
TECH TALK

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President's Message

Happy brief-fall-too-soon-to-be-winter to everyone!

Time to put down those leftover Halloween treats (or in my case, get my hand out of my kid's candy-buckets because I already ate the leftover treats) and enjoy another OALT newsletter. By this point in time, everyone is hopefully well into the swing of the daily routine, I'm sure, and gearing up for Christmas.

The turnout for our September meeting was very poor. I was hoping to catch up with many of you whom I haven't seen much of this past year. Dr. Bill McCallum, the chiropractor who was our guest speaker, was great and had helpful information for all. It was my first introduction to the world of chiropractic medicine. Now I am more aware of my lazy bones and how quickly they multiply!!! I was happy to see familiar faces as well as five new ones. Thank you to all for coming out and I look forward to sharing more ideas, crafting and snacking on the 26th of November at the Thunder Bay Museum. Please bring any "what I want from my association" ideas with you, as I feel we are here to help and inform the entire group, and this is much easier when specific needs are identified. Often, one idea will lead to

another, and it would be great to begin the next year with some newly inspired motivation.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and receives many good books for Christmas gifts. See you in 2003!

Take care,

Cyndy MacKenzie



Director's Report September 26, 2002

The first meeting of the Executive and Board of Directors took place September 14, 2002 at the Glen Abbey Library in Oakville.

The two major issues discussed at this meeting were regional closures and the future of OALT/ABO. Unfortunately the new region of Quinte-Frontenac didn't get off the ground. Apparently there was a lot of interest in the

new region but only 6 people joined. An executive was not fielded and no programming or meetings took place. Huronia closed effective May 4, 2002 at the Annual Business Meeting in Thunder Bay. Huronia had tried for over a year to rekindle interest in the association and to get members to stand for executive office. Effective April 2002, Sudbury folded. Sudbury cited the same reasons as Huronia for its closure. It was also stated that TALTA is considering closure as well. With 108 members they have been unable to fill all the executive positions. It was pointed out that there were approximately 58 graduate members and most of them had held executive positions at one time or another and feel they cannot hold another position.

The Constitution Committee was to have started work on redrafting the Constitution to reflect the changes which will occur if and when OALT/ABO is restructured. To date no meetings have been held. Their report has to be in the hands of the remaining branch presidents by January 2003 in order for it to be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting at next year's conference. TALTA has assured the Board of Directors and Executive that next year's conference will go ahead as planned.

On a brighter note, OALT/ABO is financially solvent. A new information brochure has been produced, the Salary Survey will be out next year and many members from the defunct regions will continue their affiliation with OALT/ABO as provincial members.

Respectfully submitted,

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Treasurer's Report (as of Sept. 26, 2002)

Expenses

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Public Relations (stamps, etc.) | 5.14 |
| Diabetes Association Donation | 25.00 |
| Heart & Stroke Foundation Donatn | 25.00 |
| Royal Canadian Legion (Ann. Dinner) | 400.00 |
| Valerie Barten (Travel Expense) | 79.98 |
| Newsletter Printing | 13.09 |
| Public Relations (stamps, etc.) | 6.68 |
| Newsletter (stamps & envelopes) | 21.04 |
| Newsletter Printing | 24.27 |
| Post Office Box Renewal | <u>126.26</u> |
| TOTAL | \$726.46 |

Revenue

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| Regional Subsidies | 88.00 |
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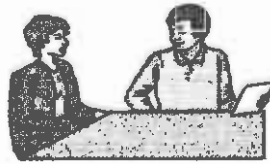
Assets

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| Cash in Bank | 488.95 |
| G.I.C. | <u>2023.08</u> |
| TOTAL | \$2512.03 |

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| Bank Balance: | \$53.61 |
| Cheque Book Balance | 53.61 |

Membership Statistics:

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| Graduates | 24 |
| Students | 3 |
| Senior | 0 |
| Retired | 1 |
| Unemployed | 2 |
| Institutional | 1 |
| Associate | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 32 |



