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Association des Bibliothécaires de l'Ontario
 OALT/ABO Sudbury Regional Branch

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President's report by Paulette Burton



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Welcome to another issue of APROPOS. It is hard to believe we have been publishing our newsletter for the past 17 years. Many thanks to Denise Denommé and Judy Laplante who were our first newsletter editors. Other familiar names such as Bette Heard, Linda Davis, Helen Luoma, and Monique Fuchs contributed articles in the first few years. Our first issue came out in Spring 1979. I would like to welcome Lise Désormeaux as newsletter editor for this year. I have confidence she will do an equally great job. Thank you.

Our first executive meeting was held on Saturday October 14. Bette Gore graciously offered her apartment. Thanks! This year the position of Director has been filled by Brenda Vaillancourt, who lives in Haileybury. Having an out-of-town member as Director is a first for the Sudbury Region. She has attended the Board of Directors/Executive meeting held in Toronto in September. We know Brenda will do a superb job.

According to the report she presented to us at the meeting, she certainly took many notes as to what is happening at the provincial level. That's great, Brenda! Keep us informed!

This issue includes a variety of topics - Our wine & cheese social, Library Technicians on the move, Library Technician courses, new regional executive, Interconnections '95 conference, '96 conference, dates to keep in mind, LT brochure, membership renewals, etc.. just to name a few. Be sure to take a peek at "How organized are you at the office."

I think this is our biggest issue yet! We had a lot of information to share with you and we hope you enjoy it! Help us keep in touch with you by renewing your membership for 1995/96. Communication is the key to help us adapt to the shifting changes and challenges in these troubled economic times. We would like to hear from you.

Submitted by
Paulette Burton
President 1995/96
Sudbury Regional Branch

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INTERCONNECTIONS '95

This year's conference was another great success. The people in Thunder Bay were gracious and helpful, as is their custom. Everything got under way Wednesday evening with exhibitors hawking their wares, and a lovely wine and cheese.

Thursday morning we began the conference in earnest. I attended Optimizing Access to Info Resources with Maria Phipps. A seminar with Maria usually leaves more than a few participants with swirling heads, and this was no exception. If we, as library technicians, want to keep our collective head above water, we had better become electronically literate in a hurry.

Marsha Hunt gave us a lift with How May I Help You (Customer Service). It is always good to be reminded just who we are serving in libraries and how to make their visit pleasant as well as informative.

The "party" was at Old Fort William in the old dining hall. The evening was clear and warm so several of us walked a short nature trail (the black flies weren't out yet). Dinner was wonderful and the entertainment even better. We were welcomed by four musicians and several dancers. They all wore traditional voyageur costumes and invited us to dance with them. From where I sat (and danced!), everyone had a fabulous time.

Friday morning began with the Annual Business Meeting. The translation of the constitution was referred back to the committee. Ottawa wanted too many changes after the final translation had been completed and the ABM was not the place to try to do that. Unfortunately, not many people bothered to attend. We always have business to consider, all of which is important to every one of us, and I really wish more people would take the

time to participate - even if you just sit and absorb. If you are able to go to next year's conference, PLEASE go to the ABM as well.

"It's More Than Language" was the seminar I attended in the afternoon. What a lot of fun and what a learning experience that was! Hilde Grunys reminded us that everyone on the planet comes from a different cultural background, and that tolerance has to be first and foremost even if the values seem strange.

The banquet was another huge success. After a delicious meal, we were entertained by a poetess, Linda Stitt. She was very interesting. Some people didn't like her poetry very much but others, like me, did.

The winner of this year's Presidential Award unfortunately left with her husband Rob right after presenting her last seminar. You guessed it - Marsha Hunt has joined the ranks of our hard working league of exceptional members. Congratulations Marsha - we are sorry you couldn't accept your award in person. On Saturday, I attended "Power of One-Person Librarianship" in the morning and "Painting the Numbers" in the afternoon with Maggie Weaver. The morning session was very informative with ideas of how to sell your indispensable-ness to your boss, and the afternoon session was a mind boggling exercise in statistics manipulation.

