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President's Message!

Here it is time to write another message for the newsletter. Time goes by so fast!

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season and managed to cope with the long cold snap we had for almost three weeks. I'm glad we didn't have Toronto's weather!

On January 12th, Shawn Allaire presented an excellent session on the digital archives project she worked on for Thunder Bay Public Library. It never ceases to amaze me how all these exciting and wonderful things can be done with technology.

The Executive has planned a visit to Mary J.L. Black Library on February 25th. Donna Bright, Children's Librarian, Brodie Resource Library, will be speaking to us on the Children's Literacy Round Table program.

Plans are also underway for the Annual Dinner and Business Meeting in March. A tentative date has been set for March 25th and Margaret McLean, Chair, School of Library and Information Studies, has agreed to be our guest speaker for the evening.

The OALT/ABO 26th annual conference, Perspectives '99, will be held in Sudbury, May 13-16, 1999. Many workshops will be available for opportunities to learn and share information with library colleagues.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Helen Hyvarinen

Provincial Report



The last Executive and Board of Director's meeting of OALT/ABO was held in Toronto on November 14, 1998. However, due to the marvels of e-mail we have remained in close touch. Our next scheduled meeting will be a teleconference on February 6, 1999. The last meeting of the current Executive and Board of Directors will be held March 27, 1999 in Toronto.

Our Listserv, sponsored by Faxon Canada, is available to all OALT/ABO members. Instructions on how to subscribe can be found in the latest issue of the provincial NEWSletter. I hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity to keep up to date on the latest developments in the information technology field and to discuss their impact with other library technicians. Job opportunities are also posted on the Listserv. Anyone interested in what is available will find this useful.

Thunder Bay has once again played an active role in OALT/ABO. Debbie Squier-Bernst and Valerie Welsch have produced an admirable edition of the provincial NEWSletter. Debbie and Valerie, along with Heather Houston's expertise, have

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HOR D'OUEVRES MADE SIMPLE WITH CHEF DON

On November 24th, members of the OALT were treated to an evening with Chef Don at the West Thunder Community Centre. These tasty recipes were prepared by our members under the instruction of Chef Don Harris.

Tofu Cheese Balls

1 - 250 gm package of extra firm tofu
1 - 250 gm package of soft cream cheese
2 cups bread crumbs
2 eggs
1 cup flour
Optional spices such as Cajun, onion powder, garlic powder

Slice tofu in ½ inch slices. Cut in various shapes. Place cream cheese on shape and dip in flour, beaten eggs and finally bread crumbs. Repeat process. Deep fry in hot oil until brown and crispy. Great with Chef Don's Secret Sauce!

Cajun Chicken Nuggets

Pickereel, Whitefish or Red Snapper Fillets
Louisiana hot sauce
Teriaki sauce
Lemon juice
Cajun base seasoning
Salt and pepper

Cut fillets in to 2" pieces. Marinate fish with remaining ingredients. Coat fish pieces with flour, beaten egg and Cajun seasoned bread crumbs. Deep fry in hot oil until golden. Serve with Don's Secret Sauce.

Chef Don's Secret Sauce

Mix together:

1 cup salad dressing
1 tablespoon green relish
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Louisiana hot sauce to taste
Cajun base spice

Submitted by Georgina Harron



LIBRARY LAUGH



After reviewing an application for a library card, the library technician told the patron that he could not be issued a library card. When the patron asked why he was being rejected the library technician replied, "What do you think, we're crazy? You've listed your occupation as bookkeeper!"

**DIGITAL ARCHIVING:
INFORMATION FROM PAPER TO CD ROM**

January 12, 1999 was a cold and frosty evening with a windchill of -30 degrees Celsius in Thunder Bay. A small group of hardy souls met at the L.U. Lab to hear Shawn Allaire speak on Digital Archiving and the role that she played in the formation of the Thunder Bay Public Library's Digitization Project. Back in February of 1998, she had spoken to The Northern Ontario Archivist's Association, and a review of that seminar has been published in the March 1998 (volume 25, no. 5) edition of Tech Talk. At that time she was the Digitization Project Manager and was mid-way through the project, just beginning to start the actual scanning of the photographs which are from the 1870's to the early 1900's. Prior to that, she had been busy with research of the various topics that are involved with the setup of this type of project - the hardware, software, scanning processes and capabilities, copyright, the appearance of the web page, selection of photographs, clearance of copyright with the owners of the photographs, plus the goals, objectives and timetables that every project must have in place.

