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Editors' Corner

Once again the June issue of THLA NEWS ushers in the new THLA Executive. The names of the new Executive are included in this issue. Please feel free to contact any member of the Newsletter team during the summer months if you have any ideas, suggestions, or contributions for the September, 1991 issue. We look forward to hearing from members as interaction among the THLA community is vital to the success of THLA. I am looking forward to my term as THLA NEWS Editor and to working with Teresa and Dianna. Have a great summer - see you in September!

by Joanne Collingwood

It seems impossible that three years have gone by since joining the THLA NEWS editorial team. Working on the NEWS gave me an opportunity to get to know some delightful members of THLA and to appreciate the contributions made by all members of the THLA executive. I can sincerely say that the NEWS depends on contributions from THLA members. All the editors will welcome whatever you have to submit, from news about people such as new appointments or personal milestones, to items for the marketplace section, to surveys of the membership.

Since this is my last editorial I would like to thank the people who "showed me the ropes" and provided an excellent example as editors, Anne Kubjas and Marjory Morphy. Heartfelt thanks also to my editorial partners Susan Hudson and Joanne Collingwood. Susan has moved to literally greener pastures just outside of Ottawa. We thank her for her efforts over the past two years and wish her good fortune in her new location. The NEWS now passes into the capable hands of Joanne Collingwood as Editor, Dianna Rodgers as Associate Editor and Teresa Helik as Assistant Editor.

The membership renewal form usually goes out with this issue of the NEWS but due to the change of our membership year to a calendar year (see President's Message v, 10 #4), it will be sent out in the fall. I wish everyone a very enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you at our fall meetings.

by Bonnie Brownstein

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

by Rosemary Ullyot

It has been an exciting and interesting year for me as President Elect. Changing jobs, taking courses and organizing meetings gives new meaning to the words time management.

The October meeting was held at the C.M. Hinks Institute/Treatment Centre and hosted by Mary Smith. The topic was The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: a survival guide for moving a library. All aspects of moving a small, medium and large collection from across the street to across the city were ably discussed by Elizabeth Reid, Susan Murray and Rosemary Ullyot.

The Christmas social was a success in spite of the first and worst snowfall of the year. Carol Morrison and her staff catered our affair with their usual charm and elan. Rosemary Ullyot dispensed the potables with her usual heavy hand. A good time was had by all.

The February meeting saw us gathered at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College to see a demonstration of automated library systems. Maria Phipps and Lawrence Fallon of M.E. Phipps and Associates demonstrated Inmagic. Richard Earle and Laura Chakaravarty of Avec Technical Services demonstrated Data Trek and Edibase. A light supper was provided by the College and the meeting was hosted by Marilyn Schafer and her staff.

At the April meeting, in a departure from the norm, Piers Handling, deputy director of the festival of festivals/cinematheque Ontario spoke on the role of a cinematheque in today's culture and how the cinematheque, its resource centre and the festival can be utilized in both the study and production of film. The meeting was held at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry and hosted by Susan Goddard and her staff who also supplied light refreshments before and after the meeting.

The annual dinner meeting was again held at Massey College. The predinner cocktail party and the wine with dinner were generously sponsored by Canebisco and Faxon. The guest speaker was counsellor Jack Layton, Chairman of the Toronto Board of Health. Counsellor Layton talked about healthy cities and how they can be achieved and maintained. A lively question period followed.

I've had a wonderful time being president elect of THLA. I've learned some new skills, met some new people and renewed some old acquaintances. I look forward to working with you all in the following year as President of the Association.

If any of you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call, write or fax me. 967-1517 (ph), 967-0628 (Fax)

Have a happy and safe summer and I hope to see you all in the fall.

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ELECTION RESULTS

by Susan Murray

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who let their name stand for nomination and congratulate the THLA Executive for 1991-92.

President:	Rosemary Ullyot (Cinematheque Ontario)
President-Elect:	Madeline Grant (Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care)
Past-President:	Eva Gulbinowicz (Centre for Forensic Sciences)
Secretary:	Susan Goddard (Faculty of Dentistry/ U of T)
Treasurer:	Helvi Thomas (Scarborough General Hospital)
Editor, THLA News:	Joanne Collingwood (Ontario Hydro)
Assoc. Editor:	Dianna Rodgers (Can. Memorial Chiropractic College)
Asst. Editor:	Teresa Helik (Faculty of Dentistry/ U of T)

With Susan Hudson's move to Ottawa (good luck and thanks again, Susan!), you will note that there are two new members of the THLA editorial team, Dianna and Teresa. If you have any suggestions for 1991-92 THLA meetings, please contact Madeline Grant (Ph 789-5131 or Fax 785-2378).

