

TECH TALK

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President's Message!

Summer seems to have passed by much too quickly considering the winter we weathered. However, time marches on and it is September and the start of a new season of meetings and work shops.

The executive is excited about our new fall line up. Hopefully, you will find something of interest in our schedule of events. Many "fun" things have been planned to try and keep our faces smiling through budget cuts, downsizing and a predicted cold winter.

I will be visiting the new Library Tech students at the University on September 9, 1996 to introduce them to OALT/ABO as a professional organization. We plan to generate some new interest and recruit a few new members. The first **General Meeting** this year will be held at the **Thunder Bay Art Gallery** on Tuesday, September 24, 1996. A tour of the exhibits will follow the OALT/ABO business at hand.

The October presentation will be held at the Library Tech lab at the University and our guest speaker will be Mark Colosimo from Colosimo Financial Services. **Investment Planning** will be discussed. By popular request our November workshops will deal with **Stress Management**. We expect record crowds for this topic.

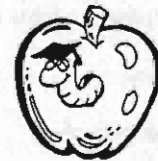
Our annual "**Jingle Mingle**" will be held in early December preceded by a short general meeting. Once again, this gala holiday event will be held at the home of Valerie Welsch. Come and join us for some Christmas cheer.

Please remember that **memberships** are due by the end of October. Membership forms will be

available at our first general meeting in September.

Plan to attend the many diverse workshops and presentations that are available to you. We will be sending notification of all events, times, places and invite everyone to participate. This organization and its executive do work for you. The executive looks forward to meeting you in the months to come and sharing our professional "library world".

Carol Young



Provincial Report



Valerie Welsch (Provincial Secretary) and Jill Otto (Regional Director) will be attending the **Brainstorming Weekend** in Barrie on September 21st - 22nd. The direction of the OALT/ABO organization will be discussed in depth at this fall session. Valerie and Jill will submit reports at a later date.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of income as of April 30, 1996

Revenue:	
Memberships	\$ 480.00
Total:	\$ 480.00
Expenses:	
Provincial Travel (Jill Otto)	\$ 88.90
Provincial Reconciliation	200.00
New Cheques (CIBC)	47.44
Tech Talk (printing, stamps)	50.08
Total:	\$ 386.42
Surplus as of April 30, 1996	\$ 2793.69
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	93.58
Surplus as of this date:	\$ 2887.27
Assets:	
Cash in Bank	\$ 2887.27
G.I.C.	4071.25
Total:	\$ 6958.52

Membership Statistics

Graduate	12
Student	0
Senior	0
Associate	0
Institutional	0

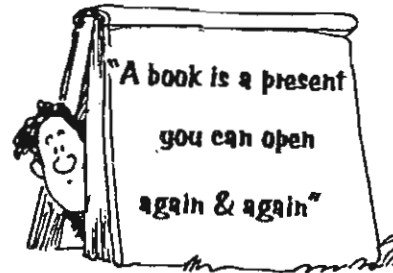


Time is Running Out

As Carol mentioned, the cut-off time for membership registration and/or renewal, will be the end of October. This will make life a whole lot easier for our **Treasurer, Public Relations Coordinator, and Newsletter Editors** in their records management efforts. We thank you in advance for your support concerning this matter!

MEMBERSHIP FEES

GRADUATES	\$60.00
STUDENT	\$15.00
ASSOCIATE	\$40.00
SENIOR	\$15.00
INSTITUTIONAL	\$82.00
UNEMPLOYED	\$30.00



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Back L to R: Valerie Welsch, Tara Wyght, Margot Ponder, Kathy Crewdson, Valerie Barten. Front L to R: Karen Cocks, Carol Young (Jill Otto is missing)

PROFILES

Carol Young is Head of the Circulation Department at the Instructional Materials Department at the Lakehead Board of Education where she plays a game of "Beat the Clock" on a daily basis. Carol graduated from the Library Tech Program in 1971.

