

TECH TALK

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Season's Greetings

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! November is almost over and we have had two workshops offered to the membership this fall. The Atikokan workshop on "Young Adult Services" was great and the workshop held at Lakehead University on "Problem Patrons" was also excellent. In January we will be holding a wine and cheese party and I hope to see more members come out for that event, as it will be a General Meeting. If you have any suggestions for workshops or meetings, please let me know. On behalf of the executive, I want to wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season. See you in January!

Helen Heerema

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of November 30th 1990
Bank Account Balance...\$ 913.23
Petty Cash ...\$ 59.00
GIC ...\$2800.00

Total ...\$3772.23

MEMBERSHIP

Thunder Bay Regional Branch now has a membership of 47. Please encourage your friends and workmates to join the Association. Any change of address should be sent or phoned to Judy:

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Thank you.

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REVIEWS



COULDN'T MAKE IT? THIS IS WHAT YOU MISSED.

Atikokan Workshop - Oct. 27
Contributed by Helen Heerema

The workshop in Atikokan was a great experience. In all, there were seventeen participants with the most of them from the Atikokan Public Library and the school libraries of Atikokan. Our early morning drive was dark and quiet since we were still a bit sleepy, except for Judy Sennett, our driver. The weather in the morning was snowy and cold, but the afternoon drive home was beautiful.

Angela Meady, Librarian from Mary J. L. Black Library did a terrific job of leading the workshop, "Services to Young Adults". Areas covered by Ms. Meady were types of programmes that appeal to young adults, how to start programmes, how to market them and how to evaluate them. She also covered the types of material available for purchase that interests young adults.

The success of the workshop was certainly determined by the positive response of the workshop participants. After the workshop, we had a short tour of the Atikokan Public Library and it was interesting to see the wide variety of material this small library has to offer.

At noon the library opened for business, so before driving home we were treated to a lovely lunch by Doris Brown, Librarian of Atikokan Public Library, at the Community Centre.

Problem Patrons

Contributed by Mary Lou Warren

On November 17, Dr. Ty Kaipio, Coordinator of Administrative Services for the Thunder Bay Public Library, presented a workshop which was well received by those in attendance. Anyone who has worked with the public appreciated Ty's comments regarding Problem Patrons and how to deal with the various situations which arise. It was a very worthwhile workshop to attend.

The "DIALOG" Seminar - Nov. 15, 16

This seminar was organized by the School of Library Technology and regretfully, we have to report that it was the least supported of all the workshops held.

Maggie Weaver is a top representative for "DIALOG" and was flown in from Toronto specifically for this workshop. As always she gave 2 days of excellent quality instruction with hands-on time for everyone.

The attendance of students presently enrolled in classes was poor. The final session on Friday was attended by only three people. Maggie was obviously a little offended and has suggested that maybe she should come only every second year.

Margaret MacLean would like to remind every library technician that all workshops held at the University are open to you all in the same way that the OALT/ABO meetings are open to members and non-members.

The editor would like to apologize for misunderstanding herself and should have used the word "advanced" rather than "open" to describe the last session of the seminar.



PREVIEWS

DECEMBER

December is a month when most people find their time heavily occupied, therefore, the OALT/ABO is not planning any workshops or meetings this month.



"We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

JANUARY

We are not sure how many of you will still be in the "Party Mood" at the end of January, but whatever your mood, we invite you to a "Wine and Cheese" evening. This also incorporates a general Meeting and a speaker.
When: - 24th January 1991, 8:00 p.m.
Where: - At the home of Cathy Walsh
559 Red River Road
Who: - Carol Christie
What: - The Ontario Library Service

Carol, slim built, bright eyed, with a big, welcoming smile is originally from Connecticut. She came to Thunder Bay 10 years ago with a BA from a university in Maine and then graduated from Lakehead University with a Diploma in Library Technology. Her first task was to set up an Engineering Library at CanCar.



At the OLS, where she has worked for a year and a half, she is a Consultant, working exclusively with Native Band Libraries. The maps on her wall show the boundaries of her responsibilities - from the Manitoba Border to Parry Sound, from Bearskin Lake to Hudson Bay to Georgian Bay and Parry Island. Each Library is marked with a colourful pin and Carol indicates the 18 - 20 for which she is personally responsible. "Tonight I'm off to Bearskin Lake" she says and her infective enthusiasm makes you wish to join her. Be sure not to miss an exciting evening of Library Travel with Carol.

FEBRUARY

Workshop #3

Will be held on 16th February 1991 at Lakehead University. The topic will be "CD Rom and Online Search" with Valerie Gibbons. Valerie is a Native of Thunder Bay and has obtained her Hons. B.A. Degree in Psychology at Lakehead University. Being a dedicated scholar, she then progressed to The University of Western Ontario in London, graduating with an MLS. For the last two years Valerie has been in charge of On-Line Searching and CD Rom Searching in the Chancellor Paterson Library. As you can tell, Valerie's demanding work carried out on a daily basis gives her an expertise which she has kindly consented to share with us. There is no fee for OALT/ABO members. Non-members are invited to join us for a fee of \$25.00. This is a full day workshop, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch.



CHIT-CHAT COLUMN

Job Changes

Our congratulations and best wishes for success in their new endeavours are extended to :-

Carol Aitken, who has been Head of Children's Services at Waverley Resource Library and endeared herself to children of the city and students of Library Technology with her storytelling and skilful programme Mandling, has received a well-deserved promotion. She is now "Co-ordinator of Public Services" to the Thunder Bay Public Libraries. We wish that you may find as much happiness, fulfilment and achievement as you did with the children, who will surely miss you.

Cathy Walsh, known to us all as our Public Relations Co-ordinator and hostess of the wine and cheese evenings for the Association, is very happy to have taken a part-time position at the Cancer Clinic Library. Quite a different challenge from her former Law Firm Library. We hope that you will continue to find it a stimulating experience and that it keeps you as happy as you are now.



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The executive would welcome any input to the newsletter from any member. Your news, views, comments, complaints, requests, ideas or simple chatter should be sent or phoned to any member of the executive or to the editor. You will find the addresses in the February 1990 list sent with the Newsletter. Alternately, you may phone 623-7173.



REHASH

Don't forget the "Swop Shop" to donate a book you are getting rid of or to ask for one you are looking for. Judy is still looking for a Directory of Associations and McKellar School for an almanac.

Affordable Christmas Gifts---it's not too late to obtain bags and mugs.

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cloth 'Book Bags'.....\$1.00

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or 2 for.....\$5.00

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FROM THE HALLS OF LEARNING...

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Do you suffer from mid-week, mid-winter 'blahs'? Knittin' finished, nothin' doin' blues?

Do we have a remedy for you! Take a bus, take a cab, hitch a ride, come and join us up on the hill every Wednesday evening for learnin' fun!

When:- 7th January 1991 - 10th April 1991

Time:- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

What:- 3070 Current Issues in Library Service

Who: - Presented by Gerry Meek

Outline:-

Further studies in the problems and issues confronted in library services, including employment and the job market, intellectual freedom, censorship, public lending rights, etc.

Spring Session 1991

2010 Records Management
2110 Children's Services
2090 Practice Work

Summer Session 1991

3050 Special Topics
3070 Current Issues

NEWSFLASH

In April 1991 there will be a workshop at Lakehead University given by Jean Weihs. Miss Weihs is amongst the leading Cataloguing experts and is Chief co-author of the "NONBOOK MATERIALS" textbook. She visited us two years ago to tell us of the changes in the new edition. This time she will be including the cataloguing of video recordings, a newer addition. Look for further details in the February Newsletter.



"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night"