Complete addresses and phone/Fax numbers for the THLA Executive will appear in the September newsletter.

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION APRIL MEETING - APRIL 15, 1991 FACULTY OF DENTISTRY LIBRARY, U OF T

TOPIC: THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE FILM FESTIVAL: OR I LOST IT AT THE MOVIES, BUT FOUND IT IN THE LIBRARY

PRESENTER: PIERS HANDLING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS

ATTENDANCE: 24

Piers Handling spoke on the role and nature of a film institute, a cinematheque and a film festival and the differences between them. An historian and enjoyable speaker, he presented interesting and amusing anecdotes of his years with the National Film Institute in Ottawa.

Coffee, juice and cookies were provided by our hostess, Susan Goddard, and there was ample time for conversation and discussion. Thanks to Susan and to Rosemary Ullyot for arranging the programme. A good time was had by all.

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U OF T LIBRARY WORKERS' STRIKE

by Eva Gulbinowicz

Many THLA members are no doubt glad and relieved that the recent strike is finally over, especially those whose workload doubled as a result. In retrospect, the Executive believes members should be informed as to action taken both by our Association, as well as other groups.

On April 8, 1991, the THLA Executive voted that Eva Gulbinowicz write a letter to the President of the University of Toronto, to inform him of the negative impact the Library Technicians' strike was having on the Toronto health sciences community. The letter is reprinted in this issue.

Since that time Eva attended the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Provincial Convention, where a representative of CUPE 1230 (U of T library workers) addressed the 1400 delegates. The Convention unanimously endorsed the library workers. President Fred Upshaw, urged OPSEU locals to financially support the strike fund. In addition, other groups such as the Health Science Information Consortium and Ontario Government Libraries Council (OGLC) have written letters to urge a speedy settlement.

A few of us, along with other supporters and library workers, picketed in front of R. Prichard's Rosedale mansion during the President's annual Garden Party. In general we received a positive response from alumni, who said they would raise the strike issue with the President. A settlement was reached a couple days later and we hope our joint actions contributed in some way to the resolution.

H. Ward Smith Library
Ministry of the Solicitor General
Center of Forensic Sciences
25 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2G8

April 17, 1991

Dr. B. Pritchard
President
University of Toronto
27 King's College Circle, Room 107
Toronto, Ontario

Sir:

The current Library Technician's strike at the University of Toronto Libraries, is seriously disrupting information dissemination for the local health science community. Our 100 member libraries are feeling the strain of replacing Document Delivery and other services normally provided by the University Libraries to Teaching Hospitals and U of T Institutional Members.

Both user categories are direct clients of the University Library System. Institutional Members have paid membership fees for services not being rendered and are being called upon to fill the gaps resulting from the strike. Teaching hospitals with University staff cross-appointments and student trainees can rightfully expect full campus information access.

The goodwill of THLA members in assisting your clients is quickly running out. We urge you therefore, to resume bargaining with the Library Workers, so to resolve the present crisis in an equitable and expedient manner.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated by all parties in the Toronto health science community.

Yours truly

Eva Gulbinowicz
President, THLA

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

THE NEXT THLA MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, 1991. DETAILS OF THIS MEETING, AND FUTURE 1991-92 MEETINGS, WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1991 ISSUE OF THE THLA NEWS.

INFORMATION MALPRACTICE WORKSHOP

THLA and OHLA are planning to co-sponsor an MLA-approved workshop on Information Malpractice after the annual OHLA conference in November 1991. The half-day workshop, presented by Marianne Puckett and Pamela Ashley, proved a popular hit at the 1990 MLA convention in Detroit, and we are tentatively scheduling it for Toronto on **Tuesday, November 12th**, provided that enough people are interested. To assist in our planning, please let us know if you would be likely to attend this workshop: call

Madeline Grant at 789-5131 ext. 2353

IN SYMPATHY

All THLA members extend their sympathy to Susan Hendricks and her family on the loss of her daughter, Kristina. THLA has made a donation to the in memoriam fund at her high school.

FACES AND PLACES

Sheila Swanson retired as of Friday May 24th after 25 years of service. She was honoured with a reception put on by the Academy of Medicine, and has agreed to return as a consultant.