After supper a number of us gathered in a common room to play Scattagories - what a typical game for a bunch of library technicians. We had a real blast. The next morning was time for us to head home and back to work.

Thanks to Thunder Bay for a terrific conference.

See you in Collingwood next year.

Christine Greffe, Director, 1994/95

TREASURER'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

INCOME

May 1 --Bank Balance	\$2180.85
less uncashed cheques	<u>-73.94</u>
	\$2106.91
Deposit interest	2.48
GIC interest	245.00
Membership fees	82.00
Spring workshop fees	<u>15.00</u>
Total income	2551.39

EXPENDITURES

Spring workshop gift	\$ 21.84
P.R. postage	19.26
Fall social	153.31
Provincial mbsp dues	166.00
Service fees	<u>2.00</u>
Total expenses	\$ 362.41

BANK BALANCE/ Oct. 14 1995

\$2188.98

SAVINGS

GIC @ 6.75%	\$1000.00
GIC @ 7.0%	1000.00
GIC @ 7.0%	\$2000.00
Petty cash on hand	3.47

TOTAL BALANCE AS OF OCT. 14/95

\$6192.45

GIC's are held by Canada Trust
 Bank account is at Royal Bank, Civic
 Square
 Submitted to the Sudbury Regional
 Branch October 14, 1995 by
 Bette Gore, Treasurer/Membership

October 14 1995 for 1995/96

Composite

Graduates	3
Associates	1
Students	1
Seniors	0
Institutions	0
TOTAL	5

New members 1

Renewals 4

+ or - from 94/95 -25

N.B. - As the membership year is just beginning, fees have not yet been received by members planning to renew. However, since the membership year officially ends Sept. 30, we start with a fresh count every October.

Respectfully submitted by
 Bette Gore
 Membership

Don't forget to send in
 your Membership Form
 for the year 1995/96
 A.S.A.P.



IS THE PHOENIX RISING ?

Almost 15 years after the closing of Cambrian College's Library Technician Program, Sudbury may again be educating Library Technician students. A few attempts at starting a continuing education program in Sudbury through Georgian College and Lakehead University at Laurentian University's campus have been made over the years, but to no avail. Various factors from mis-communication to insufficient interest have prevented opportunities for local up-grading or new Library Tech. grads in Northeastern Ontario.

Today Lakehead University is making another attempt to expand its Library Technician Diploma/B.A. program to include interested persons in the Sudbury area. Margaret MacLean, Associate Professor and chair of Lakehead's Department of Library & Information Studies, met with Paulette Burton and Bette Gore (OALT/ABO - Sudbury Regional representatives), along with the Sudbury Board of Education's Educational Media Co-ordinator Wayne Hugli, to explain her dreams and intentions.

Following is a description of the program as outlined by Ms. MacLean:

- all interested persons, regardless of previous education or work experience, would be welcome to participate in any of the courses, provided prerequisites are met
- courses would be available for credit (\$167/half course) or audit (\$109/half course) - auditing students do not write exams and generally receive no official recognition outside of their tax receipt.
- academic (as opposed to Library) electives for the diploma course would be taken at and through Laurentian University (negotiations with Laurentian not finalized)
- minimum requirement is 8 students per course
- anyone currently holding a BA would complete the diploma requirements in 7 courses
- those interested in obtaining a BA degree in conjunction with Lakehead's diploma course would be required to take 5 full university level courses upon completion of the diploma program
- persons having previously graduated from a Library Technician program are not likely to be offered equal recognition for their courses toward the Library Technician Diploma/Degree program
- courses would likely run every second weekend (Fri. evening & Sat. morning) over a 12 week period - earliest starting date is Jan. 1996

