

TECH TALK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! Are you ready for the Fall? The Executive has been working diligently to plan the 1991/92 season of workshops and meetings. As usual, we will have a welcoming committee for the new students in the Library Studies programme. This will take place on September 9th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Lab. Our General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th at the LPH Staff Library and it includes a tour of the library by Helen Hyvarinen. On Saturday, October 19th we are planning a workshop at Quetico Park. Andrea Allison, Librarian at Quetico, will provide us with the background, purpose and operation of the John B. Ridley Research Library at the Park. Other workshops and meetings are being planned for November and the new year. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the Executive, please let us know.

In May, I attended the OALT/ABO Annual Conference in Toronto. Cathy Walsh and I represented Thunder Bay at the Annual Business Meeting. The Conference provided some excellent workshops and an opportunity to meet with old friends and meet some new ones. It is a great way to interact with LT's that work in variety of libraries.

We look forward to seeing YOU at the General Meeting.

Helen Heerema



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of July 31st 1991:

Bank account balance	\$1,137.92
Petty cash	16.72
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,154.64

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Graduate	20
Student	9
Associate	1
Institution	<u>1</u>
Total Members	31

Please Note

Membership is down by TWENTY! Please remind all your friends that Membership runs from April 1 to March 31 - not from any time you enrol for any 12 month period. Sorry for any misunderstandings on that!

Value for money!

- 5 - of these beautiful newsletters
- 4 - free workshops -- if you are not a member the cost is \$25.00 each (total of \$100.00)
- 3 - general business meetings to exchange ideas, listen to a speaker, and meet old friends.
- 3 - Provincial Newsletters

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PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS
- by Cathy Walsh

Report on Brainstorming Session

On May 25th at 5 p.m. after all workshops and sessions were finished for the day the Regional Directors and other interested persons met informally to discuss certain issues and to entertain new ideas and projects. All regions were represented and I attended for Thunder Bay.

The meal allowance policy was rehashed and there will be a motion in place for the September meeting that will allow directors to be compensated for meal expenses. The Conference Manual is being updated and should be available this fall. The provincial mailbox will be moved since that post office is closing. Until further notice all mail should be directed to the home address of the relevant person.

The executive feels committed to printing a membership directory this fall and have contracted with Becker Associates to do so. This expense does not allow the printing of the salary survey as well. Since the survey was completed and compiled, it was thought that the regions could take on the copying and distributing of the survey. Public Relations is looking for input from all members. If you have ideas, contact Marsha Hunt or let me know and I can take them to the next directors' meeting. She is looking for slogans, bibliographies on LT's, articles on interesting jobs held by Lt's, etc.

The Newsletter Editor is looking for ideas as well. Linda Davis wants any reviews of library articles, letters to the editor, articles about new technology in the library, etc. The next deadline is September 15, 1991.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Political Awareness will give a formal report at the November meeting. Meanwhile, all members have individual assignments re model job descriptions.

Many ideas were discussed about changes in membership forms, deadlines, and responsibilities. Further discussion will take place among the treasurers at a later date.

Susan Morley reported on OALT/ABO and OLA affiliation and will continue to look into this area as well as our continued use of the OLA job hotline.

There was much informal discussion of many issues concerning OALT/ABO and I found it very useful and informative.

Report on Annual Business Meeting



INFOWAVE, the 18th annual OALT/ABO Conference was held May 22-25, 1991 at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. The annual business meeting was held on the morning of May 24th; Helen Heerema and I represented the Thunder Bay Region. The meeting went very smoothly and all reports were presented and accepted with little discussion or change.

New business included the proposed amendment to the constitution which would allow the President to remain in office beyond the present 2 year limit unless there is an objection by the Vice-President, Board of Directors or majority vote at the ABM. Thunder Bay Region voiced an objection to this amendment (as per our annual dinner meeting) calling for a ceiling of 3 years. Ottawa also voted against the amendment, but it passed nonetheless. There was a suggestion that this type of vote could be a "1 member, 1 vote" type instead of "1 region, 1 vote". Thunder Bay definitely disagreed with this considering our lack of representation at ABMs. The proposed amendment concerning raising the provincial portion of the membership fees (which was accepted at our annual dinner meeting) was passed by all regions.