Helen Kornuta, formerly Manager of the Library at Credit Valley Hospital, has assumed leadership of the Library at Glaxo Canada Inc.

Elaine Bernstein gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Michael on April 17th, 1991. Congratulations and best wishes from her colleagues in THLA!

ERRATUM

The previous issue of the THLA NEWS was falsely labeled as vol 11 #4. It should have read vol 10 #4.

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MARKETPLACE

I am a graduate of an accredited library technician programme. Fully experienced in all facets of library operations. Have had previous experience in a Hospital Library. If there is any employment opportunity on a full-time, part-time or contract basis, please notify me. My availability for employment is immediate. Mr. Hatim Khambalia (416) 463-0827.

LIBRARIAN: FREELANCE/CONSULTANT

Seeking part-time contract position: willing to work some evenings and weekend hours - flexible.

QUALIFICATIONS: M.L.S., 11 years in health sciences librarianship, 6 years of political and volunteer organizing.

EXPERIENCE and INTERESTS: I have managed a small nursing library, and established other small health science libraries. I prefer to work in a non-profit environment, and have good connections in the library, health, peace and social justice, nursing, labour, womens' and political fields. I also possess excellent writing, editing, proofreading and typing skills. I currently produce a newsletter for a professional nursing group (design, layout, editing and inputting on a Mac, using Microsoft Work and Pagemaker), and co-produce another magazine which is sold across Canada;

If you want part-time reference or cataloguing help, need to fill a maternity leave position, produce a newsletter, or have a project coming up, please call:

MARY BOITE at 461-2274

68 Queensdale Avenue, Toronto M4J 1Y3

An almost complete collection of Canadian Nurse from 1970 to the present is available free of charge. Please contact Sonja Goldstein at (416) 636-1725 re pickup arrangements.

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362-1812 x2399
868-1790

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THLA SOFTWARE SURVEY

Fourteen libraries responded to our latest software survey which was included in the April 1991 issue of the THLA News (volume 10, issue 4). Unfortunately, three of the responses did not include the name of the institution. If your library does have software (excluding word processing) and you overlooked the survey, please send in your information and it will be included in an update.

As with previous survey results, the wording used is that submitted by the reporting library. If the information is unclear or incomplete for your purposes, please contact the library in question.

Library Acronyms

An asterisk preceding the acronym indicates that the library responded during this survey. Information may not be as current for those without the asterisk.

- *BCG - Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
- *CE - Concord Environmental
- CFS - Centre for Forensic Sciences
- *CIP - Clarke Institute of Psychiatry
- CL - Connaught Laboratories
- *CMC - Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
- *CO - Cinematheque Ontario (contact B. Kearns for more information)
- HMR - Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre
- HSC - Hospital for Sick Children
- *MSH - Mount Sinai Hospital
- NYG - North York General Hospital
- OCI - Ontario Cancer Institute
- OML - Ontario Ministry of Labour
- *SGH - Scarborough General Hospital
- *SMH - St. Michael's Hospital
- *TEG - Toronto East General Hospital
- *TGH - Toronto General Hospital
- TWH - Toronto Western Hospital
- UTD - University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry
- WCH - Women's College Hospital
- *YFG - York-Finch General Hospital

<u>Name of Software</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Library Application</u>
Allways	CE	Print software for Lotus and laser printers
Authex	CO	Indexing (subject, authorities, local); journals, etc.
Autosketch	CO	AUTOCAD designer; graphics
BASIS	OML	Library periodicals index, online library book catalog, decisions of Employment Standards Branch
Biblio-Links	CE	Download link from DIALOG/MEDLARS to Pro-Cite
Bibliofile	CMC	Derived cataloguing

Card Datalog	CMC WCH	Integrated library system Integrated library system
CCInfodisc (CD ROM)	CE	Occupational health and safety / WHMIS on CD-ROM
CD Plus (CD ROM)	CIP MSH OCI SMH TGH TWH UTD	MEDLINE searches MEDLINE searches MEDLINE searches MEDLINE and Health Administration; searching MEDLINE searches MEDLINE searches MEDLINE searches
CINAHL (CD ROM)	CIP TGH	Silver Platter; nursing searches Nursing searches
Combase	???	Telecommunications, E-mail, etc.
Cross Talk	CE SMH TEG TGH	Telecommunications Telecommunications Telecommunications Telecommunications
Current Contents	???	Engineering & Technology; Physical, Chemical & Life Sciences; current awareness and database creation
	CFS	Ordering reprints, downloading data for database creation
	SMH	Life Sciences; searching
Data Magician	CO	Conversion of ASCII to UNIX (Laserquest to STAR)
dBASE III	OML	Database managment
dBASE III+	CE CO	Serials control Database management
dBASE IV	MSH NYG SMH TWH UTD	Journal holdings list, housestaff list, MSH patient education resource directory Book & journal purchases, card catalogue since January 1989 Database management Serials holding list, acquisitions list, house-staff list, reports Serials holding list
Empress 42	CFS	Automated slide catalogue, acquisitions, reprint files, circulation
Epiinfo	???	Data creation, storage, analysis; research files

