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Dear Members - WERE STILL OUT THERE

The 1987-88 Sudbury Executive apologizes to its members for the lack of Volume 9, nos. 2 and 3 of APROPOS which were not published this year.

APROPOS is our region's vital communication device, especially to members outside Sudbury and it will continue.

As the incoming newsletter editor, you can rest assured that you will be hearing from us - if not personally (I may be calling on some of you for some information) - then, through APROPOS.

If you feel desperate, fulfilled, neglected or thrilled as a library technician, drop me a line at Box 420, Site 11, RR1, VAL CARON, Ont. I want to hear about it and others do too.

Monique Fuchs

A TOAST TO "OLD-TIMERS"

To the good old days . . . we weren't so good, 'cause we weren't so old!

CAN WE TALK?

Talk about dedication, that is! Since the very beginning, the library technicians of the Sudbury Regional Branch have been committed to the success of OALT/ABO. In some cases the involvement has been so great that some of us may soon have to "be committed". Although our membership is small in number and very widespread, we have had an outstanding survival instinct. Long-term members, or "old-timers", have managed to keep the Sudbury Region alive and well through communication and continued support for the past 15 years.

The sharing of information is a key to promoting our professionalism. OALT/ABO IS WORKING FOR YOU. The work of our organization is important to you so please join us by becoming a member or by renewing your membership. Voice your needs and concerns and help us to grow.

As new regional president and director for the fiscal year 1988-89, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members. For members that are renewing their membership, I am happy

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that you are staying with us. Special thanks to past executive members for all the time and effort they have put into the running of the Sudbury Regional Branch. Hang in there!

As in the past, the regional executive proposes to hold two workshops, an annual Christmas dinner and a general meeting. Dates for the above will be set at the next executive meeting. Please let us know if you have any ideas for workshops so that we may fulfill your needs. Until next time, let's grow together.

Paulette Burton

CONFERENCE BURSARY WINNER

Susan LaFreniere of Timmins is the 1988 recipient of the Sudbury Region's conference bursary. This award will enable her to attend her first OALT/ABO conference when she travels to Thunder Bay for "Rendezvous '88".

OALT/ABO OFFERS WORKSHOP AT OLA CONFERENCE

Executive/Board of Directors' meeting

The 1987/88 executive met April 23, 1988 at the Metro Toronto Library. The following issues were discussed:

1) Guidelines for Membership report by Carolyn Boardman

Carolyn proposed that various tasks presently done at the regional level be done by the Provincial membership person so that there would be greater cooperation and

coordination between the regions and the provincial membership persons. She also investigated OLA's procedure for membership renewal and found that they issue a "time to renew" notice 12 weeks before the renewal date, a "time is running out" notice 6 weeks before and 12 weeks after the renewal date, the President sends a letter which has a renewal notice printed on the reverse. After some discussion it was recommended that the regional continue to handle new members and renewals and the we adopt a "renewal notice" system and have forms drawn up and distributed after the directors discuss this issue with their regions. Carolyn also presented a report on the duties of the Membership Chairperson and after a few minor changes were made, the Board passed a motion to include this in the Board policies.

2) Mailing labels & membership directory

Samples and costing for mailing labels were passed around for perusal and discussion by the Board. A decision was made to accept Bette Gore's (Secretary of OALT/ABO) proposal to produce mailing labels for OALT/ABO following guidelines established by the Board. The maximum estimate of \$454.86 was accepted with a percentage increase (to be determined) for unforeseen expenses. The Board will review this arrangement on an annual basis.

3) OLA conference workshops

The Board accepted the Ottawa region's previous suggestion

for a panel discussion in altered careers. The title chosen for this workshop is "The Altered Technician - or Library Technicians Working In Non-Traditional Jobs". Several persons including Nancy Mack-Bradley (Innovation North); Danielle Amat (Airport); Pat Graham (CBC); Loretta Taylor (Federal Caucus Reading Room); Sue Weaver (UWO Guidance Dept); and Darlene Fraser (Info Globe) were suggested for this panel.

4) Executive/Board Conference Funding

The Board agreed that there is a need for a policy to help offset some of the travelling and accomodation for persons working on behalf of the Association. For example, the members of the OALT/ABO Provincial Executive are all expected to attend the Annual Business Meeting at the conference, but not all members are given financial support by their employers and in the past have incurred these expenses on their own. This matter will be further discussed at the brainstorming session.

5) Niagara College Library Technicians Program

The Board of Directors at Niagara College is considering cancellation of their Library Technicians' Program. Maggie Hotchkiss, OALT/ABO Vice-President sent a telegram in support of the program and Doug Willford will ask Jean Eliooff to send a letter to both Niagara's Board of Governors and the Ministers of Colleges & Universities in support of the program. With an 80%

placement of library technician graduates and an increase from last year in enrolment, we would very much like the Board to reconsider and not cancel the program.

6) Brainstorming Meeting

This meeting which will include all members of the outgoing and incoming Executives, Directors, Newsletter Editors, Archivist and Membership Persons will be held June 4th/88 at the Celebrity Inn (Toronto). The purpose of this session is to set up goals and objectives for the Association and exchange ideas for completing these goals as well as settling various issues that have been tabled for this session.

Lorrie Roberts

FREE...FOR THE ASKING

Profile: In Their Own Words:
34 People with Disabilities
Talk About Their Careers.

28 p.