Valerie Barten was previously the Librarian for the Oliver Township Public Library for 4 years. She is currently a Councilor for the Township of outer Gilles and is a 1993 graduate.. She truly adds alot of colour & flare to our executive team.

Margot Ponder, a 1994 grad is employed as a secretary/library technician for the Library &

Information Studies Department at LU. The new students to the program will undoubtedly be recipients of her warm & caring personality. Margot also supples for the Thunder Bay Public Library in her spare time!

Kathy Crewdson wears many hats as she works in the a.m. in the Bibliographic Processing Department of the Chancellor Paterson Library as a Library Accounts Technician. You can find Kathy in the afternoon at the Northern Studies Resource Centre in a Library Technician capacity. She is also the mother of five children.

Karen Cocks, a 1988 graduate, is the library technician at Hillcrest High School Library. While her professional life does keep her quite busy ... you can usually find her doing something crafty during her leisure time.

Tara Wuyht a delightful newcomer and a recent graduate (1996). She is currently in a contract position at Waverly Resource Library and is slaving over "Name Authorities" for the Cataloging Department. Tara also works part-time at the Education Library.

Jill Otto is no stranger to our organization as she has held several executive positions in recent years. She is a technician always on the go as she continues to work toward an honours in English. She is currently working at Brodie Resource Library as the new Public Service Assistant for the Thunder Bay Public Library. Jill graduated from the program in 1992.

NAMES in the NEWS

Recently an article was published in the Post that contained some uneducated remarks concerning the qualifications and knowledge of library technicians. The following letter to the editor is in defense of our profession:

"Darts For Library Tech Column"

The Editor:

This in response to an article written by Susanne Marquardt in the May 29 Post -- "Certified Teaching Librarians Lost". More specifically, I direct my response to two particular sentences; "Projections are that technicians or library facilitators will take over. These people will likely have little or no library training..."

I assume that the author, when using the word "technician" is referring to library technicians.

Lakehead University offers a two year diploma program in Library & Information Studies from which library technicians graduate.

During those 2 years, students learn advanced library skills to prepare them for work in any type of library. Information retrieval deals with the computer skills of on-line searching, CD-ROM use, and accessing the Internet.

Courses such as reference, cataloguing, children's literature, records management, government documents, business and current issues teach students valuable library skills for the workplace. A course on media presentation includes the use of audio-visual equipment, graphics and desk top publishing.

All students are required to perform five weeks of practice work in many different libraries. Graduates are well prepared for the information and technological explosion of the 1990s.

Students and graduates of the program are entitled to hold membership in the Ontario Association of Library Technicians, a provincial organization, whose mandate is to maintain and advance the professional standards set out by our constitution.

"Little or no library training ... " I think not!

Carol Young, President
OALT/ABO Thunder Bay
Region
(Thunder Bay Post, July 16, 1996)

LIBRARY TECH FINDS TREASURE

During my travels this summer I happened upon a treasure for library techs. "The World's Biggest Bookstore" on Edward Street in Toronto. Originally a bowling alley, the World's Biggest Bookstore contains every book you could ever desire or need in its 70,000 square feet. This enormous two-story bookstore which opened November 5th, 1980, is larger than two football fields, and features 27 kilometers of shelves, over one million books and over 143 thousand titles. They offer a 10% discount and



do not charge shipping fees to libraries. What a library tech paradise!!!

Being completely automated, the courteous staff can help you search by author, title or ISBN. The store itself is organized by subject and format. They ship books all over the world to places such as Japan and Australia.

I spoke with Marc Plume, an undergraduate and aspiring writer, who manned the front information desk. He told me that the **World's Biggest Bookstore** employs mostly university undergraduates and writers, but he didn't know if any library techs worked there. Too bad!

The most often subject areas requested were computers and business. Yet they sell equal quantities of fiction and non-fiction. Marc's two most unusual requests have been: 1) Who was the professor on Gilligan's Island? and 2) Do you have that little brown book which weighs approximately 3 pounds and costs about \$3 U.S.?

