

TECH TALK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! On the local level, we have one more workshop being offered to the membership, CD ROM and Online on February 16, 1991. Provincially, the 18th Annual OALT/ABO Conference will be held in Toronto from May 22-May 25, 1991. The theme of the conference is "Infowave" and workshops will include designing library space, online indexing systems, video disc technology and many others. The conference is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of quality workshops geared to all areas of library work, but it is also a great way to build connections and develop friendships with other library technicians across the province. Take advantage of this opportunity for professional development!

Our Annual Dinner Meeting will be taking place on March 21, 1991 at the Pagoda Garden Dining Lounge. As this date approaches, we will be contacting all of you by telephone to encourage members to run for local executive positions. Experience is not a requirement, just a willingness to learn, to be a team member, and a commitment of one to two evenings per month. Please give this serious consideration in the next month, before the Nominating Committee calls you.

We are open to suggestions for workshops for 1991-92, and the executive hopes to see each and every one of you at the Annual Dinner.

Helen Heerema

Tickets for the Dinner are available from all Executive members.
\$18.50 per person - (includes meal, tips and GST). Bar - optional extra.



ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Introduction of Executive.
3. Minutes of previous General Meeting.
4. Reports of Executive
President
Secretary
Treasurer
Regional Director
Newsletter Editor
Public Relations Co-ordinator
Archivist
5. Elections
President
Secretary
Treasurer
Regional Director
Newsletter Editor
Public Relations Co-ordinator
6. Appointments
Job Contact Person
Archivist
7. Adjournment



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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Do you ever day-dream? Most people do. But how adventurous or ambitious do you become? Have you ever dreamed of becoming President? or a Director? Let us help you make your dreams come true! Well, maybe not President of the U.S.A., but we can help you win an election! You do not need a big staff - just 2, 1 to nominate you, 1 to second it. You do not have to spend millions on a long campaign - just a huge box of chocs to pass around at the Dinner Meeting! Yes! That night is also ELECTION TIME!! We have been asked to publish the "Job-Descriptions" of each position to be filled. Here therefore, are the Official By-Law descriptions:-

PRESIDENT

- i) Is the head of OALT/ABO TBRB and is authorized to represent the organization to all outside groups.
- ii) Chairs Executive and General Meetings.
- iii) Is responsible to call General Meetings in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution.
- iv) May make financial transactions on behalf of OALT/ABO TBRB.
- v) Provides an agenda for General and Executive Meetings.

SECRETARY

- i) Maintains minutes of all General and Executive Meetings.
- ii) Is responsible for all correspondence and mailings.
- iii) Maintains, at all times, an up-to-date copy of the constitution.
- iv) Shall be responsible for the printing and distribution of the constitution.

TREASURER

- i) Is responsible for the maintenance of all financial records in accordance with OALT/ABO practice.
- ii) Shall make financial transactions on behalf of OALT/ABO TBRB. It is the responsibility of the treasurer to ensure that all monies paid to the Association are deposited into the Association

bank account at least once per month.

- iii) Shall be responsible for the exchange of membership information with the Provincial Executive.
- iv) Shall be responsible for maintaining a membership list with the assistance of the Secretary.
- v) Presents a written financial statement each month at the executive meetings, plus a financial statement at each general meeting.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

- i) Attends the Provincial Executive and Board of Directors Meetings or ensures that another member of the executive shall attend.
- ii) Reports the activities of the Provincial Association to the Regional Branch.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

- i) Shall be responsible for publishing notices and newsletters.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CO-ORDINATOR

- i) Shall be responsible for all publicity and other special arrangements required for meetings, workshops, etc.
- ii) Shall be an ex officio member of all committees other than the Nominating Committee.

ARCHIVIST

Maintains all material pertinent to Thunder Bay Regional Branch activities. This includes minutes of general and executive meetings, membership lists, constitution, all original reports of executive members, newsletters (TechTalk), and Conference proceedings (held in Thunder Bay).



PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Many matters of concern are discussed at the Provincial Executive/Board of Directors' meetings, held 4 - 5 times a year in Toronto, and attended by the 7 Regional Directors, members of the Provincial Executive, and various committee and administration members when required.

At the last meeting, held in November 1990, the OISE Career Monograph on Library Technicians was distributed for review and updating by the regions.

An article by Maggie Weaver (known to many locally for DIALOG WORKSHOPS and teaching at Lakehead University) appeared in the June 1989 issue of Canadian Library Journal, and was recommended as being of interest to anyone investigating the use of Library Technician skills in alternative careers.

The new format of Newsletter/Nouvelles has received much favourable comment, and the editor, Linda Davis (Sudbury) is to be commended for all her hard work. Regions are encouraged to submit articles for publication.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Political Awareness, chaired by Ron Cheney (Halton-Peel) is in the process of revising the Statement of Standards, and evaluating job descriptions, which have been sent in from all over the province.

OALT/ABO continues to encourage members to take pride in their profession, upgrade their skills with Continuing Ed courses and workshops, and encourage colleagues who are not members to join the organization.

