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From the Editor

Season's greetings!

This is your holiday season edition of ...In touch with TALTA. This being so, let this editorial be a message of good cheer.

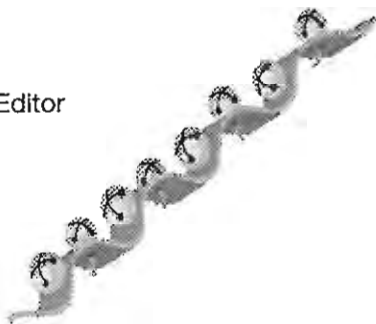
Thank you to each and every one for being not only members of TALTA, but being the organization itself. Your contributions and suggestions have helped make TALTA the organization that it is today, and for that you can be proud.

Have a safe holiday season. We want to have you well rested, refreshed, healthy and happy in the new year. We hope that you get what you truly wish for this season.

Finally, let us extend this joy beyond the season. Let us be able to find a bit of the holiday magic at least once each day of the year. From your executive staff of TALTA, may you all find joy in this holiday season and in the New Year.

Yours,

JOHN SMITH, Editor



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President's Message

There is no hotter topic these days than the Internet, and it was a real treat to have our Vice-President Aileen Fisher arrange a TALTA meeting that focused on useful aspects of the Internet for libraries and library technicians. Subscribe to a library-oriented listserv and get a flavour for how internet discussion groups work. It is really amazing the first time you see an e-mail message from Sweden or Australia!

TALTA is due to host the 1997 OALT/ABO Provincial Conference, and to make the preparations for it as stress-free as possible, we are starting early. The first thing we need is a Conference Chairperson, or possibly two Co-Chairs. After the Chairperson or Co-Chairs have been chosen, we will advertise for volunteers to head up the various committees, which include the Registration Committee, Workshops Committee, Facilities Committee, Social Activities Committee, etc. Please read the Call for Conference Chairperson notice in this newsletter, and consider applying for the position. **It is important that we have a responsible, experienced TALTA member working at this level.** If you are interested in the position, or know of someone you think would do a good job, please contact me at (416) 367-6373.

Joanne O'Driscoll, President, TALTA

JOB PLACEMENT UPDATE

How to list with the service:

Contact Marilyn Meyer, Job Liaison Contact, at (416) 236-2209, her home number, after 6 p.m. At this time, she will discuss existing job opportunities, and procedures for either faxing or mailing resumes. Marilyn is keen on talking to interested TALTA members about available opportunities.

A T T E N T I O N BUDDING WRITERS

We need you. If you attended an interesting workshop or have started a new job, why not drop us a line? We'd like to hear from **you!** Articles on any topic of interest to Library Technicians are welcome. Please mail your submissions to John Smith, Editor - ...*In touch with TALTA* 59 Spadina Road, Apt. 806, Toronto, Ont. M5R 2T2.

Deadline for next newsletter: January 15, 1996

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TALTA WELCOMES THESE NEW MEMBERS

Judy Bahadoorsingh	Judith MacNeil
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Blake, Cassels & Graydon	Cori Mordaunt
Christine Connell	Nancy Ott
Karen Gaggi	Mary-Ann Pegg
Vanessa Graham	Pauline Poon
Susan Guglielmin	Elizabeth Rooney
Eleanor Haberman	Patricia Semmens
Marilyn May	Dana Sherwin
	George Serhijczuk

TALTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 1995

WHAT'S USEFUL ON THE INTERNET

On Tuesday September 26, twenty-seven TALTA members took part in this information meeting, getting a headful of ideas to take back to their workplace. Jennifer Reiswig, Manager of the Toronto East General Hospital's Health Sciences Library, escorted us knowledgeably through the intricacies of the Internet via slides and a computer demonstration. After a glimpse at generalities, Jennifer introduced the audience to the tools used in "surfing" the Internet, on a search for sites and information of interest to staff (and patrons) of libraries.