****PLEASE NOTE - ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT YET COMPLETED WITH LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY FOR ANY OF THIS PLAN**

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in honing your skills, upgrading, or taking Library Technician courses with the intention of entering the field, read the information enclosed with this issue of APROPOS and complete the form. Mail your response to Margaret MacLean to be kept informed of further developments

Respectfully by

Bette Gore
Treasurer/Membership

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LIBRARY TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA/B.A. PROGRAM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ FAX # _____

I am interested in taking the following courses:

FIRST CHOICE: _____

SECOND CHOICE _____

THIRD CHOICE _____

My library Education/Training/Experience consists of:

I would be most interested in taking the courses for CREDIT _____

AUDIT _____

Send this form to: Margaret MacLean

Associate Professor & Chair Department of Library & Information Studies

Lakehead University

955 Oliver Road

Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1

FAX (807)343-8023

Email: MMACLEAN@SKY.LAKEHEADU.CA

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FALL WORKSHOP

Nov. 25th, 1995

Career changes/Carrières et changements
Lecturer: Pierre Perreault,

Officer, Career and Co-op
Placement services

SPRING WORKSHOP

April 27th, 1996

Will be announced in the next issue of
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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

March 23rd, 1996

OALT/ABO CONFERENCE '96

May 10 - May 12, 1996

Cranberry Resorts in Collingwood
A Delicate Balance/Un Equilibre
Harmonieux

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

Our Wine and Cheese September

Social was held once again at

Tommyknockers on Wednesday

Sept. 27, 1995. We were 15 in

attendance and we certainly enjoyed

the good food, wine & the great

company. It is always nice to see

everybody after the summer break. If

you have any suggestions for future

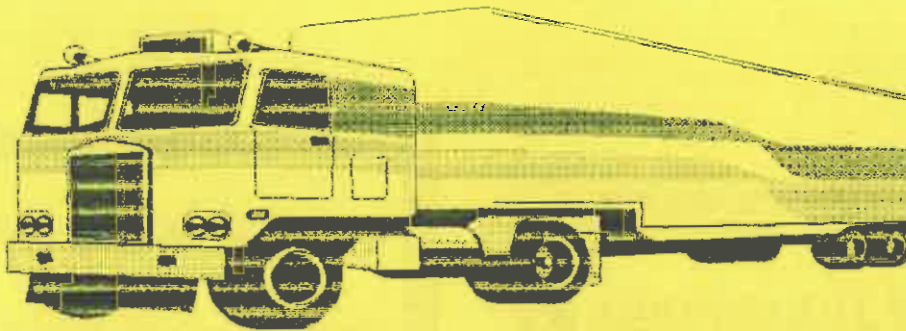
social activities, please let me know.

Hope to see you next year!!!!

Julie Rancourt

Public Relations Coordinator





TECHNICIANS ON THE MOVE

Diane Gagnon, a Library Technician who worked for the Sudbury Board of Education, Educational Media Centre for 19 years, has met and challenged the TRANSITION YEARS. Let's read what Diane has to say about this...

One Thursday afternoon in March (just before the March break), I received my dismissal letter. It told me that due to financial circumstances, my position was redundant. My services as a Library Technician were no longer required.

I thought my whole world had shattered. After 19 years of dedication to a job I loved and enjoyed, I was shocked and angered. But then I discovered there was another opportunity for me. I could qualify to become an elementary school secretary. Well slowly, I adapted to the idea, and thought positively about this second chance.

It was mandatory that I take an aptitude and a typing test. Finally, after a period of two months, it was official, my new title was "Elementary School Secretary"

A transition was to take place. I was still in a state of denial and frustration. My friends at the Media Centre were super; they encouraged me and made me feel I could achieve and be successful at this new position. They also thought I had lots to offer my new school. I began realizing this goal was attainable. I psyched myself into believing I could and I would succeed. I went for a short training session so I could have an overview of my new job. Then, I was sure this transition would be beneficial to me.

