

# TECH TALK

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## *President's Message*

*Well, here we are again with Christmas round the corner! It is such a beautiful time of the year with all the sparkling Christmas decorations and Christmas trees in the stores.*

*The Executive has planned the General Meeting and Jingle Mingle for Dec. 7th at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital Education Services Department. After the General Meeting, the fun and festivities will begin! A craft will be made and refreshments will be served. Mark this date on your calendar as "must go" for December.*

*We were not able to have the meeting at the School of Library and Information Studies lab as it is being used by the Engineering Dept. The library studies program is now located in the computer room near the lab.*

*Valerie Welsch was the facilitator for the Print Artist workshop held at Ecole Gron Morgan in October. It was an excellent workshop and we all got to take a Print Artist disk to load on our own computers. This is a very "neat" program for doing up cards, posters, banners, etc. Thanks and appreciation to Valerie for walking us through the program. Her enthusiasm during the presentation made the workshop a lot of fun!*

*The Executive has begun planning for another workshop in February. We are hoping to have two workshops on a Saturday. Plans are still tentative as we have to confirm facilitators for them.*

*Hope everyone has remembered to renew their membership.*

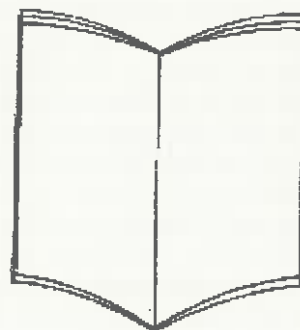
*Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.*

**Helen Hyvarinen**

*P.S. Our next newsletter will be in the new millennium!!*



## OPTICAL ILLUSION



*Is the book looking toward you...  
or away from you?*

## Provincial Report



The OALT/ABO Board of Directors and Executive met at the North York Memorial Hall on November 20<sup>th</sup> 1999.

The Public Relations committee has decided to survey a percentage of OALT/ABO membership (approximately 10%) to gain knowledge and to improve public relations, professional development, and regional / conference attendance. The committee will survey - new members, long time members, lapsed members, and non members. The questions to be asked are being formulated now and will be ready for approval at the next OALT/ABO Board of Directors and Executive meeting in February. Linda Bukovy is our representative on this committee. Once the surveys are completed, and the information compiled it will give the association a solid foundation to focus on in the next 2 years. Recruitment of lapsed and new members can begin. Possible volunteers for regional and provincial positions could be discovered, as well as newsletter articles, and workshops that would be of interest to members.

Ten Sudbury Regional branch members met on January 30<sup>th</sup> 1998 and set forth a proposal which was presented to the Board of Directors and Executive on February 21<sup>st</sup> 1998, in which Linda Davis would act as convener and principal organizer of the 1999 conference. She was to be paid a fee from

the profits, if any (amount to be determined but likely in the vicinity of \$2000.00 + 10%). The net profit will be divided between SRB and the provincial body as per the usual formula. This proposal was passed at the February 21<sup>st</sup> 1998 directors and executive meeting. Linda has presented a financial statement from the conference showing a balance of \$664.20. This amount will be used to cover Linda's expenses in organizing the conference. Therefore, there are no profits to be split between the hosting region and the province this year. Linda has provided several comments that I will present at our next general meeting and again in the NEWSletter/NOUVelles. Since we have asked to host the 2002 conference, we should seriously consider her ponderings.

Still on the theme of conferences, Danielle Amat, Ottawa's conference coordinator for "Turning the Page" invited the provincial executive to be a corporate sponsor of their conference for a reduced rate of \$400.00. This invitation was turned down. A draft of their press release was presented for discussion... and much discussion followed. Just as I require help when writing in french, Danielle requires some assistance when writing in English. Nanci Abbondanza, provincial president, is to reply to Danielle. It really would be fantastic to see all Danielle's grandiose plans come to fruition. For \$800.00, you can stay in a heritage inn (no further expenses), arrive Wednesday, enjoy tours on Thursday, workshops on Friday and Saturday, and fly home on Sunday. Danielle is still trying to arrange tea with the Governor General!