We learned of electronic discussion groups and newsletters such as LCCN: LC Cataloguing Newsline / LISTSERV@SUN7.LOC.GOV and SERLST: Serials in Libraries / LISTSERV@UVMVM.UVM.EDU. We also were informed about interesting Web sites for libraries, such as the National Library of Canada Home Page at <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ehome.html> and index sites such as The Whole Internet Catalogue at <http://nearnet.gnn.com/gnn/wic/index.html>. One of the newest additions, indicated on the generous handouts that we received, is InterCat: OCLC's new experimental database of bibliographic records for Internet resources at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/man/catproj/catcall.htm>.

After the lecture and demonstration, refreshments were served in the Health Sciences Library and members had the welcome opportunity to chat with Jennifer and each other in a relaxed and friendly social time. Many thanks to Jennifer Reiswig for her time and efforts on TALTA's behalf. I am sure the members present took back to their jobs some valuable new knowledge. If you couldn't make to this fine meeting, hopefully you will be able to attend the next one in December. See you there.

Susan Scholz

OALT/ABO NEWS

This is my first submission to ...In touch with TALTA as TALTA's OALT/ABO representative. I hope through this and other submissions to keep TALTA members informed.

The 1996 OALT/ABO conference, A Delicate Balance/Un Equilibre Harmonieux, will be held May 10-12 at Cranberry Resort in Collingwood. Joan A. Pajunen,

Canada's version of Faith Popcorn, will be the pre-conference speaker. A competition is being introduced at the conference - all regions will be asked to design their own name tags with a prize being awarded to the winning design.

An Internet Task Force has been established by OALT/ABO. The task force consists of one member of each region and will formally arrange a presence on the Internet and determine the best way to present OALT/ABO information on the Internet. I am representing TALTA on this task force and will have more information after our first meeting.

New membership forms have been produced and will be used for the 1996/97 membership year.

Please contact me if you have any concerns about regional issues.

DONNA LADOUCEUR

OALT/ABO Board of Directors Representative

Call for 1997 OALT/ABO Conference Chairperson

TALTA will be the host region for the 1997 OALT/ABO Provincial Conference. Before the planning for the conference can get underway we need a Conference Chairperson, or possibly two Co-Chairs.

The Chairperson or Co-Chairs will form a Planning Committee, which will consist of the Chairperson(s), a Conference Treasurer, and representatives of each of the support committees. There is an OALT/ABO Conference Procedures Manual to guide the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will liaise with TALTA's Regional Director and with the TALTA Executive.

Qualifications for Chairperson(s):

- Library technician with at least two years library working experience
- a member of TALTA in good standing
- good organizational and communication skills

This is an excellent opportunity for professional growth. Please contact Joanne O'Driscoll at (416) 367-6373 if you wish to apply, recommend someone, or if you need more information on the position.

FIS Continuing Education

The University of Toronto Faculty of Information Studies, or FIS, will be offering the following noncredit workshops. For further information contact Marcia Chen at 978-7111, or FAX at 971-1399. Please specify which course brochure you want.

Webs and Other Spaces: Designing and Maintaining Internet Resources

Instructors: **Gerry Oxford & Marian Press**
Friday November 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fundamentals of Record Management

Instructor: **Caroline Werle**
Friday November 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Internet Basics: Focus on the Law

Instructors: **Henry Mandelbaum & Rita Vine**
Saturday November 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Marketing Libraries through the Internet

Instructors: **Jane Dysart & Stephen Abram**
Friday, November 10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Exploring the Internet via Netscape and Mosaic

Instructors: **Gwen Harris & Sandra Wood**
Saturday November 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Performance Management

Instructors: **Susan Geary & Faye Marcotte**
Friday November 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Authorizing Your Own Web Page Using HTML

Instructors: **John Bradley & Patrick Gignac**
Saturday November 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Building & Managing a LAN

Instructor: **Siu Yeung**
Friday November 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Copyright

Instructor: **Francoise Hebert**
Friday November 24, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Getting Business Value from the Internet

Instructors: **Gwen Harris & Sandra Wood**
Friday November 24, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Introduction to Networking and Local Area Networks (Part 1)

Instructor: **Siu Yeung**
Saturday November 25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No Fear Internet: Internet Basics for the Terrified Beginner Information Providers

Instructors: **Henry Mandelbaum & Rita Vine**
Tuesday November 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Patents and Trademarks: Sources and Document Delivery

