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# TECH TALK

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## *President's Message*

It is a wonderful warm night, under a bright full moon, in the second week of September and as thoughts go back to a cool slow start to the summer season I can see how our own fortunes seem to harmonize with the weather. After a wonderful Annual Dinner we sputtered a bit trying to get meetings going that fit all. Now the engines are running full bore in an attempt to provide you, the membership, with some interesting programming, and, if you are willing, some challenging projects.

I must tell you that I often feel outclassed by the present group of dedicated people that have taken on the executive jobs in what is now a brand new Chapter of the OALT/ABO. As most of you know, the Regions and the directors do not exist anymore under the reorganization. For a number of reasons it became important to centralize many former regional functions. Chapters are more like Special Interest Groups within the main body and can be, but not limited to, geographical areas of the province. Because of our isolation from the rest of the province our Chapter will be regional in nature for the time being. That is unless you choose to recruit new members until we become, let us say, even international in scope. This is your first challenge.

As well as being dynamic and committed, our executive, like the present membership, represents diverse library employment. You

can see this in the Bio's that are part of this issue. Often we really do not appreciate the depth of differences until we experience them and so this fall, the programs planned so far will give us that experience as we visit different libraries and museums that our members are associated with. We hope this will interest you and that you can take something away from the outings.

Einstein said that you do not get a different result with the same thinking and action, so we are trying to think differently about how to grow. One idea that would help to identify areas of employment and sources of interactive assistance is to create a database of local libraries: who they employ; what training might they need; how we might help, etc. We can start small and compile those that were involved in our "practice work" and expand each year, or quarter, to the rest of the city, and then to the Northern Districts. But this is all dependant upon you because there would be a fair amount of work involved mailing out and tabulating data. However it probably would be more fun than work if parcelled out to small groups having breakfast or lunch together. We have done the homework and are looking forward to your support.

Others have things to say so I wish you all a very good year and please let us know what we can do to make your time with us worthwhile.

Donald Henderson  
President

**Treasurer's Report  
September 23, 2003**

**Actual Previous Balance**           **\$2,322.50**

**Expenses:**

Travel Expense                   **\$67.79**

Canada Post (box rental)   **\$126.26**

Postage                               **\$25.68**

**TOTAL**                               **\$219.73**

**Balance**                             **\$2,102.77**

**Bank Account Balance**       **\$2,102.77**

**G.I.C.**                               **\$2,144.30**

**Total Net Balance**           **\$4,247.07**

**Membership Statistics: past year -  
renewals not yet received**

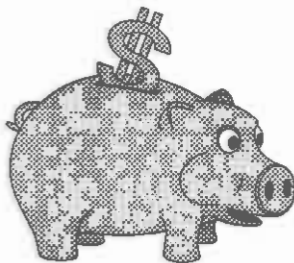
Graduates                    23

Associate                    2

Retired                        2

Unemployed                 2

**TOTAL**                       **29**



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### Meet the New Executive

#### **President - Donald Henderson**

Donald M. Henderson misspent his youth in Ottawa, Toronto, and Guelph before moving north to the Thunder Bay District as a young OPP Constable. A few years later we find him in Red Rock as the proud owner of the town lumber store with a wife and three children. Suddenly it all vanished into the thin golden hair of the blond down the street and Don moved to Thunder Bay, remarried, and got the present Night Dispatch job with the City. Working nights provided time to obtain an HBA in Philosophy, and an HBA in Religious Studies as the children returned one by one until there were four. While his second oldest girl was in college one of the first Mac computers in town became a household appliance and they spent \$100.00 searching online before the WWW existed and found nothing. This was not good. It was then that Don began taking courses at LU in the LIS program and ten years later managed to graduate as a Library Tech. While under the spell of Kathy Walkinshaw at work, he volunteered to help with the OALT/ABO conference and before it was over he found himself elected secretary and then President of the local Chapter a year later.

#### **Valerie Welsch - Secretary**

My husband transferred to Thunder Bay in 1985 and I immediately enrolled in the Library Technician course at Lakehead University. I have been a member of our association since I graduated in 1986. Regionally, I have held public relations, newsletter editor, president, and director positions while provincially, I have held the secretary position. After a nine-month contract position at Thunder Bay Public Library, I started working in the IMC for the Lakehead Public Schools and have been there ever since. I love my job as it combines my teaching career with my Library Technician career. I love being a member of our association as it is my opportunity for professional development and networking.

