



President's Message

It is easy to tell I am not in the forestry business as I thought this was a beautiful summer with its hot, dry days. It is also easy to tell I am getting older as I am having a harder time getting back into full stream. The executive has had meetings over the summer where we have tentatively planned the years workshops. If you have any suggestions for workshops, meetings or special events, please contact a member of the executive so we can work it into the plans.

Jill Otto, Regional Director, and I will be introducing new students to the OALT/ABO on September 11 and then joining them for coffee and doughnuts. We finally have our new membership forms which they will be encouraged to fill out.

The first meeting of the year will be at Ontario Library Service (OLS) with Donna Brown and Carolyn Christie giving us a tour and explaining their jobs. The meeting scheduled for October will be held at Hammarskjold High School with Penny Bower, Library Technician, and Frank Beimers, Teacher - Librarian, hosting the evening.

We once again hope this will be an enriching and enlightening year.

Valerie Welsch



Editors' Note

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe it has been three months since our last newsletter! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Any contributions for our columns, any news of graduates, or any information which would be of interest to our readers would be gratefully received!

There will be no **Regional Meeting** news in this issue as the next meeting does not take place until September 23, 1995.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

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| Graduate | 27 |
| Student | 13 |
| Senior | 1 |
| Associate | 0 |
| Institutional | --- |
| | 46 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of July 31, 1995

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| Revenue | | |
| Memberships | \$ | 120.00 |
| Interest | | .33 |
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| Total | \$ | 120.33 |
| Expenses | | |
| Provincial Travel & Gift (H. Hyvarinen) | \$ | 140.51 |
| Newsletter | | 88.83 |
| Provincial Reconciliation | | 92.00 |
| Bank S/C | | 3.80 |
| Canada Post (Box Rental) | | 104.86 |
| | | ----- |
| Total | \$ | 430.00 |
| Surplus as of July 31, 1995: | | 845.32 |
| Excess of expenses over revenue | | 309.67 |
| | | ----- |
| | \$ | 535.65 |
| Assets | | |
| Cash in bank | \$ | 535.65 |
| G.I.C. | | 1000.00 |
| | | ----- |
| Total | \$ | 1535.65 |



"He is educated who knows how to find out what he doesn't know."

Georg Simmel

EXECUTIVE - 1995/96

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Valerie Welsch works at the Lakehead Board of Education in the Instructional Materials Centre as the Acquisitions Library Technician. She is a graduate of the Library Tech program, and has worked at the Thunder Bay Public Library, and at Confederation College as weekend relief, until moving to the Board Office in 1987. She has held the position of Public Relations and Newsletter Editor before becoming President. Anyone wanting golf tips - ask Valerie!

Carol Young is the Head of Circulation at the Lakehead Board of Education's Instructional Materials Centre, and has been there for about seven years.

Jill Otto graduated from the program in 1992, spent two years working as Margaret MacLean's secretary, and now continues to work for the Thunder Bay Public Library - summers at Mary J.L. Black in the Children's Department, and as

supply staff the rest of the year. She also spent several months last year setting up an online library management system for the Catholic School Board, and this project is continuing in the fall.

Karen Cocks is the Library Tech at Hillcrest High School. She graduated from L.U. in 1988. She loves to read, and always seems to have various craft projects on the go.

Kathy Crewdson graduated in the spring of 1994 and promptly volunteered her time at the Courthouse Library and at Balsam Street School. She then proceeded to catalogue the collection at the Gender Issues Centre, work once a week at a local law firm, and take on a contract position in the Cataloguing Department at L.U. She's a busy lady - especially with five children at home as well!

Margot Ponder also graduated in 1994. She has worked for the Thunder Bay Public Library for the past few years in the capacity of supply staff as well as Sunday Staff. She also volunteered her time helping Penny Bower in the Hammarskjold High School Library. Recently she was hired as Margaret MacLean's secretary/library technician in the Department of Library and Information Studies at L.U.

Valerie Barton is our newest addition to the Executive. She is also a graduate of the L.U. program, and has been the librarian at the Oliver Township Public Library in Murillo for the past four years. She has also been a town councillor for the past eight years.

"The time was when a library was very like a museum, and the librarian was a mouse in dusty books, and visitors looked with curious eyes at ancient tomes and manuscripts. The time is when a library is a school, and the librarian is in the highest sense a teacher, and the visitor a reader among the books as a workman among his tools."

Melvil Dewey



28 September, 7:30 P.M. : General Meeting and Tour of Ontario Library Service North with Donna Brown and Carolyn Christie. Come and join us for our first gathering of the year! Many of us have not had the opportunity to visit OLS North headquarters, so this is our chance to see what services they provide for our region. Refreshments will be served and membership fees will be collected. OLS North is located at 910 Victoria Avenue East. If any student needs a ride to the meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet in the hall outside the LIS Lab.

