

TECH TALK



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Fall has crept up on us once again and the OALT/ABO Thunder Bay region executive is all ready to start another season of workshops and meetings for region members. We hope everyone is anxious to participate in all the activities planned for the new season after a summer of fun and holidays.

On Sept. 11th, Kathy Deguns Regional President, welcomed 25 new students enrolled in the Library and Information Studies program at Lakehead University. After Kathy gave a short talk about the association, refreshments were served and the new students were invited to become members of OALT/ABO.

GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting was held on Sept. 19th at the School of Library and Information Studies lab at L.U. Twenty-one people attended the meeting -- many of them were new students. After the business meeting was over, four library technicians working in local libraries talked about their positions and the various responsibilities involved in their work as library technicians.

The four technicians discussing their positions were Shawn Allaire, Cathy Walsh, Judy Sennett and Helen Hyvarinen.

Shawn Allaire, a graduate of the School of Library Technology (L.U.), works at Old Fort William Resource Library. The library specializes in Canadian fur trade history and more specifically on the North West Company. Shawn's tasks and responsibilities are to organize the library's collection housed in the East House building on the site. The uniqueness of Shawn's job is that she meets interesting people from all over the world who come to visit the library during their tour of the fort. Shawn also worked at Chancellor-Paterson Library, L.U. as well as at the Instructional Materials Centre, Lakehead Board of Education.

Cathy Walsh is also graduate of L.U. School of Library Technology and works in the library of the law firm, Buset, Eryou & Firman. Cathy's tasks and responsibilities are the organization of the firm's law materials in a unique cataloguing and classification system suitable to the needs of the firm's staff utilizing the library. She spends a great deal of her time providing reference and research services for the firm; therefore, she must be very knowledgeable in the field of law. Cathy has worked for Buset, Eryou & Firman for six years.

Judy Sennett is also a graduate of L.U. library school. She works for the consulting engineers' firm of V.B. Cook Co. Judy organizes and controls the firm's library collection as well as doing other tasks such as organizing the company's project files. The library specializes in construction and engineering information. Judy also provides a reference and research service for the firm's staff and must be knowledgeable in the construction and engineering field. She has worked six years at V.B. Cook as well as working a number of years at Confederation College Resource Library.

Helen Hyvarinen is a graduate of L.U. School of Library Technology also and works at Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital staff library. She oversees and organizes both staff and patient libraries in the hospital. The staff library specializes in mental health resources for hospital staff, outlying district and local community. The patients' library has collection of fiction, non-fiction books and popular magazines for patient use. Helen and Pat Furlotte (library clerk) provide a reference and research service to a very large geographic area and must be knowledgeable in the subject field of medicine and mental health. Helen has worked at Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital library for almost two years as well as six years at Old Fort William Resource Library.

NOTE **

New Post Office address for OALT/ABO Thunder Bay region:

P.O. Box 2305
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 5E8



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations go out to all the recent grads from the School of Library and Information Studies. Good luck and best wishes in all your endeavors.

Bloopers!!

In the last newsletter, the members of the provincial executive were listed for regional members to note. Unfortunately, the names were incorrect as the newsletter editor listed the names of the Ottawa regional executive. OH-OH -- ten lashes with a bookmark!

The provincial executive, 1989/90 is:

- President - Susan Morley
- Vice Pres. - Bette Gore
- Secretary - Corrine Symons
- Treasurer - Sharon Wigney
- Public Relations - Marsha Hunt
- Newsletter Editor - Pat Kitley and
Linda Davis
- Archivist - Janet Scheibler

Corrine Symons (Secretary) and Sharon Wigney (Treasurer) are graduates of Lakehead University's School of Library Technology.



WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

October 28th - Saturday

Topic: **CD-ROM Online**

Time: **9:a.m. - 4:p.m.**

Place: **L.U. School Library and
Information Studies Lab**

Fee: **Members - \$15**

Student Members - \$5

Non-Members - \$25

This workshop will provide hands on training on the computer. Registration fees can be given to the secretary at the School of Library and Information Studies office or to Valerie Welsch, Public Relations Co-ordinator for OALT/ABO TB. Registration and fees must be received by Oct. 24th. Please bring your lunch. Coffee will be provided.

November 21st - Tuesday

General Meeting

Guest speaker - **Garry Grgurich**
Staff Development
Human Resources
Hogarth-Westmount Hosp.

Topic: **Pay Equity**

Place: **L.U. School of Library and
Information Studies Lab**

Time: **7:30 p.m.**

Reminder: Future conference dates

1990 -- HURONIA

1991 -- TALTA

192 -- SUDBURY

REGIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

The Thunder Bay region OALT/ABO bank balance is \$1,156.79 as of August 31, 1989.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Provincial Executive and Board of Directors met in Toronto on September 23.

It was felt that OALT/ABO has been in existence long enough to recognize those who have been members for 25 years. Regarding memberships in general, regions are urged to follow up on lapsed members.

A salary survey is being prepared and should provide a province-wide overview of the current range.

Liz Aldrey (Lohania) is up-dating the Conference Procedures Manual, and asks all regions to send suggestions for inclusion. A current manual is of invaluable assistance to a hosting region.

Ron Cheney and Christiane Lamoureux are to prepare guidelines for the Ad Hoc Political Awareness Committee. Judy Sennett is our rep.

Fanshawe College in London has had no representations made by OALT/ABO to their Library Tech students. Marsha Hunt, Public Relations Coordinator and members of Lohania region will follow up.

A videotape of the slide-tape production LIBRARY TECHNICIAN - YOUR FIRST CHOICE (copied from Lakehead's Dept. of Library and Information Studies tape) has been sent to Marsha Hunt for use in various promotions.

OALT/ABO has been asked to host a workshop at CLA, and will consider various topics and formats for presentation.

The date for next year's conference, PATHWAYS/SENTIERS, hosted by Huronia at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching, Drillia, is May 13-16, 1990. It is a beautiful location, and members are urged to be saving their pennies (or dollars) now. The conference committee is hard at work, and a mailing will go out early in the new year.

A number of other matters were discussed and dealt with, and will be reported at Thunder Bay's next regional meeting on Tuesday, November 21 in the lab, L-5022, at Lakehead.

The deadline for the next issue of NEWSLETTER/NOUVELLES is January 1, 1990.

Submitted by LaRea Moody
Director, Thunder Bay



Happy Halloween
to Everyone!