The new executive was elected:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations
- Newsletter Editor

- Bette Gore
- Kathryn Kern
- Diana Doxtator
- Christine Davy
- Marsha Hunt
- Linda Davis

Appointed:
Archivist

Janet Scheibler

Provincial account balance at April 30.91, \$7,856.
Annual reports have been mailed to members not attending the ABM.

The 1992 conference will be held May 27-30/92 at the Sheridan-Caswell in Sudbury.



OALT/ABO 1991 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Very few of us can hope to be able to attend the OALT/ABO Provincial Conferences. Cathy and Helen have brought us back news of the last one. We shall therefore try to benefit from their experience and we shall include an account of a workshop in the next editions. Here is the first - written by Helen Heerema.



Government Documents

Workshop Leader: Representative from Federal Publications Inc.

Saturday, May 25, 1991 (10:45am - noon)

This workshop dealt with sources of government documents. The speaker outlined the focus of the Canadian Publishing Centre, Statistics Canada, Canadian Book Exchange and the private company of Federal Publications Inc. Below are my notes, in point form, from this workshop.

Canadian Publishing Centre

- can create and publish a book
- distributes federal departmental publications
- has right to agree or disagree to print, write and/or publish and distribute departmental publications
- free documents can also be distributed by departments
- private groups/companies can make arrangements with Cdn Pub Centre to publish their material
- Cdn Pub Centre became an agency (now called Canada Communications Group) rather than a federal department, supposedly now a more economically viable group
- with this change, federal depts no longer have to use them to publish their materials
- checklist (pink) is what is being published
- outline of classification lists catalogue #'s by dept

- quarterly catalogues available
- catalogue also available on microfiche - one part by title, one part by catalogue #
- all government documents are in the National Library of Canada and therefore are listed in Canadiana
- Cdn Pub Centre also produces bibliographies

Canadian Book Exchange

- has older out-of-print documents
- each dept produces list of what they have published

Statistics Canada

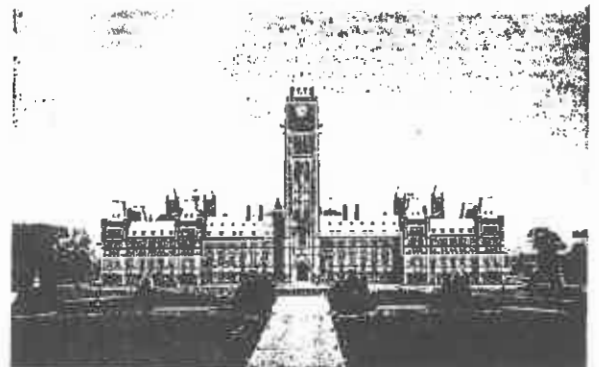
- catalogue -new one out shortly
- the Daily (11-001) tells you what is being published
- CD Rom is available, and contains all stats
- Stat Can also does search requests at \$30.00 per request plus \$30.00 per hour

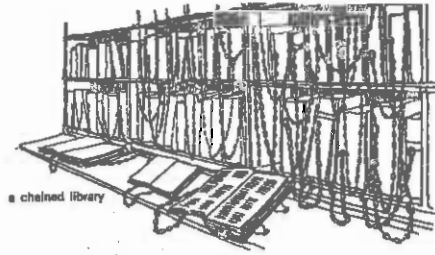
Legislation

- a good reference source for federal legislation process is The Federal Legislative Process in Canada
- Status of Bills and Motions - list status of legislation
- historical or old legislation is hard to find, just not indexed
- regulations found in Canada Gazette Part I as proclamation, when they are passed they are published in Canada Gazette Part II as law
- Federal Regulatory Plan gives outlines of all plans for regulations

Federal Publications Inc.

- retail agent for federal government documents
- sell documents for same price as government (they make a % from the government)
- will help direct people to source of free publications
- a good source for duplicate copies for depository libraries





"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF..."

PUBLIC LIBRARY - CIRCULATION

Circulation departments are often considered to be comprised of people who "sign out" and "sign in" material being borrowed from the library. Although this is a large part of what goes on in the department, I hope to acquaint you with some of the other aspects of the job. I am the Circulation Technician at Brodie Resource Library and work in cooperation with the Adult Services Librarian, the A.V. Technician, Library Assistants and Student Helpers to provide patrons with public service, which involves much more than just "signing out" material. Adult Services is the largest department in Thunder Bay Public Library. At Brodie this requires that I organize the workflow and supervise 5 Library Assistants and 5 Student Helpers. In public services no two days are ever alike, so I will give you a brief outline of my duties and then expand on some of the tasks that kept me busy this past week.

