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## WHAT'S NEW:

- President's report
- Treasurer's report
  
- Upcoming Workshops:
  - \*\*CD-ROM Technology II  
(OCT 22/94)
  - \*\* CLA President's Meeting  
(Nov 7/94)

Comments, inquiries, or letters  
can be sent to the Newsletter  
Editor, Box 2351, Stn "A", Sudbury,  
ON P3A 4S8, Attn: J. Larose.

Next Board of Directors  
meeting is scheduled for  
November 19, 1994.

## PRESIDENTS' REPORT by Paulette Burton

For those of you who missed our "Wine & Cheese Social" held on September 13, be sure to attend next year. It was Great! No formalities. TommyKnockers (the place where we had it) was a perfect setting for our small get-together. The wine was excellent and the cheese trays were mouth-watering. The staff certainly took good care of us. Members and non-members were invited with absolutely no cost to anyone, except our regional treasurer. It was also a perfect opportunity to renew your membership. At this time, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Without it, we could not continue to operate as a regional branch. In all, everyone seemed to have a good time. We hope to be able to do this again next September. Be sure to join us!

In the last month, I have received two phone calls regarding OALT/ABO. One of these calls was from a Library Technician student at Algonquin College requesting any information about the association. The other call was from someone from Health Canada in Ottawa asking about salary surveys. This was all very interesting to me since they contacted our region for information. Let's give ourselves a pat on the back for continuing to promote OUR association of Library Technicians for the last twenty-one years and for preparing future Library Techs for a better tomorrow.  
**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**





## Treasurer's Report, by Bette Gore

### Income

Balance from May 31, 1994 report	\$3,208.05	
Cheque #3 (Prov. Mbershp) voided	40.00	
Membership fees	314.00	
Bank Interest (Sept/94 excluded)	3.37	
Explorations 92 Acct. closed	65.88	
		\$3,631.30

### Expenditures

Provincial membership fees	\$ 252.00	
Safety Deposit box	0.00	
Postage	11.50	
ABM expenses	27.15	
Petty Cash	20.00	
		\$ 310.65

Bank Balance September 13, 1994 \$3,320.65

### SAVINGS

GIC - @5.75%	\$1,000.00	
GIC - @6.25%	\$3,000.00	
		\$4,000.00

**Total Balance (September 13, 1994) \$7,320.65**

Submitted to the Sudbury Regional Branch  
September 13, 1994

OALT/ABO  
Executive / Board of Directors' Report

September 17, 1994

Regional Directors are wondering how to handle the new Unemployed Membership - reviewed annually by each region. Should these people have provincial status? (Receive Newsletter/Nouvelles and be able to vote.) Please let me know your concerns and ideas.

An idea that the Executive/Board of Directors are discussing is whether or not to have a grant to send someone to the Conference every year. It could be provincially or jointly (province and region) paid for; conference registration and/or transportation and/or hotel expenses are being considered. Monies could be set aside from conference profits. Please let me know if you have any ideas for guidelines for if you don't like the idea. I need your input by the November provincial meeting.

Treasurer: Balance as of August 31, 1994 is \$9,403.00

Constitution: The constitution has been translated. If anyone would like to take a look at either the English or French versions to check for typos, etc. please contact me.

Inter Connections '95: Next year's conference will be in Thunder Bay. Plans are well under way for the May 24-28, 1995 conference at Lakehead University.

Directory: The new OALT/ABO Directory is almost complete. PLEASE BE SURE TO GET YOUR RENEWALS TO BETTE GORE BEFORE NOVEMBER.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Greffe  
SRB, Director

CD-ROM TECHNOLOGY II

**WORKSHOP DATE:** Saturday October 22, 1994

**LOCATION:** Cambrian College Library  
1400 Barrydowne Rd., Sudbury  
3rd Floor, Room 3021, side door

**SPEAKER:** Caroline Hallsworth

This workshop is a brief review of the CD-ROM TECHNOLOGY I, which was held April 30, 1994. At this fall workshop participants will spend more time conducting their own searches.

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**REGISTRATION:** 9:00-9:30 a.m.

**WORKSHOP:** 9:30-12:30 p.m.

(with refreshment break)

<b>REGISTRATION FEE:</b>	<b>Members OALT/ABO</b>	<b>free</b>
	<b>Non-members</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>

Pre-registration is a must as group size is limited.

Deadline date for pre-registration is Oct 20/94.