The Internet Task Force is still looking into changing our domain name from <http://www.interlog.com/~oaltabo> to [oalt/abo.on.ca](http://oalt/abo.on.ca). Vice-president, Pam Casey has also been working on acquiring a central phone and fax. Diane Baksa, president of Halton-Peel, and Inco Library Technologist has been granted the right to a phone (905-403-2561) and a fax (905-403-2453) for the association to use. Diane will be checking the voice mailbox daily and messages will be forwarded to the appropriate person. There is a contingency plan for when Diane is away.

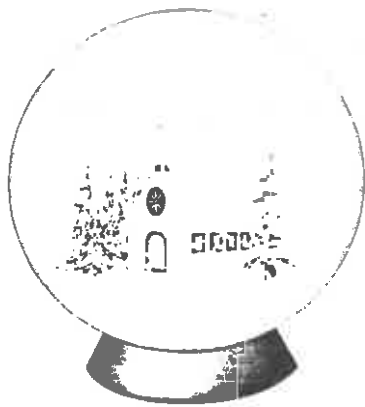
The fax goes directly into Diane's computer and she will check the faxes and send them on to the appropriate person. Once again a contingency plan is in place for when Diane is away. The cost to the association is \$0.00 as Inco is covering the cost for both the phone and fax lines.

Pam Casey is working on the Corporate Sponsorship task force. Someone is needed to volunteer from our area to sit on this committee. If you are interested, contact either Pam Casey at [pcasey1@home.com](mailto:pcasey1@home.com) or Valerie Welsch at [vjwelsch@tbaytel.net](mailto:vjwelsch@tbaytel.net)

Now that membership has gone provincial, there is an amendment to the constitution to cover unemployed graduate library technicians. The fee will be \$20.00 - the same as a student or retired graduate library technician.

The last item for discussion was a Proposal re OALT/ABO Structure presented by Huronia region. There will be proposal packages available at the next general meeting. Therefore you can think about their suggestion and provide me with some feedback for the February 19<sup>th</sup> teleconference. In fact, anyone who wishes to, is invited to join Valerie Barten and myself at that teleconference.

**Valerie Welsch**  
**Reginal Director**



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**Treasurer's Report**  
**Statement as of October 31, 1999**

**Print Artist Workshop**  
**October 19, 1999**  
**Ecole Gron Morgan School**

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Provincial Travel	\$135.22
Honorarium	\$ 50.00
Public Relations	\$135.94
Newsletter, etc.	\$ 47.25
Bank s/c	<u>.95</u>
<b>Total :</b>	<b><u>\$369.36</u></b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Memberships	\$150.00
Regional Subsidy	\$260.00
Bank Interest	<u>.38</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$410.38</u></b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash in Bank	\$1449.04
G.I.C.	\$1900.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,349.04</u></b>

This workshop was one of the best workshops I have attended since joining the OALT/ABO. Valerie Welsch spent hours preparing for this presentation and it was certainly evident, as each step was well thought out and the instructions were easy to follow. She had Duncan Ruxton from the Lakehead Board Tech Shop there to help with any computer problems, and his presence was certainly appreciated. There were seventeen people in attendance with sixteen computers in the lab so only two people had to share. The program had been loaded on the computers beforehand, which saved time. We received handouts on the Print Artist program as well as the CD for \$10.00. Kathy Crewdson manned the computer which showed us what to do on the overhead screen so we could follow along as Valerie explained each step. We created a sign, business cards, a calender, and were shown how to create a greeting card. I hadn't realized how versatile the program was! It was a very enjoyable evening and it was gratifying to see many people out whom we hadn't seen for awhile.

Thank you, Valerie!

Margot Ponder



**Library Trivia**

*What year did Clement Clarke Moore (1779—1863) write "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and what inspired him to write this poem?*

## IN MEMORIAM

Yogi Bould passed away on November 8, 1999. He graduated from the Library and Information Studies program in 1999 and was continuing on at Lakehead University towards his B.A. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Maureen, also graduating from the LIS program this year. Yogi will always be remembered for his sense of humour, and his unique style of doing things. He had worked in various departments of the Thunder Bay Public Library on a seven-week placement. Typical of his wry sense of humour, Yogi closed his placement report with "as for myself and my learning, I no longer would look for Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss in either food subject matter or under Doctors on nutritional health." Yogi will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



## LOOKING FOR A GREAT GIFT?

Check out these top ten fiction and non-fiction books from **Chapters.ca**, Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999