I am responsible for timesheets, scheduling, supervision, maintenance of the circulating collection, Adult Services departmental budgets for supplies, student helpers and supply staff, circulation duties, and dealing with problem situations, in general the smooth operation of the department. The staff in this department is seldom without a multitude of tasks to keep them busy. As Thunder Bay Public Library offers extended hours of operation to the public, our job is not 9 to 5, we are required to work two evenings each week and one Saturday in three. As Brodie has two circulation desks, one on each level, a minimum of two people must be on desk with additional staff coverage during peak hours of service.

When covering the desk, we are responsible for charging, discharging and renewing material, registering new members, placing holds, calling patrons to inform them the material they placed on hold is available, answering the switchboard if the clerk typist is unavailable or on vacation and, on the ground floor, the retrieval of CDs for patrons as these are stored out of the public area for security reasons.

When the staff is off desk, they have a large number of duties to be done behind the scenes,

assembling booklists and bookmarks, planning displays, sorting of mail, checking in of new books, ordering supplies, scheduling of student helpers, the exchange of foreign language materials from OLS, withdrawals... the list goes on and on.

This week while not on desk, my time was occupied with a variety of tasks. I verified the hours and signed timesheets for student helpers, supply staff and summer staff. I prepared schedules for a 3 week period and submitted a request for necessary supply staff. Due to a change in the status of our allocated budget and an upcoming increase in minimum wage, I adjusted the projected expenditures of student helper and supply staff budgets for the next four months. A performance appraisal was conducted for one of our two summer staff and 2 were scheduled for student helpers for the upcoming week.

Student helpers must pass a basic filing test before being considered for employment so tests for 9 applicants were conducted, followed by interviews with 6 of them. Some of the periodical filing accuracy checks were done and the results discussed with the respective students.

A patron with a long standing issue of overdue and lost material was referred to me and the issue subsequently resolved.

Over the summer months, which tend to be quieter, we undertake special projects received from the Adult Services Librarian. We are just doing weeding, which involves all members of the staff, at different levels.

I also adjusted the department schedules to make staff available for balancing the cash during the absence of the clerk typist.

I enjoy the diversity of my job and the challenge of coordinating the various activities that take place within the department, but realize that my part is a small one in the overall operation of the department which is comprised of a very dedicated and competent staff of Library Assistants and hardworking Student Helpers.

Gina Rawson

"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF..."

THE IMC TECHNICIANS

There are two library technician positions within the Instructional Materials Centre (IMC) of the Lakehead Board of Education although there are three technicians working here. The positions are Acquisitions Library Technician and Head of Circulation - IMC. The Acquisitions Librarian just happens to be a library technician working in that non-union position.

Valerie Welsch is the Acquisitions Librarian (covering Terri Parker-Celmer's maternity leave) and it is her responsibility to acquire all the media for the Lakehead Board and film/video for the RC Board under the co-operative agreement. Spending money is pleasurable but being accountable for all your decisions adds a challenge. All items purchased have been previewed by teachers to check on curriculum correlation and quality but as they always "need" more than the budget allows the Acquisitions Librarian has decisions to make.

Along with buying new media is the job of "deselection". This is required for space (which we lack) and quality control - as we try to be in Dale Mason's words "God's gift to teachers". This job leads into the annual production of the IMC Media catalogue. Thanks to a new computer and new laser printer the job did not last until 6am this year! We did add one line to the program which created a "bug" that the computer programmers had to spend three days correcting!!



"ACQUISITIONS"

Carol Young, the Acquisitions Library Technician (covering for Valerie while she covers for Terri), is responsible for producing three major catalogues a year as well as supplements to these productions. Cataloguing duties include all films, kits, books, and selected videos.

Reproducibles are also catalogued and processed by this technician. Approximately three hundred specialized bibliographies are prepared on request for teachers. Carol is also in charge of the periodical collection. Carol's biggest challenge is to remember all of the six hundred items catalogued so that she can respond appropriately when a teacher asks, "What do you have that is new for grade four science?"