October 24, 7:30 P.M. : Tour of the new Hammarskjold High School Library with Frank Beimers (School Librarian) and Penny Bowers (Library Technician). This promises to be an interesting session as Frank will be talking about the role of the Teacher-Librarian and Penny will be discussing the trials and tribulations of a library move!



FROM THE HALLS OF LEARNING

Once again the halls at Lakehead University are crowded with eager and apprehensive first year students, as well as the "old hands", back for another year. We would like to welcome all newcomers to the Library Tech program. We hope you will join our OALT/ABO organization and get to know your fellow library techs. It

always helps to network with those in the field, as well as have a good time and develop professionally as well!

The following poem was posted on the Library Support Staff listserv :

libsup-1@u.washington.edu.

We would like to share it with our readers . It was written by **Jerry Stern** from the English Department at Florida State, and it appeared in the Fall issue of "Archival Products News".



BOOKLOVE

I have just come from an exhibition that told me that

books will be replaced by electronic libraries, talking videos, inter-active computers, cd-roms with thousands of volumes, gigabytes of memory dancing on pixilated screens at which we will bearily stare into eternity.

And so, in the face of the future, I must sing the song of

the book, nothing more voluptuous do I know than sitting with bright pictures fat upon my lap, and turning glossy pages of giraffes and Gauguins, penguins, and pyramids. I love wide atlases delineating the rise and fall of empires, the trade routes from Kashgar to Samarkand.

I love heavy dictionaries, their tiny pictures,

complicated columns, minute definitions of incarnative and laniary, hagboat and fopdoodle.

I love the texture of pages, the high gloss slickness of

magazines as slippery as oiled eels, the soft nubble of old books, delicate India paper, so thin my hands tremble trying to turn the fluttering dry leaves, and the yellow cheap, coarse paper of mystery novels so gripping that I don't care that the plane circles Atlanta forever, because it is a full moon and I am stalking in the

Arizona desert a malevolent shape-shifter.

I love the feel of ink on the paper, the shiny varnishes,

the silky lacquers, the satiny mattes.

I love the press of letters in thick paper, the roughness

sizzles my fingers with centuries of craft embedded in pulped old rags, my hands caress the leather of old bindings crumbling like ancient gentlemen.

The books I hold for their heft, to riff their pages, to

smell their smoky dustiness, the rise of time in my nostrils.

I love bookstores, a perfect madness of opportunity,

a lavish feast eaten by walking up aisles, and as fast as my hand reaches out, I reveal books' intimate innards, a doleful engraving of Charlotte Corday who murdered Marat, a drawing of the 1914 T-head Stutz Bearcat whose owners shouted at rivals, "there never was a car worser than the Mercer."

I sing these pleasures of white paper and black ink,

of the small jab of the hard cover corner at the edge of my diaphragm, of the look of type, of the flip of a page, the sinful abandon of the turned down corner, the reckless possessiveness of my marginal scrawl, the cover picture--as much a part of the book as the contents itself, like Holden Caulfield his red cap turned backwards, staring away from us, at what we all thought we should become.

And I also love those great fat Bibles evangelists wave

like otter pelts, the long graying sets of unreadable authors, the tall books of babyhood enthusiastically crayoned, the embossed covers of adolescence, the tiny poetry anthologies you could slip in your pocket, and the yellowing cookbooks of recipes for glace blanc dupont and Argentine mocha toast, their stains and spots souvenirs of long evenings full of love and argument, and the talk, like as not, of books, books, books.

WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?

SEE IF YOU CAN TRANSLATE THESE WELL-KNOWN CLICHES AND PROVERBS:

1. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.

2. Eschew the implementation of correction and vitiate the scion.

3. The temperature of the aqueous content of an unremittingly ogled saucepan does not reach 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

4. All articles that coruscate with resplendence are not truly auriferous.

5. Where there are visible vapours having their prevalence in ignited carbonaceous materials, there is conflagration.

6. Sorting on the part of mendicants must be interdicted.

7. A plethora of individuals with expertise in culinary techniques vitiates the potable

concoction produced by steeping certain comestibles.

Here are the answers from the last issue:

1. Twinkle ,twinkle little star.
2. Birds of a feather flock together.
3. Look before you leap.
4. Beauty is only skin deep.
5. Don't cry over spilt milk.
6. Cleanliness is next to godliness.
7. The pen is mightier than the sword.



The Instructional Materials Centre at the Lakehead Board of Education has been reorganized over the past few months. **Terri Parker-Celmer**, a library tech grad, is now supervisor of Library Services. **Viviana Toneguzzi** has gone to Hammarskjold as Guidance Secretary and some work responsibilities of other staff members have been shifted between remaining personnel.

Heather Miller of the IMC had a baby girl - Kayla Michele - in May. Congratulations!

Cheryl Fenton was feted in style at the Victoria Inn in June, by at least fifty well wishers from the TBPL staff, family and friends, as she celebrated the BIG ONE - complete with motorcycle ride (a Harley Davidson) up Arthur Street and out Highway 61!