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Summer!*

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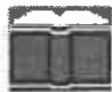
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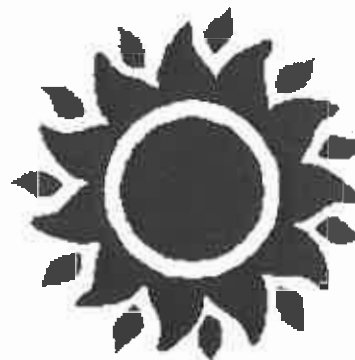
President's Message

Firstly I would like to thank the executive for the marvelous year we have completed. When I am president, each executive member is responsible for one of the meetings/tours/workshops and Don started off the year with Dave Nicholson giving us a genealogy lesson. I planned Marian Doucette's workshops in October while Margot planned the January tour of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and Kathy looked after the final workshop, a handwriting analysis workshop with Erica Maki. Linda made all the arrangements for our ABM at East Side Mario's. We have the same executive for next year and we are already in the midst of planning another informative, varied year.

I have had a couple phone calls from Jill Anderson of the former Lohania Chapter. She has given me a verbal Conference report and will write one when she is in possession of her new computer. She said the conference was great with 86 attendees while the residence at Brock was not so great... extremely cold and no lounge rooms for the long standing members to visit. Penni Chalk was this year's Presidential Award winner. Jill also informed me that Marian Doucette is at home responding well to treatment for thyroid cancer. If anyone would like to drop her a card her address is **Marian Doucette R.R.#4 Clinton ON NOM 1L0**.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a relaxing, safe, enjoyable summer. See you in September.

Valerie Welsch
 President





Thunder Bay Courthouse, Thunder Bay, Ontario

January 16, 2006

Dear Valerie,

Happy New Year. I just received the latest issue of Tech Talk, and am so impressed with how your branch has continued to thrive.

I would encourage every public, special, college and school librarian to support it. In this age of rapidly changing technology, there is constantly something new to learn.

Please extend my warmest regards to one and all, and keep up the good work.

Cordially

LaRea Moody

**Thunder Bay Chapter
Secretary's Report**

Synopsis:

1. Don received letter and \$50.00 donation from LaRae Moody. Linda will send thank-you letter.
2. Dinner meeting - March 30, 6 p.m. at Scaleros Room in East Side Marios.
3. Ericka Maki workshop
4. Executive positions for 2006-2007 stay the same, but election will take place at meeting per constitution
5. Annual business meeting - all executive must do report - make 15 copies max.

Idea for next year: Linda - tour of OFW library - Jean Morrison library.

- submitted by **Linda Bukovy**

**The Mining Controversy:
An Awareness and Education Kit for Ontario Grade 7**

Published by the

**Canary Research Institute for Mining, Environment
and Health**

Promoted by *Mining Watch Canada* (2006/03/17) and designed to fulfill Ontario curriculum requirements, this teaching plan explores mining as it relates to aspects of the economy, the environment, and communities; ecological footprints, corporate social responsibility, and sustainable development: cross-curricular programme relating Reading, Geography, and Science, with a debate as the culminating exercise.

One unit highlights the issues from the point of view of the
Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

Prepared by Beth Nicol and Marilyn Crawford.
Available as a PDF file (1.1 MB) (60 pages).

[http://www.canaryinstitute.ca/Publications/The Mining Contro
versy.pdf](http://www.canaryinstitute.ca/Publications/The_Mining_Contro
versy.pdf)

New from OCLC's WebJunction!

E-learning Clearinghouse

- a database of online courses and academic programs for library staff and information professionals offered by organizations serving the library field.

<http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=11446>

"To be free of bondage or restraint, to live under a government based on the consent of the citizens, these are basic among all freedoms... and this is the reason why a democracy is from every possible humane point of view the best form of government."

- Ashley Montagu

<http://www.civicschannel.com/indexc.php>

CHECK IT OUT!

LOEX

Library Orientation Exchange

LOEX is a non-profit educational clearinghouse, and recently established as an historical archive of library instruction materials. Founded in 1971 at Eastern Michigan University, LOEX has grown from a lending repository of library instruction materials and host of an annual conference on the subject to an internationally known organization that serves as a conduit for those working in the field, providing information on all aspects of instruction and information literacy to libraries and librarians who are institutional members.