Fastback	???	Backup
Fontasy	CO	Graphics, signage
Grateful Med	???	Literature searching
	CFS	Searching MEDLINE
	SGH	Online searching
INMAGIC	???	Home office reports database, acquisitions
	CE	Library catalogue & applications
	CFS	Eventually for online catalogue, reprint collection, slide database and acquisitions
	CL	Collection catalogues
	SGH	Online catalogue
LARS	BCG	Binding software (proprietary - Wallaceburg Binding)
	CIP	Binding
	SMH	Binding
Laserquest (CD ROM)	CO	Bibliographic utility -- derived cataloguing, verification
LC MARC (CD ROM)	CO	LC Name and Subject Authorities; authority work, verification
Librarian's Helper	CIP	Cataloguing, cards
Lotus 1-2-3	BCG	Statistical record keeping, reports
	CE	Library budget management
	CFS	Statistics, spread sheets, possibly budgeting
	CO	Statistics, budget, analyses
	MSH	Binding budget, statistics (claims, ILL, searches, overdues)
	OML	Budgeting & statistics
	SMH	Financial management
	TGH	Billing, graphs, statistics, tables
	YFG	Budgeting
Medical Letter	CFS	Ordering reprints, downloading data for database creation
MEDLINE (CD ROM)	HSC	Silver Platter; searches
MOLLI	HMR	Cataloguing and printed catalogues
Newsmaster	TGH	Graphics
Norton Utilities	CO	DOS management
	CFS	Editing online searches, changing directories & files, reconstituting data
Oracle	OML	Hansard index

Papyrus	CMC SMH TGH	Bibliographies Bibliographic file management Personal file management
PC File +	CO	Database management - precursor to STAR, video holdings, journal holdings, biographical entries
PC Tools	SMH	Computer maintenance
PC Vision	CO	Communications link from DOS to Unix
PC-Talk	CFS HMR	Telecommunications Telecommunications, online searching - BRS, and FELIX (U of T)
PC-UT	OML	Telecommunications
PCArt	CO	Graphics
PCMacnet	CE	Electronic mail (network)
PFM	OML	File management
Printmaster	CO UTD	Graphics Graphics
Pro-Cite	CE	Bibliographies
ProComm	BCG CE CMC CFS SMH HMR OML	Access to MEDLINE at U of T Telecommunications Communications - online searching Online searching, uploading and downloading data Telecommunications Telecommunications - YORKLINE (York U) Telecommunications
Psychlit (CD ROM)	CIP	Silver Platter; psychology searches
Q-Moden	SGH YFG	Telecommunications Telecommunications
Quattro Pro	???	Graphic files holdings, conversions
Rapidfile	CFS	HPLC database
Reference Manager	???	Bibliographic file storage, transfer and retrieval
	MSH SMH UTD	Specialized bibliographies, end-user training Bibliographic file management Staff articles

Sidekick	OML	Journal & daily organizer
Social Work Abstracts (CD ROM)	CIP	Silver Platter; social work searches
Smartcom	BCG CO TWH	Online searching, access to FELIX Telecommunications Online searching
SpinRite II	SMH	Hard disk maintenance
STAR (Unix)	CO	Automation of overall library environment -- including catalogue, OPAC, acquisitions and serials modules
Sydney	BCG MSH TGH	Cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions lists (eventually, serials control) Cataloguing (eventually, serials, acquisitions and circulation) Cataloguing, inquiry, (eventually circulation)
Symphony	OML	Statistics, spreadsheet applications
Tallgrass Backup System	SMH	Backup
Telix	OML	Telecommunications
Ultramar	SMH	Derived cataloguing
Ventura	CFS	Newsletter production
Vshield	SMH	Virus control