably be preparing to host OALT/ABO's 1983 conference. Nevertheless, we will be offering at least one day of workshops in the fall and a dinner meeting in the spring for the general membership's benefit.

Recruiting new members was a priority last year. We gained approximately 12 members as a result of our membership drive. This year I ask you to talk to your co-workers, your friends, your acquaintances, everyone about OALT/ABO and the benefits of belonging to our association. **TALK UP OALT/ABO!**

It will be difficult for the executive to divide its efforts between keeping Sudbury alive and organizing the conference, but I believe they go hand in hand. In any case, no one will be neglected. Let me remind you, that any member who wishes to help organize for a guest speaker or an evening seminar is always welcome to do so.

Have a look at our calendar of events and plan to participate. If you're unable to attend scheduled events, but wish to offer your assistance in any endeavour related to workshops or the conference, please call me.

Monique Fuchs

Sudbury Regional Branch

OALT/ABO

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Meetings, meetings...and more meetings! Since February's APROPOS, the Board of Directors and Provincial Executive have met Feb.6, Mar.27 & Apr.24. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19 in Toronto. The highlights of each meeting follow.

February 6, 1982

TALTA requested that OALT/ABO pay for advertising in their newsletter. The Board of Directors requested the treasurer refuse and send a letter to this effect. (You might like to read Andrew Porteus' letter to the editors in Newsletter/Nouvelles, vol.6, no.3 (April '82))

Postage and handling fees for OALT/ABO publications have been increased from \$1.00 to \$2.50. (Many thanks to Canada Post)

Andrew Porteus, archivist, and the newsletter editors will compile a new history of OALT/ABO for the second board meeting of the new executive. Andrew also wants to coordinate a photographic display of OALT/ABO's history.

March 27, 1982

Danielle Amat, president, distributed a report which informed us of the visits she has scheduled at Fanshawe College, Lakehead University, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and TALTA.

Application has been made with the federal government to hire a student who would travel to all regions collecting an oral history of OALT/ABO and time permitting, help Andrew Porteus with the archives backlog.

Discussion took place about the closure of LITN programs (i.e. Cambrian, Mohawk and Ryerson).

Conclusions:

1. A concerted public relations effort should be made at the high school level advising counsellors that there are tech. jobs to counter the recent negative publicity.
2. Articles should be submitted to local newspapers stating that there are jobs.
3. Each region should send reps. to the local "career weeks" held by local Boards of Education and prepare slide/tape presentations to circulate in high schools.
4. The Ont. Assoc. of Library Technician

Instructors should be approached to decide upon joint strategy both to recruit students and prevent closures.

5. Information should be gathered about past employment rates and presented in briefs to the ministries involved. Jean Weihs should be approached as she has much information already compiled.

April 24, 1982

Two new directors were introduced:

Barbara Charuba - Ottawa
Otto Sillius - Halton-Peel.

Nancy Carlucci, PR coordinator, attended a Ryerson committee meeting. The objective of this committee is to gather feedback from various areas to start a new informatics program and upgrade other programs already in existence. A brief will be submitted by OALT/ABO to this committee by May 15, 1982. OLA will also be approached about this matter.

The Board of Directors voted to send N. Carlucci to the CLA conference, all expenses paid.

TALTA notified OALT/ABO of a LT program offered by the Granton Institute. N. Deas (TALTA) will see if this program is recognized by contacting the Ministry of Colleges & Universities, CLA & OALTI. Action will be taken if the course is unacceptable.

The job survey was prepared during an afternoon working session. The title of the questionnaire is Career Survey. The Library Technician pamphlet, which will accompany the questionnaire, was designed and written. The headings appearing in the pamphlet are:

-What is an LT?

-What can an LT do for you?

-Let OALT help you.

The selection of the companies & organizations to which the survey will be mailed was completed.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 1982 - HIGHLIGHTS

(Thunder Bay, May 14, 1982)

1. After making an attempt to revive the London Regional Branch, Marian Doucette & Marg Bushell conceded that the branch had dissolved.
2. The Essay Contest Committee reported that they have received nine essays to date.
3. The Funding Committee indicated it has received two contracts for advertisements in Newsletter/Nouvelles and four requests for more information.
4. Motions to change the constitution based on submissions by all regions to "Proposal

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for Change" predominated the ABM. The major change was an increase in the provincial portion of the fees to be paid by members. This amount was changed from \$15.00 to \$25.00 becoming effective in the 1983-84 fiscal year. Sudbury spoke in opposition to this increase, citing the difficulty of attracting members in the regions with small, scattered populations. Our group feels that a dues increase at this time will be an insurmountable obstacle in maintaining the membership we have worked so hard to acquire in the past few years. Unfortunately, the motion passed with four regions voting in favor, and three opposed.