First meeting of the year

On Thursday, September 26, 2002, we had our OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Region meeting at the Northern Studies Department, fifth floor of the Chancellor Patterson Library at Lakehead University. Members were greeted, the executive was introduced, and minutes from the last general meeting held on March 21, 2002 at our wind-up dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion Slovak Branch were read and accepted. For new business, upcoming workshops were discussed. A request to sponsor a Health Science Library workshop was received from NOHLA. If this materializes, the workshop will be held sometime early in 2003 with reduced rates for OALT/ABO members. It was also mentioned that the Thunder Bay newsletter Tech Talk may soon be available to members who have access to the OALT/ABO website. The Provincial Executive feels that this would be a great bonus to the membership. The newsletter has to be sent down in PDF or HTML format to the Provincial Newsletter Editor, Marion Warburton. Linda Bukovy will look into this. The Jingle Mingle general meeting will be held at the Thunder Bay Historical Museum on November 26. Look for the flyers closer to that time. When the meeting was adjourned, Dr. Bill McCallum, a local chiropractor, gave a talk. He asked us to stand and march in place, then touch our toes to determine our alignment and flexibility. Later, we then put our hands on the person's shoulders in front of us and massaged them. In doing so, he then showed us how to detect muscle knots and how to gently ease them out. Quite informative. After his presentation, we had refreshments in the form of a fruit platter and juices provided by Kathy Crewdson.

**WAKE UP MEMBERS
IT'S TIME TO RALLY THE TROOPS!!**

by Kathy Crewdson and Linda Bukovy

We are writing the following out of frustration at the lack of interest/attendance in our first meeting of the year. On Thursday, Sept 26, our first general meeting of this year was held in the Northern Studies Resource Centre and our guest speaker was Dr. Bill McCallum, a chiropractor. Approximately fourteen members attended the meeting on Thursday night and of the fourteen, six were executive members and four were members who either had just joined that night or joined last spring. Traditionally the first general meeting of the year is well attended.

Your executive has met two times since last spring to brainstorm events for our Association. We have planned guest speakers and workshops that we hope would be of interest to our members. Those of you who have been on the executive know the amount of preparation time it takes for each meeting.

Okay, enough whining - there are three points we really want to make:

- let your executive know what workshops/speakers you want
- you get out of your association what you put into it
- with a defunct LIS program can we continue? In 1970, discussion focussed on the need for an Association for technicians. Do we still have the numbers and desire to continue?

Please respond:

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**BLOWING OUR OWN
HORN.. .**



Recently, our region was given the opportunity to put together a display on OALT/ABO at the Chancellor Patterson Library at Lakehead University,

Thunder Bay. Kathy Crewdson, Caron Naysmith, Donald Henderson and Linda Bukovy planned and put together many items to show people what OALT/ABO is all about.

The display comprised of three cabinets, and these were divided into themes: a) **Where we meet ...** this featured conference brochures, pictures, shirts, etc.; b) **Who we are ...** information on OALT/ABO, mandate, etc. and c) **Where we work ...** titles and pictures of locations in Thunder Bay. Because of the short notice, Donald with his digital camera could not travel out to Atikokan, Fort Frances or Dryden - sorry, Chris, Judith and Anita. There was a list showing work places and corresponding towns/cities where our members work.

The display had been up for the entire month of October 2002.



Looking forward to a good time with friends, a chance to discuss business, to chat, to laugh, to create a Christmas craft? Come out to the Annual General Meeting / Jingle Mingle on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 7 p.m. at

the Thunder Bay Museum on East Donald Street. Watch for the upcoming flyer for more details. Hope to see you there!!!

Books, Books, Library Books

Taken from an article written by J. Lanthier, about the important role of school libraries. This article was printed in The Globe and Mail on May 13, 2002, and contributed by Caron Naysmith.