If not for those members who have worked long and hard over the years to promote the capabilities of the Library Technician in the workplace, we would not be enjoying the status and respect accorded us today.

LaRea Moody

1991 Conference Update

You are invited to attend an exciting 4 days of workshops, panel discussions, tours and entertainment.

Workshops: designing library space, online indexing systems, video disc technology, online bibliographical searching and more...

Tours: several well-known library and information centres around Toronto...

This is just the beginning!

Estimated Cost:

Full conference (members) \$214.00
(non-members) \$321.00
Accommodation (single or
double) \$ 69.00

Where...Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto and Bond Place Hotel

When...MAY 22-25, 1991

For further information contact
Pat Petruga W (416) 593-5211
H (416) 691-5440



DID YOU KNOW...

The Ontario Library Association operates two job hotlines. Postings are updated every Friday.

The numbers are:
(416)363-9161 (for library techs)
(416)363-3380 (for librarians)

Records & Information Services specializes in recruiting information professionals. For more information contact Caroline Werle at (416) 968-1357 or send her your resume at:

Records & Information Services
740 Huron Street
Toronto, M4V 2W3

REVIEWS

On Thursday, January 25, 1991 our annual wine and cheese and general meeting was held at the home of Cathy Walsh. Carol Christie, library technician for Native Libraries, Ontario Library Service was our guest speaker.

Carol gave a very entertaining and informative chat about her job of training library workers in the libraries of reserves in Northern Ontario. Her job involves travelling to 15 to 18 reserves from Parry Sound to Hudson Bay, some in very remote fly-in areas. It is obvious from Carol's enthusiastic talk that she enjoys her job and the people she meets immensely. She had some great adventure stories from forest fires to ice roads and Carol seems to have the ability to cope with any situation with a smile on her face.

An interesting thing about Carol's job is that OLS was initially looking for an MLS to fill the job, but instead found exactly the skills and attitude that the job required in a good library technician. We all wish Carol continued success in the job and perhaps will hear from her again in the future.

The meeting continued in a more informal manner with more of Carol's adventures while we enjoyed some wine, cheese and other snacks.

The general meeting was short with reports from executive members and details about the upcoming CD-ROM Workshop on February 16 and the Annual Dinner Meeting on March 21 at the Pagoda. A nominating committee of 2 (Helen Hyvarinen and Cathy Walsh) was named and they welcome anyone to submit names of those interested in holding office next year in our organization. Helen at work 343-4351, at home 767-3679 and Cathy at work 343-1640, at home 344-1682.

Cathy Walsh



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of February 1, 1991

Bank Account Balance	\$ 658.11
GIC	<u>\$2,800.00</u>
Total	\$3,458.11

The February workshop, the last for this season, was held at Lakehead University in the "Penthouse Suite" - the technicians' home from home!

It was very capably presented by Valerie Gibbons who is Head of the "On-line Search" Services in the Chancellor Paterson Library. Valerie carefully helped us to realise our part in helping the wonderous machine to do its job efficiently. She reminded us of how to "speak" to it and how to find the messages it understands. We were encouraged to do our constructive work before we went to the computer so that we could have a speedy and accurate reply as economically as possible.

We also received instruction on the use of the CD ROM, the compact disc revolution which is also used for encyclopaedia storage. Several people were ecstatic about it, but revealed disappointed caution at the purchase of the CD usage as it has to be returned when the annual subscription is terminated, leaving the library with nothing at all!

After a chatty lunch in the sunny cafeteria, we all used the computers for both "on-line" experience and for CD information, including medical help for Buffy, Linda's dog!

It was good to see a wide range of technicians, from students to those who use the system regularly attending, especially the delegation from Atkokan. Thank you Valerie for an excellent workshop.

REMINDER: Your membership is due for renewal on April 1/91. Why not renew at the Annual Dinner Meeting?



TBRB EXECUTIVE 1990/91

President:	Helen Heerema	475-6456 (W)
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CHIT-CHAT COLUMN



Job Changes

Congratulations to Linda Bukovy who has transferred to Library Technician at Fort William Collegiate Institute from AV Technician at the IMC. Whilst working for the Board of Education Linda is certainly getting a wide variety of experience in the many facets of Library Technology.

We have learned of two girls from the same class at LU who are now working with Ukrainian Books! It sounds quite a formidable task to us Anglophones! We therefore salute these brave lasses on their courage in daring to accept the challenge!

Monica Viitasaari - graduated 1988 - worked in the cataloguing dept. at Waverley Library - married - became a mother to a lovely baby girl - has now returned to the work-field. Mrs. Wilson, as Monica now is, has obtained a part-time position at the Prosvita Society Library where she is classifying and cataloguing books in the Ukrainian language. She is very happy in this new work but adds "...it's a lot of work!" We know Monica as a hard worker who won't be beaten, so go to it Monica!