5. Honoraria were presented to the outgoing executive & gifts were given to Andrew Porteus and Liz Aldrey for keeping the Niagara Branch going and hosting the 1981 conference. Danielle Amat was honored for her dedication and her drive to accomplish tasks quickly.

6. Paulette Thibault, past president, announced Sudbury's intention to host the 1983 conference. Small flyers were distributed announcing the date.

7. Your new provincial executive is as follows:

- President - Danielle Amat, Ottawa
- Vice-Pres. - Barbara Cope, Ottawa
- Secretary - Helen Luoma, Toronto
- Treasurer - Pat Buczkowski, Toronto
- Public Relations Co-ordinator - Nancy Carlucci, Toronto
- Archivist - Andrew Porteus, Niagara
- Newsletter Editors - Marg Bushell
Marian Doucette.

(For complete addresses & phone numbers, please refer to your directory)

Monique Fuchs & Linda Davis

AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Canadian Library Association's Book of the Year Award (1981) was recently presented to Janet Lunn for her novel The Root Cellar. The runners-up for this award were Garnet Hewitt for Ytek and the Arctic Orchid, and James Houston for Long Claws: An Arctic Adventure.

Heather Woodall was given the Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Award for her illustrations in Ytek and the Arctic Orchid.

THUNDER BAY CONFERENCE--GREAT SUCCESS!!!

Six members of Sudbury Branch were able to attend the 1982 conference in Thunder Bay. The generally unfavorable weather did little to dampen our enthusiasm and everyone agreed it was a worthwhile experience. The social events provided an opportunity for everyone to get together in a relaxing atmosphere, and our sincere thanks go to the Thunder Bay group for their tremendous hospitality. Following are reports on some of the workshops which our members attended.

Automated Circulation Systems

Conducted by Helen Heerema, Library Technician, Confederation College Res. Centre.

Procedures for operating the computer terminal were shown and practice time was given.

Three types of information files are available. These are: 1)"Borrower's inquiry" which contains all the information necessary for library records, such as full name, address, phone number.

2)"Book inquiry" which gives the operator the ability to access a library material record by accession and copy number, author, L.C. number, or title. New records are added through this file.

3)"Circulation system" which allows the operator to circulate, reserve and de-circulate all book material in the library.

There are certain drawbacks to the system. When the terminal is down, circulation must be done manually by recording proper information (to enter later), no reserves are available, no returns can be entered. The only non-computerized record maintained is the shelf list catalogue, in case of a complete failure of the system. This would enable the library to have a record of its holdings.

This was an excellent workshop and I hope that one day we will be able to use this system.

Diane Gagnon
 Sudbury Board of Education
 Media Centre

Audio-visual Materials

Conducted by Bob Angell, Senior AV/TV Tech. Lakehead University

This particular workshop was very rewarding in that it dealt with the practical aspects of A/V materials: the criteria for selection, storage, handling & emergency repair of both hardware & software, with a demonstration of procedures. Mr. Angell also outlined the

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Audio-visual Materials cont.

the common problems that occur when numerous people are handling equipment that they don't know or are not sure how to use. He stressed the importance of having the standard supplies (tool kits) for proper maintenance of A/V materials.

As libraries acquire new types of equipment, library technicians will be required to perform more mechanical duties than before.

Test reports to aid in the selection of A/V equipment can be obtained from the National Film Board of Canada at no charge.

Paulette Thibault
E.S. Franco-Jeunesse

Publications Officielles

Animateur: Michael Graham, Head, Official Publications Section, Library of Parliament

Lors du 9ième congrès de l'ABO/OALT, plusieurs bibliotechniciennes se rassemblèrent à Thunder Bay, du 13 au 15 mai pour jouir d'un vaste échange d'information. Cette conférence était ma première et j'espère, non pas ma dernière. C'était une expérience enrichissante et inoubliable.

J'étais heureuse de comparer mon travail avec celui d'une autre bibliotechnicienne et d'en trouver des dénominateurs communs.