Karen Cocks, Head of Circulation - IMC (covering for Carol while she covers for Valerie, etc.), is responsible for the supervision of a staff of 2.5 people and for the coordination and administration of the daily circulation of audio-visual material throughout the Lakehead Board, RC Board and other affiliate users. She is also responsible for the dubbing, cataloguing, processing and the organization of Resource and Ministry documents. This highly stressful job keeps you running from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with only sitting breaks phoning teachers who have overdue items and repairmen because the machines have quit again. Then Karen runs to the front counter to appease an irate teacher who didn't get the media requested because it is overdue.

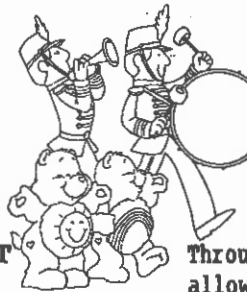
The three of us enjoy working at the IMC most days but we also all give 110% of ourselves as is required.

Visits/tours are welcomed.

Valerie Welsch, Carol Young, Karen Cocks.



"NEWS" FROM AROUND AND ABOUT



REGIONAL

Whilst the majority of our membership is from Thunder Bay, we are the Regional Branch. Therefore, libraries from around the region were asked, "What's new in your library?" Top prize for enthusiasm has to go to Atikokan and it was only shortage of fuel for my jet propelled sneakers that prevented me flashing up there to join the parade!



Atikokan

Liz Hamrak was just getting ready to go the Library to make sure that the children all got to the right place in time to march in the Atikokan Sports Day Parade, when I contacted her. "There's always LOTS going on here! Yesterday we had a Garden Party, the weather was good, a little breezy. Today there's the Parade, Monday it's the Teddy Bear's Picnic, then there's Wacky Wednesday every week" Liz sounded really excited and happy, as she bubbled over with enthusiasm.

Laura Russell, a board member, suggested that the local people should be asked to create a cookbook. The cookbook would be dedicated to the memory of Jo Hay who had previously been on the board, had donated money, given help and spent a large portion of her life "doing lots for the library". The book is ready and to "launch it" the donators of the recipes were asked to make them up and bring the finished item to a Garden Party. A used book sale was also included in the party. The money raised is to go to the Building Fund. There is a great need to have a ramp to allow handicapped access to the library. Also, they would like to have a reading room and to be able to move the Children's Department to the main level from the basement.

The Parade was to include a banner proclaiming the Library and a "band" of children who had made their own instruments in the library during a summer programme held with the aid of a grant.

The organization of the Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic alternates between the Museum and the Library. This year it was the Library's turn. There will be games and treats - ice cream, cake and juice - and because each child loves their own Teddy so much all Teddies are winners, there is no judging!

Throughout the summer the children have been allowed special computer time to learn to use programmes, play games, draw and generally become more proficient. The ever-popular storytime has flourished and each Wednesday there has been a special "surprise" programme. Nobody knows in advance - hence "Wacky Wednesday". Coming up is "Emergency Measures for Atikokan", Babysitting Course, First Aid, Atikokan water - Min. of Environment, and a series of programmes on Health Awareness. The Atikokan Library certainly has an energetic, imaginative and devoted staff. Well done all of you.

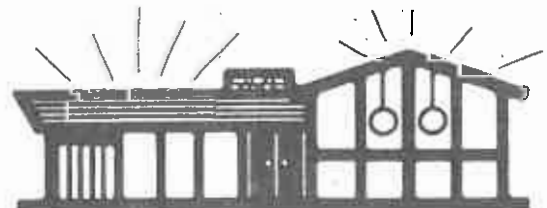


Kenora

In Kenora there is an air of expectant excitement! For three year there have been great fund-raising efforts resulting in over \$600,000!!! The library's goal was to meet their \$560,000 share of \$1.2 million, the balance being donated by the Ministry of Culture and Communications. The last week of June saw the staff and a band of volunteers, with the aid of 4 or 5 trucks remove everything from the library to an empty school, where they have "set up shop" again.

Construction has started on an addition of 4,000 sq. ft. to the library and a total renovation of the existing building will take place. The work is expected to take roughly 9 months, but unless there is money to pay a removal company, the volunteers will not do the job until the weather is warm and dry!

Erin Roussin is excited now, but can you imagine moving back into a renovated and enlarged, shining, clean, empty library!!