Bookstores are swell, but I love libraries. From quirky neighbourhood outposts to vast reference institutions, they welcome and reassure. Like museums or art galleries, they are places full of knowledge and information, full of people who want to learn. They are quiet but they hum. Books inspire, Words inspire. The right words to the right child spark synapses and fuel appetites... Teaching a child how to use a library, how to really use it - to find a novel, a picture book, a poem, or to find reliable information for her history project - that has to be one of the most basic and vital tasks a school can perform.

All manner of students and teachers circulate through the library...the library feels like the heart of the school. It's not a room. It's a muscle. It may not seem so to many of the students, who surely must take it for granted as they do the gym and music programs. But this library pulls them in and pumps them out again, high on the oxygen of opportunity and possibility. In this library, the joy of discovery and pride of accomplishment are everywhere, from the vivid artwork on the walls to the whispered boastings of "Oh I read that one already," or "Wait until you read this one!"

In this library, children gain confidence...They learn that if they know zilch about the habitat of the yak, or the diet of the Incas, it's okay: they know how to find that information...

Books and learning and children - what a wonderful combination.

Now available in Print:

Standard cataloguing for school and public libraries, 3rd edition by Sheila Intner and Jean Weihs. This edition provides greater coverage in cataloguing books, non-book materials, Internet resources and serials. It also discusses subject headings, descriptive catalogue rules and popular classification. (Published by Libraries Unlimited, 2001, 346 pp. \$45.00. ISBN: 1-56308-781-2)

A Rose by Any Other Name...

Kathy Crewdson received this e-mail and thought that the membership would be interested in the new terminology to keep up with the times.

At the Library and Information Technology Program at Red River College, a two year Diploma Program for Library Technicians, we are in the process of revamping our curriculum from a three term to a two semester system. As part of this development, we decided to change the name of all our cataloguing courses to include the term Bibliographic Database Management. Our intent is not to denigrate cataloguing. As many of our graduates find employment in small school or special libraries, we want to promote what our graduates are qualified to do in terminology that non-library managers might better understand.

The major reasons for choosing the phrase Bibliographic Database Management are:

1. Reflect the true nature of cataloguing in an online environment
2. Reflect the high level of skills involved in creating and maintaining a library catalogue
3. Emphasize that library technicians do more than merely shelve and circulate books
3. Assist graduates in negotiating salaries that more closely parallel those of their colleagues in IT areas rather than those in the clerical pool.

The proposed course titles are:

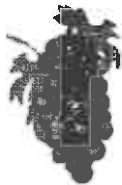
**Descriptive & Derivative Techniques in
Bibliographic Database Management**

**Bibliographic Database Management:
Subject Analysis**

**Bibliographic Database Management:
Non-print & Electronic Resources**

When we submitted the curriculum change to our Advisory Committee (made up of practicing librarians and library technicians in Manitoba), they responded positively.

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From the Grapevine:

Condolences go out to Margot Ponder on her father's death in September.

Condolences go out to Donald Henderson and his wife Gail on the death of his mother-in-law on October 4, 2002.

Congratulations to Cyndy Mackenzie who is currently on leave from the Lakehead Public School Board's supply list to be Library Technician for Health Sciences North/Northern Academic Health Sciences Network (NAHSN) located in Thunder Bay.

Canadian Children's Author Dies

Writer/illustrator Phoebe Gilman, creator of the Jillian Jiggs series, has died from leukemia at the age of 62 in Toronto on August 29, 2002. Along with that series, Gilman also wrote and illustrated *The Balloon Tree* (1984) and *Something from Nothing* (1992). Her last book, *Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow*, is to be released in November 2002.

(From "Writer's alter ego was Jillian Jiggs" written by Allison Lawlor. The Globe and Mail, Saturday, October 26, 2002.)

