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- THUNDER BAY REGIONAL BRANCH)

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Nanabozho welcomes you to a brief recapitulation to date in our 1976/77 year, and looks forward to forthcoming events and the 1977/78 year.

In December, Grover Burgis, Chief Librarian Thunder Bay Public, introduced us to the development, current state and some future prospects of computer use in Canadian libraries.

Another cold and blustery night into the new year, a stalwart few gathered at HMCS Griffon wardroom to indulge in wine, cheese, and an evening of good conversation.

March winds wafted Dr. Rita Blocher into our midst to conduct two workshops on Bibliotherapy -- Friday night for library technicians, Saturday morning a joint workshop with Social Work, Library Technology, and the Faculty of Education. Both were well attended and drew an extremely enthusiastic response.

OALT/ABO CONFERENCE

In London this year, 26-29 May, the OALT/ABO Annual Conference is fast approaching. If you have not received an application form yet, LaRea Moody (345-2121 loc. 225) has extras. The theme, "Moving Right Along", will be expressed in a variety of workshops including Copyright, Personnel Relations, Bibliotherapy, ISBD, and others.

BUSINESS MEETING

Thunder Bay Region will hold a business meeting at 7:30 pm., 11th of May in Room L5022 (Library Technology Lab), Lakehead University Library. Items to be discussed include Thunder Bay Region's position on provincial matters and next year's programme.

The OALT/ABO Annual General Meeting is held at the annual conference. Each region is allotted one vote, determined by a consensus of the region's delegates. To enable the many members unable to go to the conference to have an input towards the final voting positions to be taken by our region, discussion will be open on the following topics which will be on the AGM agenda;

Report on the President's Committee - a copy of this committee's examination of the structure of the OALT/ABO executive and recommendations is available.

Standard's Committee - to set up certain standards in all of the colleges and to make the association better known.

Task Force on CAAT

This will also be an opportunity to raise other matters affecting us provincially which our region should put on the agenda in London.

Suggestions already received for next year's programme include dinner meetings, general library services, Reference services, and such specific topics as the Uniterm System, Medline, and bookmobile services. Your further suggestions will be welcome.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

It is time to remind all that 1977/78 memberships are due, and will be gratefully accepted by Secretary/Treasurer Judy LaPlante.

BIBLIOTHERAPY

Copies of Ingrid Rakovszky's Bibliography of Library Technology are selling well. While the first printing lasts, copies may be purchased for \$3.00 from;

OALT/ABO
P.O. Box 682
Oakville, Ont.
L6J 5C1

Your attention is also drawn to the Sep/Oct 1976 issue of Emergency Librarian which features articles on library technicians and assistants.

SERENDIPITY

Bonnie Moore-McKay has left LPH for the backwoods of Old Fort William, from where we expect another fine library to emerge shortly. LPH is rumoured to be scouring the province in search of a replacement.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thunder Bay Region's AGM is scheduled for an unspecified date in September. It is time to start thinking about who you would like to see on next year's executive, and the issues the association should be facing next year.

MEETINGS

The Confederation College dinner was enjoyed by 23 members and guests who created their own special ambience. The following tours of the Resource and Media Centers introduced numbers of interesting policies, techniques and procedures which the college uses in the service of its community.

Unfortunately, the snow came down on December 8th, and Ross Hotson of the National Library of Canada was obliged to stay up. At this time, we are hoping to re-schedule his visit to Thunder Bay. Much interest has been expressed in this particular meeting, and your executive is working to realize this goal.

PUBLICATIONS

OALT/ABO is now publishing its third work prepared by members. Ingeborg Rakovszky's Bibliography on Library Technology is almost sold out, and a revised and updated edition is planned.

Meg Sinclair's Graduate Library Schools and the Library Technician in Ontario: a Survey is published, and Salary Schedules of Library Technicians Working in Metro Toronto by Jennifer Singh is soon to be available.

All publications may be ordered from OALT/ABO, Box 682, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 1C5. There is a 10% discount for members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OALT/ABO continues to develop its identity in the library field. A panel of technicians presented a colloquium at the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, and at the School of Library and Information Sciences at University of Western Ontario. The panel also presented programmes at a number of community colleges that offer Library Techniques courses. These discussions have dispelled a number of misconceptions that have existed concerning Library Technicians and their role. OALT plans to continue and revise the colloquium format each year.

Our organization also had a display booth at the recent OLA Conference in Niagara Falls, and reported a great deal of interest and browsing by librarians, technicians, and others in the library field.

Eleanor Irwin, Provincial Coordinator of Planning and Publicity has put together a poster kit which is being sent to libraries throughout Ontario. The poster has thus far attracted a great deal of attention. Check with your local library to see if they have received one.

Of special interest is the fact that OLA has invited OALT to prepare a bloc of workshops for the 1978 Conference in London, Ontario next November. The exact number and nature of the workshops have not yet been announced, but this will provide an excellent forum for promoting the cause of Library Technicians and their usefulness in the field.