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# TECH TALK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you realize there are only two months left in 1994 and only two "gatherings" left for OALT/ABO members in 1994!

Everyone is welcome to join Susan MacDonald of the Literacy Coalition of Thunder Bay as she gives a presentation in the LU Lab on Saturday, November 12th. Besides showing a video, she will explain what the various groups under the Coalition are doing for literacy in Thunder Bay.

December brings in the Jingle Mingle where we hope everyone will eat pizza, squares, drink apple cider or punch and mingle while Christmas carols set the mood. All this frivolity will follow a brief General meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the LU Lab.

The OALT/ABO's first General Meeting was held at Thunder Bay's Art Gallery with a resolution on membership fees for unemployed technicians. Gail Fikis, the Art Gallery's library technician, gave the twenty-eight members present an informative talk and tour of the gallery.

October found a dozen members in the IMC at the Lakehead Board of Education enjoying a tour and a hands-on session in the teacher's workroom.

The executive tries to plan sessions which combine professionalism and fellowship, and hope the above sessions indicate that.

Valerie Welsch



## Reviews

The following are the minutes from the 17 September 1994 OALT/ABO Directors meeting.

1. Fee for the unemployed is to be decided by the regions. Amount of the fee can be noted on the bottom of the membership form as this will most likely change as the job market improves. A motion was made that the unemployed membership rate will be reviewed once a year by the provincial executive and board of directors. The regional director should be ready to discuss this at the first board meeting in September.
2. It was discussed that a provincial grant be provided for someone from the regions to come to the annual conference with the provincial and regional executive sharing the costs. Regional directors are to bring suggestions from regional members regarding guidelines, opinions, criteria, etc. as to who should receive such a grant to the next board meeting in November.

3. New membership forms are not ready yet. Forms require translation and have to be entered on INMAGIC. Regions are to continue copying the old form for renewals in September. The new format will have a renewal section and a new membership section.

4. Brady Leyser, newsletter editor, requires an ad about the next conference, INTERCONNECTIONS '95, for the provincial newsletter in January. He will give a deadline for this at the November meeting.

5. It was suggested that the conference in 1995 should have a flea market for all the left over "stuff" that was for sale at previous conferences.

6. Some discussion on travel expenses re-including a mileage rate for those who chose to drive to the board meeting.

7. Salary survey was drafted by Susan Bourdeau, Vice-President. Some minor changes were discussed. Susan did an excellent job of drafting a very comprehensive and easy to fill out survey. The revised draft will be ready for the next provincial meeting.

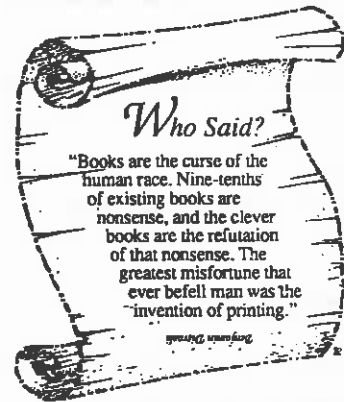
8. The new directory should be available with the January newsletter. Deadline for the regional treasurer to have renewals and new memberships in is by November 19th.

9. Regional archivist is to provide guidelines for archive subject headings for director to bring to the next board meeting in November.

10. Nominating committee guidelines are to be discussed by the regional executive and members for the next board meeting. The provincial executive wants to have regional members on this committee.

11. Provincial executive and director's binders were revamped so that all binders will have the same information in the same order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Hyvarinen, Director  
Thunder Bay Region  
Sept. 17, 1994



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**REMINDER**

Fall is membership renewal time! Registration deadline is November 19! Forms may be picked up from Nancy Mazure-Hall in the Library Tech office at L.U. (Phone 343-8420).

