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## *Our 31st Annual Holiday Party!*

Will be held at the  
Ontario Cancer Institute Staff House

2 Wellesley Place  
on

*Monday, December 5th, 1994*

THLA Members: \$12.00

Non-Members: \$15.00

Please Pay at the Door

### Features of this Year's Party:

Hot & Cold Hors d'Oeuvres  
Additional Drinks: \$2.00  
Rosemary Ulliyot will tend bar

One Free Drink (Wine or Beer)  
Desserts, Desserts, Desserts  
Great Door Prizes & Music

**Plus: A Special Surprise!**

We owe our thanks to Carol Morrison for her assistance in hosting this party, as she has done for so many years. Thanks Carol!

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## WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

THLA has a new sponsor: Infomart DIALOG Limited!

Our sincere thanks to the President of Infomart DIALOG, Mr. Huw Morgan, and THLA member Lorna Luke, who have arranged for the sponsorship of production costs for this issue of the *THLA NEWS*.

## Make It A Date To Participate!

DATE	EVENT
Monday, December 5th	Annual Holiday Party at Ontario Cancer Institute
Friday, January 20th	<i>THLA NEWS</i> Deadline for Contributions
Monday, February 13th	General Meeting: To Be Announced
Monday, March 27th	General Meeting: To Be Announced
Friday, April 14th	<i>THLA NEWS</i> Deadline for Contributions
Monday, May 1st	Annual Dinner Meeting ( <b>New Date!</b> ) - Details TBA
Friday, May 19th	<i>THLA NEWS</i> Deadline for Contributions

### FROM THE EDITOR

*Cathy Lindsey-King*

Well, one issue into this new position, and I must tell you - this is a lot of fun! Anne and I were both pleased to receive some very encouraging and helpful feedback from Issue #1, and you will note that we have made a few minor corrections in these pages. Please don't be shy - we hope to hear more of your questions, comments and suggestions as soon as this issue hits the streets!

Indeed, one of the things that I enjoy so much about THLA is exactly that - the positive response. This is a group of people that rarely misses a chance to say "thanks" for any effort you make on the association's behalf. There have been many times when a less than stellar day at the office has been greatly improved by attendance at a THLA general or committee meeting. Be the occasion social, educational, or business for the association itself, I am constantly reminded of how many opportunities THLA provides to expand your professional development, gain valuable assistance to solve problems, and just generally increase your own sense of personal worth.

As this year progresses, you'll hear more about the plans being made for the 1996 CHLA conference. If you've ever thought of getting involved (and even if you haven't), now is the time to check this issue of the *NEWS*, pick up the new directory, and call someone to volunteer for any of the committees that will make this special event happen. Don't worry about previous experience - your effort will be welcome! Most important, you'll be pleasantly surprised at how much fun and how satisfying this can be!



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****Teresa Helik**

After such a beautiful October, it is hard to believe that we have to talk about wintery things in this issue. But winter can be wonderful too, especially when it comes to our annual Holiday Party. This will be held once again at OCI, and many, many thanks are due to Carol Morrison and her staff, and to Rebecca Strange for organizing this year's event. You will see all the details elsewhere in this newsletter, and if those are not enough to convince you to attend, consider this. Although the tradition of a Holiday Party will surely continue, this will be the last one at OCI. When the hospital moves to University Avenue, we will lose this gracious venue for our annual event. If you haven't seen the OCI staff house you should make the most of your chance to experience its Victorian charm. Don't miss your chance for one last nostalgic visit to this beautiful building that has been so much a part of THLA over the years. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Also on this winter's agenda is the re-examination and revision of the position descriptions for the THLA Executive. The descriptions are now dated and do not reflect all aspects of the current situation. We also want to ensure that no one position has too onerous a workload. A special meeting of the THLA Executive has been scheduled for December 12th. With the help of Madeline Grant to keep us constitutionally correct and Jennifer Bayne to act as moderator, we hope to have proposed revisions to the descriptions ready for the next newsletter. Input from the membership, especially those who have served on this executive in the past, or on other association executives, will be essential to ensure complete and balanced results. If you have experience and ideas in these areas, please contribute. If you want to make verbal or written comments, or if you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Teresa Helik at 442-2500 ext 2226, or Jennifer Bayne at 340-3429.