Submitted by Penny Bower
Library Technician
Hammarskjold High School

- **Betty Bracksma** will be teaching the Government Documents course in Red Lake this fall.
- **Anne Deighton** is the acting Chief Librarian for the Chancellor Paterson Library.



Internet Addresses

- Canada's Main Home Page - <http://Canada.gc.ca>
- All-In-One Search Page - <http://www.albany.net/allinone>
- AskEric - <http://ericir.syr.edu/collections.html>
- Med Help International - <http://medhlp.netusa.net/Index.htm>
- EDWEB - <http://K12.cnidr.org/90/>
- KidswEB - <http://www.npac.syr.edu/textbook/kidswEB/>

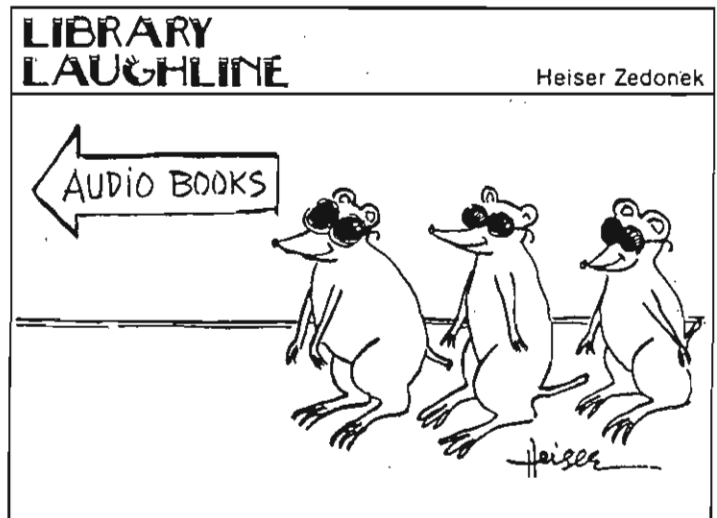


FROM THE HALLS OF LEARNING

Well another school year is upon us and with it come new fall courses for those of you who wish to broaden your academic horizons. Please take note of the following fall line up from the Department of Library & Information Studies:

LIS 3050 Selected Topics: The Internet
Monday 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

LIS 2010 Records Management
Wednesday 6:00 pm-9:00 pm





***OUR ROVING REPORTER ...
"LIBRARIES DOWN UNDER"***

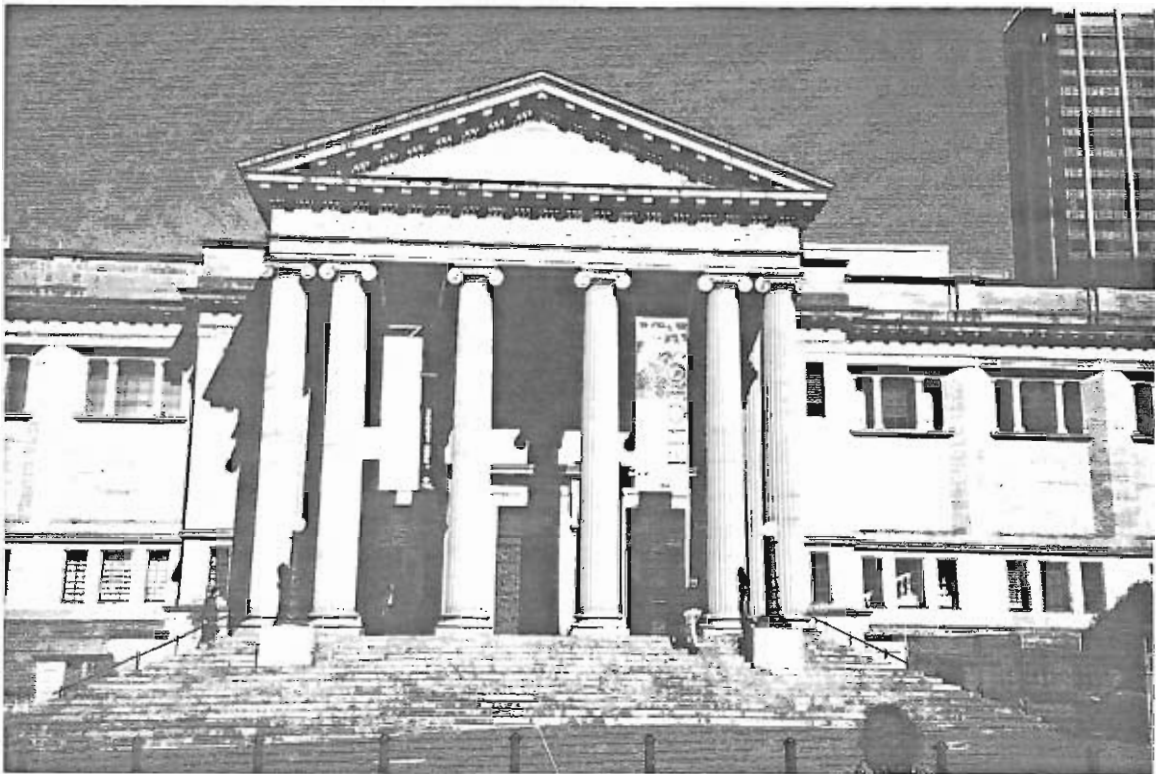
On May 6, 1996, I set out for the land of OZ. My husband and I spent two months touring the wonderful country of **Australia**. Among our tours was the **Sydney Opera House Library**. It is situated on the western boardwalk of the harbour and it contains books, scores, magazines, photographs and other reference materials relating to the Opera House itself and the performing arts. It was fantastic, a **must** to see.