The fee structure is as follows:

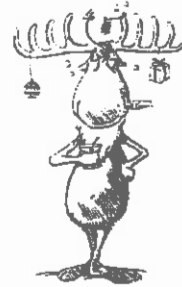
Graduate	\$60.00
Student	\$15.00
Associate	\$55.00
Senior	\$15.00
Institution	\$82.00

At the General Meeting held on Wednesday, September 28, 1994, there was much discussion regarding membership fees for unemployed Library Techs. It was decided that the Provincial Association should set the standard, define unemployed and provide full membership for unemployed technicians at 50% of the current fee. A signed statement requesting the discount for the reason of unemployment should accompany the application. This status is valid for one year only. Helen Hyvarinen will take this to Provincial as our solution to the problem. Thunder Bay branch will offer this 50% discount effective immediately.

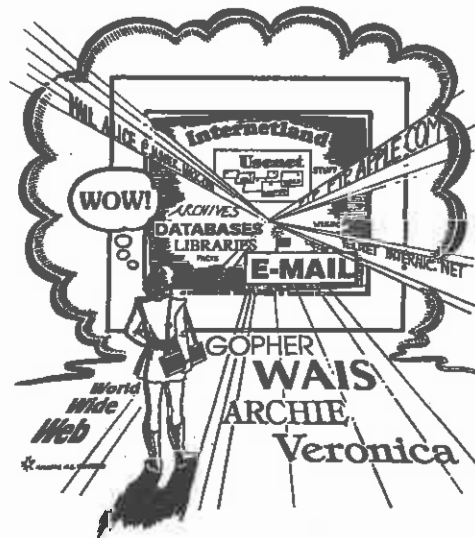


November 12 - 9:30-11:00 A.M. - Literacy Coalition Presentation. Library Tech Lab. For those of you who have often wondered what exactly the Literacy Coalition does, now is your chance to find out! Susan MacDonald, from the Literacy Coalition of Thunder Bay is coming to speak to us about illiteracy, how they are working towards lowering the illiteracy rate in this area,

etc. It should be an informative morning. Refreshments will be served.



December 6 - 7:00 P.M. - Jingle Mingle Pizza Party and General Meeting- Library Tech Lab. Get into the spirit of Christmas with us! This is basically a fun evening. Pizza, apple cider, punch, Christmas goodies, and stimulating conversation-what more could you ask for?!!!!



January 16, 1995 - 7:30 P.M. - Internet Presentation - 5th Floor, Chancellor Paterson Library. Gisella Scalese will introduce us to the Internet. She will demonstrate how this everchanging information highway can be used effectively to broaden our horizons. PLEASE MEET ON MAIN FLOOR BY CIRCULATION DESK AT 7:30



One new development in the Library Tech program this year is that each student receives an e-mail address for their two years, and is able to access Internet! This should be an excellent learning experience for them before venturing into the work force.

## FROM THE HALLS OF LEARNING

The following Library Tech courses will be offered in the winter session, starting in January, 1995:

The most valuable resource in the library goes home at night.

**LIS 1050 Cataloging and Classification II**  
Tuesday and Thursday evenings  
6-8:30 P.M.  
Instructor: Ian Dew

**LIS 3030 Online Bibliographic Searching**  
Tuesday - 1-4:00 P.M.  
Instructor: Betty Braaksma

**LIS 3070 Current Issues in Library Service**  
Monday - 4:30-7:30 P.M.  
Instructor: Karen Harrison

**LIS 2050 Information Resources II**  
Monday and Wednesday - 1-2:30 P.M.  
Instructor: Margaret MacLean

**LIS 2010 Audio Visual and Graphics**  
Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30-10:30 A.M.  
Instructor: Bob Angell

## *Did You Know That...*



Leiden University Library, the model for the Bodleian

The opening of the Bodleian Library is one of the most significant events in the history of librarianship. In 1598 Sir Thomas Bodley began collecting books for the sole purpose of restoring the Library at Oxford. It is believed that Bodley's design for his library was based on the Leiden University Library which opened in 1594. In 1601 Dr. Thomas James was appointed the first Keeper of the Library. Bodley remained the administrator, and every routine item had to be submitted for his approval. It formally opened on November 8, 1602 with 2,000 volumes, and is now second in size only to the British Museum.