**1994 - 1995 THLA Executive**

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**SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT****Anne Taylor-Vaisey & Elaine Wright**

About 30 people attended THLA's September general meeting to hear Liz Avison of the Sci/Med Audiovisual Library speak about the history and current state of audiovisual and multimedia materials at U of T. She described the hardware and software for the 10 multimedia stations now operational. Liz emphasized the need for strong technical support, and advised that when buying hardware and software, get the best you can afford!

Liz demonstrated ADAM (Animated Dissection of Anatomy for Medicine), the most powerful program in the collection. ADAM provides a comprehensive simulation of human anatomy which enables isolation, magnification of three-dimensional views of body structures, and simulation of selected surgical procedures. Attendees were then able to sit at the stations and gain hands-on experience in the use of this software.

One of the questions asked concerned the access of this software on a network. Liz has provided us with an item from the publication *EDUPAGE* which addresses this issue.

MULTIMEDIA REALITY CHECK ... Image retrieval and document conferencing (whiteboarding) can run over most of today's LAN internetworks with no problems, but glitzier applications such as networked video are "far from ready for corporate networks", according to research by *Data Communications* magazine. Hearty bandwidth appetites and a myriad of problems caused by video and sound boards make video "the bleeding edge" of multimedia applications. (*Data Communications* 9/21/94, page 44.)

In addition, here is some fairly recent (March 94) information on costs.

ADAM:	1 copy	\$ 2295 USD
	2 - 10 copies	\$ 1836 USD each
	ADAM Libraries: on CD	\$ 99 USD each
Medical Terminology Made Easy:	Single copy	\$ 525 USD
	Single site multiuser (add)	\$ 262.50 USD
Slice of Life:	1 - 9 copies	\$ 300 USD each
	Hypercard modules	\$ 300 - \$600 USD each
QMR:	Single copy	\$ 645 USD
	Renewals (annual fee) (add)	\$ 240 USD
	Network 5 users	\$ 2500 USD
	10 users	\$ 5050 USD
	20 users	\$10000 USD

Our thanks to Liz and her staff for making their time and equipment available to us.

**FACES AND PLACES****Anne Taylor-Vaisey**

This issue of *THLA NEWS* includes the annual membership directory. Here you will find entries for all current members, including all the changes in contact details which have occurred since the last issue. We would, however, like to make special note of four new members: **Pippa Kossuth** of Mississauga, **Susan Berkley** of the Humber College Library in Etobicoke, **David Harvie** at C.F.B. Borden, and **Lisa Betel** of the Library at the AIDS Committee of Toronto. Please refer to the directory for more details.



## Plan Now to Attend

### The SLA Inter-Association Holiday Social

December 7th is the date for this annual party. This year it is being hosted by Jane Cooney, at Books for Business, located at 120 Adelaide Street West, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. The cost is just \$15 for SLA members, \$17 for non-members, and \$10 for students. For further information, contact Ann Marie Kaczmarczyk at 237-1518.

#### 1996 CHLA MEETING NEWS

*Sylvia Newman*

Most of the Committee Chairs have been recruited for the CHLA Annual Meeting, which will be hosted in Toronto by THLA in June 1996.

Sylvia Newman (978-2872) and Elizabeth Uleryk (813-6695), the Conference's Co-Chairs, would love to hear from you if you would like to be a willing volunteer organizer or participant in any of the committees.

Committee leaders for Exhibits / Sponsors and Hospitality were still being finalized at press time. Following is the current list of Chairs.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY	<i>Linda McFarlane</i>
TREASURER	<i>Elizabeth Reid</i>
FACILITIES	<i>Colleen Mulloy</i>
PROGRAM	<i>Madeline Grant &amp; Jennifer Reiswig</i>
POSTER SESSION	<i>Mary Boite</i>
PUBLICITY	<i>Cathy Lindsey-King</i>
CONTINUING EDUCATION	<i>Linda Devore &amp; Rita Vine with Joanne Marshall as Advisor</i>
REGISTRATION	<i>Dorothy Davey</i>



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 1994 - June 1995

*Compiled by Anne Taylor-Vaisey*

Nov. 7      **OHLA '94 - ONTARIO HOSPITAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION  
Annual Conference**

Metro Convention Centre, Toronto  
Contact: **Dee Sprung**, Annual Conference Chair  
Tel: (519) 893-2710 x7174  
Fax: (519) 893-2625

Nov. 11      **Fundamentals of Records Management**  
FIS CE course  
Instructor: **Caroline Werle**

For information about all FIS (Faculty of Information Studies) CE courses:

**Marcia Chen** Tel: 978-7111 Fax: 971-1399

Internet: ContEd@fis.utoronto.ca

Gopher: GOPHER.FIS.UTORONTO.CA [subdirectory: Continuing Education Program] Only selected courses are listed here. Call Marcia to get on the FIS mailing list, print and/or e-mail.

