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REVISED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

A/V MATERIALS TOUR

Saturday, February 11, 9:15 a.m., Arthur St. Library

Kathy Dutchak, A-V Librarian, Arthur St. Library

- A look at audio-visual storage facilities in an open access **situation** and how the situation and facilities relate to the organization of the materials. Some time will be devoted to steps which can be taken to care for the materials.
- Coffee will be served, and then everybody drive to:

Instructional Materials Department
Lakehead District Catholic School Board
212 Miles Street

Tom Godden, Manager, I.M.D.

- Storage, treatment and care of material
- Cataloguing method devised to meet needs of I.M.D.
- Circulation and record keeping

Free parking for Arthur St. Library at St. Andrew's parking lot (present yellow ticket for stamping) and in Board parking lot on Miles St.

The entire tour should terminate at approximately 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Please drive and offer a fellow technician a lift. Members might wish to make their own luncheon arrangements.

Wednesday, 15 March
Lakehead University Library, Room L-5022

Business meeting, followed by a Film and Puppet Demonstration, presented by Bev Fisher, Library Technician, Brodie St. Library.

Saturday, 8 April
Lakehead University Library

Reference Workshop - Mike Angel, Head of Reference, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba.

Wednesday, 3 May

Dinner and Annual Meeting - time and place to be announced.

Please note time changes of above announcements, and mark your calendar accordingly. We look forward to good turnouts for all events.

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.

More news of OALT activities will be provided in the newsletters put out by both the provincial and regional branches.

For those of you who were involved in the birthpangs of OALT more than five years ago, it should be most gratifying to see some of the fruits of that labour.

JOB INFORMATION

Members who are interested in the job market in other parts of Ontario may obtain information by writing to:

Gail Darby
OALT/ABO Provincial Secretary
Apt. 503
1085 Steeles Ave. West
Willowdale, Ontario
M2R 2T1

Gail has a listing of openings in all regions, and will be glad to answer your enquiries.

ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the first graduating class of Library Technicians from Lakehead University. Their names follow:

Deborah A. Bryant Krupa
Barbara E. Davison
Charlotte Elwert
Helen Fedor Fowler
Shirley Hall Kerr
Bryan Harrington

Agnes Harris
Denise Humphrey Watson
Carolee Audrey Park
Joan Perry Zachary
Zori Podbrscek Geurts
Deirdre Smythe Hamill

If anyone in the class is planning a reunion, she (or he) may obtain recent addresses from Mrs. Ann Garrett, Secretary in Library Technology, 345-2121, ext. 420.

MISCELLANY

Your attention is directed to the Volume 2, Number 1 issue of MALT Newsletter (December 1977) in which there appears an unsigned letter by a 1974 graduate of the Lakehead Library Tech program. The letter is a response to Mike Angel's comments on the library technician programs in Canada, and is an exceptionally well written and interesting piece. A copy of the MALT Newsletter is in the Library Tech Lab at Lakehead, and you are invited to read it.