Dryden

In Dryden Brian Buffett assured us the "Sun is up", but there is nothing new and the library and its staff are enjoying a quiet summer!

Keewatin

Keewatin has just finished their Children's Summer Programmes and the winter ones will be planned when the Head Librarian returns from her well deserved holiday.

A second donation has been received from "The Womens's Place" in Kenora, both are collections of books on Women's Issues - mainly Women Abuse and Sexual Assault. Perhaps some of you may have heard the Librarian on the radio in August being interviewed about the problems caused by Pay Equity with no extra funding. We hope to be able to bring you a report of this in our next issue.

Fort Frances



In August the technicians at Fort Frances Library were thrilled to go "on-Line" with the Multilist System. For the patrons there is an enlarged section on Family Violence. A new donation of books from the Family Violence Network has been received. This subject is also well covered in the video department.

Geraldton

Silver Jubilee

The first Library in Geraldton was in a classroom in the High School and opened to the public in 1947. A separate Public Library building was eventually built and opened in 1966. Donna Mikkonan, the present librarian, tells us that a Community Picnic was held in June to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the building. And what better gift than a new hat and coat for a Silver Anniversary? The library is getting just that - new shingles and a coat of paint, plus a few minor repairs, all should be finished by Fall.



Longlac



Up in Longlac, Carol McLean and her staff have been pleased to have had a computer put in the library for staff use to help with cataloguing and letter writing. Another first for this year was a garage sale, held to raise money for an air conditioner, badly needed in this building.

They are beginning to plan for Fall programmes, which will include a Wednesday night film for children, starting in September. In October there will be Preschoolers' Storytime on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. The difference to most other libraries is that there will be 2 storytimes each time - one in French, one in English!

Nipigon



Carrie Matheson has weeded the Nipigon Library and is holding "The Great Book Give-away" - donations accepted - at the end of July and August.

A "Home Service" is being offered to the 'shut in' patrons, who make their requests by Title, Author or Subject and volunteers will deliver the books to them. Books in large print are also available. A file is being kept on each person so that the same book will not be sent again, unless requested.

During the summer there have been special programmes for the children, a different age group each day. Fall programmes are just being planned. Wednesday afternoons will be Pre-Schoolers Storyhour and thoughts are being given to the possibility of a Bedtime Storyhour.

Two students spent the summer at the library - one on Experience Grant, one on Challenge Grant.

In September the patrons will have access to the Lakehead University On-line Public Catalogue - especially handy for High School students!

Oliver Township



At the moment Oliver Township is having difficulty raising the required sum of money to allow its people to have access to Thunder Bay Public Library. The main concern is that, being only a small library the student population will have no other resource than their school libraries.

CHIT CHAT COLUMN



Job Changes

By the time that this newsletter reaches you, Gerry Meek will be settling into his new office. Coming to us from Waterloo, Mr. Meek has been Chief Librarian for the Public System of Thunder Bay for 7 1/2 years. He now continues his westward trek as far as Calgary, where he will be Chief Librarian of the Calgary Public Library. We hope that he will enjoy his new surroundings and wish him continued success in his career.

Congratulations to Sharon Desramaux who was promoted to Branch Librarian at the Mary J. L. Black Library in May. Sharon has worked for the Thunder Bay Public Library System for ten years and was previously in the Children's Department at Brodie Street.

Angela Meady, who was head of the Children's Department at Mary J. L. Black Library and, you will remember, conducted last year's "out of town" workshop at Atikokan, has been transferred to Waverley Branch as Acting Head of Children's Services.

Coming into Brodie Street in July as Children's Services Librarian is Jocelyn Paquette. She has worked in libraries since High School days. She was the OALT/ABO Award Winner for her graduation year at Seneca College. (Cheer here) Originally from Ottawa, Jocelyn has travelled Ontario and Newfoundland in her education which culminated in an MLIS degree from University of Western Ontario (London). She and her photographer husband have found their Shangrila here. Welcome both of you.

Nipigon Public Library is pleased to have been able to welcome two new staff members. Kathy Hudson has been hired as Library Assistant and Cynthia Larson as a Clerk. Both are part-time positions, both valuable assets to the library. Good luck in your new careers, girls! Work hard and be happy!

