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## Important dates, take note...

### \*Annual Business Meeting

March 26, 1995

(see enclosed flyer)

\*Spring Workshop will be held in  
April at Cambrian College

## President's report...

by Paulette Burton.

The Regional Executive has kept a low profile this past year. I am not sure why, but it does make one wonder! Is the executive there just because we want to keep the Sudbury Region as part of OALT/ABO? Are the members of the executive feeling pressured to be on or stay on the executive because we are afraid no one else wants the job? Does the executive feel we have no sense of direction because we don't get enough feedback from our members? The answer to these questions can be found. Those are the reasons why we have an **Annual Business Meeting** - to take care of **OUR** business. According to the treasurer's report, we are certainly financially secure. Money is not our problem. Over the years, I think we have spent the region's monies wisely. It seems that perhaps we were afraid to overspend because we did not want to upset our members. We may have been a little too tight with our treasury. I think the time has come for the Sudbury Regional Branch to identify and put into perspective their true goals and objectives as we approach the 21st century. This can certainly be discussed at our **ABM on March 26, 1995 (see enclosed notice for details)**. We hope that you will be able to join us. (Lunch is free!) It would be great if you could offer your suggestions as to what direction our region should take. See you there!

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Box 2351, Station A, Sudbury, ON

**SPRING WORKSHOP**

Coming soon to a library near you...

**OALT/ABO SPRING WORKSHOP:**

Saturday, April 22, 1995  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cambrian College Library  
Barrydowne Rd, 3rd Floor  
Sudbury

**FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR WOMEN**

Presenter: Allison Size of  
Midland Walwyn Capital Inc.,  
Sudbury

Look for your invitation in your  
mail box before the Easter  
holiday.

by Julie Rancourt  
Public Relations Coordinator

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

The following one-day  
programs are offered by  
Continuing Education, Faculty of  
Information Studies at the  
University of Toronto.

The contact person is Maria  
Chen, at telephone number (416)  
978-7111 or FAX (416) 971-1399.

**SOFTWARE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY : AN  
OVERVIEW.**

Date: March 17, 1995  
Time: 9 am - 4:30 pm  
Registration fee: \$185\*  
Place: Toronto

**INTERNET BASICS.**

Date: March 25, 1995 or  
April 22, 1995 or May 5, 1995 or  
June 17, 1995  
Time: 9 am - 4 pm  
Registration fee: \$185\*  
Place: Toronto

**RE-ENGINEERING THE LIBRARY: WHAT  
WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T.**

Date: March 31, 1995  
Time: 9 am to 4 pm  
Registration fee: \$185\*  
Place: Toronto

**THE INTERNET : AN INTRODUCTION.**

Date: April 28, 1995 or May 11,  
1995 or June 3, 1995.  
Time: 9 am - 12:15 pm  
Registration fee: \$85\*  
Place: Toronto

**THE POWER OF ONE: TACTICS FOR  
ONE-PERSON LIBRARIANSHIP.**

Date: July 14, 1995  
Time: 9 am - 4 pm  
Registration fee: \$185\*  
Place: Toronto

\*Price will be higher for late  
registration.

JANUARY RENDEZ-VOUS 1995  
Julie Rancourt

A little freezing rain certainly didn't scare away a few members who attended the January Rendez-Vous on the 12th of January at Culpeppers Restaurant and Eatery. We drove in a downpour, then enjoyed good wine, good food and good company. It is always nice to see everyone and relax after the hectic holidays.

After this enjoyable evening, we scraped our windows for 20 minutes then drove back home on slushy streets.

The good old "North" is always full of surprises!!!!!!



(Left-Right: Bette Gore, Millie Cayen, Julie Rancourt, Lorrie Roberts, Paulette Burton, Linda Davis and Brenda Vaillancourt)

## FIPPA AND YOU (part 2)

In the last issue of Apropos, we looked at the Freedom of Information legislation and how it protects the personal information held by government institutions.

On the other side, the Act also ensures that citizens have access to a wealth of information held by government and its agencies.

Have you ever wondered what a provincial or municipal body spends on a particular activity; or needed statistics on a facet of government service; or simply wanted to see what's included in your personnel file?

In fact, you should be able to access such data simply by asking the holder of the information to supply it. If you do not receive a satisfactory answer, you can file an official access request under the legislation.

Make your FOI request in writing, using a form available from government organizations. If you prefer, you may write a letter stating that your request for information is being made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Direct your request to the FOI Coordinator of the institution that holds the information. To facilitate the search, be specific about the information you seek.

The organization handling the request has 30 days to respond. It does have the right to charge if the search requires a lot of time but the requestor will always be given a fee estimate. You will not be charged for access to your own personal information and you may appeal any fee estimate if you feel it is unreasonable.

If your official request for information is denied, the institution must provide reasons as stipulated in the Act. You have the right to appeal any decision and this process would be outlined in the letter you receive from the institution.

For brochures and information, contact the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 80 Bloor Street West, Suite 1700, Toronto, M5S 2V1.

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### FREE FOR THE ASKING

Write to: Ministry of  
Agriculture & Rural Affairs  
Information Centre  
801 Bay Street, Main Floor  
Toronto M7A 2B2

Ask for: How You Can Be an Effective Leader (factsheet)  
1994. 3 p.

Recruiting Volunteers  
(factsheet) 1994. 4 p.

