

# TECH TALK

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Our first General Meeting was held Tuesday, Sept. 30th in the LU Library Tech. Lab. and an adjoining room. The speakers for the evening were interesting and gave added an informative note to the evening. Best of all, all three of the speakers were grads of Library Tech.

## PROFILES

Not everyone who graduates from the programme goes to work in "traditional" library settings. CAROL CHRISTIE decided that the job market was not flourishing for the usual application of her diploma so instead of looking for an employer she created her own job. Carol and a fellow classmate, MARGIE CLARKE, registered their partnership with the Ont. Government and set to work designing brochures to advertise their new business: a freelance library service. They have applied their skills of organization and cataloguing in various settings. Can Car, Professor John Hanna's library, a forestry library, law office, and nursing homes, to list a few. They have found value not only in their Tech. diplomas, but also in Margie's business background and Carol's liberal arts degree. Carol's message

is a valuable one, a Library Tech. diploma does not have firm boundaries that must be adhered to, it can be used to accomplish what you want it too.

This is echoed in the careers of the other two speakers for the evening. KARRIE LABBE works for LU. She is a grad of the programme but decided after graduating in '75 to continue her education and received her BA. Karrie worked for the public library system as a member of summer and Sunday staff, and in contract positions. She also did some freelancing and landed her first full-time job with the Ministry of the Environment. Karrie's present job is actually two jobs, with six months in the Registrar's office and six months in Admissions. In these positions, she acts as a liaison person between the University and high schools, does counselling, provides help with student codes, financial assistance etc. Karrie stressed that her library skills are valuable in many areas of her endeavours.

DEBBIE KRUPPA also graduated from the programme and started out in the public system. Her work in Children's Departments gave her lots of practice in displays, newsletters, and general public relations work. Debbie also pursued publicity related tasks as a volunteer for local theatre. She has also worked for Abitibi Price, the Canada Games, City of Thunder Bay, and the Community Auditorium as a very prominent and successful PR person. Debbie is currently the Manager of Marketing and Sales for the Airlane Hotel and has found her diploma of use to her through all the growth of her career. She stresses the importance of information being

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