
TECH TALK

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President's Message

Greetings! I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant Christmas season. We have been having a wonderfully mild winter, although not that great for us who love to ski! Our next workshop will be on Saturday, February 9, and will be a presentation on electronic resumes. Registration is limited, so do call early for a seat. Training Wheels Resource Centre will be leading this workshop which I hope will be of great interest to many of our members.

Our next general meeting will be our annual dinner meeting at the Slovak Legion in the Solarium on Thursday, March 21, 2002. Come out, mingle, and enjoy a wonderful dinner. Tickets will be available from the executive in February. The Conference co-conveners, Valerie Barten and Valerie Welsch, will be providing us with details on the 2002 Conference. At this meeting we will also be voting for new members of the executive. If you wish to give of your time, energy and ideas to OALT/ABO, please contact a member of the executive.

As the Conference approaches, we hope all of our members will be able to give Valerie B. and Valerie W. some help with the various tasks that need to be

completed before the Conference and that some members will be able to help during the Conference. Let's all work together to make this Conference an outstanding success!

Respectfully submitted

Helen Heerema



Provincial Report Regional Director's Report January 19, 2002

The third meeting of the provincial executive and board of directors was a teleconference on Saturday January 19, 2002.

OALT/ABO will once again be represented at the OLA conference at the end of January. We will be sharing a

booth with representatives from the only three colleges in Ontario that offer the Library program - Seneca, Algonquin and Mohawk. Valerie Welsch will forward our conference brochures to provincial so that **2002 & You / 2002 et vous** is promoted. OALT/ABO has an additional opportunity for exposure at the CHLA conference in Kitchener at the end of May. Discussion as to how we will promote OALT/ABO will be discussed at the next board meeting.

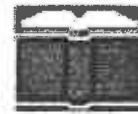
The Committee for Change will be submitting the results of the membership survey to the Regional Presidents and the Provincial Executive and Board of Directors in March. Nanci Abbondanza, chair of the committee, will make every effort to have the results given to the regions before their annual meetings. At the Annual Business Meeting to be held at the conference, the Committee for Change will also present two constitutional changes to be discussed.

The ABM is also the forum for the election of the Provincial Executive for 2002/2003. This is an extremely important issue and at the present time the entire executive have stated that they will not be remaining in their positions. Therefore OALT is currently seeking members who would be interested in standing for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is a critical time for OALT/ABO. Please give serious thought to becoming involved. If we do not get a full slate of officers OALT/ABO may be in danger of folding. If any member from Thunder Bay is interested in any position, please contact me at 475-3668 or email me at rbarten@tbaytel.net

The next meeting of OALT/ABO will be on March 23 at the Glen Abbey Branch of the Oakville Public Library, Oakville.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Barten
Thunder Bay Regional Director

OALT/ABO Conference 2002



Thunder Bay will be hosting the annual OALT/ABO Conference on May 1-5, 2002 and it will be called Conference 2002 & You/2002 et Vous. If you have ideas for workshops and/or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact:

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**Mark this on your
Calendar!**



Our annual dinner and general meeting will be at the Slovak Legion on Thursday, March 21, 2002. Time and ticket price will be posted later when they are confirmed.

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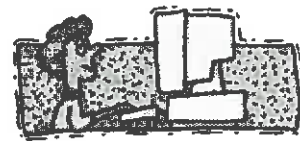
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JINGLE MINGLE



On the evening of Thursday, November 29, 2001, a dozen members met for the annual Jingle Mingle. The evening started with a business meeting which provided reports from the executive. Valerie Welsch gave a brief verbal report on the conference planning to date. Thankfully some more workshop ideas were suggested. After the adjournment of the meeting, Christina Snow led everyone in a craft. Christina had the exact size strips of cloth fused together so all that had to be done was cut and weave. And lo and behold, everyone ended up with a heart-shaped basket. A well-planned craft that kept our minds and fingers dexterous. Many people had their names drawn for gifts. An abundance of food and mingling rounded out the evening.

Submitted by Valerie Welsch



Electronic Resumes : What's Involved?

A customized in-house workshop on electronic resumes will be held at the Training Wheels Resource Centre, 975 Alloy Drive, Thunder Bay, on Saturday, February 9, 2002 at 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Space is limited, so please pre-register by calling Kathy Crewdson at 345-6414 (home) or 343-8295. Remember to bring your resume on disk to the workshop.

Websites for Library Technicians

prepared by David Taylor

Search word: Library Technology

<http://staffweb.library.vanderbilt.edu/Breeding/ltg.html>

News articles about and reviews of library automation software packages

<http://www.lita.org/ter>

Technology Electronic Reviews - a periodical issued by the American Library Association. Reports on technological solutions for libraries, such as building electronic library collections.

<http://www.ilsr.com/tech.htm>

Integrated Library System Reports - Templates, writing guides, and sample plans for integrating automated systems into academic and public libraries

<http://www.library.on.ca/>

Site of the Ontario Library Service - Gives public library locations in Ontario, a service guide, a list of publications, and professional advice regarding technology, youth support, and training.

<http://www.wam.umd.edu/~aubrycp/project/jeopardy.html>

Library Jeopardy quiz game - LIS students have prepared this quiz on concepts of library history, information technology and classification schemes.