# ANNOUNCING

## THE REVIVAL OF "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF..."

Our first instalment of "A Day in the Life of..." highlights Debbie Squier-Bernst and her position as Coordinator of T.Bay's Immigrant and Visible Minority Women's Organization. This is her day!

The Thunder Bay Immigrant and Visible Minority Women's Organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life for immigrant and visible minority women by offering support, advocacy, education and help to cope with loneliness and isolation. The organization makes available educational and social events to expose both the immigrant groups and the receiving society to issues promoting race relations, peace, justice, adequate access to community services and equal job opportunities.

My job is very busy, challenging and rewarding. I'm involved in all facets of the organization. I participate as a member of committees both within the organization and in the community. Public relations is a big part of my job, as I attend many meetings with other organizations, government departments, agencies, etc. Reports must be prepared on every meeting I attend so that I can keep my board up-to-date on what is happening both within the organization and in the community.

I'm responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office, all administrative functions, supervising of staff and placement students, preparing budgets, monitoring expenses, writing proposals for funding etc. I coordinate meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences as they are required. A lot of time is spent talking to people on the telephone, sending faxes, and writing letters. In the beginning an initial part of my job was to implement some of the Records Management techniques I learned; thank you Bob Welsh, I couldn't have done it without your Tuesday night classes in Records Management. It's so nice to see that they were not a waste of time.

Computer training is absolutely essential in this exploding technological era. You do not realize how important it is until you are working with it every day. Because our organization is involved in education and advocacy, mass mailings are sent on a regular basis to our membership. Basically, my advanced computer skills were not up to this task at first, but I've since learned all about the Merge feature in Wordperfect. I've just completed the quarterly Newsletter and I'm in the process of getting it prepared for distribution to the membership. Boy, I sure could have used your help, Kathy and Margot, since I didn't know anything about putting together a newsletter much less producing it.

Being a graduate of the Library and Information Studies program has allowed me to add important skills to my financial training background. These new skills have made me more valuable to my employer and they have enabled me to take the initiative in the performance of my duties.

Sincerely yours,  
Debbie Squier-Bernst

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## INTRODUCING THE ROVING REPORTERS

This column was inspired by a trip to a country gem just twenty minutes from town! Your roving reporters decided to trek out to the Municipal offices for the township of Murillo. This building was built with the help of a Wintario grant in 1989. Rumour had it that there was a library hidden somewhere in the building among the ledgers and municipal reports. Ahh! At last we came upon the door to the library!



As we stepped into the brightly lit, and colourful open space called the Oliver Township Public Library, we were greeted by a smiling Valerie Barton, library tech extraordinaire! She tore herself away from her cataloging, and took the time to give us the grand tour.

We discovered that her library houses over 7,000 volumes and subscribes to seven periodicals. Donations to the collection are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Library hours are as follows:

Winter  
Tuesday: 10:00 - 6:00  
Wednesday: 1:00 - 8:00  
Saturday: 11:00 - 4:00

Summer  
Tuesday: 12:00 - 6:00  
Wednesday: 3:00 - 9:00

These hours were modified to suit patrons, as are most aspects of the library.

In the cozy children's corner with its rocking chair and colourful rainbow painted on the wall, storytime and craft programs are carried out for

the preschoolers. The older children may attend programs which complement their school curriculum, while the adults are given the opportunity to join in activities dealing with topics of current interest.

Valerie maintains her collection with the traditional card catalog, and uses Librarian's Helper for cataloging purposes.

She relies heavily on ILL and materials from OLS North. Every three to five months new non fiction and large print books are rotated from OLS. Videos can also be obtained.

To date grants from the Ministry of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism have provided them with a computer, CD-ROM, and shelving units. Fundraising within the library involves book sales and selling raffle tickets at the Murillo Fair.

We congratulate Valerie for her efforts in providing such excellent service to her patrons. She has succeeded in making her library a cozy, relaxed space which invites reading and CHATTER! The Oliver Township Public Library is not only a room full of untapped knowledge, but also a meeting place for the community of Murillo.