After working two months in my new position, I have adapted very well and I feel quite confident and knowledgeable. I have received numerous compliments on my work ethics and my dedication to my job. It has opened a whole new world for me: I no longer deal with "telephone people", I deal with 16 staff members and real kids and parents. I am very happy and content and I am also known as the lady with the smile. I am a strong advocate of "things always happen for a reason"... Well, I love it!!!

by Diane Gagnon

Elementary School Secretary

C.R. Judd Public School

C'est le 6 septembre où tout le Nord fut en fête! Les francophones du Nord se sont rassemblés pour célébrer l'ouverture officielle du Collège Boréal d'arts appliqués et de technologie à Sudbury ainsi que dans les six campus en région, soit Elliot Lake, Hearst, Kapuskasing, New Liskeard, Sturgeon Falls et Timmins. Les célébrations se sont fait entendre, en direct sur les zones de Radio-Canada, CBON, qui diffusa une émission spéciale du théâtre Grand, site des festivités à Sudbury. Certains membres du Conseil d'administration, entre autres, Rachel Proulx, la première présidente du Conseil d'administration et Jean Watters, le premier président du Collège Boréal, ainsi que plusieurs de nos dignitaires distingués, nous ont adressé la parole. Le tout se déroula avec des artistes franco-ontariens qui nous ont offert un spectacle exceptionnel. Jean-Guy "Chuck" Labelle couronna l'événement par sa composition de la chanson "*Boréal*".

La devise du Collège Boréal : "*L'aurore d'une nouvelle dimension*" signifie une nouvelle vie qui offre de nombreuses possibilités de perfectionnement intellectuel, professionnel, social et culturel des Franco-Ontarien(ne)s.

Longue vie au Collège Boréal

Soumis par: Lise Désormeaux

Collège Boréal ... les débuts du Centre de ressources

Le Centre de ressources a fait ses débuts dans une espace mesurant 12 x12 au 111, rue Elm, de janvier à juin 1995. Le 30 juin 1995, nous avons empaqueté et sommes déménagés au 261, avenue Notre-Dame (anciennement le Collège Sacré-Coeur ou l'annexe Marymount) Le Centre se situe au 3e étage dans l'ancienne chapelle. Le 19 juillet, nos étagères de la compagnie Conrad Stoltz & Associates sont montées. Le 24 juillet environ 10,000 livres français transférés du Collège Cambrian sont arrivés. Les pauvres déménageurs, il n'y avait pas d'ascenseur. Vers 11h00 cette journée-là, nous avons commencé à ouvrir nos 150 boîtes et à placer les livres sur les étagères. Au début du mois d'août il a fallu ouvrir chaque livre et mettre des nouveaux codes, rayer le nom "Cambrian", etc... Il y avait environ sept étapes par livre. Ceci fut très long!! Durant ce temps on a reçu 82 boîtes de livres (2,500 livres) de Bibliocentre. Il a fallu mettre des codes zébrés dans ces livres, les vérifier et les envoyer en région avant le 5 septembre. Le Collège Boréal a huit Centre de ressources. Voici les gens qui y travaillent:

SUDBURY:

Diane Henry, Bibliothécaire-Coordonnatrice
Julie Rancourt, Bibliotechnicienne référence
Monique Fuchs, Bibliotechnicienne en acquisition
Ginette Gravelle-Robert, Bibliotechnicienne au prêt
Estelle Fleetham, Bibliotechnicienne (travail en soirée)
Lise Désormeaux, Bibliotechnicienne-Pavillon Evergreen

TIMMINS:

Chantal Delisle, Bibliotechnicienne

ELLIOT LAKE

STURGEON FALLS

NEW LISKEARD

HEARST

KAPUSKASING

Pendant tout ce déménagement il y avait en plus mille et une chose à faire, à débiter, à finir, à établir... Nous avons passé un été très intéressant et un peu épuisant!! Si jamais vous passez par l'avenue Notre Dame, venez nous rendre visite pour jaser et voir l'album de photos du Centre.