Write to:

Handicapped Employment Program
c/o Ministry of Labour
Communications Branch
400 University Ave., 15th Fl.
Toronto, Ont. M7A 1T7

Catalogue of French Immersion Materials.

Write to:

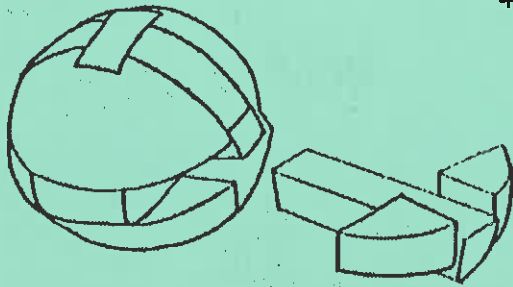
Les editions Heritage inc.
300 avenue Arran
Saint-Lambert, Quebec
J4R 1K5

Equal Times: Ombudsman/Ontario Newsletter.

(irregular)

Write to:

The Ombudsman
125 Queen's Park
Toronto, Ont. M5S 2C7



PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER OR Interlibrary Loan at the National Library

Carole Smale, Assistant Chief Librarian of the National Library's Interlibrary Loan Division, gave a very beneficial talk to a group of library technicians April 16th in Sault Ste Marie. Carol made the benefits of sharing collections between libraries clear to all in attendance. The least expensive way for a library to supplement its collection is through ILL. Sharing resources can't help but increase the number of available items to participating libraries.

Fostering ILL networking is one of the National Library's objectives. It is well met through workshops such as this one, a free ILL manual (on request), and by providing Boucher's ILL Practice Handbook, published by the ALA (\$15).

As for the National Library's own ILL system, two other objectives exist: 1) to provide loans or photocopies (in accordance with copyright legislation) and 2) to provide locations for materials not held by the National Library. Being recipient of two copies of every item published in Canada, the National Library is the best source for Canadiana. Persons wishing

to make use of the National Library's ILL service, be it for Canadiana or other materials, usually must submit their requests through a participating library. Requests are received in many forms, including electronic mail (EMVOY), telephone, and Canada Post. The requesting library will have established one of three levels of service as their standard, but may choose to vary the level for some items.

Fortunately for both clients and the employees, 75% of the queries are solved relatively easily in approximately 2 days (Level 1 service)

Level 2 service consists of more in-depth searching, with checks being made as to spelling and bibliographic information using standard tools. About 20% of the requests are researched at this level, with a one week turnaround time.

More difficult inquiries make up Level 3 (5%). They can easily take a month to resolve, with exhaustive searches being conducted and some referrals being passed on to the Library of Congress and/or the British National Library. If the researchers still have no luck in locating the material, they may suggest similar titles or other possible variations to the client in case of client error.

Subjects are not researched, and clients are expected to provide information regarding where an item was seen, author's full name with birth & death dates, pseudonyms,

the full document title, including subtitles, place and date of publication, and series title.

Whenever possible, material is lent to the client for 4 weeks. Only if the National Library does not own an item, or if the request states "locations only", does the National Library provide up to 5 locations where the item can be found.

To acquire the manual and handbook mentioned in this article, write to: National Library of Canada, Interlibrary Loan Division, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0N4.

Bette Gore

----- CONFERENCES...CONFERENCES...

The Ontario Library Service-Voyageur region is hosting its annual conference in Sudbury at the Sheraton-Caswell Inn, May 17-19, 1988. This conference is open to employees of any type of library - not only the public libraries. For more information call Lucie Legault at 1-800-461-0139 or (705) 675-6467.

The Canadian Library Association annual conference will be held in Halifax from June 16-20, 1988. The theme of this year's event is "Libraries in the Information Marketplace". Of special interest to OALI/ABO is the meeting on Monday, June 20th, 9:00a.m.-10:15a.m. on the CLA Task Force on the Roles and Responsibilities of Librarians and Library Technicians. This Task Force

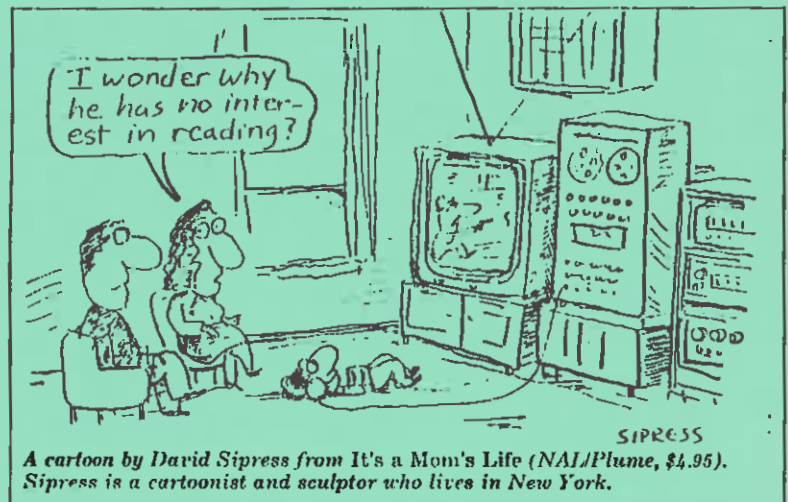
will be presenting its report and findings to delegates for discussion and feedback.

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An updated membership list will appear in the Summer issue of APROPOS.



A cartoon by David Sipress from *It's a Mom's Life* (NAL/Plume, \$4.95). Sipress is a cartoonist and sculptor who lives in New York.

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