**Note:** FIS courses cost from \$85 - \$220. There is a discount if you register early.

Nov. 12      **Internet Basics**  
FIS CE course  
Instructors: **Laine Ruus, Michael Gold**

Nov. 14      **Free EMBASE Seminar in Toronto**  
Excerpta Medica, Elsevier Science, New York  
Tel: 800 - 457-3633 Fax: (212) 633-3975

Nov. 17      **Update on National Library**  
Sponsor: SLA Toronto Chapter  
Dinner meeting, University Women's Club  
Speaker: **Gwynneth Evans** (National Library)  
Contacts for all SLA Toronto Chapter meetings:  
**Heather Wilson** Tel: (416) 480-2420, or  
**Virginia Roy** Tel: (416) 440-8900.

Nov. 18      **The Library as a Profit Centre**  
FIS CE course  
Instructor: **Vicki Whitmell**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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- Nov. 18      **Back of the Book Indexing**  
FIS Ce course  
Instructors: **Ruth Pincoe, Barbara Schon**
- Nov. 22      **Coalition for Public Information:  
The Information Highway**  
Sponsor: CASLIS  
Metro Reference Library, 6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$15 (members) \$10 (non-members)  
Speakers: **Liz Hoffman, Stan Skrzyszewski, Maureen Cubberly**
- Nov. 25      **The Art of Weeding in the 90's**  
FIS CE course  
Instructors: **Susan Caron, Doreen London, Carolyn Murray**
- Nov. 25      **Copyright**  
FIS CE course  
Instructor: **Francoise Hébert**
- Nov. 28      **Using DOCLINE in a Small Health Library**  
Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
Speakers: **Charlotte Beck, Jim Henderson,  
Carol MacFarlane**  
Information: Tel: (416) 599-1234  
Fax: (416) 598-1848
- Dec. 2      **Marketing Your Information Services**  
FIS CE course  
Instructor: **Maggie Weaver**
- Dec. 2      **Cataloguing Internet Resources**  
FIS CE course  
Instructors: **Lynne Howarth, Joe Cox**
- Dec. 5-7      **MEDLARS Workshops**  
Science & Medicine Library, University of Toronto  
Contact: **Sandra Langlands**  
Tel: (416) 978-6370
- Dec. 5      **MEDLARS Basics** (all day)
- Dec. 6      **MeSH** (morning)
- Dec. 6      **MEDLARS Intermediate** (afternoon)
- Dec. 7      **MEDLARS Advanced** (morning)
- Dec. 7      **GRATEFUL MED** (afternoon)



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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- Feb. 6      **Managing Difficult People**  
Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
Speaker: **Susan Lenox** (Hamilton Civic Hospitals)  
Information: Tel: (416) 599-1234 Fax: (416) 598-1848
- Feb. 17      **Indexing: a Hands-on Workshop**  
FIS CE course  
Instructor: **Michèle Hudon**
- Feb. 26      **INTERNET/FREENET**  
Sponsor: SLA Toronto Chapter
- March 11,      **Internet Intermediate**  
March 25,      FIS CE course  
April 8      Instructors: **Laine Ruus, Michael Gold**
- March 16      **Roles for Librarians in the 90's**  
Sponsor: SLA Toronto Chapter
- April 13      **Special Librarians' Day - Tour**  
Sponsor: SLA Toronto Chapter  
Speaker: **Didi Pancake** (SLA President)
- May 7-12      **Health Information for the Global Village:**  
**MLA '95/7 ICML**  
Annual meeting of the Medical Library Association  
(May 7-10) and the 7th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (May 10-12)  
Washington Hilton and Towers, Washington, D.C.  
All-inclusive cost: \$350, before April 1  
Registration materials will be available in January.  
Contact: MLA headquarters Tel: (312) 419-9094
- May 18      **SLA Toronto Chapter Annual General Meeting**
- June 10-15      **The Power of Information: Transforming the World**  
**Special Libraries Association Annual Conference**  
Montréal, Québec
- June 15-18      **Canadian Library Association Annual Conference**  
Calgary, Alberta
- June 22-29      **American Library Association Annual Conference**  
Chicago, Illinois



**BETWEEN OURSELVES ...**

**THE MARKETPLACE**

All THLA members are invited to submit information to this section. If you wish to publicize a job opportunity, a need for placement, duplicate journals available, or any other similar item, please send a note or a diskette in the mail or send us a fax. Submissions on diskette are particularly welcome!