Returning to work from Maternity Leaves are: Juliana Sprovieri, who leaves daughter Laura, to return to her job at Fort Frances Public Library. Terry Parker-Celmer, who leaves Amy, to return to the IMC at Lakehead Board of Education.

Heather (Manty) Miller is working on a new contract job for the software firm concerned. She is helping set up the LIMMS Programme, which will interact all the schools in Thunder Bay in the same way that the Public Libraries are.

Sick Bay

A broken hip has caused Laura Russell to resign from the Board of Atikokan Library. We are sorry to hear of your accident, Laura, hips seem to take so long to heal. However, don't let that stop your funding efforts -- how about a book of your memoirs, or compose some verses for us? We have heard that you are very special, so we have faith in your ability! Hope that you mend fairly quickly, but don't rush too soon.

Christina Snow had just returned to town after her holiday, when she had an unfortunate accident which sent her to the Port Arthur General Hospital. We are glad that you did at least have your holiday first!! (Hope you got a good suntan anyway! and lots of photos!) We send our best wishes for a complete and fast recovery.

We apologize to Anna Brentz for being tardy, but it has only just been brought to our attention that she has been absent from work since November. John Fell has been filling in for her in Bibliographic Processing at the Chancellor Paterson Library. That is an awfully long time, Anna, we do hope that you are now on the road to good health and that you have been able to enjoy some of the lovely summer sun.

Hatched, Matched and Dispatched

The Library Stork has taken a break to hatch its own young!

Our congratulations go to Dr. Ty Kaipio, Coordinator of Administrative Services and his June bride, Catherine Cameron, Executive Director for the Lung Association.

Also married in June was Shannon Fuchs, from the Administrative Services of the Public Libraries, who is now Mrs. Domenic Pedulla.

Our best wishes to both couples for every happiness in their married lives.

"LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD"
...LETTERS FROM YOU !



Hooray! At last it happened! Letters!!

Letter # 2

I was really thrilled when I received a letter from Jackie Baker, I could have cried!

"Recently I did a job placement at Quetico Park in the Ridley Research Library at French Lake and I noticed that the MNR has made a four page booklet which is a computer helpsheet. It was full of hints on how to overcome "deadlocks" between computer and operator. It told which keys to punch for different difficulties. Everyone seemed to really like the hints. It is a big help to people who are starting out or who do not have the time to practice on programs such as Word Perfect or Lotus 1-2-3. When I read several of the articles I thought the Library Technicians Association could do the same thing which would benefit all of us. If you have run into a problem while using Word Perfect or Lotus and have overcome it, then jot it down and send it to Muriel. These could be kept in a binder and used as a reference in the office. I really got excited about this and sure hope that more people will think the same way as I do. Let's hear from you and your views.

To all the people who payed homage to her, especially Helen Hyvarinen and LaRae Moody, a big thank you. For you and all the other well-wishers here is most of the letter. Anyone wishing to write to her or send a Christmas card can get the address from me.

Letter # 1

"Thank you for sending me a copy of Tech Talk - the first copy I've seen. I appreciate the article immensely, although I don't think I deserve all those nice words.

Gradually I'm getting accustomed to my new home. Saskatoon has changed completely since I lived here. There are many changes in the downtown area, and of course there are countless new residential areas.

I haven't been in the main public library yet. It looks to be a beautiful building, situated directly across from where the old building was - the one where I worked. The summer seems to be flying by. I can't believe it is now August.

Thank everyone for their thoughtful wishes. All the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Jackie Baker"

Thank you,

Liz Hamrak (Atikokan)"



Well thank your Liz for such a constructive idea! I really hope that others out there will take you up on it. (Gee, more unpaid work for me! Please! I need a job with money attached! Any offers?)



Now that you can see how its done, why not try it yourself? Keep the letters coming!

Maybe we used the wrong invitations? We said, "Let your voice be heard", several people told me they enjoyed the LPH article, but nobody put it on paper for the three authors to see!

"Please Write" has had some effect, but to those who do not like to put pen to paper, just put fingers to keys and type or compute us a letter!



PREVIEWS

September

September is "start-up" month. Time to get into the "work" gear after "idling" our brains for the summer. We shall be making our introductory overtures to the new students on their first day of school.

9th September - Coffee and Donuts Welcoming Party
for new students. 10 - 11 am in
LT Lab



24th September - General Meeting at LPH Staff
Library, 7:30 pm.