<http://www.emich.edu/public/loex/about.html>

Canadawiki

- an educational portal with an all-Canadian focus, sponsored by *The Civics Channel*: add to the knowledge already in these pages, or you can build and manage new national, provincial, civic and local content.

http://canadawiki.org/index.php/Main_Page

Tour of the HIRC -by Linda Bukovy

From a tiny acorn, a mighty oak shall grow. With this thought and hope in mind, on January 25, 2006, members of the Thunder Bay Chapter of OALT/ABO visited the Health Information Resource Centre (HIRC) of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine located on the Lakehead University campus. A new hospital has been built in the city and with it, the hopes of developing a school of medicine has now come to reality with 24 students enrolled in the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Lakehead Branch. They are now housed in a new building built just for them with a brand spanking new library. And what a library!

Jennifer Dumond, Instruction and Public Services Librarian greeted OALT members to the new library. The HIRC West Campus (Lakehead University) has been in operation since August 2005 and its mandate is "to advance the education, research, clinical practice and community service of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine" (quoted from handout provided). Its core collection mirrors the Laurentian University's branch, except for a few differences; Laurentian provides for its Francophone community, while Lakehead focuses on the aboriginal community and rural medicine. Ms. Dumond mentioned that the collection is constantly growing as courses are being developed.

The collection is catalogued according the National Library of Medicine cataloguing branch of Library of Congress system. Books, journals (both in hard form and electronic database), CD-ROMS and DVDs are provided. They can be found in three distinct areas: the Regular, Reserve and Reference collections. The HIRC has "over 2000 current and "gold standard" print titles, over 260 print journal titles, 15 subscription databases, over 2000 full-text electronic journals" (quoted from handout), electronic books from licensed collections, and both local and national newspapers in print. Included also are videos of classic movies that touch upon medical ethics, a course strongly stressed by Ms. Dumond throughout the tour. In addition, several physicians have donated their collections to the Library.

This is a library of the future outfitted with their students in mind. Three group study rooms are available. All workstations and study carrels are set up so instant access for laptop computers is provided. Because this class of students is so important for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, no expense has been spared. Each student has been assigned a laptop, and the Information Technology personnel at the A.T.A.C. building have loaded up-to-date programs and have tested the laptops before handing them to the students. An interesting aside, though: even though this is a new building, already there is a concern about the lack of storage space.

Currently there are four people on staff: the Instruction and Public Services Librarian, the HIRC Director, the Library Technician and the Administrative Assistant. The general public is welcome to use the library, but there are restrictions to using some electronic resources and borrowing privileges. Many thanks to Jennifer Dumond for conducting the tour of this Library, which will prove to be an important part of Thunder Bay's and Northwestern Ontario's medical future.

**Thunder Bay Chapter Treasurer Report
2006 March 23 @ ABM
East Side Mario
Thunder Bay ON**

2005 December Balance: **683.36**

Expenses:

Service Charges	003.80
Med. Lib. Meeting Honorarium	050.00
Printing	030.51
Jingle Mingle Food	056.96
Jingle Mingle Drink	013.95
Feb Workshop Honorarium	<u>100.00</u>
	255.22

Revenue:

Memberships	100.00
LaRea Moody Donation	<u>050.00</u>
	150.00

2006 March 23 Balance: **0578.14**

GIC: 2245.56

Total: **2823.70**

- Submitted by Donald M Henderson

From the Editor:

I was looking at the last issue and realized I had made some serious editorial oversights – and I apologize. I promised myself I'd take the time to make sure that didn't happen again; so here we are: the April issue!

What a life! What bounty! There is so much going on out there that I get lost surfing the Net; – and there is so much

going on outside right now – lilacs, fruit blossoms, dandelions, needed spring rains... that I am reminded again of just how incredibly blessed we all are; and how wealthy this country is.

I love this time of year. Every time I get my hands in the soil I think of the richness and complexity of life, and how the 'simple' life is, in itself, a great buffer against strife.