**STUDENT PROJECTS NEEDED**

Do you have a challenging project in your library that you just don't have the time to do? Could it be done by an MLS student? If so, read on. Practicum projects of approximately 40 hours in length are needed for the course *Management of Corporate and Other Specialized Information Centres\** course which will be taught from January to April 1995. Please send the following information about your project by letter, fax or e-mail to Joanne Marshall by **December 1, 1994**:

- project title
- brief description of the project (about one paragraph)
- any special student background required to do the project
- name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail of the librarian supervisor.

The project must result in a final written report that can be used for grading purposes. The supervisor will be asked to provide a general evaluation of the student's work, but not to assign a grade. Supervisors will be advised in early January whether their project has been chosen.

For more information, or to submit a project, contact:

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- \* Since practicums are not available for the Health Sciences Information Resources course this term, THLA members are invited to submit a project to the Special Libraries course.

**POSITION WANTED**

Recent M.L.I.S. graduate from the University of Western Ontario seeks a part-time, full-time, or contract position in the health care sector. Extensive experience in program development and implementation, fund raising and volunteer coordination. Hardworking and motivated with excellent organizational and project management skills. Please contact Lauren Flumerfelt at (416) 533-6189.



**UPSTATE NEW YORK & ONTARIO CHAPTER OF THE  
MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**1994 MEETING REPORT**

*Elizabeth Reid*

The UNYOC Annual Meeting, held in Syracuse, New York from October 2nd to 5th, had as its theme *Health Information 2000: Share the Vision*. The meeting was full of interesting programme sessions, CE opportunities, a poster session, exhibits, the business meeting, MLA updates, and social activities. One of the most interesting events was the keynote address.

The keynote address was delivered by Valerie Florance, Director of the Edward G. Miner Library at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Her topic was "The Art and Science of Information Work".

Ms. Florance defined "information work" as the design of products and services to meet information needs. She distinguished between "art" and "science", mentioning that art translates a need and science applies systematic evaluation and aims to explain. She emphasized the "design" component, saying that it was a synthesis of art and science, and that it involved devising artifacts to attain goals.

In her talk, Ms. Florance included a discussion of research she has just completed for a doctoral thesis. She used "design" to create an online bibliographic record tailored to physician use (using the *Medline* record as a starting point). She calls this record a clinical extract. One of her goals is to develop a mechanism to enable physicians to select articles easily and to reduce the time required to do this. She is looking at mechanisms used to compute sensitivity and specificity in the context of medical database searching. She mentioned that the "art" involved working with physicians to help them make better decisions; the "science" involved consistency in the interview stages of her research.

Ms. Florance had many interesting slides to illustrate her concepts. She started with a grid comparing the traditional library, electronic library, and knowledge centre against eight criteria (role, mission, centre of action, central activity, core expert, core asset, funding source, and primary client interaction). She ended with a grid showing activities organized on an academic model of service, education, and research against criteria of products, services, and funding models. She stressed the importance of partnerships within and beyond the organization.



**THLA / CONSORTIUM UNION LIST NEWS****Cathy Lindsey-King**

The THLA / Consortium Union List Advisory Subcommittee met on Tuesday, November 1. Attending were: Dorothy Davey of Medical Information Services, Linda Devore of Mount Sinai Hospital, Joan Leishman of the Consortium, Cathy Lindsey-King of BOVAR-CONCORD Environmental, and Elizabeth Reid of The Toronto Hospital - TWD. This meeting was convened to discuss the next edition of the *Union List*, and to exchange information and ideas about DOCLINE and the impact its existence may have on THLA member libraries and the *Union List*. For more information about DOCLINE, please see this month's *For Your Information* feature below.

The 11th Edition of the *THLA/Consortium Union List* will be published in March of 1995, and will contain periodical listings for 64 contributing libraries. More than 7000 periodical titles are now reported in the *Union List* - this includes a portion of the former Academy of Medicine collection, which is now housed at Toronto General Hospital.