#### **Trudy Mauracher - Treasurer**

I enjoy working in libraries very much and have had the opportunity to work in the various segments of our field. I began in a public library but have enjoyed postings in a high school library and academic library along the way. I currently work at Lakehead University as Collections Development/Reference Librarian in addition to duties as the Acting Education Librarian. I am pleased to serve as this year's OALT/ABO Treasurer (Thunder Bay), and I extend best wishes to all the association's members.

#### **Caron Naysmith - Public Relations**

Caron Naysmith is the new Public Relations Coordinator for OALT/ABO Thunder Bay region, having just served two years as the treasurer. She comes to the organization with an Honours specialist in English and Political Studies from Queen's University in Kingston, a Bachelor's of Education and a degree in Library and Information Science from Lakehead University. In her current position

with Lakehead Public Schools she is able to combine her love of teaching, books and children on a daily basis. She spent the summer with her family, friends and two Saint Bernards - Sienna and Chaps, at her lakeside chalet in the Laurentian Mountains, water skiing, mountain biking and hiking. She is looking forward to another new exciting year with the OALT/ABO executive.

**Kathy Crewdson - Chapter Liaison**

Kathy Crewdson wears many hats as she works in the a.m. in the Technical Services Department of the Chancellor Paterson Library as a Library Accounts Technician. You can find Kathy in the afternoon at the Northern Studies Resource Centre in a Library Technician capacity. She is also the mother of five children.

**Linda Bukovy - Newsletter Editor**

Linda Bukovy works for Lakehead Public Schools as a supply library technician, so she never knows at what school and where she'll be working next. This makes life exciting. This is her second term on the OALT newsletter team, and she looks forward to providing an informative, interesting and entertaining newsletter.

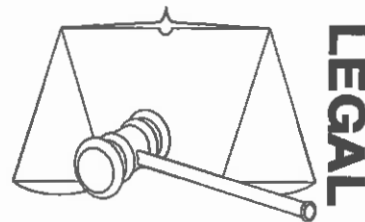
**Valerie Barten - Newsletter Editor**

I graduated from the Library and Information Studies program at LU in 1992 and am currently working as an Information Services Technician with Lakehead Public Schools. Regionally I have served OALT/ABO as treasurer, regional director and now as Newsletter Editor. Provincially I have held the position of secretary. I look forward to working with Linda and providing our members with an informative and interesting newsletter.

**Helen Heerema - Archivist**

Helen is definitely no stranger to our organization. She has filled numerous executive positions over the years, namely President, Regional Director, Newsletter Editor, Archivist and Co-Convenor of several conferences. Helen is employed at the Challis Resource Centre of Confederation College.

**Membership renewals are now due! Because of the reorganization of OALT/ABO, the membership forms had to be revised. The new forms are included with your copy of the Provincial Newsletter. Please fill it in and mail it ASAP.**



**General Meeting and Tour**

The general Meeting of the Thunder Bay Chapter of OALT/ABO took place September 23, in the Law Library housed on the 3rd floor of the District Courthouse on Camelot Street. Our hosts Cathy Walsh and Judy Sennett took us on a tour of the four room library. It is arranged in the Library of Congress cataloguing system using the KF modifier. It is 100% funded by lawyers.

Canada's laws are based on the English Common Law; hence statutes of Canada

and Ontario are kept, dating from the 1800's. They are still referred to in modern day cases - for example, who owns the sewers in Westfort (an area of Thunder Bay).

The Thunder Bay Library is linked to a system of 48 law libraries located in courthouses throughout Ontario. This system is called LibraryCo, a cooperative system developed by a graduate of a library technology program. The Library of the Law Society of Upper Canada, also known as the Great Library, is located at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and this is the central cataloguing site; full catalogue records with subjects and locations of holdings can be found at the website [www.lsuc.on.ca](http://www.lsuc.on.ca). LibraryCo is in the process of developing two collection development lists: core for small libraries, and essential for larger libraries. All these suggest book titles that law libraries must have at hand to serve their clientele.

