

# THLA NEWS

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## Introducing . . . . . The Toronto Free Net

### THLA February Meeting

The Toronto Star describes the Free-Net as an on-ramp to the information highway, but it is much more than that. Firstly it is free and secondly it is local and specific. Plans for the Toronto Free-Net are that it should contain information of interest to Torontonians such as TTC information or the catalogues of our public libraries. The Free-Net can also be used to connect to the internet. Because it will be free and easy to use the Free-Net is also a major step in the democratization of electronic information just as the public library has traditionally democratized printed information. To hear all about this exciting initiative come and hear Laine Ruus.

**SPEAKER:** Laine Ruus

Laine Ruus is the Data Librarian at the University of Toronto and a member of the board of The Toronto Free-Net Inc. She instructs continuing education workshops for the Faculty of Library and Information Science on various topics including the Internet.

**DATE:** February 7, 1994

**TIME:** 6:30 Refreshments  
(coffee & cookies)  
7:00 Speaker

**PLACE:** Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library  
Meeting Room D  
(do not go through the library turnstiles, follow the outer corridor to the last room on the right)

**PARKING:** under the Bay - this can be expensive, may be better to take the TTC

**HOST:** Susan Murray  
Consumer Health Information Service

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## **President's Message**

by Sylvia Newman

A Happy New Year to you all. If media reports are to be believed most people will be happy to have 1993 behind them and expect better things for 1994.

THLA members will certainly have a good start for 1994 with the excellent programming organized by President Elect, Teresa Helik. Also, as announced in the last newsletter, the change in the THLA year (now June 1-May 31) means that it will all be coming to you at no additional cost. Mark your calendar now for the February 7, 1994 meeting on the Toronto Freenet and for the March 21, 1994 meeting on career diversity in Health Sciences librarianship.

The committee revising the THLA Constitution has completed its work and has presented their recommendations to the Executive Committee for consideration at the next meeting. As such, we should be able to present the revisions for membership approval this spring. Special thanks are due to Madeline Grant, who chaired the committee.

Once again, it is nomination time for positions on the THLA Executive Committee for next year. Please consider running for office. I know everyone is to varying degrees busy, swamped, and stressed but you will find that none of the positions are impossibly onerous and you might indeed find that they can be not only worthwhile but also fun. Please call Past President Madeline Grant (789-5131,x2353) or any other member of the executive for more information or to suggest either yourself or a colleague as a candidate.

<b>THLA Executive 1993-1994</b>	<b>Newsletter Team</b>
<b>Past President: Madeline Grant</b>	<b>Editor: Rebecca Strange</b>
<b>President: Sylvia Newman</b>	<b>Associate Editor: Cathy Lindsey- King</b>
<b>President Elect: Teresa Helik</b>	<b>Mailing List: Dorothy Davey</b>
<b>Secretary: Helen Michael</b>	
<b>Treasurer: Valda Poplak</b>	



### Editor's Message

Rebecca Strange

Hopefully your fingers will have thawed out as you are reading your January issue of THLA News!! Now that 1994 is in full swing, we can look forward to new resolutions and upcoming THLA meetings, such as the Freenet meeting on February 7.

I encourage all new THLA members to come out and meet your fellow health librarians!! I know that I still have not met many of our members. This issue contains the THLA Executive Terms of Reference and the Nomination Form for the THLA Executive Officers and Newsletter Team. I would encourage all members to consider taking up a position or nominating other capable individuals. This issue also includes the new THLA Directory. ENJOY!!

### Calendar Of Events

Rebecca Strange

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| January 28, 1994<br>9:00-12:30 | <b>The Art of Weeding in the 1990's</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructors: Susan Caron, Doreen London and Carolyn Murray                                  |
| February 4, 1994<br>9:00-4:30  | <b>Interpersonal Skills for Library Staff</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructor: Joanne Marshall   |
| February 5, 1994<br>9:00-4:00  | <b>More Internet: A sequel!</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructors: Michael Gold and Laine Ruus  |
| <b>FEBRUARY 7, 1994</b>        | <b>THLA MEETING - THE TORONTO FREENET<br/>SEE FRONT COVER</b>  |
| February 11, 1994<br>9:00-4:30 | <b>Running a Customer-focused Service Business:<br/>Empowering Your Library</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructors: Jane Dysart and Rebecca Jones          |
| February 17, 1994              | <b>Interviewing and Hiring: A Skill in its own right<br/>SLA Program</b><br>Instructor: David Cannon - Gestetner Canada<br>Contact : Leslie Peel at SLA. |