<http://www.ala.org/education/>

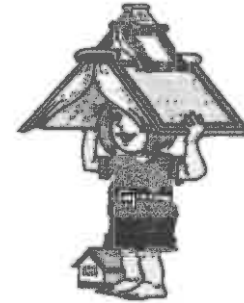
Find resources for information technology related jobs compiled by the ALA.

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/hi-tech/>

Stay current on computing and technology in the library community with this quarterly referred, scholarly journal. Includes author guidelines. Site based from the University of Michigan.

SILVER BIRCH 2002 NOMINATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Ninth Annual Silver Birch Awards 2002 nominated titles have been posted. The program is administered by the Ontario Library Association and the books are voted on by Grade 4 to 6 students in the province of Ontario.



FICTION

Susan Currie. Basket of Beethoven
 Connie Brummel Crook. The Hungry Year
 Virginia Frances Schwartz. If I Just Had Two Wings

Anne Laurel Carter. In the Clear
 Ellen Schwartz. Jesse's Star
 Kathy Stinson. King of the Castle
 Dayle Campbell Gaetz. Mystery from History
 Richard Scrimger. Nose for Adventure
 Lynda Wilson. The Virtual Zone : Titanic's Race to Disaster
 Karen Rivers. Waiting to Dive

NON-FICTION

Hao Yu and Song Nan Zhang. A Time of Golden Dragons
 Bonnie Shemie. Building Canada
 David Suzuki and Kathy Vanderlinden. Eco-Fun
 Lyn Thomas. Hal Ha! Ha!
 Ainslie Manson. House Calls : The True Story of a Pioneer Doctor
 Elizabeth MacLeod. Lucy Maud Montgomery : A Writer's Life
 Sylvia Funston. Monsters
 Diane Swanson. Mysterious You Hmmm?
 Judy Diehl and David Plumb. What's The Difference
 Marg Meikle. You Asked For It!

(found at
www.accessola.com/programs/silverbirch/02selections.html)



2002 & You/ 2002 & Vous A Superior Splash!

The planning for the OALT/ABO Conference here in Thunder Bay from May 1-5, 2002 is progressing. The Avila Centre, workshop room rooms and theatre for the Annual Business Meeting have all been booked. We are completing catering arrangements and confirming the final workshops. Valerie Barten has started the first draft of the conference package.

Confirmed workshops are:

- The power of one : tactics for one-person libraries
- Finding business for small business clients
- Stats Can
- Information Services : the strongest link in delivering the "Final Answer"
- Microsoft Access
- Microsoft Excell
- Critical issues for customer service
- Early literacy
- Discover your CPU
- Advance Web Searching
- Partnerships

The cost of the workshops will be \$60.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members.

Valerie Welsch
Conference Convener

FREEDOM TO READ WEEK

February 24 - March 2, 2002 is Freedom to Read Week throughout Canada. This is a celebration and a time to enjoy and ponder the right of intellectual freedom, whether it be the latest Harry Potter book for a youngster (challenged for the use of the occult) or a Stephen King book (profanity, explicit sex and violence).

Canada is a country in which many people can voice their opinions through the written word. However, some of these ideas may be considered threatening to some readers whether the ideas be politics, sexuality, witchcraft/occult, religion, or violence. An example is Salmon Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses* in which a character's behaviour was deemed as blasphemous towards the Muslim faith. On February 14, 1989, the Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini declared a death sentence on Rushdie, sending the author into hiding. In other countries, authors have had their works banned as propagandist literature and burnt. One author in a South Asian country has been honoured by a Nobel Prize, but the government has placed her under house arrest. She cannot leave.

Even in this country, this freedom is threatened by removal of books from schools, bookstores and public libraries. The Freedom to Read week has been set aside for us to think of our right to read and to discuss this with our children.

For The Trivia Buffs among Us:

Here are some dates and trivia for the next two months compiled from Chases Calendar of Events.

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

Creative Romance Month - couples to keep sizzle in relationships

International Boost Your Self-Esteem Month

International Embroidery Month

Sunset on the day of the second New Moon that follows the winter solstice - traditional Chinese lunar year begins

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 6 Pay a Compliment Day
- 10 Clean Out Your Computer Day - get rid of unneeded stuff
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14 Salmon Rushdie's death sentence anniversary Feb 14, 1989 - Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, offended by the book The Satanic Verses, called on Muslims world- wide to kill Rushdie (who went into hiding)
- 15 Flag Day - Canada's new Maple Leaf flag flies for the first time on Parliament Hill, 1965.

Feb 24 - March 22, 2002 - Freedom to Read Week

MARCH

National Craft Month

2nd Sunday in March -Commonwealth Day, Canada

Last full week of month - National Clutter Awareness Week

- 8 U.N. International Woman's Day
- 8 U.N. International Working Women's Day - first proclaimed in Helsinki, Finland in 1910 - to honour women, especially working women

- 9 Panic Day - tell everyone you can't handle it anymore
- 15 Trust Your Intuition Day
- 16 St. Urho's Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First day of Spring
- 22 As Young As You Feel Day
- 29 British North America Act - March 29, 1867 - Dominion of Canada established - Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick - Manitoba joined in 1870, B.C. in 1871, P.E.I. in 1873 and Alberta and Saskatchewan in 1905

Editor's Message

If you have stories or information (library related or other) you'd like to share, please contact me.

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