J'assistai à divers ateliers, l'un d'eux étant au sujet des publications officielles. Cet atelier, dirigé par Michael Graham, responsable de la section des publications officielles à la Bibliothèque du Parlement, fut très enrichissant. M. Graham nous donna un bref aperçu de cette grande collection et comment s'en servir efficacement. De plus, il nous suggéra certains titres de documentation pouvant nous aider à maintenir cette collection. M. Graham est un homme très compétent dans son domaine.

J'attends avec enthousiasme la 10ième conférence qui aura lieu à Sudbury l'an prochain. J'espère pouvoir y participer et renouveler les connaissances acquises à Thunder Bay.

Monique Dubreuil
Cambrian College

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...Canadian News Facts updates changes in the government before Parliamentary Guide.

Children's Programming

Conducted by Carole Aitken, Children's Librarian,
Thunder Bay Public Library

Carole Aitken gave workshop participants an overview of the many activities offered through Thunder Bay Public Library's Children's Dept. In addition to the popular preschool story hour, this library provides several dynamic and innovative programs for various segments of the public.

"Books for Babies" is presented weekly and introduces parents and their infants to materials appropriate for very young children. Under the guidance of the librarian, parents and babies participate in games, finger plays, musical activities and storytime. Ms. Aitken recommended Games Babies Play by Julie Hagstrom and Joan Morrill as an excellent resource for this type of program.

Another worthwhile service provided by this library is a volunteer program to assist children who require extra reading practice. Under "Reading Rendezvous", primary level children are paired with volunteers (usually junior high school students), who meet with them twice each week during the summer. Activities including games, music, drama, and stories are planned to involve the children in many situations where their reading skills will be enhanced. The librarian and an elementary school reading consultant act as resource persons for this program which runs for a five week period.

The recent acquisition of "babysitting kits" at Thunder Bay Public Library will no doubt provide another useful resource for the community. These kits comprise a book, a cassette on which the story has been recorded, and simple felt puppets (made by library staff), which represent the story characters. These kits will be made available to people who work in child care situations.

These were only a few of the program ideas that Carole Aitken shared with us. Others included Tales for Twos, Junior & Senior Programs, Saturday Storytime, Children's Literature for Parents, Summer Reading Games & T.V. Ontario Workshops. This presentation was very informative and also provided an opportunity for exchange of information on children's services.

Linda Davis
Ministry of Education

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...There is a booklet available free of charge from Public Archives Canada that synthesizes the methods and information sources available for a genealogical search in Canada. It is titled Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada, by P. Kennedy, J. LeBlanc & J. Roy.

Tout Est Possible avec Statistique Canada!

Animateur; Douglas Newson, Advisory Services, Stats Canada

C'est réelement l'impression que Doug Newson, Services consultatifs de Statistique Canada, a donné au groupe qui a observé son atelier "au diaspore". L'humour et le style aisé avec lequel Newson nous a présenté sa matière a su donner de la vie à un sujet quand bien même assez banal pour la plupart des gens.

Les services disponibles au public et aux bibliothèques sont:

- a) renseignements par téléphone (Stats. Can. répondent de 70 à 75,000 demandes/année)
- b) consultations
- c) publications diverses
- d) recherches ou commentaires à partir de leurs documents.

Les sources principales qui aideront à employer judicieusement la documentation de Statistique Canada inclus: Finding & Using Statistics (\$1.00), How to Profit from Facts, How Communities Can Use Statistics (\$1.00), Librarians Newsletter et Canada Update (annoncent les nouvelles publications).

Recensement 1981: Toutes statistiques proviennent du recensement qui est décrit comme étant un inventaire national de la population canadienne. Il se produit à tous les cinq ans avec les années dont le dernier chiffre est 1 ou 6. Les raisons pour un tel recensement sont de nature légale:

- 1) pour déterminer le nombre de sièges que chaque province doit occuper
- 2) pour justifier la loi des langues officielles.

L'énumération est par chacun soi-même. Cette méthode a fait preuve de grand succès, 99 pourcent des exemplaires ont été retournés.

Les renseignements recueilliés par un recensement sont innombrables. Les grandes catégories de variables se divisent comme suit: a) directes i.e. salaire, sexe b) dérivées i.e. âge c) universelles i.e. population, famille, domiciles, demeures.

Avec ces données, il est possible d'établir des tables illustrant les variables démographiques, socioculturelles, économiques, familiales, etc.

La méthode utilisée pour rassembler ces informations se fait hiérarchiquement. Statistique Canada se sert des divisions établies par les gouvernements ainsi que leurs propres subdivisions. Ça devient très compliqué mais permet d'examiner une grande variété de régions géographiques.