Helen Hyvarinen will give a tour of the facility after the meeting. A couple of years ago the September General Meeting was held at the Public Health Unit on Balmoral Avenue, followed by tour of the building. All there enjoyed it very much and our President has therefore prevailed upon another of our members for the use of her library for our meeting.

Helen, a sweet, unassuming lady with great generosity of heart and a happy smile, is probably well known to most of us. Her sense of humour was in evidence in the article which she wrote for us in the last issue, which will make you feel you've been there before, when we go! Helen was born here in Thunder Bay and had her schooling here. She stayed home and raised her 2 sons whilst acting as Secretary/Treasurer for her husband's business - "the pay was no hell - but the fringe benefits were good", she jokes! She volunteered at Shuniah School and Gorham & Ware School libraries for a total of 10 years. Helen graduated from Lakehead University with her Library Technology Diploma in 1982, after which she worked at Old Fort William Library for 5 years, before going to the LPH Staff Library, where she has been for 4 years.



October

Saturday

19th October - Workshop # 1
John B. Ridley Research
Library, Quetico Park
9:30 am - ?

Andrea Allison, Librarian, will give a talk on the history, purpose and operation of this special library. We will car pool to Quetico. All members who wish to go please contact Helen Heerema for pooling and directions between 15th and 18th October. Thank you.

November

Saturday

16th November - Workshop # 2
See next issue for details

ATIKOKAN COOKBOOK

Anybody who would like to purchase the library cookbook may write to :

Atikokan Public Library
Atikokan, Ontario
P0T1C0



Hopefully the book will be available at Quetico in October. The book costs \$10.00 (sorry, I don't know about postage, but no GST)

THE SWOP SHOP

Our swop shop is empty at the moment! Don't forget if you have a replacement for one of your reference books, almanacs, etc., somebody else may have use for the old one.

Remember Oliver Township needs reference books and books for school projects. You may phone Penny Bower 935-2583 or Oliver Library 935-2729 and speak to any board member.



**FROM THE HALLS OF
LEARNING.....**

On September 19, 1966 the School of Library Technology was opened at Lakehead University, with Dan Sudar as Associate Professor and Director of the School. That was twenty-five years ago!

**CONGRATULATIONS ON
YOUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY!**

WELCOME BACK to all those who are returning after the Summer Break, full-time or part-time, hope you are refreshed and ready to buckle down and get at it!



WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS, full-time or part-time. We hope that you will find the course to be interesting and challenging!

To all of you, work hard, get on well with your classmates and you will enjoy learning here!

On Monday morning, 9th September at 10:00 am there will be the usual Coffee and Donuts Welcoming Party for New Students. It will be hosted by representatives of the OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Region and will be held in the LT lab.

SPRING/SUMMER REVIEW



During the Spring and Summer a total of 4 half-credit courses were given. Those who attended were very pleased to have the opportunity of completing them so quickly and conveniently. Unfortunately, due to declining enrolment the Department may not offer courses in the Spring and Summer of 1992.

EVENING CLASSES, FALL SESSION

There will be 1 first year, 1 second year and 2 third year courses offered.

MONDAY EVENINGS 6 - 9 pm
3050 - Selected Topics



Another interesting topic is being offered in this series, which, whilst catering to special needs, is of great interest to all librarians. The title says it all! "Conservation and Preservation of Archives, Museum and Gallery Collections."

Silver Jubilee

TUESDAY EVENINGS 6 - 9 pm
2110 - Children's & 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6 - 9 pm
3030 - Online Bibliographic Searching



A practical introduction to the operation and use of online information retrieval systems. Students will become familiar with the techniques of searching various online databases. Special emphasis will be placed on the Dialog database.

THURSDAY EVENINGS 5 - 9 pm
1030 - Cataloguing and Classification I

An introduction to methods of describing and processing library materials (book and nonbook) for quick and efficient location and retrieval. Emphasis will be placed on descriptive cataloguing and classification using the Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress Classification Systems.



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There is a possibility of the LT Programme being offered in Kenora, starting this Fall, if there is sufficient enrolment. Scheduled for Fall Session is LIS 1010 - Introduction to Libraries ; and for the Winter Session is LIS 1070 - Audiovisual and Graphics.