<b>Calendar Of Events..Cont.</b>
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<b>Rebecca Strange</b>
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| March 11, 1994<br>9:00-4:30  | <b>Indexing Special Collections and Databases</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructor: Michele Hudon                                     |
| March 18, 1994<br>9:00-12:30 | <b>Copyright</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructor: Francoise Hebert   |
| March 25, 1994<br>9:00-12:30 | <b>WorkSmart I: Time Management</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructors: Lynne Howarth and Joanne Marshall                              |
| March 25, 1994<br>1:00-4:15  | <b>WorkSmart II: "Paper-less" Solutions: Managing Paper Flow</b><br>FLIS CE Course<br>Instructors: Lynne Howarth and Joanne Marshall |

<b>Faces and Places</b>
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<b>Rebecca Strange</b>
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**Claire Bowman** is now the Head of Technical Services at the CC Clemmer Health Sciences Library at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. Ms. Bowman formerly managed the Workers Compensation Board Library and was a legal librarian with several different law firms.

**Lynda Bond** is the Resource Centre Co-ordinator for ICES (Institute for Clinical and Evaluative Sciences). Ms. Bond formerly was employed in Library and Records Management for five years with Crown Life Insurance.



## BIBLIOTHERAPY FOR THE 90s

A librarian friend of mine, recently diagnosed with high blood pressure, was telling me the other day, over a few vodkas, about the horror of being forced to confront the two most evil words in the contemporary lexicon of good health: lifestyle changes. Yes, he'd quit smoking (well, almost); yes, he'd quit drinking coffee; and yes, he'd cut down to two drinks a day, though that particular day he was making the most of the Stored Drink Formula (SDF): zero vodkas for 5 nights equals 10 vodkas tonight. Along with these traditional lifestyle changes, my friend's doctor had come up with an unconventional wrinkle. Knowing his patient to be an avaricious reader of everything from Shakespeare to Arena Football box scores, the doctor prescribed a strict diet of Henry James. "We have to slow you down," the doc reasoned, "and nobody can read James without slowing down." Well, I'm happy to report that, thus far, the prescription is working like a charm. On a recent flight to Chicago, my friend, ever so slowly easing his way through a Riverside paperback of The Ambassadors, was disturbed by a comely fellow passenger, eagerly attempting to spark a conversation (and perhaps more): "Oh, The Ambassadors. Are you taking a class," she queried expectantly. "No," my friend replied soberly, his heart not missing a single slow, stead beat. "I'm lowering my blood pressure."

Now, given this inspirational success story, I couldn't help but ponder other applications of the same concept: tailoring your specific reading choices to a particular malady. So many books, so many afflictions: the possibilities are endless. ---Bill Ott

### Malady

### Recommended Reading

Agoraphobia

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

Narcolepsy

Midnight Oil by V.S. Pritchett

Insomnia

Call It Sleep by Henry Roth

Anorexia

The Art of Eating by M.F.K. Fisher

Depression

Enter Laughing by Carl Reiner

Nymphomania

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Impotence

Up the Down Staircase by Bel Kauffman

Delusions of Grandeur

Sometimes a Great Notion by Ken Kesey

Diarrhea

No Exit by Jean Paul Sartre

Constipation

What Makes Sammy Run by Budd Schulberg

Vertigo

Notes from Underground by Fyodor Dostoevsky

From: Booklist, 90(1), September 1, 1993 (back page)



## ACADEMY OF MEDICINE LIBRARY JOURNAL HOLDINGS

Update: January 11, 1994 from Grace Griffiths

The journals from 1979 - 1992 are now shelved. The next part of the collection that will be unpacked is the history of medicine.

I am filling ILL requests. All the State journals are now accessible.

