TECH TALK

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President's Message!

Our Annual Dinner Meeting was held March 26, 1997 at the Da Vinci Centre and record crowds attended! The Executive of OALT\ABO for 1997-98 was elected with one new member joining our team. The Executive welcomes Georgina Harron as treasurer and we look forward to her presence at our planning meetings. Valerie Welsch is leaving our Executive to spend more time at her position of Secretary at the Provincial level. We will miss Valerie's input at our meetings and I have invited her to attend anytime she has a chance.

The OALT\ABO Thunder Bay Branch academic award was presented to Kelly Maheu a very worthy recipient. Kelly attended our Annual Dinner Meeting to accept her award. Good luck to Kelly in her future endeavors.

Valerie Welsch and Judy Sennett attended the Provincial Conference held in Toronto in May. Valerie presented the finished product of the OALT\ABO information fact sheet and brochure which were well received. Special thanks to Heather Houston, our graphic artist at the I.M.C. who put it all together and produced very professional documents.

Exciting new times are ahead for the elementary libraries at the *Lakehead Board of Education*. Positions for *Information Services Technicians* have been posted and the selection is presently underway. This is a giant step forward for library technicians and a great opportunity for us to show the world what we can do.

The Executive has a tentative schedule for workshops and meetings set for the upcoming year and we'll keep you posted. Until then have a safe and restful summer!

Carol Young

Provincial Report



THE PROVINCIAL BOARD MEETING-REPORT -- April 5, 1997

The last meeting of the year of the provincial board and executive of OALT\ABO was held on Saturday, April 5, 1997 at the beautiful North York Library. With Teresa Kennedy leaving the board next year we lose our meeting site at her employer Weir and Foulds. The North York site proved to be popular and more convenient so will be used next year.

There were a few key figures missing at this meeting, however, we managed to carry on. The *traveling workshop* that the *Ottawa region* is pulling together hit a snag in that many regions do not support Marsha Hunt as a speaker since she has often spoke at our conferences and they would like to see someone new. New ideas for workshops were discussed and all ideas will be considered by Ottawa region.

The brochure and information sheet as laid out by Heather Houston of the Lakehead Board was finalized and the printing will be done here as soon as possible and distributed to each region.

The nominating committee for the provincial executive has almost a full slate for the Annual Business Meeting.

Susan Bourdeau has been working hard on the new membership directory that has been made more difficult because the membership database has not been kept up to date. It will be distributed at the conference. The membership database should be in good shape from here on because of regional responsibility and a new membership person to work with the treasurer. This Board has been very easy to work with and I know that Valerie Barten will do a great job for our region next year.

Submitted by Catherine Walsh



THINK MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OVER THE SUMMER!!

Just a gentle reminder that all fees are due October 31st.

Membership Fees:

Graduate	\$60.00
Student	\$15.00
Senior	\$15.00
Associate	\$40.00
Institutional	\$82.00
Unemployed	\$30.00



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FROM THE HALLS OF LEARNING

Congratulations to all 1997 graduates!

Jane Arthur, Jim Bleishwitz, Lori Fullenkamp, Georgina Harron, Kelly Maheu, Charlene Maki, Marsha Porter, Antia Smith, and Sharon Whitehead

Kelly Maheu was the recipient of the Dean Braun Medal as well as the OALT/ABO award.

Best wishes and Good luck with your future endeavors. Remember to keep in touch with your local association from time to time. We are always interested in what happens to each and every one of you.

Margaret MacLean is officially back on track again after a sabatical leave. Perhaps she will share a few stories of her latest travel exploits with us in a future publication. We trust she is well rested and raring to get the Fall 1997 Library & Information Studies program under way.

membership raffled at every Annual Dinner Meeting. It really was a big hit!

membership. Perhaps we should have a

OUR ANNUAL DINNER MEETING....

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L to R: Kelly Maheu and Carol Young

Our Annual Dinner Meeting held at the Da Vinci Centre was a resounding success this past March. It was by far our best attended event yet. It was so nice to see so many students, technicians and associates (approximately 36 in all) enjoying themselves. Good food, good company, a smooth business meeting, door prizes and a raffle for an OALT/ABO 1997-98 membership, were all contributing factors that made this event so enjoyable.

Congratulations goes out to Sheri Vaillant who was the lucky winner of the 97-98

TRANSFORMATION '97



L to R: Helen Hyvarinen, Valerie Welsch, Judy Sennett

Cathy Walsh, Valerie Welsch, Penny Bower, Judy Sennett, and Helen Hyvarinen represented the Thunder Bay region at the Annual conference in Toronto this past May. They have filed the following reports:

24th Annual Conference of OALT/ABO Submitted by Cathy Walsh

The 24th Annual conference of OALT/ABO was held May 8-11 in Toronto at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, now a part of U of T. I was fortunately able to attend a couple of workshops as well as the Round Table Discussion, the Annual Business Meeting and The Brainstorming session that followed. A special event took place this year at the conference - the unveiling of the OALT/ABO WEB page. The WEB site is a joint effort of

all regions of the organization and is well done with lots of information about OALT/ABO and library technicians. The address is http://www.interlog.com/~oaltabo/. Pay a visit and if you have any suggestions there is the opportunity to give feedback to the Webmaster.