A project of this size took from November 1997 to April 1998 from beginning to end: from researching to the creation of the CDs and Website launch. Small problems came up: one of them was the date of the photographs since many were not dated; the software provider informed her to estimate when they had been taken and to put in a false date in the date field - a real no-no for a librarian -

heresy! Shawn stressed that the most important things to remember are to thoroughly research and to document everything for future use.

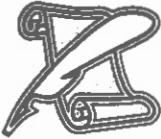
Three computers were booted up and linked to the Thunder Bay Public Library site so we could view the finished project. It is a clean, uncluttered site that is easy on the eyes, and the photograph titles are arranged chronologically. After clicking on the title, a page comes up with a small image of the photograph plus its dimensions, the name of the photographer (if known), the location and the date (if known), and description of the site, plus hyperlinks to external web sites which may prove interesting (the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, the Carnegie Foundation (Brodie Street Library is a Carnegie library), the National Museum of Science and Technology, etc.). When the cursor is double-clicked on the small picture, it brings up a link to a larger copy where the details are easier to see. Chuckles were heard when the details revealed a man caught waving while sitting on the top of a telephone pole, cows grazing in the field near him. This photograph was taken on Simpson Street, once a major thoroughfare here in Thunder Bay.

This project does much towards encouraging an interest in the history of not only Thunder Bay, Red Rock and Schrieber but in all facets of life in Northwestern Ontario, and it can be accessed by going to the Thunder Bay Public Library home page at: <http://www.tbpl.thunder-bay.on.ca>. Once there, click on the text "Have you seen the TBPL Digitization Pilot Project?"

Additional information about the project can be found at:
<http://www.tbpl.thunder-bay.on.ca/digitize.htm>.

Submitted by Linda Bukovy

UPCOMING.....



On Thursday, February 25th, at 7:00 p.m. OALT members are invited to the newly renovated Mary J.L. Black Library where Donna Bright of TBPL will be discussing the Thunder Bay Children's Literature Roundtable. For more information please call Valerie Barten at 344-1692.

At the workshop in October held at Chapters Bookstore, Valerie Welsch, OALT Provincial Secretary presented LaRae Moody with a silver pen to commemorate LaRae's 25 years as an OALT member. Unfortunately LaRae was unable to attend the OALT Conference in May to receive her pen with the other seven honourees.



The annual Jingle Mingle was held on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 1998 in Library & Info Studies Lab, Lakehead University. After the general meeting, those in attendance feasted on a variety of appetizers and sweets prepared by the executive.

**JAMES BAIN MEDALLION
TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR 1999**

Outstanding Leadership

Margaret MacLean, associate professor and chair of the Department of Library and Information Studies at Lakehead, will be presented with the James Bain Medallion for Trustee of the Year, 1999, by the Ontario Public Library Association at their conference in Toronto on January 23, 1999.



The award is being given for MacLean's outstanding leadership in the advancement of public library service in Ontario.

MacLean is chair of the Thunder Bay Public Library Board and vice-chair of the Ontario Library Service -- North Board.

FROM THE GRAPEVINE



Congratulations to **Joanne Agostino** who is now working full time for the Thunder Bay Public Library. You can find Joanne in the Circulation Department, Waverley Branch.

Josie Fiorenza moved to Ottawa in November after she accepted a Library Technician position with the Ottawa Catholic School Board. Way to go Josie!

Congratulations to **Karrie Matheson** who recently became engaged to Dennis Ukrainec. The happy couple will be married on August 7th, 1999. Karrie is employed with the Lakehead District School Board where she works as an IST at Sherbrooke and Ogdan Schools.

Contemporary Canadian Law & Legal Research LIS 3050

The Department of Library & Information Studies at Lakehead University is pleased to offer "Contemporary Canadian Law and Legal Research" beginning May 3, 1999, Monday-Thursday from 6-9 p.m. through May 20.

From murders to medical malpractice to motor vehicle accidents, learn not only how the law touches us all but also how to understand legal materials. Erik Knutsen, H.B.A., LL.B (May 1999), brings a fresh and practical approach to the study of the court system, the law, and legal research. Topics to be studied include Courts, Lawyers, Legislation, Public Law (Criminal Law and Constitutional Law) and Private Law (Contract, Tort, and Property Law.) Students will learn methods of legal research including electronic research, Case Law Reporters, Statutes, Legal Academics, and Government Documents.

This course is available as a degree credit or LIS diploma credit, even if you have already taken LIS 3050, you may take it again. For more information, contact the Dept. of Library and Information Studies, 807-343-8398.

OALT/ABO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

If anyone is interested in going to the conference in Sudbury, May 13-16, the tickets are \$482.00 (return). If you are interested please contact Valerie Barten.