Bravo, Valerie and thanks for the tour!



Librarians, Dewey or don't  
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## FROM THE GRAPEVINE



With this newsletter comes the demise of Muriel Davidson's Fireside Chit Chat column, not however Muriel. Rumour has it that she was last sighted in the south of France lazing around by the pool. Only joking!

Despite numerous attempts to renegotiate the writing of the column, even under threat of cruel and unusual punishment, Muriel has decided to retire the column. Actually we think she did protest too much... We thank her for her outstanding contribution to our social column for the last few years. Her "Fireside Chit Chat" feature was especially popular as it enabled us to keep up with all the latest news of our friends in Thunder Bay, as well as those who have ventured elsewhere. Kathy and I will attempt to follow in her capable footsteps!

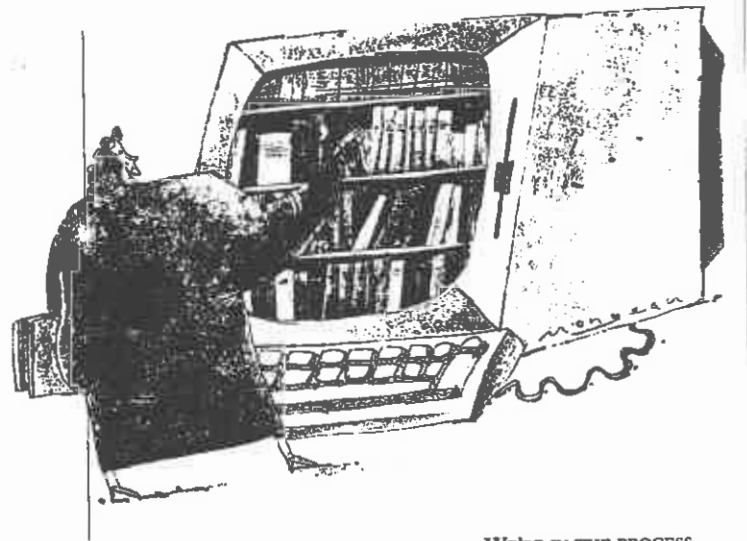
For those of you who were recently enrolled in the program, we do have an update on the activities of some of the former students. Antonella Ficca, Suzanne Cox (1994 grad), Crystal Russell (1994 grad), Sumiye Sugawara (1994 grad), Colleen Makin, Derek Smyk and John Anderson are all continuing their studies in the B.A. program this year. Ron Walker is working on his Honors B.A. Janet Saborin found a job in the Ottawa Public Library. Debbie Mintenko is at the Terrace Bay Library. Debbie Squier-Bernst holds the position of Executive Coordinator of the Thunder Bay Immigrant and Visible Minority Women's Organization. Roxanne

Merit has started an online search service using Quick Law. "Meritsearch" is the name, information retrieval is the game. Trudy Maurcher works in the Reference Department at the Bracebridge Public library.

Congratulations to Nancy Mazure-Hall and Mary Lynn Bragg. They have both been accepted into MLS programs starting in the fall. Nancy will attend Western and Mary Lynn will be going to the University of Toronto. Good luck to them both.