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**The *Canadian Library Association*  
together with the  
*Learning Resources Centre*,  
take pleasure in inviting you  
to a meeting with**

***PAT CAVILL*  
*President of the*  
*Canadian Library Association*  
on Monday, November 7  
from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
in Room 1408, Cambrian College.**

**The purpose of the meeting is to discuss alternative methods for the CLA to deliver its services to outlying centres. The meeting will be followed by a wine and cheese reception at 5:00 pm.**

**Please confirm your attendance  
(before November 2) with and direct any questions  
to: Caroline Hallsworth  
Work: 524-7333 Fax: 524-7329 Home: 560-4828**

## PERSONALITY TRAITS OF A LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

By William Land

In response to the editor's request for ideas of the personality traits that are part of a person who chooses to become a Library Technician, I believe that:

\* This person has a great love of books and is an avid reader. Many of us have fond memories of our childhood where our first experience with books and reading prompted us to seek a career in libraries. One of my earliest memories is receiving my first library card at eight years old from the Elliot Lake Public Library. Another example of my love for books is illustrated by my specialized book collection.

\* A highly organized, methodical and logical individual who seeks a career in libraries. Accuracy and careful attention to detail are extremely important in library work. Library holdings are carefully arranged by class number. At home, my book, music and spice collections are arranged alphabetically.

\* A Library Technician enjoys investigative work. Responding to reference questions is similar to sleuthing. Can a reference technician, like a detective, find information to respond to simple or complex inquiries? Often the task can be completed in a matter of seconds; sometimes hours of searching are involved. For myself, the greatest satisfaction is finding an answer to a patron's question and seeing their gratitude and joy upon receiving the information.

\* A love of people and a need for solitude are two related attributes of the person who chooses this occupation. The time spent with library patrons allows one the opportunity to interact with many

different people; periods spent on administrative, technical or clerical tasks provide a chance to be alone. Personally, I am someone who enjoys meeting new people and experiencing new challenges, but additionally require regularly scheduled hours to pursue personal interests.

\* A person who can adapt effectively to change would seek a career as a Library Technician. In this age of information explosion, change is constant. New technologies are being developed and one must learn about automated computer systems, online searching, CD-ROM technology and word processing to stay employed in this decade. Another point: with spending constraints and downsizing affecting many libraries, one must be creative in order to provide a consistent level of quality service with declining human and monetary resources. Personally, I find it frustrating that the library in which I am currently employed does not have a new acquisitions budget, but I love not typing catalogue cards any longer.

\* Is committed to the profession. A continued interest in professional development through workshops, conferences and participation in library associations is a characteristic of this group. For me, a membership in OALT/ABO is rewarding as I have the chance to reap many benefits, including networking and, having served on both the regional and provincial executives in the past years, developed existing and new skills.

The Library Technician is someone who has many qualities, but is someone who seeks enjoyment in the world of books. That world is bookstores, publishing, writing, or naturally, libraries.

Editor's report  
by Jo-ann Larose



As we start a new volume with APROPOS, I am reminded of how much our year parallels a school year rather than a calendar year. The school year seems to be a great time for beginnings - as with the newsletter. Many people feel the urge to start courses (many of us in the library field feel the impact of their decisions) and when summer draws to a close, autumn is a much nicer time to start a year than January, in the "dead of winter".

This newsletter has seen many editors in its time, and each of the editors' efforts were felt by all the members and the executive. I'd like to mention two of the past editors with whom I know a little, and would like to take this opportunity to applaud their dedication to OALT/ABO. I'm speaking of Bill Land and Linda Davis.

Bill was one year ahead of me in the Library Technician program at Cambrian College and the thing I remember most about Bill was that he was always smiling. Bill's work as Editor was energetic and imaginative. In this issue, Bill saves the day again with much-welcomed article, summing up many of the personality traits of Library Technicians that I could relate to. Thanks Bill!

Linda Davis has worked also as Editor of APROPOS, in fact had I not wanted to continue into this publishing year, she would have stepped in. I think that offer speaks to Linda's commitment to OALT/ABO and specifically, Sudbury Regional Branch. Although she isn't on the Executive this year, don't underestimate her interest and willingness to help, if the need arises.

I encourage anyone of you, as members, to become involved in your association, I don't think you could meet more dedicated and concerned Library Technicians. Their experience goes a long way towards a public's understanding of what we are capable of doing, both in terms of employment and education.