Sandra Swidinsky returned to her home in Winnipeg on her graduating in 1989. She put applications in to every library in town and then did voluntary work at the local school until some vacancies began to occur. At the beginning of the new term this September Sandra began work at St. Andrew's College Library, University of Manitoba. Theology and Ukrainian Canadian Studies are taught there, which means that many of the books are in Ukrainian or Russian. Sandra, always a conscientiously hard worker, has been learning the Ukrainian language to help her in her work. We know Sandra as one who would always 'go the extra mile', so we know she will not fall short of her goal. Sandra asked about all those whom she met in Thunder Bay. She would love to hear from you, so drop her a line!

Congratulations also go to Carolyn Enns who has just started part-time work in a Law Library at the firm of Buset and Firman. Carolyn graduated in November 1990, and says of her new job "There's a lot to learn in a law library!" Don't be impatient and it will all fall into place, Carolyn!

Hatched, Matched and Dispatched



Several people were heard to ask what had happened to Devika Gunarathna. She has finally phoned Irene Grybos who passes on the information that Devika is living in the Toronto area and is now the proud mother of a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations to Devika and her husband.

Our congratulations also go to Roberta (Posmituk) and Reg Delamorandiere on the birth of their second son, Randy, who weighed in at 10lb, 5oz! Roberta, who was Provincial President when living in Toronto, is enjoying motherhood in their country home and will probably look for part-time employment when her sons are in school.

Some folks like to surprise the world! Surprise! Heather Manty, winner of both the Dean's Braun Medal and the OALT/ABO Award for the 1989 graduation class, did it again! She "...took the afternoon off, got married and then went on our honeymoon. Do you like my suntan?" "Actually we were going to get married in St. Lucia, but to save the legal hassle we decided to get married here before we went."

We heard fact is stranger than fiction. Now maybe that applies to romance too? Is this better than fiction? Well, we rate it as a 392.571312.

We wish Mr. & Mrs. Joe Miller much happiness in their future together...and may all your surprises be "wee ones"!



THE SWOP SHOP

Whoopee! It works! Judy Sennett thanks Larry and Wendy of TBPL for the Encyclopedia of Associations.

Pat Laskowski of Westgate High School is looking for the Canadian Geographic Magazine for Dec 88/Jan 89. The loss of this copy is preventing the volume being bound. Can anybody please help?

FROM THE HALLS OF LEARNING.....

SEMINAR AT LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Once more we are honoured to have internationally renowned cataloguer Jean Weihs to give us the benefits of her expertise at a half-day seminar on cataloguing video recordings.

This seminar will deal with actual problems in descriptive cataloguing experienced by cataloguing department staff and you are invited to submit your own particular problems in writing to the Department by March 15th, 1991.

Although the emphasis is on video recordings, the principles involved can apply to all types of materials.

The workshop is open to professional librarians, teacher/librarians, library technicians and students. Insufficient enrolment will cause a cancellation of the seminar.

DATE: Tuesday April 9th, 1991

PLACE: L5022 (5th Floor Chancellor Paterson Library) Lakehead University

TIME: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

FEE: \$75.00

REGISTRATION: Before March 15th, 1991

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As the end of the regular academic year approaches, we look to the joys of the shorter intensive courses. For course completion or updating the old memory bank the following courses are being made available:-

2090 Practice Work

Students wishing to do their Practice Work, Spring or Summer Terms, are asked to contact Margaret MacLean as soon as possible. Tel. - 343-8420

SPRING SESSION 1991

Two half credit courses are being offered and if desired, can both be done together.

Duration - 6 weeks - May 1st - June 13th

2010 Monday and Wednesday

2110 Tuesday and Thursday

Times for both 6 pm to 8:30 pm



2010 Records Management

Records Management provides a broad overview of Business theory required to effectively manage a modern office. This course is designed to give a sound

theoretical basis of knowledge necessary to understand business records management and control, budgeting and financial control, and use of computers in the business office.

2110 Children's and Young Adult Services in Libraries

This introduction to work with children and young adults includes reader guidance, programming, publicity and promotion, story telling and puppetry, evaluation of material with a look at the reference collection, vertical files, and a parent/teacher collection. Window displays and bulletin boards will also be covered.



SUMMER SESSION 1991

Please note a different arrangement of time. Both courses run for 3 weeks each, but separately, 4 nights per week.

3050 Monday to Thursday 6 pm-8:30 pm
July 2nd to July 22nd

3070 Monday to Thursday 6 pm-8:30 pm
July 24th to August 14th

3050 Special Topics

This year's special topic is of great interest to librarians and to business managers and their secretaries alike. It is "Sources of Business Information". Beginning with the familiar printed sources, directories, guides, periodicals, abstracting and indexing services, and statistical sources. The course then progresses to the newer computer databases, winding up with knowledge of other sources and how to keep and manage all this information.

3070 Current Issues in Library Service

Further studies in the problems and issues confronted in library service, including employment and the job market, intellectual freedom, censorship, public lending rights, etc. It is recommended that this course be taken during the last year of the program.



The Field Trip this year is to New York once more. We wish you all a happy trip and know that you will enjoy perusing the libraries there, especially the Metropolitan Museum! Don't forget to send us a card!