### FICTION

- 1 **No Great Mischief**  
-- Alistair MacLeod
- 2 **Pilgrim**  
-- Timothy Findley
- 3 **Personal Injuries: A Novel**  
-- Scott Turow



- 4 **A Good House**  
-- Bonnie Burnard
- 5 **Pop! Goes the Weasel**  
-- James Patterson
- 6 **Timeline**  
-- Michael Crichton
- 7 **Irresistable Forces**  
-- Danielle Steel
- 8 **Secret of Shambhala: In Search of the Eleventh Insight**  
-- James Redfield
- 9 **Crimes of War**  
-- Peter Hogg
- 10 **Saving Faith**  
-- David Baldacci

### NON-FICTION

- 1 **The Guinness Book of World Records 2000: Millennium Edition**  
-- Guinness Media
- 2 **'Tis: A Memoir**  
-- Frank McCourt
- 3 **The Carbohydrate Addict's Healthy Heart Program: Break Your Carbo-Insulin Connection to Heart Disease**  
-- Frederic J. Vagnini
- 4 **Don't Sweat the Small Stuff in Love**  
-- Kris Carlson
- 5 **Simple Abundance**  
-- Sarah B. Breathnach
- 6 **The 20th Century: An Illustrated History of Our Lives and Times**  
-- Lorraine Glennon
- 7 **Eat Right for Your Type: The Individualized Diet Solution to Staying Healthy, Living Longer & Achieving Your Ideal Weight**  
-- Peter J. D'Adamo
- 8 **99: My Life in Pictures**  
-- Wayne Gretzky
- 9 **The Canadian Encyclopedia**  
-- James Marsh
- 10 **If Life is a Game, These Are the Rules: 10 Rules for Being Human**  
-- Cherie Carter-Scott



The correct Library Trivia answer is:

"A Visit from Saint Nicholas" (1822) was written as a Christmas gift for his children.

*Huntington Library Press, 1999.*

## JINGLE MINGLE



The OALT/ABO General Meeting and Jingle Mingle will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital, 580 Algoma Street North, in the Educational Services Dept. Please come to the Library (Main Floor) first. Come and meet new and old friends and try your hand at making a seasonal craft. Festive refreshments will be served.

## WEB SEARCHING TIPS

1. Caps - search engines seek only matches with the same capital pattern. For example, type Stones when searching for information on Mick Jagger rather than stones, which may lead you sites on rocks.

2. Phrase searching - if you are searching for a specific phrase, it is beneficial to enclose the phrase in quotations. This will restrict the search to documents containing all words in that specific order.

3. Abbreviate for broader searches. If you are searching for information on wrestling, you could use it as your keyword but, if you want all related information, try using wrestl\*.

4. Stop words can work - if used wisely. If, for example, you want information on both Charlie Chaplin & silent movies, key in your search as Chaplin AND silent movies. If you want information on either of your key words, key in Chaplin OR silent movies. If your goal is biographical information on Chaplin and do not want information on silent movies, try "Charlie Chaplin"AND NOT silent movies.

5. Plus and Minus - keying in a + or - between words works the same way as keywords AND or NOT in adding or omitting phrase.

Chabai, Barbara. "Cyber Scene." The Chronicle-Journal, Sunday, November 14, 1999, p. C9.



## CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES!

[www.sau.edu/bestinfo/Library/libindex.htm](http://www.sau.edu/bestinfo/Library/libindex.htm)

A guide to great resources on the Internet logically organized and enhanced with an alphabetical index updated weekly.

[www.onelook.com](http://www.onelook.com)

More than 2,900,000 words in 586 dictionaries now indexed.

[www.tbpl.thunder-bay.on.ca/](http://www.tbpl.thunder-bay.on.ca/)

Search their online catalog ; place holds via the Internet.

[www.proteacher.com](http://www.proteacher.com)

Lesson Planning ; Bulletin Board Ideas ; Internet Projects ; subject area sites.

[www.claus.com](http://www.claus.com)

Try funny holiday recipes ; send E-mail to Santa Claus ; track Santa Claus in his sleigh on Christmas Eve ; check your Naughty or Nice rating.

[www.symantec.com/avcenter/vinfodb.html](http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/vinfodb.html)

A good source for virus & virus hoax information.

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We wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** See you again in 2000!

*Gwen Gamble & Caron Naysmith*

*Merry  
Christmas*