Have a great summer!

- Wanda Ewachow

**From the listserv:
-in case you missed it...**

ALL electronic publications on Statistics Canada's web site are now available free of charge.

Save documents in RTF or PDF for e-mail attachments so everybody can read the content. There are a lot of different formats out there!

New!
Dewey Decimal Classification
German translation

Based on DDC 22 and published in both print and Web versions, the Web version of the German translation is called Melvil and can be used as a classification tool as well as a retrieval tool for documents with Dewey numbers.

- OCLC ABSTRACTS - February 6, 2006 (Vol. 9, Issue 5)

Handwriting Analysis Workshop

-submitted by **Linda Bukovy**

With pencil or pen in hand you jot a fast scribble or a long letter to a friend. You think you put your thoughts down on paper. Yes you did, but not just your thoughts: you've put down your emotions and your personality. Impossible! No...not quite.

On February 23, 2006, OALT/ABO members participated in a workshop led by Erika Maki, certified graphoanalyst (or in layman's terms: handwriting expert). Each participant, upon entering, was told to write a sentence for analysing later. During the talk, Erika broke handwriting analysis into several areas, starting first with depth of pressure. This is easily judged if a person uses a pencil. Depth of pressure is an internal factor which shows the emotions. For example, light pressure indicates a light-hearted person who can change emotions, thoughts, and beliefs easily and can quickly move on without brooding on the past. On the other hand, heavy pressure indicates a very intense and emotional person who holds onto feelings longer.

Next came the slant of the letters, and they are divided into four: far back, vertical, slightly forward, and far forward. Slanted far back: withdrawn; vertical: heart and head are logical; slightly forward: more expressive and emotional; and far forward: no control over emotions.

Handwriting takes up three zones: upper, middle and lower. These are in relation to the base line. Anything that goes in the upper zone deals with the abstract, the middle deals with the heart and day-to-day issues, while the lower zone deals with issues of the physical nature. For example, if a lot of letters are below the baseline, the writer likes to do a lot of physical activity.

Thunder Bay Public Library

Kid's Zone

New website for kids: online activities targetted at three age groups: 0-5, 6-8, and 9-12; includes listing of both library and community events for children.

<http://www.tbpl.ca/kidszone>

**Rural Library Sustainability...
In Focus**

OCLC's Web Junction provides access to a wealth of resources, including *The Rural Library Sustainability Project (RLS)*, a three year collaborative endeavour funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Beginning May 31st, Web Junction's webinar series "In Focus" will share some of the *RLS* workshop material on rural and small libraries and the special challenges they face: "limited staff, distant (or nonexistent) support resources, and patrons who need their library even more than their urban and suburban counterparts". This initiative couldn't be more timely.

<http://webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=498>

**OALT/ABO
2006 Conference**

Presentations from nine of the workshops are available on the website now!

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

From OCLC...

College Students' Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources

This report to the OCLC membership summarizes the findings from the 396 college students who participated in the survey. The college students range in age from 15 to 57, are either undergraduate or graduate students, and were from all of the six countries included in the survey. Responses from U.S. 14- to 17-year-old participants have also been included to provide contrast and comparison with the college students, as these young people are potential college attendees.

With all-new graphs and additional analysis of how college student data compare to that of total respondents, this report provides findings from the online survey in an effort to learn more about:

- Library use
- Awareness and use of library electronic resources
- The Internet search engine, the library and the librarian
- Free vs. for-fee information
- The "Library" brand

Please visit the Web site below to download a free copy or purchase a print copy and share it with others who are interested in information trends.

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/perceptionscollege.htm>

Handwriting Analysis (cont'd.)

Erika looked at participants' handwriting samples. And to the amazement of some, she "nailed" their personalities, much to the agreement and laughter of the others.

By the way, in a court of law, three samples of writing written at three different times are needed to be examined by a graphoanalyst (if required by the legal system). Like Erika explained, emotions change rapidly and fair judgements need to be made.

Handwriting provides clues into a person's personality, and Erika Maki illustrated a few of the more tantalizing hints.

Many thanks to her and to the participants for such an enjoyable evening.

- Linda Bukovy