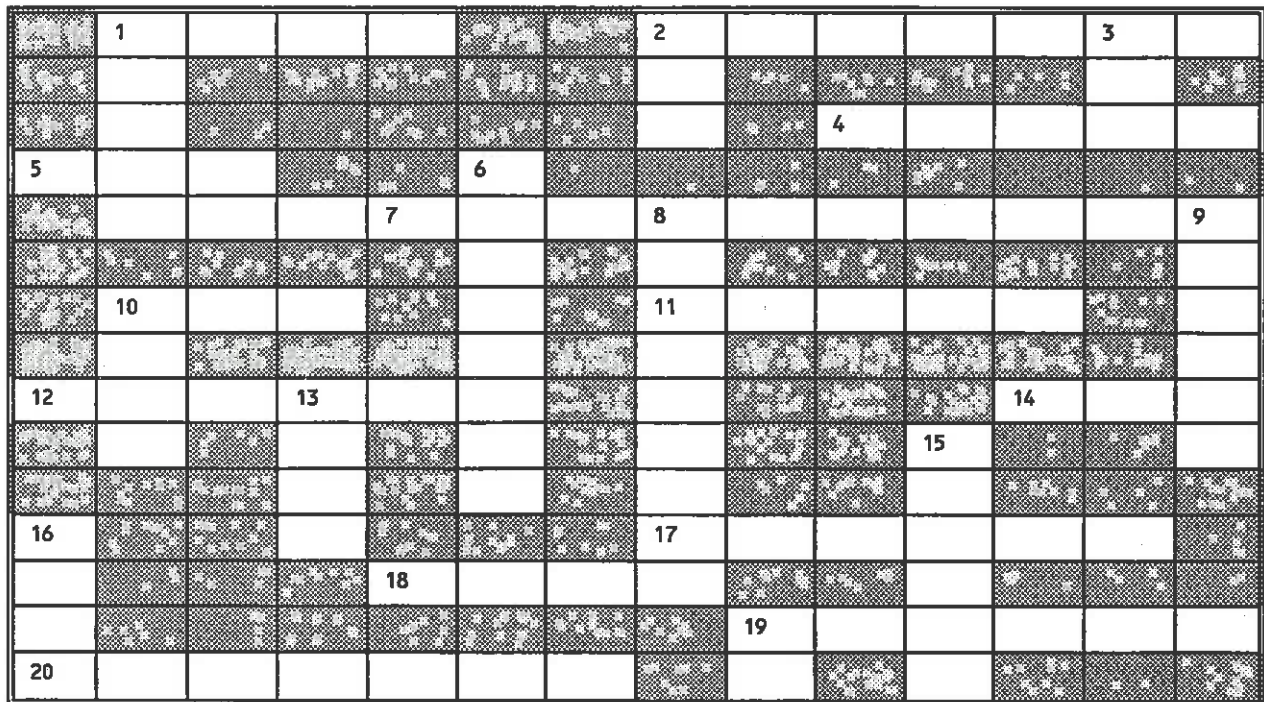
## Library renaissance

*Online everywhere*



WE'RE IN THE PROCESS  
OF ESTABLISHING  
CONVENTIONS IN THE NEW  
ELECTRONIC MEDIA

HAVE FUN WITH THIS CROSSWORD PUZZLE!



**ACROSS**

1. Search for an educational article in the \_\_\_\_\_ database
2. To trace federal statutes or regulations it helps to use the Canada Statute \_\_\_\_\_
4. The left hand page in an open book \_\_\_\_\_
5. Books in Print \_\_\_\_\_
7. The AACR2 is the \_\_\_\_\_ Bible.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Canadian Ltd. publishes Canadian Programs and Services, Family Law Guide, Labor Law Reports, etc.
11. Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information \_\_\_\_\_
12. Online searching database \_\_\_\_\_
14. American Library Association \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_ English Dictionary
18. International Standard Book Number \_\_\_\_\_
19. \_\_\_\_\_ - Sanbourn Table used to create book numbers \_\_\_\_\_
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Biography is a popular current essay length biographic aid \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

1. Electronic messages \_\_\_\_\_
2. Canadian Periodical Index \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ontario Library Service \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ provided money to establish over 2500 public libraries throughout the world
8. Number assigned to each book or item as it is received by the library \_\_\_\_\_
9. Publication issued in successive parts at regular or irregular intervals \_\_\_\_\_
10. Canadian Heritage Information Network [see last newsletter] \_\_\_\_\_
13. A single sheet of paper in a bound book \_\_\_\_\_
15. A Canadian manufacturing directory \_\_\_\_\_
16. TBPL's automated library management system \_\_\_\_\_
19. \_\_\_\_\_-ROM \_\_\_\_\_

[answers available at the Literacy presentation or the Jingle Mingle]