As always, participating libraries are encouraged to submit their holdings updates to the Consortium Office on a continuous basis, but contributors are reminded that a notice outlining the production schedule and contribution deadline for the next edition will be mailed out to them in December.

The purchase prices of the 11th edition have been set as follows: \$55.00 for contributing libraries, \$65.00 for other THLA members, and \$85.00 for non-members of THLA. An order form for the new edition will be included in a future issue of the *THLA NEWS*.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION*****A Window of Opportunity***

The purpose of this column is to provide a window into the many different sources of information now available and their entrance gateways. Your suggestions and contributions are more than welcome - they are solicited! We will consider all requests and we hope that you will use this column as an interactive forum to exchange ideas, offer constructive criticism, make corrections or clarifications as necessary, or provide further insight.

**FYI: A SURVEY OF THE THLA  
MEMBERSHIP BETWEEN 1988 & 1993**

In the last issue of the *NEWS*, we presented Part I of this survey of the THLA membership lists for the 1988/1989 and 1993/1994 years. Having examined the demographics for our members and their affiliations, let us now turn to a study of the population distribution of the institution types themselves.



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION***Continued*

INSTITUTION CATEGORY	NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS 88/89	PERCENT OF INSTITUTIONS 88/89	NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS 93/94	PERCENT OF INSTITUTIONS 93/94
Associations	8	8.9	5	5.2
Consultants	3	3.3	3	3.1
Educational	16	17.8	15	15.6
Government	7	7.8	6	6.2
Hospitals	35	38.9	40	41.8
Law Firms	0	0.0	2	2.1
Other Health Care	10	11.1	9	9.4
Pharmaceuticals	9	10.0	13	13.5
Vendors	2	2.2	3	3.1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Several observations can be made by comparing these numbers with those of the membership:

- THLA gained 18 new members (a 12.5% increase) over this five year period, but the number of institutions represented only changed by 6 (a 6.7% increase). This accompanied the increase in the number of non-affiliated members.
- The percentage drop for members in the educational sector was 8.9%, but the decrease in the percentage of educational institutions was only 2.2%.
- The percentage of the membership affiliated with associations fell by 2.0%, but the percentage of these institutions showed a decrease of 3.7%. Government membership decreased by 0.6%, but the percentage of institutions represented decreased by 1.6%. Membership numbers for the pharmaceuticals industry jumped by about 2%, but five years later, the increase in the number of institutions for this industry had risen by 3.5%.
- It is very interesting to note that the other health care category showed a 0.3% increase in membership, but a 1.7% decrease in the number of institutions.
- Contrary to the incorrect report in the last issue of the *NEWS*, the number and percentage of hospitals represented in the institution population did not decrease - an increase was shown, as was the case for the membership numbers. It is interesting to note however that the percentage population of the membership increased by 4.3%, while the institution population increased by only 2.9%.
- As was the case for the membership numbers, the number of institutions representing consultants and vendors remained relatively constant. The law firm membership numbers and the number of institutions showed the same increase.



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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**DOCLINE: SOME QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

*Anne Taylor-Vaisey*

**What is DOCLINE and what does it do?**

DOCLINE is the automated, menu-driven interlibrary loan request and referral system of the U.S. National Library of Medicine. It routes requests automatically to libraries until the request is filled, allows users to send, receive and update requests, and issues reports on all ILL activity.

**Can Canadians use it?**

Canadian health sciences libraries willing to contribute their holdings to the SERHOLD database may participate. Users of GRATEFUL MED can send orders to DOCLINE libraries by using LOANSOME DOC.

**Is DOCLINE expensive?**

There is a registration fee of \$75, an annual fee of \$25, and some SERHOLD costs. Actual use is free for now.

**How can I join?**

Canadians can register through CISTI. CHLA and CISTI have prepared an information package, available on request. It includes how to join, options for submitting holdings, costs, and contact names. CISTI has announced that it will begin to publish a DOCLINE newsletter beginning in February 1995. In addition, there will be an extensive article in the January 1995 issue of *BMC*. To have your name placed on the newsletter mailing list, or to obtain a CISTI Information Package, contact:

**Michelle Slachta**

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We would also like to mention that THLA hopes to plan a general meeting program on the subject of DOCLINE in early 1995. Keep your eyes on this space for more details.