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Editors' Corner

The balmy weather as I write this editorial belies the fact that November is here but it is, and the year's busiest season for most of us is well underway. We, the Editors, hope that you will make time in your busy schedules to participate in the worthwhile lineup of THLA activities scheduled for 1990/91.

The October meeting was titled: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly: a survival guide for moving a library. It was a useful and very entertaining meeting. There is an informative summary of it in this issue of the NEWS. The next meeting is the Annual Christmas party on December 3rd at its traditional place at the Ontario Cancer Institute. This is always an enjoyable occasion (and the desserts are generally wonderful!) so plan now to attend.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Dorothy Davey and Marina Fedchenko, most THLA members have renewed their memberships and membership figures are up compared to last year. The 1990/91 THLA membership list is being mailed with this issue of the NEWS. People who have not yet renewed will not be receiving this newsletter or the membership list but they can arrange to get both if they renew, so they should contact Marina Fedchenko ASAP and pay up!

The Editors depend on all of you to help us make the NEWS an effective communication vehicle. If you have any news re people on the move, meetings of interest etc. please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you. See you at the Christmas party.

Bonnie Brownstein, Editor

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Inside Circuit

PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE I was very gratified by the success of the first THLA meeting of the year.

A very special thank you to *Mary Smith* of The Hincks Institute for supplying the meeting room and for the tour of her beautiful new library.

Thank you also to *Elizabeth Reid* and *Susan Murray* for sharing the experience of moving a library with us.

For those of you interested in the continuing saga of Rosemary's missing in action library; the books were found and put on the shelves. They immediately fell to the floor because the shelves were attached to an unreinforced wall (actually, four unreinforced walls).

The resulting mess had to be seen to be believed. The books were tossed into many unlabelled boxes of varying sizes. No attempt was made to put like titles together. Opening each box was a surprise and a delight new giving to the expression "found under a rock."

If I'm lucky, I'll have made order out of chaos by Christmas. If I'm lucky...

Speaking of Christmas, the annual Christmas party looms on the horizon. As usual it will be catered by *Carol Morrison* and The Ontario Cancer Institute Cafeteria. Booze and bar by Rosemary. Desserts by the membership.

I'm very excited about the February meeting on automated library systems. The meeting will be held at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College and I'm hoping to have demonstrations of at least three different systems.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party so I can pour you a beverage and wish you the felicitations of the season!

Rosemary Ulliot, President Elect THLA'S FALL MEETING -
OCTOBER 15, 1990
C.M. HINCKS INSTITUTE

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TOPIC: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY: A SURVIVAL
GUIDE FOR MOVING A LIBRARY
SPEAKERS: ELIZABETH REID, TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL - THE
GOOD; SUSAN MURRAY, CINEMATHEQUE - THE BAD;
ROSEMARY ULLYOT, PARKDALE LEGAL CLINIC - THE
UGLY

ATTENDEES: 24

The meeting was chaired by *Rosemary Ulliot* in *Eva Gulbinowicz*' absence. *Joan Leishman*, Coordinator of the University of Toronto Libraries Consortium was introduced. *Eleanor Hayes* apologized for not having the Union List available at the meeting as promised but, the printer has failed to deliver it in time.

Elizabeth Reid presented 10 points to follow for a successful or "good" library move including: have a library building plan, a planning committee, a checklist of things to be done, many copies of the floorplans; do pre-move major projects such as binding and weeding; place all orders in advance considering likely arrival dates; consider well in advance shelving required, manpower for the move itself, security and signage, and public relations.

Susan Murray told a tale of disaster with an essentially unplanned move that she had to do as soon as she arrived in her new job. She warned of the problems involved in dealing with a commercial mover invoice versus the estimate; write the purchase order like a legal document, giving payment only for a job "successfully completed"; document every meeting and every discussion with the company and get insurance on the collection as a whole.

Rosemary Ulliot described a nightmarish situation in which she arrived at a part-time job one evening to be told that the organization was moving in two weeks. After ordering the appropriate boxes from the mover's she next arrived to find out that they had been returned because they did not look like usable boxes, being long and narrow. While this situation represented the "ugly" it was one that was entirely beyond control, since as a part-timer she was not consulted at all.

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The meeting adjourned for a tour of the library. Thanks to *Mary Smith* for hosting, it was a pleasure to visit such a well appointed new facility.

THLA FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 1990
TIME: 6 P.M.
TOPIC: CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, SPONSORED BY THE OCI
PLACE: ONTARIO CANCER INSTITUTE, 2 WELLESLEY PLACE
SPEAKERS: Open forum
RSVP by Nov. 22 to Rosemary Ulliyot at 967-1517.
Dessert volunteers call there as well

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 1991
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
TOPIC: INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEMS
PLACE: CANADIAN MEMORIAL CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE
SPEAKERS: TBA

DATE: APRIL 15, 1991
TIME: TBA
TOPIC: TBA
PLACE: TBA
SPEAKERS: TBA

DATE: MAY 13, 1991
TIME: TBA
TOPIC: TBA
PLACE: TBA
SPEAKERS: TBA

Interest Groups

CONSORTIUM UPDATE

In September *Joan Leishman* assumed the position of Executive Director of the Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto.

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For 9 years Joan was responsible for the C-I-L (now ICI) Research Centre Library in Sheridan Park and prior to that was the Administrative Officer with the Office of Library Coordination of the Council of Ontario Universities. Along with her management experience she has a background in public service and has taught in the Library Techniques program at Sheridan College.