The Regions are responsible for keeping their local information up to date and relevant. The possibility of creating a ListServe of Forum has been referred to the Internet Committee. The directory, which was supposed to be ready at the conference was delayed because of problems at the printer. The directory will be mailed out to all members as soon as it is available.

The Annual Business Meeting was a breeze this year. A new executive was in place in record time: President-Penni Lee, Vice-President-Naci Abbondanza, Secretary-Valerie Welsch, Treasurer-Chris Carmichae, Public Relations-William Land, Newsletter Editor-Lee Ann Greck, Archivist-Janet Scheibler, Membership-Janet Iles, Ex Officio-Susan Bourdeau.

Next year's conference promises to be a very special one - our 25th and will be held in London May 22-24, 1998.

The provincial board meetings for next year will be on September 20, November 15, February 21 and April 4. Valerie Barten is now our regional director and will be attending these meetings.

Workshop Reports

Submitted by Valerie Welsch

1. CD-ROMS and Folioviews

Marla Sterritt, Chief Librarian at Davis, Ward
& Beck presented this workshop on Folioviews.
She has designed a 28 page booklet to help
lawyers where she works, understand how to get
the required information off the CD-ROMs.
Marla explained that there is not yet a standard
for the way information is organized and
presented on a CD-ROM but most companies

are leaning to folioviews — especially here in Canada. Although Marla has given permission to reproduce her booklet, I will only include the pages on "Boolean" operators.

Performing a Query

The following Boolean operators are available for use:

QUERY	EXAMPLE	EXPLANATION
Single Word	communication	Finds all records which contain the word "communication".
Phrase	"fiduciary duty"	Finds all records which contain the phrase "fiduciary duty".
And	butterfly rollover butterfly & rollover butterfly and rollover	Finds all records which contain BOTH "butterfly" and "rollover".
Or	director officer director or officer	Finds all records which contain EITHER "director" or "officer".
Multiple Word	duty and director or officer	Queries may contain more than two search terms.
Precedence	(duty and director) or officer	Grouping search terms with parentheses changes the order Folio Views evaluates a query and makes the query easier to understand.
Not	sex not harassment sex ^ harassment	Finds all records which contain the word "sex" but does NOT contain "harassment".
Exclusive Or	assault ~ battery assault xor battery	Finds all records which contain either "assault" or "battery" but which do NOT contain both.
Wildcard	wom?n	Finds all words which begin with the pattern "wom" followed by any single letter, and which ends with the pattern "n".
	fiducia*	Finds all words which begin with the pattern "fiduciar". Will find words such as "fiduciary" and "fiduciaries".
Ordered Proximity	"director duty"/10	Only registers a hit if "director" is found within 10 words in front of "duty".
Unordered Proximity	"director duty"@10	Only registers a hit if "director" is found within 10 words of "duty" (either in front or behind)
Stem	bring%	Finds all words which have "bring" as a stem (or root). Will find words such as "bring", "brings", "bringing" and "brought".
Thesaurus	fastS	Finds all words which are synonyms for "fast". will find words such as "quick" and "speedy".
Scopes	[Note <query>] [Popup<query>] [Highlighter<name>:<q [field<name="" uery]="">:<query] [group<name="">:<query]< td=""><td>See the product manual. Most scope searches are performed using templates. This search feature has been replaced by query templates.</td></query]<></query]></q></name></query></query>	See the product manual. Most scope searches are performed using templates. This search feature has been replaced by query templates.

Rules of Precedence

- NOT is evaluated before OR
- OR is evaluated before Exclusive OR
- Exclusive OR is evaluated before AND

Keyword Searches

- Type as many keywords as necessary to perform your search
- Start with broad terms first then add more specific terms
- There are NO AUTOMATIC PLURAL searches. Each variation of a word must be specified or truncated. e.g. child or childs or children

Phrase Searches

- Use quotation marks (") before and after keywords to perform a phrase search
- Phrase searching takes more time to process
- Example: "mens rea"

2. Marketing Yourself

"Chips" Klein, Business Consultant of Chipco Canada presented this workshop. Chips invented a purse mirror and after attending several gatherings marketing herself and her product, she found her niche and started her new company - on "how to market yourself". She presented her technique which she says can be honed until it becomes a skill.

Subject Need

- What am I talking about
- Know why your audience

Idea

needs what you have to offer - how will my idea

Benefits

Evidence

assist target audience
- how can target audience

benefit

- experience -give credential
- analogy -keep general
 expert e.g. -Gretzky
 advertising skates vs. Coke
- example -more specific to target audience
- statistics -don't
- fact -something you

Conclusion Action

- believe to be true short succinct summary
- Give me a call. When Can I expect a decision. Take responsibility for the action

3. Copyright

Dr. Francoise Hebert presented this workshop. I just had the pleasure of watching her in a copyright video conference at Confederation College. Three questions on copyright has arisen at work just after the video conference so I was ecstatic to chat with Canada's leading authority on copyright as to exactly what The Lakehead Board of Education should be doing in each of these situations. Actually, thanks to Cancopy I only have compile the titles/authors and write one letter.

http://www/mcgrawhill.ca/copyrightlaw will give you information from and about Canadian Copyright Law by Lesley Ellen Harris and http://canada.justice.gc.ca will give you the full text of the Canadian Copyright Act.