Weather Facts

Submitted by David Taylor

Not sure whether to put an extra sweater on for the day? Check out these websites that may help:

Weather office: www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca
Gives definitions, e.g. of wind chill index, dew point (has advanced equations). Geared to general public (especially 16+) but children 12+ can understand most of it. Very quick download (5 to 10 seconds). Very easy access. Valuable for secondary schools and the public.

The Weather Network:
www.theweathernetwork.com
Gives definitions geared to general public/children. Quick download (5 seconds). Easy access. Valuable for secondary schools and public.

Wild Weather: www.wildweather.com
Gives few definitions, i.e. tornadoes and tropical cyclones. For 16+ years of age. Quick download. Easy access. Valuable for secondary schools/public/elementary schools (Grades 7-8)

Meteorological Service of Canada:
www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca
Gives long definitions, including a version for children. Quick download time, easy access. Valuable for elementary/secondary schools/public.

Trivia Dates**NOVEMBER**

Aviation History Month - invention of hot air balloon led to the sciences of aviation and flight

Diabetes Month

International Creative Child and Adult Month
- promote creativity in your life and work

1st week of Nov - National Pharmacy Week (Canada)

2nd week of Nov - U.N. - International Week of Science & Peace

Nov 1 Hockey mask invented Nov 1, 1959 by Jacques Plante who emerged from locker room with 7 new stitches and a plastic face mask he had made from fibreglass and resin

Nov 3 Sputnik 2 (USSR) - launched Nov 3, 1957 - Laika, a dog, became first animal sent by man into space

Nov 7 Canadian Pacific Railway - Transcontinental Completion Anniversary - at 9:30 a.m. on Nov 7, 1885, spike driven (located at Craigellachie, BC)- 2,980 mile transcontinental railroad track between Montreal, QC and Port Moody, BC

Nov 8 Abet and Aid Puntsters Day - laugh, don't groan at terrible puns

" " X-Ray Discovery Day - Physicist Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered x-rays on Nov 8, 1895

Nov 9 Berlin Wall torn down between West & East Germany - Nov 9, 1989

Nov 11 Armistice Day - allied & central powers - 5 a.m. on Nov 11, 1918

" " Remembrance Day

Nov 18 1883 -Canada adopts Standard Time, the brainchild of Sir Sandford Fleming

Nov 20 U.N. - International Children's Day - first observed 1953

Nov 21 World Hello Day - everyone who participates says hello to 10 people

Nov 25 Carnegie, Andrew - birth anniversary - benefactor of more than 2,500 libraries (Brodie Library - Thunder Bay is one)- b. Dunfermline, Scotland Nov 25, 1835 - d. Aug 11, 1919 (Shadowbrook, MA)

Nov 30 Computer Security Day

DECEMBER

Universal Human Rights month

3rd week of Dec - Tell Someone They're Doing a Good Job Week

Dec 1 Monopoly (game) goes on sale for 1st time, 1935

Dec 3 International Day of Disabled Persons

Dec 5 Bathtub Party Day - relax in a long, hot bath

Dec 6 St. Nicholas Day - bishop noted for charity - Santa Claus and gift giving derived from him

Dec 10 Dewey, Melvil - birth anniversary - Dewey Decimal system inventor - Dec 10, 1851 - Dec 26, 1931

Dec 10 Nobel Prize Awards Ceremonies

Dec 17 First powered flight anniversary by the Wright Brothers (Orville and Wilbur) Dec 17, 1903 near Kitty Hawk, NC

Dec 30 Leacock, Stephen - Canadian humorist (b. Dec 30, 1869 - d. Mar 28, 1944)

Dec 31 Make Up Your Mind Day - make a decision and follow through with it

Editor's Message / Job Contact

If you have stories or information (library related or other) you'd like to share, please contact me. In addition, if you have any leads regarding upcoming jobs in the library field, please let me know, and I will inform members through e-mail. Important: if any e-mail address changes occur, please let me know promptly at e-mail address lbukovy@hotmail.com or by phone at (807) 577-5430. - Linda Bukovy