Because of the multitude of law journals, statutes, etc., that are published every year, it was decided to purchase them in electronic form. Two companies that have developed this are QuickLaw (Canadian based dealing in case laws) and Lexus (an American company).

After the tour, refreshments were provided by Kathy Crewdson and Caron Naysmith.

### **This and That**

Did you know that the National Library of Canada is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year? Established on January 1, 1953 and administered by Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, the

Library's mandate was to gather, protect and make available to all Canadians all the material that is published in Canada. In 2003, this collection is estimated to be around 16 million items (books, periodicals, sound and video recordings, microforms and other documents) with a growth of about 600,000 items a year. (Two copies of each issue of our Tech Talk are sent down to Ottawa as set down in National Repository rules - so if you're ever in our nation's capital, look for us there!)

To celebrate this historic anniversary, Canada Post will be releasing a set of four domestic stamps featuring five of Canada's pre-eminent writers: Morley Callaghan, Susanna Moodie, Catharine Parr Traill, Anne Hebert and Hector de Saint-Denys Garneau. They feature the writer's portrait with an open book behind, samples of handwriting inscribed. The stamps' release date is September 8, 2003.

From Canada Post. [Details](#), July to September 2003, vol.XII, no. 3



### **Intellectual freedom manual 6<sup>th</sup> edition**

*American Library Association. Office for Intellectual Freedom.*

Updated edition offers guidance on developing policies, including Internet use policies. Dealing with challenges and pressure groups and promoting access to information.

Articles discuss the Internet, filtering, student privacy and "School libraries and the courts". Includes ALA Code of Ethics, a revised Freedom to Read statement, bibliography and index.

(ALA. 2002. 434pp. \$45.00. 0-8389-3519-2)

**Extreme searcher's guide to Web search engines: A handbook for the serious searcher**  
2<sup>nd</sup> edition

*Randolph Hock*

Evaluates several popular search engines, including Google, Hotbot, Lycos and Yahoo, and meta-search tools such as Dogpile and Search.com. Provides search engine history, retrieval and ranking and more, and a review of search strategies, including an explanation of Boolean logic, truncation, nesting, proximity and field searching. Each search engine entry includes an overview, index size and discussion of search capabilities, search features, results listings and other options. Includes glossary and index. Grades 7-12.

(CyberAge, 2001. 241 pp. \$24.95.  
0-910965-47-1)



## LU Courses

Lakehead University is offering two on-line courses for the Library and Information Studies for the fall/spring semesters.

**Research and the Internet 1 : Special Topics** (Library & Information Studies 2051 FDE (.5 credits).

This course is designed to introduce the student to the tools and skills they need to

navigate the internet for their Academic Research needs. In this course, students will learn how to use the Internet as a critical tool for research. They will then apply this research process as it applies to web sites from searching, evaluating and citing Internet sources. Students learn in the course to find, evaluate and organize a list of links to sites on an academic topic. These organized links will be used as the content for the web page they create as their final project.

Sept. 8 - Dec. 1 - Online

**Research and the Internet 1 : Special Topics** (Library & Information Studies 3050 WDE (.5 credits).

As a follow-up to Research and the Internet course (LIBR 2051), this course will explore advanced and specialized research tools and discuss issues which affect online researchers. Students will learn in greater depth how to evaluate and create quality on the web which does not violate copyright.

Jan. 5 - Apr. 2 - Online

For more information, contact  
Office of part-time & Distance Education  
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## In Memoriam

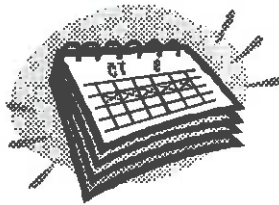
Carol Shields, playwright, poet, literary critic, and author of Unless, Larry's Party, The Stone Diaries, and The Republic of Love and other books died on July 16, 2003, of



complications resulting from breast cancer. She was 68 years of age. Born in Oak Park, Illinois in 1935, she moved to Winnipeg in 1957 after she married Don Shields who was the University of Manitoba's dean of engineering. Shields became a Canadian citizen in 1971.

She had won the Governor General's Award and Pulitzer Prize for The Stone Diaries and the Orange Prize for women's fiction for Larry's Party. In October 2002 she was presented with the Companion of the Order of Canada Award.