Instructor: **Maggie Weaver**
Friday December 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Eight-Step Editing

Instructor: **Jim Taylor**
Friday December 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Webs and Other Spaces: Designing and Maintaining Internet Sources

Instructors: **Gerry Oxford & Marian Press**
Saturday December 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cataloguing Internet Resources

Instructors: **Joe Cox, Lynne Howarth & Trina Wood**
Friday December 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Novell Netware Network Design & Implementation (Part 2)

Instructor: **Siu Yeung**
Saturday December 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Exploring the Internet via Netscape and Mosaic

Instructors: **Gwen Harris & Sandra Wood**
Friday December 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SU204: Internetting - Remote Access/Internet Connectivity

Instructor: **Siu Yeung**
Friday December 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. &
Saturday December 16, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Membership Renewals ...

Did You Renew?

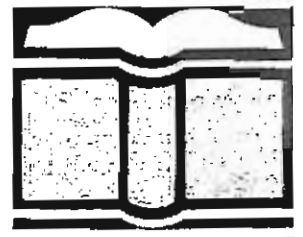
Our last issue of *...In touch with TALTA* included a membership renewal form. Our membership year runs from **September 30, 1995 to October 1, 1996**. Cheques should be made payable to T.A.L.T.A. If you require an additional form, please call Angela Carito-Walmsley at (416) 869-1130 extension 2583.

Changes of address should be sent to:

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Scarborough, Ontario
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**Ontario Association of Library Technicians/
Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario**

*Abbey Market P.O. Box 76010
1500 Upper Middle Rd. W.
Oakville, Ontario L6M 3H5*



**TALTA REGIONAL BRANCH
ANNUAL REPORT
1993-1994**

OUTGOING EXECUTIVE

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Job Placement

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Bonnie Gibson
Susan Scholz
Donna Ladouceur
Anna-Liisa Frantila &
George Zandona
John Smith
Marilyn Meyer

(Handover meeting for new executive will be held in May 16, 1994)

ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

Sept. 22/93	Canada's Statistics Collection Agencies.
Nov. 2/93	Harassment in the Workplace.
Dec. 17/93	Christmas Party/Karaoke - Lee Gardens
Jan. 26/94	Quality and Client Service
March 1/94	Annual Business Meeting

PUBLICATIONS

3 issues of In Touch with TALTA were mailed out to members. 4th issue delayed with the resignation of Newsletter editor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank Balance (as of March 31, 1994)
Chequing Acct. \$2,405.84
GIC's, 2 for \$11,162.69

MEMBERSHIPS

Graduate 79	Student 18	Senior Citizens
Associate	Institutional 11	
		TOTAL 108

Respectfully submitted by:

T. Ariganello

Toni Ariganello

FILM SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SEASON

'Tis the season to celebrate, and part of the tradition of the holiday is to bring the family together, sing carols, toast the occasion, gather for the big dinner, then relax around the nouveau fireplace, - i.e. the television - and stoke it with videotapes.

Now, I could suggest many films that are appropriate for the time, like A Christmas Carol, White Christmas, A Christmas Story, The Holly and the Ivy, and The Nutcracker, but everyone reviews these films at this time of year. What I am going to suggest are films that deal with libraries and library work. And no, they are not documentaries either. If shopping for films on this subject, I hope that this article will do you some service.

DESK SET 1957 *****

Here is by far the best of the films, starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracey. Basically, it is the retelling of the John Henry folk tale whereby a computer is put into the research department of a TV station, only to be challenged by Ms. Hepburn, whose memory is a match for the technical wonder. This film is a very witty and wise comedy and the stars are electric in their performances. Highly recommended!

THE HOUSE ON CARROLL STREET 1988 ***

This is an interesting film set in the early 1950s with Kelly McGillis as a blacklisted librarian who stumbles upon a botched spy plot involving far-right extremists. The film is more or less a routine adventure with a fast pace ending, but most interesting about this film deals with the communist witch hunt of the post-war period and explains that long before the blacklist hit Hollywood and made it big news, the first victims were librarians, specifically women.