Unfortunately, the Academy was forced to cancel many journal subscriptions, therefore a lot of titles are not held after the first quarter of 1993. For journal holdings from 1979 - 1992, please refer to the THLA Union List, 7th edition, 1991 (if you still have a copy). Please refer to the title list below for journals which the Academy is getting on a current basis.

These titles have continued on as **current subscriptions**:

- The State Journals (31 titles)
- Bulletin of the History of Medicine
- History of Psychiatry
- Journal of Psychiatry and Neurosciences
- Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences
- Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps
- Transactions & Studies. College Physicians of Philadelphia
- Union Medicale du Canada

Journals and monographs pre 1979 (other than the history of medicine material), will be kept in storage until further decisions are made regarding space for the collection.

If you wish to make ILL requests or have any questions, please contact me at:

phone: 340 - 3259  
fax: 340 - 4384

TO: CHLA/ABSC Chapter Presidents  
FROM: Linda Wilcox  
CHLA/ABSC 1994 Conference Program Committee  
RE: Conference Programming

**WANTED !!!**

Contributed Papers re our conference theme:

"Partners in Progress: New Paradigms"

Posters - our goal is to have every library network

in Canada represented by a Poster!

Do you know anyone in a healthcare setting who is running a

"Virtual Library"?

**REWARD !!!**

The acknowledgement of your contribution and recognition by your peers!

Please pass along this request to the members of your chapter - I look forward to receiving some feedback from you in January of 1994!

THANK YOU!

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HEALTH INFORMATION 2000 - SHARE THE VISION  
UNYOC ANNUAL MEETING  
SYRACUSE, NY  
OCTOBER 2 - 5, 1994

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION - POSTERS - CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

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UNYOC / MLA needs your ideas. Share your experiences and expertise with colleagues by presenting a paper or a poster.

Please complete this form and return it to the Program Committee by **February 1, 1994**. If you plan to present a paper or poster, please submit a **100 word abstract** with this form.

**Do you have visions about these or any other topics?**

consumer health information • hypertext applications • user studies • information and referral  
• electronic publishing • electronic document delivery • LANs • staff development • copyright  
• library public relations • alternative therapy resources • records management • virtual  
reality • bibliographic instruction • library building design

\_\_\_\_ I would like to present a contributed paper (attach abstract)

\_\_\_\_ I would like to present a poster session (attach abstract)

\_\_\_\_ I would like to see a poster about:

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## NOMINATION FORM

### THLA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & NEWSLETTER TEAM

Candidates are required for the following positions:

President-Elect  
Secretary  
Associate Editor  
Assistant Editor

Each candidate must be sponsored by two (2) nominators. All candidates must sign the nomination form to demonstrate their acceptance of the nomination.

In accordance with the Constitution, all officers of the Association shall be paid-up members of the Toronto Health Libraries Association and the Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada.

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM AS NEEDED

We, the undersigned, nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) for the

office of

\_\_\_\_\_. (please print)

Nominators:

Name (please print)

Signature

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) hereby accept the above  
nomination. Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN ALL COMPLETED FORMS BY FEBRUARY 28, 1993 TO:

Madeline Grant  
Staff Library  
Baycrest Centre

3560 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, ON M6A 2E1



## **THLA EXECUTIVE Terms of Reference**

### **THLA PRESIDENT:**

#### **1. Responsibilities**

The primary responsibilities of the President are to:

- 1.1 Represent THLA in the public forum.
- 1.2 Provide liaison between THLA and the CHLA board. (The President should submit to the President of CHLA, before each CHLA Board meeting, a written report of THLA activities; the President also presents a verbal synopsis of the year's activities at the CHLA Annual Meeting.)
- 1.3 Provide leadership and direction for the Association and thus to initiate projects. The President is expected to write a column for each THLA News published during the year of office.
- 1.4 Chair meetings of the Executive; set the agenda and arrange for their distribution.
- 1.5 Maintain close liaison with members of the THLA executive.
- 1.6 Chair general meetings of THLA.
- 1.7 Coordinate the activities of THLA.
- 1.8 Respond appropriately to the expressed needs of THLA members

### **THLA PRESIDENT ELECT**

#### **1. Election**

The President-Elect is elected annually by the members of THLA and is committed to serving a further two years as President and Past-President.