## Important Dates



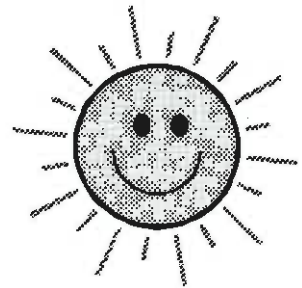
## OCTOBER

Autism Month  
 Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
 Computer Learning Month  
 Diversity Awareness Month - awareness and understanding of different races, genders, nationalities, age groups, religions, classes, and disabilities  
 Do-It-Yourself Month  
 Family History Month - genealogies  
 Hunger Awareness Month - sponsored by Food Industry Crusade Against Hunger  
 International Book Fair Month  
 National Clean Your Files Month (US)

1st Mon of October - U.N. - World Habitat Day  
 2nd Mon of October - Thanksgiving  
 2nd Wed of October - U.N. - International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction - promotes cooperation between countries in reducing loss of life, property damage & social & economic disruption

1st week of October - Get Organized Week  
 2nd week of October - National Pet Peeve Week  
 4th week of October - World Rainforest Week - public awareness of destruction of rain forests and to motivate people to protect them

## Thunder Bay's Own



On September 20, 2003, The Chronicle-Journal, in conjunction with Arts and Heritage Thunder Bay, announced the twenty nominees who are recognized for their contributions to the city and region's art and heritage. Among them is La Rea Moody, a long-time member of the Thunder Bay chapter of OALT/ABO.

La Rea, nominated by the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, had been a major force in this city's art community for more than thirty years. Not only noted for her knowledge of library issues and firm belief in the power of information, her bon vivant attitude and joie de vivre, she was also a volunteer, fundraiser, board member of Magnus Theatre, Eleanor Drury Children's Theatre, the City of Thunder Bay Arts and Heritage Committee (to name a few), and a performing actress (her recent role at the Capitol Theatre as

Mother Superior in "Nonsense" showed her stern demeanor and her inner softness). She's also a noted television personality, having hosted "Best Seat in the House", an arts interview show on a local community channel run by Maclean Hunter-Shaw Cable, from 1982 to 1990. Hundreds of visual and performing artists were interviewed by her. She also produced many television documentaries which went on to receive recognition.

The winners of the arts field and heritage categories will be announced on October 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium at a gala reception. La Rea has now relocated to Barrie to be closer to her family, but her contributions to this community cannot be counted, and we wish her good luck and always all the best.

Source: The Chronicle-Journal, Saturday, September 20, 2003, p. D1.



### Booker Prize Short List

The 35<sup>th</sup> Man Booker Prize Awards panel announced on September 16, 2003 that, out of a list of twenty-three books, six have been selected for the shortlist.

Monica Ali. Brick Lane. Doubleday.

Margaret Atwood. Oryx and Crake. Bloomsbury.

Damon Galgut. The Good Doctor. Atlantic Books

Zoë Heller. Notes on a Scandal. Viking Penguin

Clare Morrall. Astonishing Splashes of

Colour. Tindal Street Press.

DBC Pierre. Vernon God Little. Faber & Faber.

The winner will be announced on Tuesday October 14 at the British Museum, London, and will be awarded a prize of £50,000 (approximately \$110,000.00 Canadian).

### Interesting Web Sites



In the May/June 2003 issue of Essential

Resources for Schools and Libraries, check out:

[http://www.civilization.ca/orch/www04n\\_e.html](http://www.civilization.ca/orch/www04n_e.html) It contains links that cover geography, history, culture, anthropology, ethnology plus it gives the site for the 2001 Canadian Census. It's under the auspices of the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

On the cover of the newest copy of Forthcoming Books is an ad re PIKA: Canadian Children's Literature Database. It's created by the National Library of Canada, and there are links to Canadian Children's Literature Database (where you can do searches for keywords, authors, titles, publishers, etc., and you can get an annual annotated bibliography) and the Canadian Children's Book Centre - links to roundtables, publishers, book reviews, web sites for journals, and all sorts of interesting things. The address is [www.nlc-bnc.ca/pika](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/pika)