With the Executive Director now in place 'the Consortium' will move forward to begin to implement the recommendations as set forth in LINKING LIBRARIES, the 1988 assessment study which established the need and terms of reference for a formal network of University of Toronto teaching hospital libraries and affiliated health science libraries.

Some of these recommendations include the provision of an electronic mail system to foster communication, the use of technology to streamline interlibrary loan and document delivery, plans to establish criteria for a union catalogue, and consortium-wide training and consultation to promote the effective use of existing collections. In November the Consortium members will begin to take advantage of a local Medline network being mounted by the University of Toronto Library.

The Consortium membership presently consists of the University of Toronto Library, the Academy of Medicine Library, 11 full teaching hospital libraries, 16 partial teaching hospital libraries and 8 other hospital libraries from the greater Toronto area.

The first annual general meeting of the membership will be held in late November to elect officers, review priorities and establish an action plan for 1991. For more information about the Consortium, please contact Joan Leishman at 416-978-6359.

Continuing Education

o FLIS - U of T SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION: 9 - 5pm
(For further details call: 978-7111; 978-4666; 978-3107)

Dec. 7/90 - Thesaurus construction
Instructor: Michele Hudon

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Jan/Apr91 - STUDENT PRACTICUMS - FLIS

THLA MEMBERS are invited to submit outlines for student practicum projects for the Health Sciences Information Resources course at FLIS. The course will be taught from January to April 1991 by Professor Joanne Marshall. The projects may be administrative in nature or they may deal with a service or the building or organization of a collection. If you are interested in submitting a practicum, please submit the project title, a brief description of the project, any special background or interests necessary in the student and the name, full address and phone number of the supervising Librarian. For further information please contact Joanne ASAP at 978-4664. The deadline for project outlines is Dec. 15, 1990. re course requirements

Oct/Feb91 - Impact of information on clinical decision-making study Health professionals' willing to participate in a joint research program with the Rochester Regional Library Council may submit case reports describing how information from their library had a beneficial effect on patient care. Submission deadline - Feb. 1/91.

Contact Prof. Marshall, Research Director at 978-4664 for further details.

o TELEMEDICINE HOSPITAL LIBRARY SERIES: 11 - 11:45 AM
(Contact your Hospital Co-ordinator for more details)

Dec. 4/90 - Update on revisions to Canada's copyright act with additional focus on A-V materials
Instructor: Judith McAnanama

Jan. 22/91 - Database management
Instructor: Dorothy Davey

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Miscellaneous

o THE INTER-ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

WHEN: DEC. 5/90, 5:30 P.M. -

WHERE: CHAMPAGNE ROOM
NOVOTEL
45 THE ESPLANADE

WHAT: APPETIZERS AND CASH BAR

WHO: CAIS/CASLIS/SLA/TALL/TALTA

COST: \$15.00 MEMBERS
12.00 STUDENTS
20.00 NON-MEMBERS

REGISTRATION: SUSANNE BAKER
44A SAULTER ST.
TORONTO, ON
M4M 2H7
469-9704
(Send cheque to CASLIS/SLA)

DEADLINE: NOV. 29/90

N.B. There will be a box from the Daily Bread Food Bank available for your donations of non-perishable goods at the Registration area.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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o !! PRESS RELEASE !!

NEW DIRECTIONS - CHLA/ABSC 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHERE: HAMILTON, ON

WHEN: JUNE 15 - 20, 1991

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: Charles McClure (School of Information Studies, Syracuse University) on Evaluation of Library Services.

GREAT CE courses including managing your hard disk, presentation skills, stress management and effective searching for articles with information suitable for direct clinical application.

Bernie Todd-Smith from Rochester General Hospital on strategic planning and innovative ways to promote your hospital library.

CIRCLE JUNE 15 - 20, 1991 ON YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH BMC AND YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION. o
SOFTWARE SURVEY UPDATE

Given that THLA = NETWORKING = SHARED RESOURCES, may we remind you to refer to THLA NEWS Issues no. 2 & 3 of '89 and '90 respectively and ask that you ring Dorothy Davey at 485-0377 with your microcomputer expertise and its Library application. We rely on everyone's cooperation - THANKS.

Marketplace

o FREE to a good home:

BOOKS IN PRINT 1989 - 90: Titles, Authors, Out of Print. Seven volumes in all.

Contact: Linda or Jan/Mt. Sinai Hospital Library
586-4614

We are on HPI.

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o AVAILABLE FREE:

BOOKS IN PRINT 1987 - 88: 6 Volumes including Authors & Titles.

Must be able to pick them up.

Call Joan Barnes at The Clarke Institute (979-6824) between 8 - 5, M - F. THANKS A LOT, Joan. o The Clarke Institute of Psychiatry requires a fulltime Library Technician. Interesting, varied tasks include CD-ROM computer training. Please call Diane Thomas at 979-6820.

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**YOUR FEARLESS PRESIDENT-ELECT
NEGLECTED TO TELL THE MEMBERSHIP
THAT THERE WILL BE A SMALL CHARGE
FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

**THE SMALL SUM OF \$6.00 WILL BUY YOU
A PLENTITUDE OF DELICIOUS HORS
D'OEUVRES AND A GLASS OF WINE. IT
WILL ALSO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO WIN
SEVERAL EXCITING DOOR PRIZES.**

**SO, DON'T FORGET TO CALL ROSEMARY
AT 967-1517 TO RSVP TO THIS ANNUAL
RITE OF PASSAGE OF THE HOLIDAY
SEASON.**