

FEEDBACK

Our workshop on display ideas in October was a great success according to the feedback we got from the participants. I have included some of these for your interest.

Excellent, 1st workshop I've attended on this subject. I have learned lots and shall be able to apply it to my work situation.

This was an EXCELLENT workshop - one of the best I've ever attended. The ideas on display today, and talked about/written in the handout, were great - especially because they were REAL - and not just "good ideas" that had never ever seen the light of day.

Excellent handout!

Thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, it was well organized and delivered. Most appreciated was reassurance that we all have the skills necessary to put displays together.

This workshop was well attended by other groups as well as Library Techs. We hope that if you missed this one that you will be able to join us for our upcoming ones. They not only offer great formal instruction and ideas, but give us a chance to meet with one another and do a bit of networking. Look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Canadian Library Journal, December 1986 had an interesting article on Fighting Illiteracy: the Role of Library Technicians.

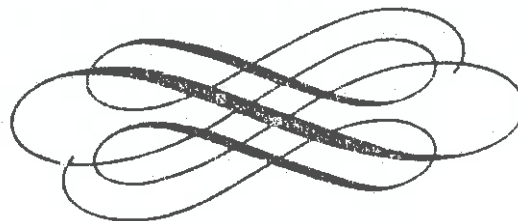
The article was written by SHEILA BUTLER, and is the second runner-up in the third annual CJL Student Article Contest. The article was written while she was enrolled in the Library Techniques Program, Seneca College. Sheila is currently working as a library technician at Unionville High School in Markham, Ont.

An excerpt from this article is included in this copy of the newsletter for your perusal.

"Increased hiring of library technicians could benefit literacy programs. These cost-efficient paraprofessionals are a viable link between librarians, clerical workers, community volunteers and illiterate students."

The article goes on to explain in detail the tasks that a technician can perform to aid the illiterate student and the team set out to teach him.

If you haven't yet seen the article, we highly recommend it. We would also like to take the opportunity of congratulating Sheila on her work.



Also to be congratulated is FRED MCINTOSH, former professor and Director of the Library Technology Program at Lakehead University. Fred has recently been appointed Chief Librarian of LU's Chancellor Paterson Library. He will be missed in his former capacity, but we all wish him well in his new endeavours.

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How that word can both excite and terrify us! We all long for the news that we have an interview for the job we want, but do we feel confident about how to handle it? We hope to offer some help to you in this area in March. A workshop on interviewing and how to survive it is in the planning stages. More info on this as it becomes available.

BULLETIN

OALT/ABO, in conjunction with Ontario Library Association, announces its new JOB HOTLINE!! If you are looking for a position, call the hotline and tell them that you are interested in jobs for technicians and they will give you any listings they have. PHONE: (416) 363-3380

In case you are unable to get out to any of the upcoming events but require a new membership form or some information from a member of the local executive, I have decided to list names and phone numbers for you:

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If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call any of us. We also welcome any suggestions you might have regarding events or improvements.