

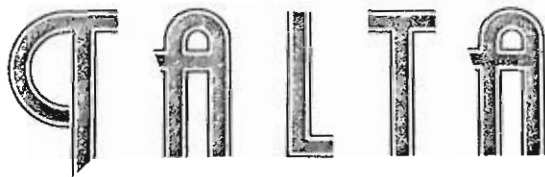
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September Meeting

Northern District Library 40 Orchardview Blvd.

7:30 Room 224a

Wed. Sept. 13th

Professor W. Kurmey, from the Faculty of Library Science will be speaking on the application of micro and mini computers in the library setting. Business meeting will follow.

Business Note

We will be continuing our discussions on the revival of our Student Awards Program at our September meeting. We would like to give a monetary award of merit to a second year student from Ryerson and from Seneca. The Students would do the voting and the awards would be presented around Christmas time- possibly at our December meeting. The amount of the awards and the points of merit have yet to be decided on.

GRUSSE AUS DEUTSCHLAND

When first approached by OALT/ABO to write an article covering both my job and the many experiences I have encountered thus far in Germany, my main concerns were twofold; how and where to begin and just how I could best bring into perspective to the membership my many new found experiences.

As many of you know, or may not know, I am currently employed in the Baden Senior School Library which is the high school located on our Canadian Forces Europe base in Baden-Soellingen, West Germany. For those of you who are lacking the geography of Germany, Baden-Soellingen is located in the South of Germany right in the heart of the famous "Black Forest" and only minutes from both the French and Swiss borders. It is not uncommon for a group to travel across to France for an evenings entertainment or a delicious meal of "escargot".

The library itself is small physically (but we are hoping that it will be enlarged this year) with a collection of about 9,000 volumes, a periodical collection of some 85, 300 filmstrips, and also a small but growing collection of cassettes and records. A majority of our software media (primarily 16mm films) is borrowed from the Lahr Central Resource Centre. Lahr is located to the south of our base and houses all the administrative staff and buildings including the above mentioned "Resource Centre". This Resource Centre has a fine collection of 16mm films, media kits, etc. and all the schools within the system rely on them quite heavily for their media needs.

My duties at Baden Senior encompass the entire spectrum of my training as a Library Technician and a great deal more (except sweep floors and wash windows). Among my specific duties are: book selection, ordering and processing, periodical selection and ordering, maintaining of the kardex, working with the budget, original cataloguing and classification, maintenance of both the AV software and hardware, reference work, compiling new book lists every month and supervising of our student helpers. Next semester when my supervisor is teaching I will be left in charge of the library for most of day. As you can see, my duties and responsibilities are quite wide ranging.

Living in Germany is an experience in itself and a "Learning Experience" in every sense of the word. For example, Iffezheim, the small village where I live is very typical of many of the smaller German villages; very neat and clean (the villagers actually go out and sweep off the street curb in front of their home), small side streets, large and very ornate churches, and the trademark of all German villages: their "Gasthaus".

Eating in one of these Gasthauses is an experience and a pleasure in itself, that both your palate and stomach will savour. The food is exquisite and the meal sometimes takes as long as two hours to consume.

Travelling is another aspect of living over here, and thus far my travels include: a two week tour of Germany, Vienna, Austria, London, England, Berne and Lucerne, Switzerland, and the Alsace area of Northern France. Trips which I have planned for this year include: Canterbury, England, a week of skiing with the students in the Austrian Alps, a two week tour of Scandinavia and a week in the U.S.S.R.

When not busy there are always things on the base to keep you busy such as, bowling, curling, squash, T.G.I.F. beer call at the Officer's mess or just going to visit someone.

Well, by surmising from what I have so tersely explained then, perhaps one can appreciate the true meaning of the words "Ich bin glücklich."

Auf Wiedersehen,
Doug Willford

PLAN AHEAD!

Seneca College is not offering any new or post-graduate courses this fall, however, several new courses are being planned for January 1980. We will keep you informed as further details become available.

New Courses for January 1980

Library Techniques 212-Fiction collections in public and school libraries

This course presents a survey of popular fiction suitable for public and school library collections. It is designed as an introduction for library technicians to our literary heritage, our major writers, both past and present, and the current trends in popular literature.

Library Techniques 413-Children's Work

This introduction to work with children includes crafts, storytelling, and puppetry. Students are expected to read a representative selection of children's books.

Library Techniques 414-Special Libraries

The course is designed to equip the library technician with basic information about the acquisition, cataloguing, and reference function of a special library

(Prerequisites: Library Techniques 213, 311, 312)

"UPDATES" IN LIBRARY PROCEDURES

These courses are being offered in response to inquiries and requests.

Minimum Prerequisite: A Library Technician Certificate from an approved Library Technician program.

For further information, contact the Library Arts Department at 595-5285 during the month of August, 1979.

XXTV 813 - Non-Book Materials and Their Equipment

This course is directed towards library arts graduates, personnel in media centres, and persons requiring basic knowledge and skills in handling nonbook materials. Course content will be: an exploration and overview with laboratory experience in the acquisition, organization, conservation (repair and storage), preparation, presentation and utilization of nonbook materials and equipment; filmstrips, slides, transparencies, projected opaque materials, microfilm, microfiche, motion pictures, videotape, audio disc and tape.

Instructor: Mrs. M.E. Morgan-Fee: 55.00-Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 p.m. (36 hours)

In the FALL, September 11-November 27, 1979

Repeated in the WINTER, January 15-April 1, 1980

XXTV 814 - Technical Services Update

This course will investigate the Anglo American Cataloguing Rules - 2nd edition - and compare it with the 1st edition. Problems of implementation will also be discussed. Librarians and technicians working in the area of cataloguing and faced with the application of the new cataloguing rules will greatly benefit from this course.

Instructor: Mr. Gordon A. Bean-Fee: 25.00-Thursdays 6:30-9:00 (10 hours)

In the FALL, October 4 to October 25, 1979

Repeated in the WINTER, February 7 to February 28, 1980

To register contact the Continuing Education Office at Ryerson.

TALTA Placement Service

Perhaps our members would like to know how our placement works.

I scan the Globe & Mail Monday through Saturday, and the Star on Saturday and Sunday. 85% of all positions handled are listed in the GLOBE & MAIL.

When I see an advertisement, I go through my file of resumes and match the job offer with the applicants, for instance, if a position is open in a special library (business) I would not ask a person who is looking for a position in the area of rare books if they are interested.

Many people specify location, so if someone is looking for an out of town position, there is no use asking if they want to work on King St!

The positions that come to my notice other than through newspapers are usually through other technicians who hear about a position, or are for contract work e.g. 20 weeks when someone goes on maternity leave or, perhaps someone has some money left in their budgets for a part-time person.

Permanent part-time positions are few and far between.

The average salary range for someone with approximately 2 years experience is between 9,500 - 11,500 per year, highly skilled technicians around 12,500 up. Contract positions range between 5 - 5.89 per hour (experienced).

Of course I get some ridiculous requests e.g. someone to work 2 hours per day from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. for 3.00 per hours, out of that the person must pay either 75¢ per hour parking or 1.10 TTC tickets!!

Vacant positions seem to come in cycles, March, Aug-Sept, and December are the high periods.

Any members who are looking for a position can call me (at home please 445-6873) and I will send them a resume blank, and put them on my list.

Muriel Armour
TALTA Placement Officer

Note: In many of the advertisements during the last year there is a growing trend towards on-line retrieval skills.