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# newsletter

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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN GREETINGS

Our Fall season got off to a very good start with a general meeting in September, at which a number of students attended and took out memberships.

The October workshop on "Word Processors in the Library" was a highly successful event (see inside for further details).

Fred McIntosh advises that L.U.'s School of Library Technology wants to do a workshop (or seminar) on "Records Management" some time in early 1985. It will be open to all interested people, and we will keep you posted as details become available.

Corinne Symons has been working feverishly to track down the Statistics Canada people for the November 24th workshop, and Mary-Lou Kolodinski will send out the notices very shortly.

As this issue goes to press, labour and management at the Thunder Bay Public Library are still head-to-head (or toe-to-toe) in last-minute negotiations, and with Con College teachers out, Resource Centre staff report a very quiet environment.

Please remind any delinquent members that you see to renew their memberships, so that they may be informed of all the goodies that are taking place in the near future.

Call Gina Rawson at 767-7446 for membership forms.

Come on, everybody, and get involved!

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## CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 14: Executive Meeting at Corinne Symons' home.
- 24: Workshop on STATISTICS CANADA  
TBA
- December 5: Executive Meeting at Joan Seeley's home.
- 1985
- January 16: Executive Meeting in Lab.
- 23: General Meeting and SOCIAL  
TBA
- 26: Provincial Meeting.
- February 9: Workshop on CREATIVE JOB SEARCH.  
TBA
- 6: Executive Meeting in Lab.
- March 6: Executive Meeting in Lab.

Additional meetings and social events will be announced in future issues.

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### FAN MAIL

Dear Larea (sp),

Congratulations for taking on the task of newsletter editor for Thunder Bay.

I read the issue that Corinne distributed to everyone. It's very interesting and informative.

On p.2 Corinne's report mentioned the 1884-86 directory. Was she referring to the OALT/ABO membership directory for 1984/85? I don't think we go as far back as 1884!

Regards.

Alicia Friese  
OALT/ABO P.R. Coordinator

(I'm sure glad SOMEBODY reads our paper! Our typewriter can't spell. Editor)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our calendar of events has already begun! The first general meeting was well attended with many of the students from the Library Tech programme present.

Discussion included the 1984 Annual Dinner Meeting, the Annual Conference at Geneva Park and provincial news.

A proposal to have a promotional slide-tape presentation produced for OALT/ABO for use at exhibits, in regions and at conferences was presented. A vote was taken, and the majority felt that provincial should go ahead with this project.

The first workshop -- "Word Processors in the Library" -- led by Leena Valiharju, an Information Processing Consultant for Lowery's, was very successful. Ms. Valiharju did an excellent job of introducing us to word processing.

Loretta Taylor, provincial president of OALT/ABO represented the provincial executive at this workshop. It was very kind of Loretta to make time in her busy schedule to come to Thunder Bay and we sincerely appreciate it.

A suggestion for our Annual Dinner Meeting in March 1985 is a Saturday luncheon or Saturday evening at Old Fort William in the Great Hall. I think it would be marvelous! What do you think? Please let us know! See you all at the next workshop.

Helen Heerema

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Provincial and Board of Directors meeting was held on September 29, 1984. Before another printing of our bookmarks, the Provincial will be checking around to have our bookmarks printed at the best rate. They will also be checking around for price quotes to have envelopes printed with our logo.

Andrew Porteus, Provincial Archivist, has handed in his resignation, effective April 30, 1985. Andrew is anticipating graduating with his MLS in December 1985. Thunder Bay extends their congratulations and thanks to Andrew for the work he has done. He has been Provincial Archivist since 1980.

Each year OALT/ABO has an essay contest. The top three winning essays are published in the Provincial newsletter Newsletter/Nouvelles. Andrew Porteus has put forth a proposal to the Board to consider compiling these essays into book form to be sold. There would be a total of eight essays, and if the runners-up are included, there would be a total of seventeen essays. The Provincial will be checking into getting a government grant. It is hoped to have this done on a continuing basis (every 2-3 years). Your comments on this would be greatly appreciated

The membership directory should be coming out soon. The delay was due to incorrectly filled out forms. Therefore, when renewing your membership, be sure to fill it out properly.

The A/V proposal that was discussed and voted on at the Regional meeting held in September 26, 1984, will be pursued further. The Provincial will be checking with other companies/persons for price quotes.

Next meeting is November 10, 1984.

Corinne Symons

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L. to R., Leena Valiharju, Workshop Leader and Loretta Taylor, OALT/ABO Provincial President, enjoying a break during the Workshop in the L.U. Library Tech lab on October 13, 1984.



NEXUS '85

The Twelfth Annual Conference of OALT/ABO is being hosted by TALTA Region, and will be held at the Carlton Inn, Toronto from May 1 - 4, 1985.

There is a 10% discount if you pre-register by November 15, 1984. Send your cheque for \$50.00 to:

NEXUS '85  
Box 441  
Don Mills, Ontario  
M3C 2P2

Attention: Muriel Armour

Among the proposed workshops are:

- Partners in action/Censorship - schools
- Writing skills - report writing, structure
- Art of negotiating - negotiating skills, theories of management
- Programs for the public/Problem patrons
- Marketing yourself
- Is your library closing? - rights of staff, budget, preventive measures
- Records management
- Presentation skills - Timing, aids, how to
- Planning for automation
- Indexing and abstracting
- Communication
- Panel discussion on various libraries

The Conference package includes:

- Wine and Cheese reception
- Brunch
- Workshops
- Annual Business Meeting
- Guest speakers
- Tour
- Banquet

Not included is hotel accommodation, which is \$55.00 double or single per night.

A large attendance is expected, so reservations should be made early. If enough people fly down from Thunder Bay at the same time, we should look into group fares. Let us know if you are interested.

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MISCELLANY

A note from Doug Willford, Director from Halton-Peel, regarding OALT/ABO's assisting the handicapped who use the facilities of libraries follows:

"The initial idea was to investigate the Dominion Tapes Program with the possible purchase of a Kurtzweil Reading Machine which would be presented to a library of our choice. However, the idea of purchasing this particular type of machine is made somewhat restrictive because of its cost of between \$30,000.00 to 35,000.00. Based on the present formula of \$475.00 worth of Dominion tapes is equal to \$1.00, this would be a tremendous undertaking. This is not to say that we should abandon this idea, for there are other items that could be purchased through this program, whether they be talking books, large print books, or whatever.

"I have volunteers to head this project but will require the assistance of at least two more volunteers. Anyong willing to assist me with the project can contact me at: 403-78 Braemar Drive Bramalea, Ont. L6T 2M2

"I feel the Dominion Tapes Program is worth investigating, and encourage people to take part in this project."

Although there are no Dominion stores in Thunder Bay as of now, perhaps some of our members in other parts of Northwestern Ontario might be interested in contacting Doug, or perhaps offer other suggestions for a project of this kind.

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