PARTY GIRL 1995 *

Sorry, recommendations for this film come hard. This is the story of a girl from the dance club culture confronting maturity and a career. The amusing point of the film is that she gets a job in the New York Library system and finds her salvation through mastering the Dewey Decimal System! (I don't make up these things, I just review.) Caveat emptor!

JOHNNY MNEMONIC 1995 **

Keanu Reeves plays the part of a messenger who transports information in his brain, which is a head-size computer. I am recommending this film because library technicians are more likely to know the meaning of mnemonic before anyone else.

THE NET 1995 ***

What happens if your identity is erased at the flick of a switch by someone on the internet? Sandra Bullock stars as the

unfortunate netsurfer trying to track down her demons. The film is a standard adventure set upon a questionable premise, but it has some good elements. The film gives a very basic idea about the internet to those who have not used it yet. It also is recommended as the hero, Bullock, is female and gets to do what males have been doing in films for years; resolve a problem on one's own terms. (NOTE: THE NET may not be available on tape this season as it is still playing some theatres after four months of release.)

THE PAGEMASTER 1994 ***

The Pagemaster is a half live action/half animated feature for children, specifically younger children. It is the story of a bratty little boy (Macaulay Culkin) who enters a library and learns about life through the Pagemaster, a librarian played by Christopher Lloyd. Lloyd introduces Culkin to books, which he opens and enters a new and exciting world. The weakness in the film is that Lloyd plays an eccentric, almost a cliché in films, where male library workers are social misfits and female workers are harsh matrons whose professional mantra is "SHHHHHH!!!" This aside, the film stresses the positive side of reading and has been endorsed by the ALA.

ONLY TWO CAN PLAY 1962 ****

Peter Sellers is a mild-mannered library worker (another cliché) who has a flirtation with Mai Zetterling. The film, from the satirical novel by Kingsley Amis, is a bit dated, but it is nice to see the library worker as something of a romantic figure, and Sellers provides great acting and lots of laughs.

If you know of any other film depicting library work, drop us a line and we will pass the information to other members through the newsletter. In the meantime, Happy Holidays and good viewing!

JOHN SMITH

Joblines

There are several joblines in the Toronto area which advertise jobs for library technicians and information professionals. These joblines are updated weekly and advertise a variety of jobs in the Metropolitan Toronto area. Although most positions these days are part-time or contract work, it's worth checking out these sources.

Ontario Library Association Library Technician jobline	(416) 363-9161
Ontario Library Association Librarian jobline	(416) 363-3380
Faculty of Information Studies University of Toronto	(416) 978-7073
ANGELA CARITO-WALMSLEY	

National Library of Canada on World Wide Web

As of June, the National Library of Canada has been offering services on the World Wide Web. National Library information is now available via a hypertext, multimedia, distributed system that runs on the Internet. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of this new Web service is <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/>

The National Library's Web service includes, for example, the Library's fall publications, descriptions of its collections and services, cultural events and exhibitions, and pointers to other Canadian Internet information resources. The Library's Web service will continue to be enhanced.

Library staff are developing a "Virtual Tour" of the Library. Adapted versions of other National Library Projects, such as Read Up On It 1994, the Canadian Literature Research Service reading lists, and the current exhibition on Canadian science fiction and fantasy, are being made accessible on the Web.

This new WWW service demonstrates the National Library's commitment to the Information Highway. "Our long-term objective is to provide electronic access to a much greater volume of Canadian material, both in Canada and around the world." explains National Librarian

Marianne Scott. "We are determined to make a significant contribution to the development of electronic access to information in Canada."

In March of this year, the National Library participated in a week-long demonstration of an "electronic library" project by working with the Library of Congress and two schools in Canada and the United States. The schools were able to access information on Canada's Confederation and the U.S. Civil War through Internet links to both libraries. Information made accessible through this project will also be available in National Library News and on the WWW shortly.

Information:

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National Library News is also available on the National Library's gopher service. Internet gopher.nlc-bnc.ca, WWW Uniform Resource Locator (URL) [gopher://gopher.nlc-bnc.ca/WWW](http://gopher.nlc-bnc.ca/WWW) URL: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/publications/nl-news/elnews.htm>

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