#### **2. Responsibilities**

The primary responsibilities of the President -Elect are to;

- 2.1 Attend THLA Executive meetings and participate fully in all discussion and decision making. The President-Elect must maintain close liaison with other members of the Executive.
- 2.2 Assume the tasks of planning and organizing THLA programmes by;
  - 2.2.1 contacting speakers

- \* 2.2.2 arranging locations of meetings
- 2.2.3 ensuring that meeting are well publicized in THLA News
- 2.2.4 hosting the programme portion of General meetings.
- 2.2.5 making appropriate arrangements for the Annual Dinner Meeting by ensuring that seating and catering facilities are adequate and by introducing the guest speaker.
- 2.3 Chair THLA executive and General meetings in the absence of the President.
- 2.4 Carry out and participate in projects required and supported by the President and the Executive.

### **THLA PAST-PRESIDENT**

#### **1. Liaison**

Provides liaison between past and current Executive decisions.

#### **2. Archival Responsibilities**

Maintains and stores THLA's archives.

#### **3. Annual Elections Responsibilities**

- 3.1 Recruits nominees for vacant offices.
- 3.2 Submits nomination forms and ballots to the THLA News within the appropriate deadlines.
- 3.3 Informs all candidates personally of the results.
- 3.4 Informs the Executive and President of the results, formally, in writing.
- 3.5 Submits a report of the election results to the THLA News.

4. Assumes projects and responsibilities as required throughout the year.

5. Participates fully in all Executive meetings and decision making.



## THLA Treasurer

### 1. Election

The Treasurer is elected annually by the members of THLA. The duties of the Treasurer extend over a one year period from July 1 to June 30.

### 2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 Conducts all banking transactions.
- 2.2 Issues cheques, receipts, invoices when necessary.
- 2.3 Prepares a financial report for each meeting.
- 2.4 Prepares a year end financial report for publication in the final issue of the THLA News.
- 2.5 Maintains financial records.
- 2.6 Advises secretary and THLA News editor of new THLA members.

## THLA SECRETARY

### 1. Election

1.1 The secretary is elected annually by the members of THLA. The duties of the secretary extend over a one year period, July 1 to June 30.

### 2. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Secretary are as follows:

- 2.1 Minutes. To take minutes of the THLA executive meetings and to make changes as required. The minutes must be typed and distributed to all members of the CHLA Board as well as to the THLA Executive and one copy is retained on file for archival purposes.
- 2.2 To provide THLA letterhead to members of the Executive as necessary.
- 2.3 To ensure that changes to the Constitution are recorded in the THLA news. A copy of the Constitution remains with the Secretary.
- 2.4 To send flowers or cards etc. to members

as necessary and to submit invoices to the Treasurer.

2.5 To submit to the THLA News birth announcements or other personal notes.

## THLA NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM

### 1. Composition

1.1 An editor, an associate editor and an assistant editor will comprise the editorial team of THLA News.

### 2. Elections/Appointments

2.1 An election to the position of Assistant Editor will take place annually, the elected agreeing to a 3-year commitment, allowing for one association year at each editorial level.

2.2 In the event that no candidate runs for this office, the THLA Executive, in consultation with the Editorial team may appoint an individual to the position.

2.3 Failure to find an assistant editor, or in the event that another member of the team vacates his/her editorial position, these duties are assumed by the Secretary of the THLA Executive until such time that an election can held.

### 3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 The manner in which the following duties are divided among members of the editorial team is left to the discretion of the Editor, but he/she is ultimately responsible for ensuring that THLA News is published in accordance with these terms of reference.
- 3.2 The Editor of THLA News will attend executive meetings, but may delegate this responsibility to either the Associate Editor or the Assistant Editor in his/her absence.
- 3.3 The editorial team solicits articles for publication in THLA News; prepares the publication schedule in consultation with the THLA Executive; prepares each issue

for publication and arranges for printing;  
distributes the publication in accordance  
with established procedures; devises  
editorial policies in consultation with the  
THLA Executive.