Governor-General's Awards for Children's Literature '98



Awards are presented to the best books and the best illustrations by Canadian citizens, whether the books were published in Canada or elsewhere.

English Language Children's Literature

Nominees - Text:

Gayle Friesen, *Haney's Girl*
Julie Johnston, *The Only Outcast*
Janet Lunn, *The Hollow Tree*
Janet McNaughton, *Make or Break Spring*
Sarah Withrow, *Bat Summer*

The Award Winner:

Janet Lunn, *The Hollow Tree* (Alfred A. Knopf Canada).

The heroine, Phoebe Olcott, is a fifteen-year-old girl caught up in the American Revolutionary War. In 1777 she sets off on a harrowing journey through the wilderness to deliver a message to the British in Canada.

Nominees - Illustration:

Victor Bosson, *The Fox's Kettle*, text by Laura Langston
Harvey Chan, *Music for the Tsar of the Sea*, text by Celia Barker Lottridge
Zhong-Yang Huang, *The Great Race*, text by David Bouchard
Stephane Jorisch, *The Village of a Hundred Smiles and Other Stories*, text by Barrie Baker
Kady MacDonald Denton, *A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes*

The Award Winner:

Kady MacDonald Denton, *A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes* (Kids Can Press)
Readers of all ages will be delighted by the illustrator's fresh approach to these classic rhymes.

French Language Children's Literature

Nominees - Text:

Angèle Delaunois, *Variations sur un même*
< < t'aime > >
Guy Dessureault, *Lettre de Chine*
Daniel Mativat, *Terror sur le Windigo*
Danielle Rochette, *La Fugue d'Antoine*
Hélène Vachon, *Le Cinéma de Somerset*

The Award Winner:

Angèle Delaunois, *Variations sur un même*
< < t'aime > > (Édition Héritage)
This collection of short stories captures our interest with varied themes, from passionate love to heartbreak to tenderness.

Nominees - Illustration:

Stéphane Poulin, *Petit zizi*, text by Thierry Lenain
Pierre Pratt, *Monsieur Ilétaitunefois*, text by Rémy Simard
Alain Reno, *Un tartate pour le bonhomme Sept Heures*, text by Alain Reno
Yayo, *Le Chasseur d'arc-en-ciel*, text by Yayo

The Award Winner:

Pierre Pratt, *Monsieur Ilétaitunefois*, text by Rémy Simard (Annick Press).
Pratt works magic and marvelously illustrates an amusing story.

LIST OF FREE BOOKS AVAILABLE

- Whitaker's Books in Print. 1994.
Vol. 1-5.
- Encyclopedia of Associations '96.
30th ed. Vol 1, Pt.1-3.
- World of Learning. 44th ed.1994.
45th ed. 1995.
- Canadian University Distance
Education Directory.
1994 & 1995.
- The National List of
Advertisers '94.
- The Bowker Annual of Library &
Book Trade Information.
18th ed. 1973.
- The CEA Handbook. 1996.
- The Book Trade in Canada.
1995/96.
- The Corpus Administrative Index.
April/May/June 1996.
July/Aug/Sept 1996.
Oct/Nov/Dec 1996.
- Canadian Books in Print. 1996.
(Author & Title Index)
- Directory of Education. 1993/94.
- Canadian Law List. 1995.
- American University & Colleges.
12th ed. 1983.
- Scott's Directories : Atlantic
Manufacturers. 1994.
- Scott's Directories : Western
Manufacturers. 1994.
- Canadian French Books in Print.
Auteurs. Sept. 1997.
Titres. Sept. 1997.
Auteurs. Dec. 1997.
Titres. Dec. 1997.
- Gale Directory of Databases.
Jan. 1997, v. 1-2.
July 1997, v. 1-2.
- Literary Market Place. 1996.
- Yearbook of International
Organizations.
1993/94. Vol. 1 & Vol. 3.
- Publishers Directory. 17th ed.
1997.
- Ulrich's International
Periodicals Directory.
33rd ed. 1994-95. Vols. 1-5.
(with three supplements)

If interested in any of these free books please contact the Dept. of Library and Information Studies at Lakehead University at 343-8420.

EDITORS CORNER



We'd like to thank everyone who submitted contributions to this issue of Tech Talk.

If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter please feel free to give either of us a call or email us at the following addresses:

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If you have a longer article you would like included in the newsletter we would appreciate receiving your information on a disk - we promise to return it!

We would like to get the next newsletter out at the beginning of March so please have any submissions sent to us by Feb. 22. Thanks!

Kelly will be leaving Thunder Bay in May (we'll miss you Kelly) so, I'm looking for a new co-editor. If you are interested let me know.

Kelly and Gwen