Soumis par: Julie Rancourt

HOW ORGANIZED ARE YOU AT THE OFFICE

Here are some book titles that may help you:

Mayer, Jeffrey J. Winning the fight between you and your desk: use your computer to get organized, become more productive and make more money. (HarperCollins ISBN 0-88730-674-8)

- ◆ In today's highly competitive business world, you need every productivity-improving, cost-reducing tool available - your personal computer is your greatest asset.
- ◆ Being efficient, effective, and productive is what counts.

Mayer, Jeffrey J. If you haven't got the time to do it right, when will you find the time to do it over? (Simon and Shuster ISBN 0-671-69490-1)

- ◆ The time-management system that will save you up to an hour a day
- ◆ Mayer guides you, step by step, to a more efficient way of organizing your work, from an easy-access filing system to a constantly updated master list of things to do

FOR THE COMPUTER USER

Pascarella, Emil. Repetitive strain injury: a computer user's guide. (John Wiley & Sons \$21.55 - ISBN 0-471-59533-0)

- ◆ A 7-point program for treating and preventing RSI, including Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- ◆ Learning proper keyboard techniques
- ◆ Managing pain
- ◆ Setting up the work station
- ◆ Choosing a physician
- ◆ Protecting your vision

Richards, Linda. The Canadian business guide to using the internet: what you can get if you're on the net. 1995 133 p. \$14.95

- ◆ Full of internet addresses

Submitted by
Paulette Burton

JOB LIAISON OALT/ABO - SUDBURY

A message to all Library Technicians who might have to go job hunting -- keep your curriculum vitae up to date at all times. You never know when you might need one quickly

Our contact person is: Christine Grefe

Cambrian College

Regent Street Campus

705-566-8101 ext. 7290

PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

OALT/ABO has produced a new brochure. Each regional director is to receive an English and French template in order to print the brochure as needed.

Results of the Salary Survey have been completed and are included in NEWSletter/NOUVeilles.

OALT/ABO is in the process of reviewing and revising their **Board Policies** and also the **Duties of OALT/ABO Administration**. All concerns should be addressed to Ex-officio Susan Morley (FAX 416/747-4149 or 416/747-2475)

Public Relations Coordinator Mary Grace Stewart has recommended OALT/ABO set up two **promotional kits** - one to send to potential members and institutions and the other to new members.

Susan Bourdeau, President of OALT/ABO has concerns about OALT/ABO's future. She proposes a **Brainstorming Session**, a "think tank" to discuss the association's direction. Anyone interested in attending these discussions should contact their regional director (Brenda Vaillancourt for Sudbury) and/or Susan Bourdeau as soon as possible (FAX 613/943-1112).

Submitted by
Paulette Burton

**The Ontario Association of Library Technicians
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OALT/ABO Sudbury**

**Invites you to our FALL WORKSHOP
Vous invite à notre ATELIER D'AUTOMNE
CAREER CHANGES
CARRIÈRES ET CHANGEMENTS**

(session will be in English)

*Lecturer/Conférencier: Pierre Perreault, Officer, Career and Co-op Placement Services
Agent, service d'info-carrières et de stages coop*

*Looking for employment?
What you need to know about today's job market.
A résumé, where do I start?
What do employers look for?*

*Tu cherches de l'emploi?
Ce que vous devez savoir sur le nouveau marché de l'emploi.
Un curriculum vitae, comment faire?
Les employeurs, que recherchent-ils?*

*Saturday, November 25, 1995, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
samedi le 25 novembre, 1995, 9h30 - 12h00*

REGISTRATION/INSCRIPTION: 9:00 a.m./9h00

members/membres = free/gratuit
non-members/non-membres = \$15.00

Collège Boréal

*(formerly/anciennement: Marymount Annex, Collège Sacré-Coeur)
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