The **New South Wales State Library** was even better (my husband even thought so). We both thoroughly enjoyed our day at the State Library. This Library did a great job combining the old with the new. It has a modern facility, which was completed in 1988. It is in this part of the

building you can find the open stacks, the reference collection, the Friends of the Library, the administration offices, a coffee as well as a gift shop. The older building, built approximately in the early 1900s is better known as the Mitchell and Dixon Library. Here is where you will find the rare and special book collection along with the Shakespeare Room. This room was built to house the Library's Shakespeare collection. The style of the room and the materials used, recreated the feeling of the Tudor period for me and my husband.

I would have to say that my favorite part of the library was the content of their display cases. In particular, the personal log of the English Captain to the Bounty, Captain Bligh. This was a part of history that Australia adopted as their own. It was a great time to feel and see what libraries are like on the other side of the world.

Tara Wyght



THE NEW SOUTH WALES STATE LIBRARY

Did you know that...

Casanova worked as a librarian the last 13 years of his life? Well...he did!

Mao Tse-Tung, J. Edgar Hoover & Pope Pius XI were famous librarians? Well...they were!

FROM THE GRAPEVINE



YOU CAN FIND JENNIFER CULHAM RUNNING THE WASAGA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LAURA MORDEN IS A LIBRARY ASSISTANT WITHIN THE LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA SCHOOL SYSTEM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JILL OTTO ON HER NEW POSITION AS PUBLIC SERVICE ASSISTANT WITH THE THUNDER BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE WILL BE WORKING OUT OF BRODIE RESOURCE LIBRARY.

DEBBIE MINTENKO IS NOW WORKING AS A LIBRARY TECHNICIAN AT THE HIGH SCHOOL IN MARATHON!

RON WALKER SPENT A SUMMER IN MARGOT PONDER'S SHOES IN THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY.

TERRI BADIOU IS NOW ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN IN THEIR MLS PROGRAM. GOOD LUCK TERRI!

READ THE BEST BOOKS FIRST, OR YOU MAY NOT HAVE THE CHANCE TO READ THEM AT ALL! ... THOREAU



In closing, we would like to thank Carol Young, Penny Bower and Tara Wyght for their enlightening views and interesting commentary.

We encourage all technicians to continue to use Tech Talk as a means of networking with others in our profession. So, if you have any articles, tidbits of information, reports or items of interest, please submit them to your editors for consideration. We look forward to hearing from you!