Responsible Pet Ownership  
(factsheet) 1994. 4 p.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### INCOME

Dec. 15 1994 report balance	2,930.91
Membership fees	265.00
Credit memo	29.92
<u>Deposit interest</u>	<u>2.60</u>
TOTAL INCOME	3,228.43

### EXPENDITURES

Provincial mbsp dues	188.00
Postage (P.R.)	8.28
C.Grefe - Bd mtg	62.84
<u>Safety dep. box</u>	<u>62.06</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	321.18

BANK BALANCE FEB28/95 2,907.25

### SAVINGS

GIC @5.75%	1,000.00
<u>GIC @6.25%</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	4,000.00

Petty cash on hand 17.01

TOTAL BALANCE AS OF  
FEB28/95 6,924.26

Submitted to the Sudbury Regional  
Branch February 28, 1995 by  
Bette Gore, Treasurer/Membership

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Graduate	22
Associate	5
Unemployed	2
Senior	1
Institution	1

TOTAL 31

New Members (93-4) 9  
Renewals (93-4) 22

+ or - from 92-3 +5

Submitted by Bette Gore

### MEMBERS ON THE MOVE!!!

Brenda Vaillancourt is leaving Sudbury to take a position at the Haileybury School of Mines (Northern College). She starts work there on March 27th. While we're sorry to see Brenda leave Sudbury, we wish her well in Haileybury. Brenda's new work # is (705) 672-3376.

Bill Land is also on the move. Bill has accepted a position in the library of the Huronia Regional Centre. His new address is:

391 Barrie Road  
#611  
Orillia, ON L3V 6M3

Telephone: 705-326-7483 (H)  
705-326-7361 (W)  
ext. 2441

Good Luck Bill!

# OALT/ABO - SUDBURY REGIONAL BRANCH

## MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

FEBRUARY 28, 1995

### NEW MEMBERS

ANNE BEAUPRÉ  
168 Biggings Ave.  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
P6A 3T9  
(705) 945-0663  
Technical Services Assistant  
Arthur A. Wishart Library  
Algoma University College  
(705) 949-2101

JUDY ELSTON  
821 Douglas St., Apt. 603  
North Bay, ON  
P1B 5P3  
(705) 476-0941

MARY JANE NELSON  
282 Wembley Dr.  
Sudbury, ON  
P3E 1N7  
(705) 675-3634  
Library Technician  
Network North  
(705) 675-9192 ext. 343

EILEEN POPE IWASYKIW  
General Delivery PMS  
South Porcupine, ON  
P0N 1K0  
(705) 235-2662  
Library Technician  
Northern College LRC  
(705) 235-7150

JANET SABOURIN  
121 Pilgrim St.  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
P6A 3E8  
(705) 942-9354  
Technical Services Assistant  
Arthur A. Wishart Library  
Algoma University College  
(705) 949-2101 ext. 358

### ADDRESS CHANGES

WILLIAM (BILL) LAND  
Noble Towers  
391 Barrie Rd. W., Apt. 611  
Orillia, ON  
L3V 6M3  
Orillia-Huron Regional Centre  
(705) 326-7361 ext. 2441  
TRANSFERRED TO HURONIA BRANCH

ROSE ANN RECOSKIE  
573 College St., Unit 5  
Timmins, ON  
P4N 7Y9  
(705) 264-0291

## EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS

by Jo-ann Larose

Reading back issues of "The One-Person Library" I wasn't surprised to see the word **user** repeatedly used to refer to a library visitor. I think it's time to replace **user** with a more politically correct term, which seems to be an exercise of the 90's.

One of the reasons why I chose this topic to write about is because I had been asked to do a literature search for a nurse on the controversy over using the word **patient** as opposed to the word **client** or **customer** in the health care field. One of the nurses I did the search for strongly disagreed with using the terms **client** or **customer** believing **patient** was the best term to use. Perhaps her reasons are better accepted when you know that the Latin meaning of "**pati**" is "**suffer**" and not meant as an adjective "**showing patience**". This got me to thinking of the words we use to describe our "**patients**".

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines "**user**" - in a verbal sense as "**drug addict**". Another term commonly used is "**borrower**" which implies that the sole purpose of going to a library is to take something away, when it may be to simply sit reading the newspapers, or to consult with library staff on a specific topic, or to make photocopies, etc. Maybe that still makes them a "**borrower**", as they are indeed borrowing our resources.

Some of the other words we've all heard are: "**patron**" (patron of the arts - maybe, but the library?) or "**customer**" (this implies an exchange of money, here Oxford and I agree).

I prefer to use the word "**client**" and the Oxford Dictionary defines **client** as "**person using services of professional man (lawyer, architect, social worker, etc.)**" - I agree with this definition only for the words "**professional man**" unless of course they are using it in the context of "**human being (a fellow human being) person ~ all without exception.**"

Think about it the next time you are discussing who those people are who look up the library and partake of its information.

It'd be nice to be able to call them "**friends**".



## SUDBURY REGIONAL BRANCH

Ontario Association of Library Technicians/  
Association des bibliothécaires de l'Ontario

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SOCIAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 1995

**LOCATION:** Educational Media Centre (Staff Room)  
(located in Ecole publique Jeanne Sauvé  
296 Van Home Street

**TIME:** 12:30 p.m. - Light Lunch served  
1:30 p.m. - Annual Business Meeting

#### AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of 1994 ABM
- 2) Executive reports
- 3) Nominations/Elections of Executive for 1995/96
- 4) Provincial news & updates
- 5) SRB Spring workshop
- 6) New business

1994-1995 members are encouraged to attend.

**RSVP (if attending) by Wednesday March 22, 1995**

**Please contact: Paulette Burton 675-3028 (business) or 560-1788 (home)**