OALT/ABO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION May 9, 1997

What would you like OALT/ABO to do for you?

- * more professional development
- * advanced HTML or JAVA
- * supervision of management
- * webmaster
- * intranet
- increase knowledge of online services
- negotiating discounts for training
- * increase presence at other library organizations
- * statement of ethics & standards
- * newsletter editors getting together
- * listserve

What would you like to see change or continue?

- * increase member support & participation
- * presentations at Colleges
- * attendance at workshops in other regions
- * update job descriptions for executive
- * distance education
- * regions need to work together/share

resources

* Annual Conferences

additional day/preconference workshops hold in conjunction with OLA student rates

* Continuation of networking with other provincial Lt Associations

What do you feel is the future direction of OALT/ABO?

- * Networking with other associations
- * develop list of speakers from other regions & post on Web pages
- * increased awareness of both LT's & of our association
- paid position
- * public relation profile committee

Other Topics

- * Web page
- * Mega Library Conference 1999
- * Networking Library Associations
- * graduated scale based on earnings
- * send people to other conferences (Provincial Pay!)
- * fees unemployment
 - change at Provincial level
- * unemployment donate time to association
- * traveling workshop

HTML

JAVA

information kit - give to regions with resources purchase video workshop which regions could borrow video conference

CYBER CATALOGUING

Submitted by Penny Bower

This workshop was given at *U* of *T*, *Faculty* of *Information Studies* by *Joe Cox*, Co-Manager of the Library, *Lynne Howarth*, Dean, and *Trina Richard*, the Catalogue Librarian.

It was **fascinating** to see all the changes by the new developing forms of information ie "electronic resource" as the new designate for computer files. They discussed many issues, such as ownership versus access, cataloging the whole world wide web, cataloging Internet sources, and standards.

They offered a number of *Internet web* sites throughout their home page as excellent sources for cataloging.

Within the website,

http://www.fis/utoronto.ca/library/cir, you will find the following links to aid your cataloging and classification verification.

- 1. Local sites of interest to catalogers
- 2. National agencies includes the National Library of Canada, and LC
- 3. Cataloging Internet Resources projects U of T's journals, OCLC's
- 4. Library catalogues of interest to cataloging personnel InterCat
- Technical services and cataloging depts, web pages - MARC record, NLC
- 6. Documents to provide information & instruction for cataloguers CyberDewey, Marvel, LCSH, OCLC
- 7. Other OCLC's, PURL service
- 8. Electronic lists for cataloging personnel Internet library for librarians



"Behold — an efficient information-retrieval system, with on-line access to stored detail ..."

<u>INTERNET ADDRESSES</u>

for Mega Search Tools:

(They allow you to search several engines at once)

MetaCrawler All-In-One http://www.metacrawler.com http://www.albany.net/allinone

E-Z Find

http://www.theriver.com/

Internet Sleuth

http://www.isleuth.com/

Search.com

http://www.search.com

Metasearch

http://metasearch.com



Jodi Cataldo will be working at V.B. Cook with Judy Sennett for the next 6 months or so. She will doing data entry on In Magic. Good Luck Jodi.

Rumor has it that Karen Cocks & husband Ken will be up to their eyeballs in sawdust this summer. They are building a new home.

Yours for the asking: The Canadian Trade Index 1996 and Fraser's Canadian Trade Directory 1996. Please contact Judy Sennett at 625-6713 if you are interested in obtaining these reference tools.



For Your Summer Reading Pleasure

(The Globe & Mail's National Bestseller List)

FICTION

- 1. The Partner/John Grisham
- 2. The Ranch/Daniel Steel
- 3. Fugitive Places/Anne Michaels
- 4. Dust to Dust/Timothy Findley
- 5. The Celestine Prophecy/James Redfield
- 6. Fall on Your Knees/Ann-Marie MacDonald
- 7. The Tenth Insight/James Redfield
- 8. Evening Class/Maeve Binchy
- 9. London/Edward Rutherfurd
- 10. Alice Grace/Margaret Atwood

NON-FICTION

- 1. Boom Bust & Echo/David K. Foot
- 2. Angela's Ashes/Frank McCourt
- 3. Into Thin Air/Jon Krakauer
- 4. Without a Doubt/Marcia Clark
- 5. Scapegoat/Peter Worthington
- 6. The Unconscious Civilization/John Raiston Saul
- 7. Just As I Am/Billy Graham
- 8. Mondo Canuck/Geoff Pevere & Greg Dymond
- 9. The Pig and the Python/David Cork
- 10. Underboss/Peter Maas

Keep our newest feature column Book Talk in mind while you are having a good read this summer ... and while you are at it ... why not write a little book report for our up and coming publications of Tech Talk. Yes ... it's that easy. Your Newsletter editors will be ever so gratefull