Les produits du recensement 1981 sont: 210 publications, microfiches, rubans magnétiques pour ordinateur, tabulations sur demande et des cartes. La plupart de ces produits seront distribués au printemps 1983. Pour de plus amples renseignements, signalez gratuitement 1-800-268-1150 ou 1151; ou écrivez Statistique Canada, 10e étage, 25 est, avenue St. Clair, TORONTO, Ont., M4T 1M4.

Monique Fuchs
Ministry of Education

CONFERENCE 1983: "DECADE ONE"

Sudbury has finally done it! We have gathered enough people and will power to begin preparing for a truly significant event: OALT/ABO's 10th annual conference, marking our association's first decade in 1983, which is also Sudbury's centennial!

WHEN? May 5 - 7, 1983

WHERE? Laurentian University

On March 4, 1982, when it was voted to host this conference, the planning committee was established. The sub-committees are:

- Conveners-Monique Fuchs & Linda Davis
- Treasurer-Diane Gagnon
- Secretary-Maysel Dag
- Facilities & Accommodation-Judy Laplante & Jo-ann O'Connor
- Mailing & Registration-Paulette Thibault & Elise Charron
- Exhibits-Bette Heard
- Kits-Sandra Boyd & Monique Fuchs
- Workshops-Ursula Skowronski & Linda Davis
- Publicity & Information-Debbie Ranger & Enna Ellis
- Entertainment-May Gray, Arlene Joyce & Colleen Jakob

This list is by no means complete. There will certainly be a host of resource people who will volunteer their services. Everyone is welcome to join in.

At our very first meeting, held at the Sudbury Convention Bureau, Paul Brokenshire helped the committee establish a budget. Choosing a theme was difficult. DECADE ONE seemed to please the majority and was accepted.

We also agreed that a logo was needed. Several logos would be designed by different sources and presented at the April 27th meeting. We thought it would be ideal to have our logo & theme ready for announcement at the 1982 conference.

It was also decided to send employers of the members involved in organizing the conference, a letter asking them to offer their technicians moral support & to make arrangements so that this continued...

at work might be spent on the planning of the conference.

Despite our best intentions, a logo was not chosen at the April 27th meeting. We all felt that it would be best to search for other ideas for a suitable logo.

Suggestions for a guest speaker & workshop leaders were discussed. The planning committee members also exchanged other ideas to ensure the success of DECADE ONE.

We will continue to inform you of our progress with preparations for the conference with every issue of APROPOS. Check your calendar of events & plan to attend our meetings.

Monique Fuchs

regrets the elimination of any library technician position, we deplore the fact that students and teachers in the schools concerned, will have to cope with reduced access to their libraries as a result of this move. It is impossible for technicians to provide the same quality of service for their patrons when each will be responsible for two secondary schools, rather than one.

We believe that eliminating library technician jobs is a retrograde step when educators are constantly recognizing the importance of top quality library service in any learning environment. School administrators should not overlook the significance of the role played by library technicians in the education of the students in our school system.

Linda Davis

DISAPPEARING JOBS??

The Sudbury Board of Education recently announced its intention to reduce the number of library technicians in French language secondary schools by half.

Due to declining enrolment, which has resulted in reduced grants from the provincial government, the Board finds itself in a financial crunch. The previous arrangement, which provided one library technician for each French high school, was one of the "special services" to come under scrutiny.

It was decided to eliminate two of the four positions as part of the cost-saving measures to be implemented. According to Roger Barbeau, Superintendent of Schools, this will be accomplished by attrition and seniority within the Sudbury Board system.

In practical terms, this means that as soon as any library technician employed by the Sudbury Board resigns, the position will be filled by a technician from one of the French secondary schools. Mr. Barbeau has indicated that no lay-offs are planned (at least not for the coming year) and these positions will be eliminated only as other library technician jobs become vacant.

Despite the assurances that lay-offs are not imminent, one cannot help but wonder what will happen if no library technician positions become vacant in the next year. If the Board is counting on saving the money used for these two positions, how long will they be willing to maintain the jobs if resignations do not materialize?

Aside from the fact that our association



"Got any books on dog training?"

Letters to the editor, articles and suggestions are WELCOME! Please forward your submissions to:

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The next issue of APROPOS will be published in September/October.

HAVE A PLEASANT SUMMER!!

OALT/ABO events calendar

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			Canadian Library Assoc. mid-June Winnipeg			
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

OCTOBER 23, 1982 - SATURDAY WORKSHOP

MARCH 29, 1983 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING