

TORONTO AREA LIBRARY TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 1976 AT 10:00 A.M.

Steak and Burger Restaurant (Bloor & Bedford)
 (Near the East exit of the St. George Subway Station)

Memberships for 1976 will be taken before the meeting begins - TALTA \$5.00 - OALT/ABO \$10.00

A G E N D A

- 1) Opening remarks — Reports: President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Board of Directors Representative.
- 2) Motion by Penni McMulkin, seconded by Gail Darby
 That the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer be separated in the two positions of Secretary and Treasurer and that the position of Member-at-large be eliminated from the executive.
- 3) Election of Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Member-at-large and Board of Directors Representative.
- 4) OALT/ABO Vice-President - Meg Sinclair.
- 5) Open discussion.

12:00 noon - Lunch will be served free to members of TALTA and guests.

TALTA - RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

March 1, 1975 to January 6, 1976

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance March 1, 1975	\$ 391.36	Fees to OALT/ABO	\$ 275.00
Membership Fees TALTA	438.40	Newsletters	79.68
Membership Fees OALT/ABO	275.00	Postage and Supplies	4.73
Workshops	80.00	Travelling Expenses (J.Fear)	88.20
		OLA Conference	99.98
		CLA Conference	52.57
		Rental (Centennial College)	17.00
		Scholarships (\$25.00 not yet paid)	100.00
		Deposit for Annual Meeting	20.00
			<u>737.16</u>
		BALANCE	447.60
	<u>\$1,184.76</u>		<u>\$1,184.76</u>

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

OALT/ABO Conference in Thunder Bay - the date has been changed to May 13, 14, & 15, 1976.

Janet Fear has been appointed to the Certification and Standards Committee (OALT/ABO).

Doug Willford was made an honorary life member of OALT/ABO at the Conference in Ottawa.

Diana Myers has been appointed as the OALT/ABO representative to the PCC.

OALT/ABO Newsletter Editor is Semmy Swytink, you can write to her C/O U.S. Information Service, 150 Wellington Street, 3rd Floor, Ottawa, Ontario.

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Proposed Thunder Bay Convention theme - The Library Technician in a multi-job situation - or - I'll do anything but floors and windows.

The Ottawa Conference was a financial success and they will give one-third of the profits to OALT/ABO.

Next Meetings of the OALT/ABO Board of Directors and Executive are on February 28th and 29th. The meeting on the Sunday will be open to the public.

Please contact Doug Willford - Humber College Library - 676-1200 if you know of a job or are looking for one.

St. Clair College will no longer have a Library Technicians program after this year.

Meeting, Seneca College, October 9th, 1975 - motion by Samm Brockhurst, seconded by Barb Sibley. To change Bylaw 1, #1, part 1 to read: Full membership will be given to Library Technicians (defined as a graduate of a recognized Library Technicians Program, or those recognized by the OALT/ABO Certification and Standards Committee. Motion passed.

Motion by Samm Brockhurst, seconded by Elizabeth Sanders. That Bylaw #2 read that Voting rights shall be accorded to full members in good standing. Passed.

These motions were made to conform with the OALT/ABO Constitutional amendments passed at the Ottawa Conference.

Halton/Peel Regional Branch has been founded. They are holding a meeting on January 19th - for more information contact - Jean Elioff - Interim Chairperson, Sheridan College Library, 362-5861 ext. 173 or at home 277-4413 or you may contact Susan Hall - Interim Secretary, Burnhamthorpe Branch of the Mississauga Public Library, 625-4314 or at home 274-3176.

SCHOLARSHIPS

TALTA Meeting, Seneca College, October 9th, 1975. Motion by Ann Doig, seconded by Barb Sibley, - That an annual scholarship of \$25.00 be made available for each of the three (3) colleges Sheridan, Seneca and Ryerson, to be awarded to a student at Christmas time of their final year, on recommendation of their fellow students. Passed.

TALTA Meeting, Sheridan College, November 6th, 1975. Motion by Barb Sibley, seconded by Janet Fear, - That since Sheridan College has two completely separate programs, that there be two scholarships in the amount of \$25.00 each, one for the Library Technicians Program, and one for the Library Technicians Program, Health Sciences Option. Passed.

These scholarships were awarded to Susan Mickalaus (Sheridan College); Patricia Buczkowski (Sheridan College, Health Sciences); Bobbi Anderson (Seneca College).

OALT/ABO CONFERENCE OPENING REMARKS - (Reported by Gail Darby)

About 100 people attended the opening of the 2d Annual Conference of the OALT/ABO, held at the University of Ottawa and hosted by the Ottawa Regional Branch.

Before the conference was officially opened, Ms. Eleanor Miller, President of OALT/ABO was presented with a personalized gavel by Campbell Leckie, Secretary-Treasurer.

In her welcoming address, Eleanor stated that now is the time for hard work to make OALT/ABO a solid association. She set the mood for the conference by stating that this was a working conference with lots to accomplish.

Mr. Paul Kitchen, Executive Director of the Canadian Library Association was the guest speaker. Mr. Kitchen has been long associated with Library Technicians and in particular with the library technicians program at Algonquin College, Ottawa.

Mr. Kitchen spoke on the topic of associations. He traced the historical development of associations or societies from the days of mutual benefit societies for workers to the present day multitude of associations. He told of association activity in Canada, citing as example, that there are 107 library associations in Canada.

Mr. Kitchen stated that there are three main reasons for establishing an association, - security, identity and entertainment. Each reason was discussed using OALT/ABO as an example.

In summing up, Mr. Kitchen remarked that our association has lots of hard work ahead to attain our goals and added that he was sure we would be successful.

Mr. Kitchen was introduced and thanked by members of the Ottawa Regional Branch.

The Provincial Executive (1974-75) was introduced, Eleanor Miller (President); Campbell Leckie (Secretary-Treasurer); Barb Sibley (Planning and Publicity); and Doug Willford (Past President).

All present were then invited to attend the Biergarten.

CANADIANA WORKSHOP (Reported by Janet Tieman)

This workshop was given by M. Gilles Bergevin, Head of the Law Library, University of Ottawa. M. Bergevin spent much of the time discussing the acquisition of rare books. He circulated several dealers' catalogues and explained that someone interested in acquiring antique and rare books gets to know which dealer is best for which fields and which dealers have the best prices. We all looked at catalogues from dealers in Toronto, Montreal, London England and other cities.

When describing special collections M. Bergevin was asked approximately how old a book should be to be considered valuable. He replied that books printed anywhere up to 1800 are considered valuable and Canadian books up to 1850 are very valuable.

M. Bergevin was the Collection Co-ordinator at the Main Library of the University of Ottawa during the time of the great expansion of the University and the building of the new library. Many of the old library books were stored in what he referred to as "The Attic". This Attic certainly sounded fascinating, for M. Bergevin repeatedly told us of the interesting gems he has turned up while going through the books that had to be stored away there. After the workshop, several of us thought that we, too, should like to have a peek at that Attic.

NOTE: On a tour of the University of Ottawa Library I noticed that the Special Collections Department occupied most of one floor and was staffed by two Library Technicians.

CAN/SDI WORKSHOP (Reported by Joyce Hacker)

SDI - Abbreviation for Selective Dissemination of Information system which is an automated system of information retrieval utilizing a computer for disseminating relevant information to users. An interest profile depicting and defining each area of interest is compiled for each user; it consists of terms which are likely to appear in relevant documents. These profiles are stored on magnetic tape for computer processing. Key words representing documents are matched with these interest profiles. If, for any given document and user, the terms match, its abstract is sent to the user.

Harrod, Leonard Montague The Librarians' Glossary 3d (rev.) ed. 1971.

The CAN/SDI (Canadian Selective Dissemination of Information) workshop was given by Ms. Monique Perrier and Ms. Sheila Bradley of the National Library, Ottawa.

Ms. Perrier stated that SDI is a computer produced service. The service started in 1959 and is now extended to many countries. CAN/SDI started in 1967 at the National Research Council. The National Library CAN/SDI is one of four centres and is the centre for the Social Sciences and Humanities.

Ms. Perrier discussed how the National Library's SDI Division is able to compile bibliographies on line and each data base was discussed briefly.

Subscriptions to institutions or individuals are available at a relatively low cost for the information received.

Individual searches of a current awareness or retrospective nature may be made. It is important that a specific profile (list of terms relating to the topic to be searched) be submitted to the centre to insure that the computer gives the appropriate information.

Ms. Bradley spoke briefly on the use of SDI in inter-library loans.

The operation of an on line terminal was demonstrated by Ms. Perrier. The topic to be researched was Library Technicians; as to professional recognition, technical education, community colleges, wages, salaries, income, etc. The computer produced a bibliography of where this information could be found.

The CAN/SDI workshop was informative and worthwhile to attend.

AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP (Reported by Brian Reed)

With the guidance of Bonnie Moore MacKay, Library Technician at Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital, Thunder Bay, the audio-visual workshop provided an introduction to the operation and uses of the Sony video tape recorder and VTR porta pak. After each piece of equipment had been demonstrated by Ms. MacKay the participants themselves were given the opportunity to operate both the VTR and the VTR porta pak. Ms. MacKay also spoke briefly of her audio-visual work at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital. Those participants interested in further instruction in the use of this type of hardware were invited to contact the Sony Corporation in Toronto about the possibility of attending one of their VTR workshops.

WORKSHOP ON WOMEN PRESENTED BY NFB OF CANADA (Reported by Barb Sibley)

If your idea of an interesting afternoon is watching films for a few hours you probably enjoyed the NFB Workshop on Women. If you expected technical details on women and their interactions with the film media you were probably disappointed. But either way, if you watched only two or three films you hopefully came away feeling aware of the problems facing working mothers.

The films on working mothers are a consciousness-raising series of films. They deal with women who in most cases work out of necessity. The situations these women found themselves in were certainly not unique. The films bring out the many problems working mothers must face:- Where does one find adequate daycare facilities? Who will do all the housework? If your children are at school - who looks after them between four and five o'clock? How does your husband feel about your job?

At least 40 women and 2 men attended the English version of this workshop. With such a large number of people it was impossible to stimulate discussion or develop ideas. Input between the people present was curtailed but none of this really reflects on the films themselves.

A criticism was expressed that not one of the films gave concrete suggestions of how to deal with the many problems facing working mothers. Although the films dealt with each woman individually it did not say how she dealt with her problems. If the group of people watching had been smaller perhaps several suggestions and alternatives would have come up in discussion.

The films major use would obviously be as tools to start discussions.

ISBD WORKSHOP (Reported by Janet Fear)

Not having catalogued a book since graduation 5 years ago I may not be the right person to report on the ISBD workshop - for my purposes, it was just what I wanted. Pierre Daoust, who gave us the workshop is a cataloguer at the University of Ottawa. The topic was explored practically not theoretically. A fourteen page handout describing how ISBD rules are applied was handed out to each workshop participant. M. Daoust read the handout aloud allowing for questions and answers. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the text of the presentation, (there will be a photocopy charge for this). Please contact Janet Fear at Sheridan College Library - Toronto Line 362-5861, Ext. 166.

LIBRARIES IN THE COMMUNITY (Reported by Susan Pope)

A very comprehensive, informative talk and slide show was given by Ms. Cheryl Horton and two other library technicians. Some of the main highlights of this topic are as follows:

- 1) Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre (which is part of the R.E. Crouch Branch Library) provides for the public, a public health nurse, social worker, various adult programs and programs for pre-school and school age children. Ms. Horton discussed how to set up programs, i.e. subjects, speakers, type of audience, and how people responded to the programs.
- 2) The importance of the right type of publicity was discussed in regard to the different types of medias, i.e. newspaper ads, radio announcements, circulars, etc. A number of printed examples were passed out showing the correct use and the incorrect use.
- 3) A brief summary on the London Urban Resource Centre was presented. Information was given regarding the position of the Centre held in the community, services and resources available, and what function for the people they served.

I am sure that all who attended this seminar became aware of what some interested people have done and what they themselves can do in their libraries.

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